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Fishermen and Hunters Meet Next Tuesday

Gatesville.—Hunters and fishermen of Gates county are planning a get-together at the courthouse at 8:30 p. m. on August 28th, according to G. D. Gatling, temporary chairman of the local committee. Purpose of the meeting is to consider formation of a club to join with the hunters' and fishermen's clubs of other counties to sponsor more game, fish, and other wildlife.

The local committee has arranged for Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Inc., to be present and explain the plans and purposes of the state-wide organization. Already hunters and fishermen have organized in twenty-eight counties and organization plans are well along in twenty-seven additional counties, according to information received from the state-wide federation.

All kinds of hunters and fishermen, farmers, and all others interested in wildlife resources are urged to attend and take part in this meeting. "If a club is formed in this county," said Mr.

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Enrollment This Year is Lower At Gatesville

Gatesville.—Gatesville school began the 1945-46 school year with an enrollment slightly lower than that of last year, according to a statement from Principal Charles Blair who urged parents to send their children to school when it is at all possible to do so. A drop in school attendance at this time may have a serious effect on the school, he added.

The first chapel program was conducted by Mr. Blair who gave a brief resume of the war and pointed out the many changes brought about by its end. Mr. Blair enumerated the many advantages of an education in the post-war world.

On the first two days of school half-holidays were observed in keeping with the general celebration.

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Negro Is Held For Slaying Of Fellow Worker

Gatesville.—Lewis Norman, 51-year-old Negro employe of Richmond Cedar Works, is being held in the jail in Gatesville for the V-J Day slaying of a fellow worker, John Hayes, 50, following an argument in connection with the change due from a ten dollar bill.

Norman, Sheriff L. F. Overman said, admitted the killing but could not produce the weapon, a .38-calibre pistol. Acting coroner S. P. Cross found that the bullet passed completely through Hayes' body just above the hips, causing almost instantaneous death, according to witnesses, the sheriff said.

Following preliminary hearing before Recorder E. S. A. Ellenor in Gates County Court House Tuesday, Norman was held in lieu of \$5,000 bond for action by the November Grand Jury. Tom Costen, Gatesville lawyer, was retained by Norman who did not testify at the hearing.

Both men worked and lived at
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Mrs. Pittman, 67, Died Friday At Daughter's Home

Hobbsville.—Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Reynoldson Baptist Church for Mrs. M. Lydia Pittman, 67, prominent Gates county woman who died unexpectedly Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Naomi Carter, of Hobbsville. The Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Sr., assisted by the Rev. J. Sidney Cobb of Whaleyville, Va., officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving her are two sons, Maj. W. T. Pittman, USA, now stationed in Trinidad; Maj. H. B. Pittman, USA, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two daughters, Mrs. Hardy Davenport, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Carter; a brother, H. W. Collins, of Gates; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Robinson, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Ruth Leggett, of Ocala, Fla.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Funeral Home of Rountree and Hoffer, Gatesville.

Pallbearers were T. Everett Pittman, Rob Brown, C. H. Carter, W. Hertel Hoffer, Tony Pittman and Surry Wiggins.

Rountree Clears Up Questions On Poultry Ceilings

Gatesville.—In answer to many requests concerning the prices of poultry in Gates county, F. H. Rountree, chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board, today announced the community ceiling prices on the most frequently purchased types of poultry.

Live or unplucked: broilers, fryers and roasters, 38 cents per pound; fowl (hen, all weights), 33 cents per pound.

Plucked: dressed chickens (head and feet on, entrails in, and plucked 41 cents; broilers, fryers and roasters, (under 3 1/2 pounds), 47 cents per pound; fowl (hen, all weights), 33 cents per pound.

Drawn: broilers and fryers (under 2 1/2 pounds), 61 cents per pound; fowl, 51 cents per pound.

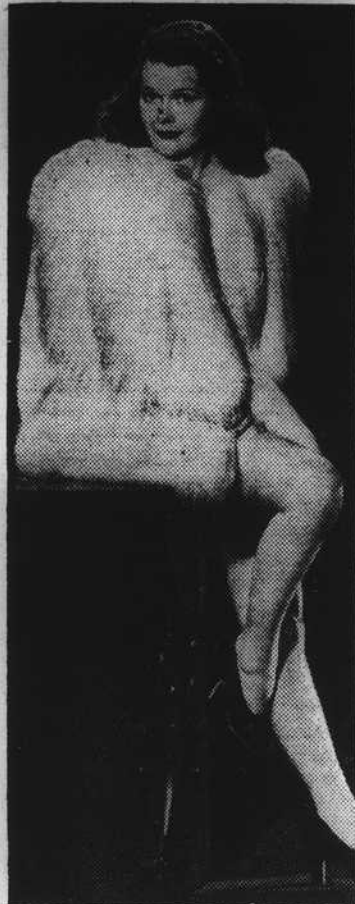
When chickens are sold on a live weight basis, Mr. Rountree explained, 10 cents per chicken may be added by the seller if he plucks and dresses the chicken. No service charge may be added for cutting up.

Pfc. Jack Hoffer Enroute Home

France.—Pfc. John G. (Jack) Hoffer who is enroute home from Europe with the S-Star 35th ("Santa Fe") Division, was formerly a member of the Eighth Armored Division which supported the 35th Division in the battle for Rheinberg and other cities in the drive to the west bank of the Rhine River.

He is one of a group of Eighth Armored Division men transferred into the "Santa Fe" Division to fill vacancies created by the release of highscore men under the point system.

Pfc. Hoffer is the son of Mrs. J. L. Hoffer of Gatesville, N. C.



NEW VIEW.—For GIs here and abroad—as well as civilians—here's a new picture of a favorite pin-up girl. She's Angeline Orr, radio personality.

Pfc. Umphlette Ends Furlough; Wounded Twice

Eure.—Wounded twice with the 101st Paratrooper Battalion overseas, Pfc. Eldon Umphlette, U. S. Army, returned last Tuesday to Fort Grubber, Okla., for further assignment with the Third Army after spending a 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Umphlette.

Private Umphlette was with an ordnance regiment for a year and half in England before volunteering with the Paratroopers. He trained in England and jumped in combat over Holland.

Private Umphlette wears the European Theatre of Operations ribbon with four battle stars and the Purple Heart. For saving a truck loaded with gasoline under enemy fire he won the Bronze Star while with the ordnance division.

Truck Damaged In Road Mishap

Gates.—A pickup truck belonging to A. M. Fanny was badly damaged Saturday in collision with an automobile driven by Miss Peggy Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Parker of Whaleyville, Va.

The truck was driven by Mr. Fanny's son, Billy Fanny. Neither driver was injured.

Did You Know?

Gatesville.—Gates county had 70,000 hens and pullets of laying age as of January 1, 1944, or an average of 54 birds per farm. There were 30 counties having a smaller number of hens and pullets than Gates. "This is a good record and indicates our farmers are poultry minded," County Agent John Artz said.

Noisy Career of 1100 Bats Eased in Trap

Jesse Wiggins County Native Drowns in Surf

Gatesville.—Jesse Wiggins, 49, of Edenton, formerly of Hobbsville, drowned at Nags Head Wednesday while bathing in the surf. The body was recovered.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wiggins of Hobbsville and husband of the former Miss Pauline Hoffer of Gatesville.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at the graveside in the family cemetery at Hobbsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins in a party of six were spending the week at Nags Head when the accident occurred. No further details were available at press time, though death was thought to be the result of a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife and a son, Emmett Hoffer Wiggins of Edenton; three brothers, Charlie Wiggins of Suffolk, Va., J. S. Wiggins of Trotville, and Nurney Wiggins of Hobbsville; and two sisters, Mrs. Kate Bush of Tyner, and Mrs. Lula Rountree of Hobbsville.

Mr. Wiggins was connected with the operation of tug boats and pulpwood barges for the North Carolina Pulp Company at Plymouth.

Riddick Given Year's Suspension For OPA Violation

Raleigh.—The Raleigh district Office of Price Administration announced today that J. J. Riddick, of Gatesville, had been given a year's suspension, with the first thirty days active and the remainder probationary, for dealing in beef without surrendering or requiring the surrender of ration coupons.

Theodore S. Johnson, OPA district director, said the suspension order against Riddick is effective on all foods under Ration Order 16 with the exception of canned milk. The order becomes effective August 19, he said.

Two Injured By Stuck Windows

Corapeake.—Windows stuck by the recent seige of damp weather are held responsible for two freak accidents in the Corapeake neighborhood last week.

Floyd Goodwin was the first victim. The stuck window he tried to raise finally yielded, but the elbow of his left arm went through the glass and an ugly gash resulted. Dr. J. A. Payne took six stitches to close the wound.

Little Doris Amella Franklin of Norfolk, visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Franklin, was the second victim, cutting the palm of her left hand by pushing out a window pane. Dr. Payne took five stitches to close the second wound.

Gatesville.—Imagine, if you can, living in the same house with more than 1,100 live vigorous flying bats, the kind that squeak and squeal and sail around the room while father tries to strike them down with a broom before they scare mother and the daughters to death.

This actually happened in Gatesville, according to John Artz, Gates County Agent, who counted, 1,145 live bats trapped by the genius of neighbors of Mrs. Minnie Green, owner and occupant of the house in which this record number of bats took up residence.

One would never have suspected that the walls of Mrs. Green's home were harboring more than a thousand of these weird, witchy little creatures called bats. "But any house affording an entrance is apt to be invaded by these detestable

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Felton Outland Hurt in Sinking Of Indianapolis

Sunbury.—Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Felton Outland of Sunbury that their son, Felton James Outland, U.S. N.R., was wounded in action in the Pacific area on July 30.

Outland was attached to the heavy cruiser "Indianapolis" which had just delivered atomic bombs to Guam. The ship was on its way to join the Fifth Fleet when it was sunk.

Outland is a graduate of Sunbury High School. He enlisted in the Navy in July, 1943. He received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. Since that time he has been attached to the "Indianapolis" permanently. He saw action on Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Guam, Tinian, Saipan and Caroline Islands.

Largest Bull Of Record Here Has A New Owner

Gatesville.—Last week the largest bull of record in Gates county changed owners, according to John Artz, Gates county agent. Three years old, the animal tipped the scales at 1,832 pounds.

"The largest (by weight) that we have any record of was sold last week by Linwood Taylor, well-known farmer and stock man of the Middle Swamp neighborhood, to Claude Morgan, Corapeake livestock dealer," Artz said. The bull, a registered, polled Hereford, brought a price in the neighborhood of \$225, Artz said.

At the same time, Artz said, Taylor sold a number of white-faced calves, though he still has nine Hereford cows, a young bull and three good dairy cows.

Of the Taylor pasture, Artz said: "he has acres of good knee-deep pasture consisting of wire (Bermuda) grass, Dallas grass, lespedeza, and, as you might suspect—crab grass."

In connection with his pasture, Taylor said he had sown 800 pounds of home raised lespedeza on the sod last winter which accounted for the abundant growth.