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County Schools To Open Wednesday

July Goes Down As Wettest Month In Rain Gauge History

Gatesville. — With an official record of 9.35 inches of rain, July will go down in weather history as the wettest month ever recorded in Gates county. "It is certainly the most rain for any month since January, 1941, when the U. S. installed a rain gauge in Gatesville," John Artz said. There was no standard of measuring the rain fall prior to that date.

Some crops have been seriously damaged, such as peanuts, late corn and cotton. Two farmers, one from Hazelton neighborhood, the other from Tinkham's, said their crops of peanuts was damaged at least 50 percent resulting from the prolonged July rains. It has been too wet, they said, most of the time to use either plow or hoe, thus the grass was getting a strong hold on the vines and nothing could be done about it. Then the vines in spots in their fields were wilting due to root rotting caused by excess water.

It has not been determined just how badly the cash crop (peanuts) is damaging in the county but it is thought the loss will be considerable. Prospects for a bumper crop were predicted before the heavy rain set in as here was almost perfect stand and the fields were clean. It had been a good growing season too.

It Could Be Worse

When the two farmers lamented the heavy loss in their peanut crops estimated by each at about 50 percent, the more optimistic of the two said: "Well it could have been worse. I might have lost it all or I might have lost my crop, my house, and by barn in a tornado. And what's worse I could have lost a member of my family."

Mother of Mrs. Nixon Dead at 90

Norfolk, Va. — Mrs. Marianne Louise Ribet Richard, wife of Philip Richard, Sr., died at the residence in Norfolk, on Wednesday, August 1. Funeral services were conducted from the residence Friday, August 3.

Mrs. Richard was a member of Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian Church and the pastor, Dr. McNair, assisted by Dr. Wesley, retired, conducted the services.

Mrs. Richard was 90 years and 10 months old at the time of her death, and had been a resident of Norfolk for 25 years.

She is survived by her husband, Philip Richard, Sr.; two daughters, Mrs. S. Edwin Nixon of Sunbury, N. C.; and Mrs. W. E. Fluker of Norfolk; three sons, Philip E. Richard, Stephen Richard and Frank W. Richard. Interment was in Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk.

AT GATESVILLE SUNDAY

Gatesville. — The Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., will be guest minister at Gatesville Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Son of the pastor, Mr. Guy will deliver the morning address.

Did You Know?

Gates county had 3,240 breeding sows and gilts as of January 1, 1944. Only 22 counties outranked Gates in this respect.

Agent Visits And Inspects Garden Projects Here

Gatesville.—A total of 49 gardens was visited by the home agent during July. This total included victory garden contestants in Hall, Hasletts, Holly Grove and half of Mintonville townships, Miss Ona Patterson of Gatesville said. She added: "It was gratifying to see that many gardeners had carrots for the first time, onions grown from the seed rather than the set, which keep better, salsify, celery, egg plant, Swiss chard, Chinese cabbage, new varieties of butter beans and tomatoes."

Listed as outstanding among the gardens visited by the home agent were those of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. White, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Felton, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greene, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Vann, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hendrix and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Riddick.

William E. Byrum Trains at Norfolk

Chicago. — William Earl Byrum, 30, ship's cook, second class, USNR, of Suffolk, Va., is at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet.

Byrum is a veteran of 18 months' duty at an advanced base in the Pacific.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Byrum, Route 2, Suffolk, and is married to the former Alma Perry of Gatesville, N. C. They have a 17-month-old son, William Earl, Jr. Byrum has two brothers in the Navy, George W., 28, an electrician's mate, second class, and Joseph E., 18, seaman, second class. Before enlisting, he was employed by the Norman Packing Corporation.

Revival Services

Sandy Cross. — Revival services will begin at Sandy Cross Baptist Church on August 26, continuing through the following week, according to the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Sr.

The Rev. Frank Morris of Richmond, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Morris of Gates, will be the guest preacher.



WORLD'S TALLEST HIT.—

A view of the Empire State building, New York City, looking approximately northeast, with an arrow pointing to where it was rammed by an army B-25 bombing plane. The plane exploded on impact, starting fires resulting in heavy casualties and property loss.

Necessary for Red Cross Production To Continue Here

Gatesville.—A total of 21 knitted garments have been turned in to the production chairman, Ona Patterson, during the month of July. Of this total Sunbury knitters were responsible for 12 mufflers and four sleeveless sweaters. Gatesville knitters turned in five mufflers. This is a good record for a summer month but the Gates chapter has on hand about 50 pounds of good wool which should be made into garments as soon as possible.

In spite of the fact that major military operations are now in the Pacific theatre, many service men and women will be stationed during the coming winter in Europe and outlying posts in the North Atlantic. For this reason it is necessary for the chapter to continue the production of warm knitted garments, Miss Patterson said. In addition to the able bodied, an increasing number of hospital patients must be provided with sweaters, socks, stump socks and the like.

Wiggins Promoted In Pacific Theatre

With the 81st Infantry Division somewhere in the Pacific.—Lloyd M. Wiggins, son of John S. Wiggins of Trotville, N. C., has been promoted from private first class to technician 5th grade in recognition of proven ability with an artillery battalion.

Corporal Wiggins is a member of Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller's 81st Infantry "Wildcat" Division, which last fall wrested the Palau and other Western Caroline Islands from the Japs.

His wife is the former Doris Ann Blanchard of Sunbury, N. C.

Overman Previews Requirements And Other Particulars

Born October 2? You Can Enter School This Year

Gatesville. — "Each year many parents ask to send their children to school before they become of legal age," Superintendent W. Henry Overman said today. "Some have understood that the age for school entrants was changed during the last General Assembly. A bill was introduced to this effect, but it was not passed; the entrance age remains the same," he declared.

In order that each parent may know whether his or her child should enter school next week, he quoted the section of the school laws relating to the entrance age:

"Children to be entitled to enrollment in the public schools for the year 1939-40 and each year thereafter, must be six years of age on or before October 1 of the year in which they enroll, and must enroll during the first month of the school year."

The attorney general has ruled that children who are born on the second day of October become six years of age on the first day of October and are, therefore, entitled to enter school this year under the above section of the school law.

Sunbury School Set for Opening

Sunbury.—Sunbury school will open its 1945 and 1946 session August 15 at 9:30 o'clock.

After opening-day school will open at 8:30 and will close approximately at 3 o'clock. There will be no formal opening, but any parents or friends wishing to come will be welcomed.

There will be an important PTA meeting in the library Monday evening at 8:30. There will be some questions of importance discussed at this meeting. All parents, both fathers and mothers, are asked to be present.

Revival Scheduled At Harrell Church

Gatesville. — The revival for Harrell Methodist Church will be held this year during the last week in August. It will begin with the evening service on Monday, August 27, and continue through Sunday morning, September 2.

The evening services will be held at 8:30 and the afternoon services as now planned will be held at 3:30. Mr. Collins, the pastor, will conduct the revival services. Guests are invited to attend.

All white schools in Gates county will open at 9:30 Wednesday morning, August 15.

Gatesville.—With the exception of four vacancies which are expected to be filled either permanently or temporarily before Gates county schools open next Wednesday, August 15, here is the completed list of faculty members as released today by Supt. W. Henry Overman:

Gatesville: Charles B. Blair, Jr., principal; Mrs. Carolyn B. Eure, Mrs. Della L. Ausbon, Mrs. Helen King Blair, Frances Newsome, Mrs. Margaret F. Roundtree, Mrs. Harry L. Ward, Mrs. Lucy G. Pollock and Sarah E. Hardington.

Eure: principalship and seventh and eighth grades, vacant; fifth and sixth grades, vacant; See SCHOOLS, Page 5

Gatesville School Opens August 15; Full Day's Work

Gatesville. — The Gatesville school will open its 1945-46 term Wednesday, August 15, at 9:30 a. m.; however, according to Principal Charles B. Blair on Thursday morning and all others the opening hour will be 8:30 a. m. and closing hour 3:00 p. m. This schedule will be followed until further announcement is made, he said.

Only one change in the Gatesville faculty has been made. Mrs. Best Ausbon of Hobgood, will replace Mrs. Roy Parker as French and English instructor.

There will be a meeting of the Gatesville teachers in the principal's office on Tuesday at 3:00 p. m.

All students who are to enroll are urged and expected to be present on the first day of school, and are asked to bring sufficient money on that day to take care

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Regular School Attendance Urged

By W. Henry Overman, School Superintendent.

It is of utmost importance that all children enroll in school on the first day and attend regularly throughout the term. Parents are urged to cooperate by making it possible for their children to attend regularly. Normal progress in school is directly dependent upon regular attendance. Children who habitually stay away from school fall behind in their classes. The reports show that a large majority of children who fail their grades are those who attend irregularly.

It is realized that due to the emergency and a shortage of farm labor as a result, many parents will feel that they must keep their children home to help with harvesting crops. We are making an effort to meet this demand and at the same time keep children in school during the entire

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