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Rain Gauge Says 2 Inches in Week; Too Wet to Work

Gatesville. — Between Saturday night, June 30, and Tuesday morning, July 10, the rain gauge at Gatesville recorded several hard showers, a total precipitation of two inches. It has been too wet to work in many fields and cotton, peanuts and gardens are calling for help. Weeds and grass are trying to take over.

The heaviest shower occurred Saturday night, June 30, between 10 and 12:30 o'clock when slightly over an inch of rain fell.

Then, on July 5 between 10 a. m. and 9 p. m., the precipitation was three-quarters of an inch. The last hard shower recorded at the time of this writing (Tuesday morning) fell Sunday, July 8, around 11 o'clock. It lasted only 20 minutes during which time it rained one-fourth inch.

These recordings are official and are supposed to reflect the rain fall for the entire county. A summary of the chart readings for a year will probably represent the county's rain fall accurately, but the amount of rain that falls during any one day or even during a week in some other section of the county, may be more or less than is actually indicated on the gauge at Gatesville.

Timberwolf Home Visiting Parents

New York.—Sgt. Harshell W. Carter is home on furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Carter who live on route one, Hobbsville.

Carter is a member of the famous Timberwolf Division and participated in the Holland, Belgium and Germany campaigns.

The 104th Infantry (Timberwolf) Division was the first to travel directly from the States to France. Little more than a month after landing, the Timberwolves, led by Major General Terry Allen, went into the line and remained in continuous combat for over six months.

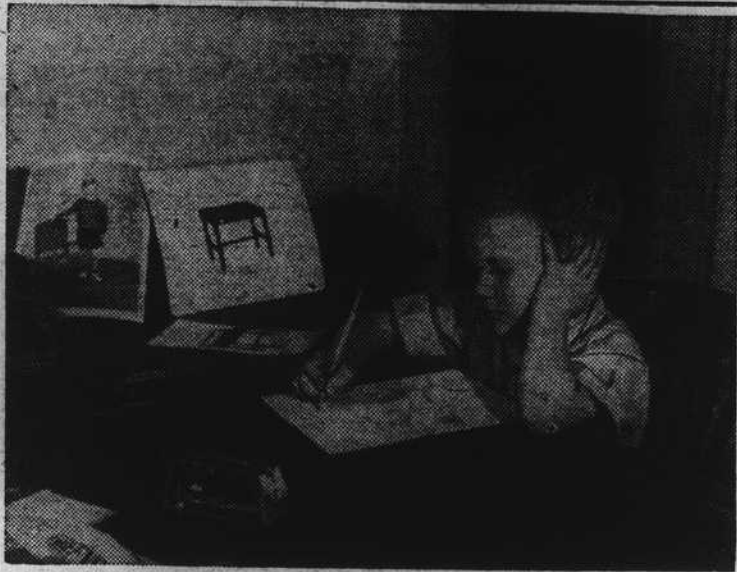
The final phase of Timberwolf combat in Naziland saw the men of the 104th racing to the Mulde river where the last remnants of the Wehrmacht were crushed between the Russians and the American First Army making that sector the first in Germany to be cleared and completely conquered.

This victorious division which has never given an inch is in the United States now. While here, combat veterans will be granted furloughs and will then be given training to prepare them for further battles in the Pacific against the Japanese.

Mrs. Ausbon Fills School Vacancy

Gatesville.—Mrs. Della L. Ausbon of Hobgood, graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, will fill the vacancy at Gatesville High school created by resignation of Mrs. Roy Parker, according to an announcement from W. Henry Overman, superintendent of Gates county schools.

Mrs. Ausbon, who has been teaching in public schools for nine years, will have charge of the English and French departments.



COMPANY PRESIDENT AT SEVEN—Red-haired, freckle-faced little Kenny Bales is only seven years old, but is owner, president, general manager and handyman of the Acme Stool and Novelty Company, High Point, N. C. He sells from 200 to 600 units a week, directly to furniture jobbers. Started with \$200 loaned by Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bales, who adopted the lad in 1942.

Eure Killed By Lightning Bolt; Buried Sunday

Roduco.—Funeral services for Charles E. Eure, age 69, were conducted Sunday afternoon at the home. Burial was in the family plot in the Ahoskie cemetery.

The services were conducted by the Rev. J. Sidney Cobb of the Reynoldson Baptist Church assisted by the Rev. J. M. Roberts of the Eure Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Holland Eure; three sons, Charles R. Eure, Roduco, Gordon E. Eure, Roduco, and Nollie J. Eure with the United States Army in Europe; one daughter, Mrs. E. C. Sanderson, Wallace; one brother, E. D. Eure, Roduco.

Mr. Eure was a prominent business man and farmer of Gates county. He was killed instantly Friday afternoon as he left the field to get out of a rain storm and was struck by a bolt of lightning as he approached the yard.

Pallbearers were Clyde Eure, John D. Eure, Jim Sam Eure, Ernest Brinkley, Wesley Byrd and Joe Henry Gardner.

Honorary pallbearers were friends of the family. The body was removed to the Rountree and Hofler Funeral Home, Gatesville, where it remained until 11 o'clock Sunday morning when it was taken to the home for the service.

Mr. Farmer, You Can Win a Prize

Gatesville. — In connection with National Farm Safety Week, set aside for July 22-28 by the National Safety Council, this newspaper will award a prize.

Watch next week's issue to find out how to win this prize.

Mayfield Here For New Duties

Camp Butner. — Pvt. David Mayfield, son of Mrs. Lena Mayfield of Gatesville, Route two, is now stationed at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station here, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

Private Mayfield was returned recently to the United States after having served 20 months in the Pacific theatre of operations where he served as general engineer.

He holds the good conduct ribbon, American defense ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with two campaign stars.

Gates Gains 1 Farm And 4,000 Acres In 5 Years, Census Says

Washington, D. C.—The number of farms in the county of Gates, State of North Carolina, as shown by the preliminary count of returns of the 1945 Census of Agriculture was 1,309, as compared with 1,308 in 1940, and 1,395 in 1935. This was announced today by Denton W. Lupton, supervisor for the 1945 farm census in the First North Carolina Census District with headquarters at Washington, N. C.

The total land in farms in Gates county, according to the preliminary 1945 census count, was 106,568 acres, as compared with 110,348 acres in 1940, and 98,051 acres in 1935. Average size of farms shown in the preliminary 1945 census count for Gates county was 81.4 acres, as compared with 84.4 acres in 1940, and 70.3 acres in 1935.

In announcing the 1945 census totals of farms and land in farms in Gates county, Supervisor Lupton pointed out that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction. Final tabulations of Gates county farm census returns will be made by the Bureau of the Census and announced from Washington when completed, Mr. Lupton said.

Mrs. Horton Dies Of Heart Attack

Eure. — Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Jane Horton, 69, of Eure, who died last Wednesday at 7:30 a. m. of a heart attack, were held Thursday afternoon from Cool Spring Baptist Church by the Rev. John Lanier of Winton. Burial was in Cool Spring church cemetery.

A life-long resident of Gates County, Mrs. Horton was the widow of William Horton, and a daughter of the late William and Ann Harrell. She was a member of Cool Spring Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, John W. Horton of Ahoskie and Oscar L. Horton of Eure; and a brother, John Harrell of Gates County.

Active pallbearers were W. T. Umphlett, T. J. Harrell, Claton Horton, F. F. Harrell, O. R. Harrell and Lloyd Blades.

It's A Small World To Vets Who Have Returned Home

By LUCIUS BLANCHARD
Gatesville.—Three Gatesville boys—members of the Armed Forces—met in the Index office Wednesday after months and months at stations on far parts of the earth. Listening to their travel discussions, I was convinced that to these veterans of the present war, our planet is a small one indeed.

Major William R. Cowper, Jr., Chief Pharmacist's Mate Hubert Thurston Eason and Sergeant Lockwood Sawyer; all Gatesville boys, they have seen much of the world since they last saw each other. Boys together until war broke out, they are now

men, and they speak of Paris, Berlin, Borneo, Australia and the Philippines in much the same manner and with about the same familiarity that you and I speak of Suffolk and Sunbury.

Long distances are slight ones to an Air Forces major, a submarine man and a communications specialist. The major flew the longest fighter plane mission on record; 1,900 miles in the Southwest Pacific. The pharmacist's mate for 36 months cruised on and under the forbidding waters of the wartime Pacific Ocean from Attu in the Aleutian Islands to the Philippines and beyond.

The sergeant has seen wartime Paris and the devastated cities of France, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He has seen the evidence of Nazi atrocities—and "the reports are not exaggerated," he adds.

They all arrived in Gatesville at about the same time, and they had at least one statement in common to make: "Just say that we are glad to be home," they told me.

Sawyer and Eason last saw each other at Christmas in 1943 when they were both home at the same time. Major Cowper had seen neither of them since even before
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Twine in Division Cited Overseas

With the 35th Infantry Division in Germany. — The 35th Signal Company, of which Pfc. William Twine of Gatesville is a member, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty. It is the first such award for the division.

Since D-day the 35th Signal Company has laid more than 10,000 miles of wire in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Its radio section has maintained uninterrupted radio contact with the regiments and higher Army commands, with the exception of brief periods of strategic radio silence.

The radio repair team has averaged almost 300 repairs a month in keeping more than 700 radios in operation. The Message Center has handled almost 100,000 messages without an error. The Signal messengers have jeeped over mined roads, under blackout conditions, through enemy fire, through hub-deep mud, on icy roads and covered a total mileage of over 100,000 miles.

The signal wire crews have worked long and irregular hours in forward combat areas, repairing lines broken by enemy shell-fire and giving division units almost uninterrupted telephone communication.

Pfc. Twine married the former Miss Pattie Baker of Gatesville, and Suffolk.

Mrs. Crouse On 2-Week Vacation

Gatesville.—Mrs. Elizabeth H. Crouse, public health nurse will be out of the office from July 16 through July 28 on her vacation.

However, the office will remain open and appointments can be made through Mrs. Joy Eason, secretary.

Dr. W. P. Jordan, will hold clinic hours each Wednesday as usual.

Collins to Conduct Revival at Zion

Zion.—The Rev. T. A. Collins will conduct revival services to be held at Zion Methodist church during the week beginning August 6.

The first service will be held Monday night at 8:30, and successive meetings will be held each week day at 4 p. m. and at 8:30. The closing service will be held Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to attend, the announcement said.