

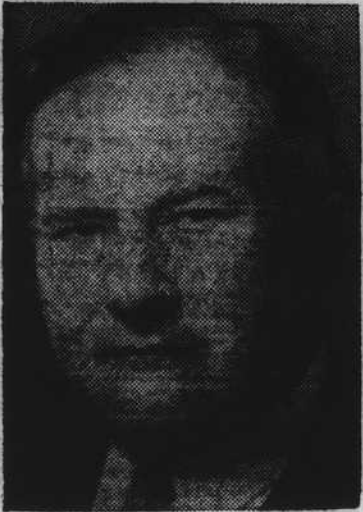
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ASSISTANT STATE AID.—Spruille Braden, former U. S. ambassador to Argentina, who has been appointed to the post of assistant secretary of state, replacing Nelson A. Rockefeller. Braden has been strong in his opposition to the present Argentine government.

John T. Barnes, 88, Died Tuesday At His Home

Corapeake. — Funeral services for John Thomas Barnes, 88, who died Tuesday morning at his home near Corapeake after a long illness, were conducted Wednesday at 3:30 p. m., at Parkers Methodist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. C. W. Guthrie, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Barnes is survived by four sons, H. L., D. E., and E. B. Barnes, of Corapeake, and A. L. Barnes of Suffolk, Va., three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, of Corapeake; Mrs. J. H. Parker, of Suffolk, Va., and Mrs. C. W. Beamon, of Norfolk, Va., 18 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Funeral Home of Rountree & Hofer.

Bahamians to Aid In Peanut Harvest

The State College Extension Service has said that 300 Bahamian workers would be sent into the northeastern peanut area of the State as soon as possible to relieve an acute labor shortage expected during the forthcoming peanut harvest. Approximately 150 Bahamian workers already have been moved from Eastern North Carolina tobacco counties to help with the apple harvest in and around Mt. Airy. The peanut workers also will be shifted from the eastern tobacco area.

Fred Sloan, director of the college's farm labor program, said as many workers as could be recruited would be needed in the peanut harvest because of increased acreage. He said the large acreage developed when some farmers failed to get a stand of cotton and planted peanuts instead.

Office Cuts Hours

Gatesville.—The Gates County Selective Service Board office from now on will be closed each Saturday. The office will be open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 until 12 noon and from 1 p. m. until 5:30 p. m., according to an announcement from Mrs. Lillie M. B. Overman, clerk to the board.

Key Men Named For Farm Bureau Member Drive

Gatesville. — A list of "key men" was appointed at a special meeting of officers and directors of the Gates County Farm Bureau Wednesday night. The key men will serve in the Farm Bureau membership drive to be held before the next quarterly meeting. They will meet Monday night for the purpose of organizing and planning an intensive membership campaign.

The following were named to serve on the membership committee: J. C. Vann, Walter Ward, Frank Rountree, J. P. Johnson and R. H. Eason, Holly Grove Township; R. L. Brown, B. H. Ward, Marshall Hobbs and J. W. Spivey, Hunters Mill township; J. A. Hobbs, R. O. Hobbs, C. H. Carter and Leslie Rountree, Mintonville Township.

Also L. T. Lilley, F. E. Smith, E. E. Ward and G. W. Jones, Gatesville Township; Lycurgus Howell, Edward Story, J. B. Perry and Linwood Askew, Hall Township; Thomas B. Parker, Edward Mills, Cleamon Eure and G. D. Gatling, Reynoldson Township; J. M. King, B. F. Savage, J. B. Whitehurst, Mrs. W. F. Morris and T. E. Jackson, Hasletts Township.

The following were named to serve as the committee-at-large: W. O. Crump of Sunbury, W. M. Hollowell of Hobbsville, Robin Hood of Gatesville, George Kittrell of Corapeake, Ona Patterson of Gatesville, Ethel Parker of Gatesville, and John Artz of Gatesville.

Marvis Jones Home

Gatesville.—Marvis Jones arrived in Gatesville Tuesday night after 20 months overseas to spend a 30-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Amanda Jones of Drum Hill. Jones is the husband of the former Miss Louise Blanchard of Gatesville.

Revival at Eure

Eure. — Revival services will begin at Eure Christian Church Monday night, September 10, at 8:30 p. m. Preaching will be done by the Rev. Mr. Wright of Windsor, Va., according to the announcement.

BREAKS RIBS

Zion. — A. E. Blanchard had the misfortune of being thrown from a load of timber Friday afternoon and breaking several ribs.

George Hobbs Wins Bronze Star For Removal of Mines at Manila

With the 594th Amphibian Engineers in Manila. — S/Sgt. George W. Hobbs, of Corapeake, N. C., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in Manila last February.

Sgt. Hobbs was in command of a mine removal squad charged with clearing enemy mines, booby traps and under-water obstacles from an area near Manila's Polo Club.

Despite enemy fire and without the assistance of trained bomb-disposal technicians, Hobbs and his squad removed 750 live mines without injury or loss of life. The action contributed materially to the early opening of the Port of Manila.

Sgt. Hobbs, a member of the



WAR CASUALTY. — His mother was advised last week that Sgt. Herbert Gatling, above, of Gates, was killed over Germany on February 16. An aerial gunner, he had been reported missing since last March.

Herman T. Spivey Ends Four Years Service in Army

Hobbsville.—Herman T. Spivey, 27, arrived back home Thursday with his honorable discharge after four years in the Army and three years in the Pacific theatre of operations. T-4 in a special engineer detachment, Spivey was separated from the Army at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spivey of Hobbsville, and nephew of Mrs. J. M. Rea of Trotville, and Charlie Spivey and Lonnie Spivey of Hobbsville and Ernest Spivey of Wilmington, Delaware.

Spivey was home last in January when he returned from over-

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Did You Know?

Gatesville. — Gates county has 10 combines for harvesting grain and seed crops and 160 peanut pickers according to the best information available. The distribution of combines by townships is: Gatesville, 4; Hall, 3; Holly Grove, 2; Reynoldson, 1. The pickers will handle the peanut crop on an estimated 12,000 planted acres, or an average of 75 acres per picker. It is probable that a good many acres will not be dug this year due to grassy condition, according to County Agent John Artz.

22nd War Casualty Is Herbert Gatling; Killed In February

Trusty Escapes; Was Serving Term For Manslaughter

Gatesville.—Frank Waters, 35, honor grade prisoner at the Gates County Camp, walked out during the dinner hour Monday and at last reports had reached Suffolk, Va., according to Superintendent E. B. Dickens.

Waters was serving 15 to 20 years for manslaughter from New Hanover county and had been at this camp about 18 months, Mr. Dickens said, though he had served time at another camp before coming here since being sentenced.

The superintendent said he had learned that Waters hired a Sunbury man to drive him to Suffolk, but that the driver did not know he was an escapee, reporting the incident to Mr. Dickens when he learned that a prisoner had escaped.

Waters is described as being 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighing about 160 pounds. He is ginger colored and wore a small mustache. He wore blue overalls and a grey polo shirt when he left the camp.

POW Labor Again For Farm Work This Autumn

Gatesville.—German prisoners from the Ahooskie P. W. Camp will again be available this fall for stacking peanuts. The Ahooskie camp is one of the 12 being maintained in the State. The prisoners should be applied for two or three weeks in advance of the date needed and a cash deposit left with Gates county farm agent, John Artz at time of application. The workers will have to be transported both ways by the farmers, and each prisoner, according to the contract, must put up 25 stacks a day and will receive 12 cents per stack or \$3.00 for the day's work, Mr. Artz said.

Last year seven Gates county farmers used prisoner of war labor, who had to put up only 18 stacks for which they received \$2.10 or 11½ cents a stack. Most of those using the labor last fall were not so well pleased with the work done, the agent said. "It is thought that prisoner labor this fall will prove more satisfactory," he added. Should any producer be interested in using this type of labor for stacking peanuts he is advised to contact the Gates county agent by mail or visit at an early date.

Eure Memorial Service Sunday

Gates.—Memorial services for Pfc. Sawney Cecil Eure, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Eure, Gates, who was killed in action in Germany on February 24, will be held Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at Gates Methodist Church.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Gates.—The name of another Gates county boy was added to the list of casualties of World War Two this week, bringing the total of the county's war dead to 22. The Index reported Sgt. Herbert Gatling missing in March. His mother has now been advised that he was killed February 16 over Regensburg, Germany. Sgt. Gatling's name is added this week to the Index's Roll of Honor.

The sergeant, 23, was a B-24 aerial gunner with the Fifteenth Air Force. A native of Gates, he had lived in Portsmouth, Va., for four years where he was employed at the Naval Air Station before his induction into the Army in September, 1943. He went overseas in July, 1944.

His mother, Mrs. Nellie M. Gatling, who received the War Department message last week, lives at 733 Lanier Crescent, River Park, Portsmouth.

Sgt. Gatling was a graduate of Gates high school and attended Norfolk Division, College of William and Mary.

Besides his mother, he is survived by a brother, Jack W. Gatling, U. S. Army. He was a son of the late G. C. Gatling of Gates.

Stockmen Urged To Enter Animals In Stock Show

Gatesville. — "It wouldn't do for Gates county not to be represented in the 'Fat Stock' show being planned for Elizabeth City during the last of March or first of April next year," County Agent John Artz said today.

This is an early date to be announcing such a show, Mr. Artz said, but added that it takes several months for a farmer to prepare for or grow out an animal suitable for exhibition.

The show, and probable sale of fat hogs and steers, commonly called a "Fat Stock Show," is being planned and will be conducted by the vocational teachers and county agents in the Albemarle area.

Kinston, Rocky Mount and a few other cities have been holding the shows for two or more years and have found them popular and profitable. Mr. Artz advises that anyone interested in entering an animal in the Elizabeth City show should see the county agent or a vocational agriculture teacher.

Meet on Okinawa

Trotville. — Old school pals, Pvt. Clyde B. Blanchard and Pvt. Billy Mitchell, chanced to run together recently on Okinawa. Private Blanchard is the son of A. P. Blanchard of Hobbsville, and Private Mitchell is the son of J. W. P. Mitchell of Trotville.