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Polio Funds Drive Moves Into High Gear In County

Gatesville.—A dance in Sunbury Friday night, a county-wide participation of all school children in "tag day" and the appointment of community chairmen for contributions are all being combined in an effort to put Gates county well over its \$775 quota in the annual "March of Dimes" campaign, Miss Ethel Parker, county chairman for the drive, has announced.

Miss Parker said valuable contributions had already been made toward making the dance at Sunbury a success in that both music and the heated warehouse in which the dance will be held have already been donated. She said that the members of the Luter String Band, popular musical aggregation from Suffolk, have offered their services free of charge as their contribution to the campaign. The band has played for a number of dances in Sunbury and is beginning a series of public dances to be held in Sunbury.

George B. Morgan, owner of the tobacco warehouse in which the dance is to be held, has donated the use of his building and has installed stoves for the dance, Miss Parker added. She said all four of the county's high schools have accepted fifty tickets for advance sale and that advance ticket sales are being supervised by Philip Harrell and Mary Ann Beamon of Gatesville.

In addition to the funds raised by the dance every school in the county will hold a "tag day" during the drive for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

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T-5 M. P. Hofler Is Commended

With the 118th Chemics on Luzon. — Technician 5th Grade Marvin P. Hofler, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Tobe Hofler, Sunbury, who is assigned as laundry machine operator of the 118th Chemical Processing Company, among other duties previously performed with the company, has been commended "for superior performance of duty, achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline and outstanding devotion of duty."

Technician 5th Grade Hofler is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with one bronze star and also the Philippine Liberation ribbon.

13 Sunbury Men At Convention

Sunbury.—Among the Sunbury Ruritan Club members attending the National Ruritan convention in Elizabeth City Thursday and Friday at the Virginia Dare Hotel were the following: J. E. Gregory, J. M. Byrum, John Corbitt, Bill Ward, Dr. John Payne, William Lassiter, G. B. Morgan, Jr., Blackwell Powell, Frank Rountree, Carroll Byrum, Waverly Parker, Hayslett Rountree, and George Kittrell, president of the Sunbury club.

Seen Any Oil?

Gatesville.—Representatives of the Sun Oil Company have announced that they have leases and drilling rights on property in several sections of Gates county.

The addition of Sun to the leases already held by the Shell, Standard and Gulf companies has given rise to speculation as to the probabilities of oil's being found in the Carolina coastal plain. Already the oil-seekers have sunk test shafts in the region, most of them in the southeastern corner of the county.

If the geologists' hopes are true, Gates county may well become a petroleum-producing region.

Baptist Board Promises Aid To Chowan College

Murfreesboro. — Continuous financial support of Chowan College "to the extent of the needs of operating the school," was promised formally by the North Carolina Baptist Board of Education in Raleigh on January 14, Rev. Lonnie Sasser, head of a drive to raise \$150,000 for the improvement and re-opening of the college, has announced.

Both the Chowan and West Chowan Baptist Associations "have supported and will continue to support the college," Rev. Sasser said, adding, "both these Associations and the Baptist State Convention will support Chowan College with current operating funds."

A seven-man committee has been named to see that the college is kept in good operating funds.

Public Health Nurse Warns Of Epidemic

By Mrs. Elizabeth H. Crouse, Public Health Nurse.

So far, for the year 1946, we have a total of 15 diagnosed cases of whooping cough and one suspected case, now pending diagnosis in Gates county.

The following children have whooping cough and are quarantined. Along with these cases are contacts in the families who have not had whooping cough and they, too, are quarantined for 14 days from the last exposure.

The cases reported are as follows (all children are Negroes): Leatrice Marion, five, and Emily Irene Briscoe, nine, of Roduco; Agnes Katherine, six months, Elizabeth, two, Geneva, six, Leora, ten, and Sallie Mae Boone, thirteen, (all members of the same family) in Gates; also in Gates: Theresa, three, Barbara, two, and Denise Dildy, four; James Gripper, six; Robert Keaton Knight, ten; Larry Eugene Riddick, fifteen months; Kenneth, six, and James Walton, Jr., seven; and James Henry Sears, seven, whose diagnosis is still pending.

Because whooping cough may be fatal, see EPIDEMIC, Page 10



CHARLES H. JENKINS who will seek a second term as State Senator from the First District.

Mason Officers Are Installed

Gatesville.—The installation of new officers was the business of the evening last Thursday, when the Masonic Lodge met in the lodge rooms here.

The officers installed for the 1946 year are the following: R. L. Hofler, Master; Hubert Eason, Senior Warden; R. G. Owens, Junior Warden; H. L. Ward, Treasurer; W. Henry Overman, Secretary; G. D. Gatling, Senior Deacon; J. W. Parker, Junior Deacon; Robin Hood and J. K. Wyatt, Stewards; Mills Howell, Tyler; and L. C. Hand, Sr., Chaplain.

Hand was also appointed to serve as chairman of the Oxford Orphanage committee. H. L. Ward and J. W. Parker are members of this committee.

Ruritan Install Officers For 1946

Gatesville.—New officers for 1946 were installed here Monday night by the Gatesville Ruritan club and committees were announced for the coming year.

Robin Hood was installed as president of the local organization. The vice-presidential duties were assumed by Edward Spivey and C. C. Parker was installed as club treasurer. S. P. Cross continued his long-held post of secretary for the club.

At the meeting the newly-installed officers, all delegates to the Ruritan national convention last week, made reports on the various phases of the convention.

An illustrated lecture was presented by Jesse Lyles, soil conservation director for Gates county, on the value of soil conservation and the need for it in this locality. He used charts and figures to help him make his points and said that there is a great need for taking measures in the county to conserve the soil from wearing out and becoming useless.

The new committee heads for 1946 are as follows: Agriculture, Jesse Lyles; Education, W. Henry Overman; Highways, A. P. Godwin, Sr.; Membership, L. C. Hand, Sr.; Program, T. A. Collins; Resolutions, Hubert Eason; Nicknames, H. L. Ward; Stunts, John Artz; Specials, Tazewell Eure; and A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., was selected as club reporter.

The Objectives committee is made up of the chairmen of all the other committees under the chairmanship of vice-president Story.

Jenkins Seeks Second Term In State Senate

Cupid Is Shy

Gatesville.—Cupid has gotten off to a slow start in Gates county in 1946, according to the records of marriage licenses issued since the beginning of the year.

So far only four couples have received licenses this year. They are as follows: Robert G. Eure and Mary Ellen Felton of Gatesville, Joseph O. Chappell and Carrie Smith of Belvedere, James W. Evans and Dorothy V. Hudgeth of Eure, and Charlie O. Nowell and Nellie L. Walton, negroes, of Hobbsville.

Taxpayers Urged To List Before Deadline

Gatesville.—The county commissioners announced that all taxpayers have only a few more days in which to list their taxes before the deadline of January 31 set up this year.

They emphasized that the former "grace" period of a month or more following January is now a thing of the past and that penalties are to be collected for all who list their taxes after the end of the month.

List takers who have been working throughout the county during January report that there are still a number of property holders who have not listed. All these list takers were instructed in a special meeting in December that they should levy a charge of \$.50 for each listing that is made after the deadline date.

A paid advertisement which appears elsewhere in this edition of the Index gives the names and locations of all list takers.

Peanuts Bring \$200,000,000 In Eleven States

Atlanta.—That peanuts "ruin the land" just isn't true, Roy E. Parrish, chairman of the finance committee of the National Peanut Council, said here recently in an address to members of the Railway Development Association, in which he told how this "Cinderella of foods" had become a \$200,000,000 crop for farmers of this and eleven other Southern States.

Mr. Parrish, who also is executive vice-president of the Georgia Peanut Company, pointed out that ever since the early days when peanuts, brought in by slaves traders, were first planted in Virginia, goobers have been growing there, with increasing yields, from the same soil.

It has been definitely proven, he said, that "with proper crop rotation and the use of fertilizer and cover crop, peanut production can be maintained on a permanent basis on any given piece of land and the yield per acre can be steadily increased."

In the number of its harvested acres, Virginia, Mr. Parrish said, is second to Georgia.

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land: r. — Charles H. Jenkins served his second term in the 1945 General Assembly, representing the counties of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank and Perquimans, with the late Senator W. T. Culppepper of Elizabeth City.

During the 1945 session, Senator Jenkins served on a total of 14 legislative committees including finance, education, conservation and development, agriculture, public health and public roads.

Senator Jenkins is the second candidate to announce for one of the two First District posts. Lorimer W. Midgett, of Elizabeth City, representative from Pasquotank county during the 1943 General Assembly, announced his intention to run for the State Senate during the first week in January.

A Baptist and for many years moderator of the West Chowan Baptist Association, Senator Jenkins has extensive farming interests in this area, and in addition has automobile establishments in several Eastern North Carolina towns. He is a member of the state board of Conservation and Development. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and for several years was principal in the Durham city schools.

Godwin Made Ruritan Head For District

Gatesville.—A Pilston Godwin, Jr., Gatesville attorney, was appointed Governor for District "E" of the national Ruritan at the club's recent national convention in Elizabeth City, it was announced by Gatesville club secretary, S. P. Cross.

Godwin was selected to serve during 1946 over a district that includes all the Ruritan organizations in North Carolina. He succeeds Clarence Dozier of South Mills as district governor. The nomination and choice of Godwin at the national convention was initiated by members of the Sunbury Ruritan delegation and carried forward by the four officers of the Gatesville club who were attending.

A member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C., during the war, Godwin has returned to Gatesville and is practicing law with his father, also an active Ruritan.

Hand Invites New Vets To Meeting

Gatesville.—L. C. Hand, Sr., announced that the Gates County Post No. 136 of the American Legion is inviting all veterans of World War II, who are not members of the Legion to attend the next meeting of the Post Thursday evening, January 24, at 7:30. Mr. Hand said the veterans were getting home at such a great rate that he was expecting a number of new members to become a part of the local organization.