

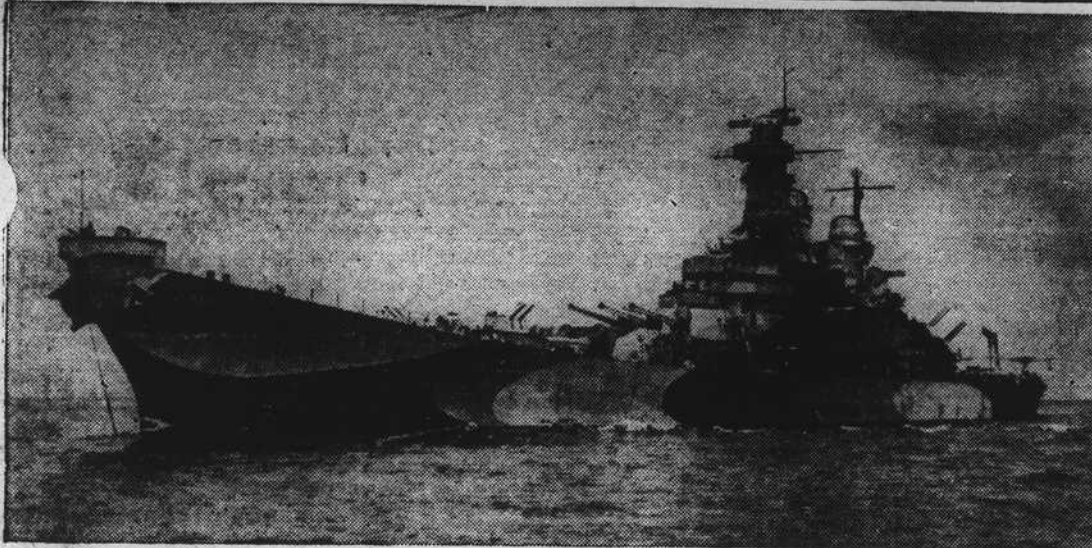
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U.S.S. MISSOURI TO BE SCENE OF HISTORIC JAP SURRENDER—The United States Navy's mighty 45,000-ton battleship, the U.S.S. MISSOURI, will end her World War II career in a blaze of glory, September 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay, when she serves as the scene of the historic unconditional surrender of Japan to the United Nations. Proudly bearing the name of the home state of President Harry S. Truman, the fighting U.S.S. MISSOURI has been named by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, as the locale of the formal ending of the war in the Pacific. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, will sign for the United States, General of the Army MacArthur, for the Allied forces which fought in the Pacific. The U.S.S. MISSOURI was launched January 29, 1944.

For Saving Ammunition Truck, Pfc. Jordan Is Awarded Bronze Star

European Theatre of Operations.—Pfc. Samuel M. Jordan, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eley Jordan of Gatesville, N. C., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal in this theatre of operations, according to Army public relations.

Private Jordan has been in the Army since June 2, 1942, and came overseas in April, 1944, and is currently serving with an anti-tank company.

A brother, Pfc. William H. Jordan, is serving with the 184th Combat Engineers.

The citation accompanying the medal awarded Private Jordan said: "throughout his military career, Private Jordan has performed his duties in a commendable manner, gaining the respect of all members of his company. Since entering combat he has rendered many valuable services to his platoon."

On January 9, 1945, the citation said specifically, "the building in which he had placed his truck to protect it from enemy view was set afire by enemy artillery. Disregarding the flames and enemy fire he unhesitatingly ran into the building and drove the truck out before it was damaged beyond use."

"In accomplishing this mission Private Jordan by his coolness and courage not only saved the truck and its valuable contents of ammunition, but the possession of this equipment enabled the men of his squad to continue to employ their guns whose utility would have been greatly impaired without the prime mover."

OPA Office To Close Saturdays

Gatesville. — Effective this coming Saturday, September 1, the Gates County War Price and Rationing Board will be closed all day every Saturday until further notice, according to Miss Jean Brown, chief clerk of the board.

Miss Brown also said that Labor Day, September 3, will be observed by the office with closed doors. Removal of certain commodities from control of the OPA has made it possible for the Administration to reduce its working hours.



RIDES WHITE HORSE. Admiral Halsey some time ago announced his intention of riding up Tokyo's main stem on Hirohito's white horse. The artist has placed Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey on the famous charger, including the equipment forwarded to Halsey for the famous proposed ride.

Godwin, Former G-Man, Returns To Law Practice

Gatesville. — After serving more than three years with the FBI, A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., has returned to his home at Gatesville, and will resume the practice of law.

Before receiving an appointment as Special Agent of the FBI, Godwin was engaged in the practice of law for five years with his father under the firm name of Godwin and Godwin. While serving with the FBI he was assigned to the offices at Newark, N. J., Norfolk, Va., and

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Revival Slated At Reynoldson

Gates.—Revival services will begin at Reynoldson Baptist Church Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock with the Rev. R. D. Stephenson of Franklin, Va., as visiting pastor.

Beginning Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock services will be held each afternoon the remainder of the week.

Youth Has 4-H Project Related To Milk Records

Gatesville.—Glenn Webb, active member of the Gatesville 4-H Club for two years, is keeping daily milk and feed record on the family cow (a Guernsey) this year. He weighs the milk each morning and night and puts the weight down on a calendar. He also records the cost of all daily feed purchased, according to County Agent, John Artz, who defines the project as "a good one."

For several days in August Glenn and his mother noticed the cow did not graze like she ordinarily does.

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Four Youths, 18, Inducted Last Week by Board

Gatesville.—Those inducted by Gates county Selective Board last week and sent to Fort Bragg for assignment were Robert H. Eason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eason of Gatesville; Robert Lee Rountree, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rountree of Gatesville; Charlie M. Simpson of Hobbsville; and H. V. Beamon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Beamon of Gatesville.

All youths are 18 years of age. It has been learned that Rountree entered the Marine Corps and will be sent to Parris Island, S. C., for training. Others heard from were also still at Fort Bragg Wednesday.

Library Moves To Courthouse Room

Gatesville.—The Gates county public library was moved this week from the auditorium of the agriculture building to the second floor of the court house in the office formerly occupied by T. W. Costen.

It has been announced that the library will be open Tuesdays through Fridays from 2 until 5 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9:30 until 12:30 p. m. These are the only hours the library will be open, the announcement stated.

Enrollment Below Year Ago In White Schools Of County

Did You Know?

Gatesville. — Gates county had a total of 2,080 head of horses and mules in 1944. "Although among the smallest counties in the State, there are 33 counties which have less work stock," John Artz, county agent, commented.

Charlie Wiggins, 51, Died Sunday In Richmond, Va.

Suffolk.—Charlie E. Wiggins, 51, a resident of the Hillsdale community where he had been a farmer for the past 12 years, died Sunday at 10:20 a. m. in a Richmond hospital after a short illness. He was a son of John B. and Frances Winslow Wiggins, of Gates County, N. C.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Riddick Wiggins, seven sons, Robert, of Hobbsville, N. C.; T/5 Joseph W., U. S. Army; Corp. Charlie E., Jr., U. S. Army; Pvt. Thomas H., U. S. Army; Herbert R., J. B. and Horace H. Wiggins, of Nansemond County; three daughters, Mrs. L. L. White, of Suffolk; Mrs. W. M. Page, of Richmond, and Mrs. E. V. Merz, of Morristown, N. J.; two grandchildren; two brothers, J. S. Wiggins, of Trotville, N. C. and J. N. Wiggins, of Hobbsville; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Rountree, of Hobbsville, and Mrs. A. S. Bush, of Edenton, N. C., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements Wednesday were awaiting arrival of the deceased's sons.

Mr. Wiggins was a brother of the late Jesse Wiggins of Edenton, N. C., who drowned last Wednesday at Nags Head, N. C., while vacationing there.

Revivals Slated For Gatesville, Sunbury Churches

Gatesville. — Dates have been set for the revivals at Gatesville Methodist Church and at Philadelphia Methodist Church in Sunbury.

The revival for Gatesville Methodist Church will begin on Monday evening, September 10, at 8:30 and will continue through the week with the closing services on Sunday morning, September 16. The hours of the services throughout the week will be announced next week.

The revival for Philadelphia Methodist Church will be held beginning on Sunday morning, September 23, and will continue through the following week and will close on Sunday, September 30. The pastor will preach at both revivals and the members are urged to attend and invite guests for the services, according to the pastor, the Rev. T. A. Collins.

ville. — Gates county schools ended the first year with an enrollment of 4500 at the end of the first year ago, according to a report by Superintendent W. H. Overman, head of the Gates county public school system.

Revealing that 926 white children are now enrolled, as compared with 971 at the end of the first week last year, Mr. Overman said that the decrease might be attributed to a number of reasons; shortage of help at home and families moving away, among the possible reasons.

Enrollment increases from 887 on the opening day to 926 a week later was taken to indicate that still other pupils may enroll this week and next.

Figures on the enrollment in Negro schools had not been completed when the Index went to press.

One Vacancy

Gates county teaching staffs are complete with the exception of a principal at Gates. Mrs. Margaret C. Gatling, faculty member, is serving as principal at this time. Mrs. Willie E. Parker of Gates is teaching the fourth and fifth grades to fill the roster of teachers there.

Eure school faculty is also complete with Mrs. Mary A. Freeman of Winton employed as principal and seventh and eighth grade teacher, and Miss Frances Downs also of Winton, employed as first and second grade teacher.

Mrs. Nellie W. Riddick of Gatesville is teaching the fifth and sixth grades at Eure.

Two Injured In Auto Accident North of Gates

Gates.—Two persons, Mrs. A. C. Matthews of Gates, and a Mr. Jernigan of Norfolk, Va., suffered injuries in a two-car collision at the cross roads half a mile north of Gates Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Jernigan, driving a 1942 Chevrolet, according to witnesses, was proceeding south along the highway between Gates and Somerton when the Matthews car approached the crossing and ran into the side of the Jernigan car, which overturned in Ocie Hall's field beside the roadway.

Mr. Jernigan, with his arm broken in two places, was pinned under his car and could not be removed until the car was set upright. Mrs. Matthews suffered a fractured rib and fractured knee-cap. Two passengers in the Matthews car, Roland Matthews and A. C. Matthews, suffered slight cuts and bruises that did not require medical attention.

No one was riding with Mr. Jernigan. Both cars were demolished, reports said.

REGULAR CLINIC

Gatesville. — The regular monthly prenatal and well baby clinic will be held in Gatesville, at the Gatesville Health Department on September 6 at 2 p. m.