

# GATES COUNTY INDEX

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## Quota For March Of Dimes Topped In Gates County

Gatesville. — Collections for the 1946 March of Dimes from all sources in Gates county this week reached a total of \$830.92, exceeding the county quota of \$775 by \$55.92, Miss Ethel Parker, 1946 drive chairman, has announced.

Miss Parker, in announcing the total, expressed her appreciation to all who contributed towards the drive to fight infantile paralysis, especially the community chairmen, home demonstration clubs, churches, schools, civic organizations, theatres and private individuals.

A number of contributors already have been listed during the Drive weeks, Miss Parker said. Following are additional contributors:

East Corapeake community chairman, Mrs. Elton Hollowell, \$6.33; Reynoldson, Mrs. W. P. Lowe and Mrs. J. N. Eure, \$16.58; Parker's Church, \$9.25; Gates community leader, Mrs. Everett Pittman, \$36.88; Eureka Church, \$16.25; Hobbsville Home Demonstration Club, \$1.38; Gatesville Home Demonstration Club, \$1.00; Eure community chairman, Mrs. T. C. Lawrence, \$12.00; Corapeake Dime Banks, \$2.85; Oak Grove Sunday School, \$5.00; United Daughters of the Confederacy, \$2.00; Mrs. Blanch Smith, \$1.00; Colored Schools of Gates county through T. S. Cooper, \$107.80; Sunbury Home Demonstration Club, \$3.00; Gatesville Juritan Club, \$5.00; Corapeake Home Demonstration Club Dance, \$31.85; Hazelton Dime Banks, \$9.74; Roduco community chairman, Mrs. Charles Eure, \$5.50; Carter's community club, Mrs. B. V. Brown, president, \$23.75; Mrs. G. E. Rountree, Sunbury, \$13.00.

## Services Held At Gatesville For Mrs. Smith

Gatesville. — Funeral services for Mrs. Dixie Hofler Smith, 70, who died Sunday following a long illness, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at Gatesville Methodist church. Rev. T. A. Collins officiated; burial was in Gatesville cemetery.

Mrs. Smith, wife of W. H. Smith of Gatesville, was the daughter of the late R. M. and Celia Hofler. She was an active member of the Gatesville Methodist church and Woman's Missionary Society, and a charter member of the Gatesville chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She is survived by her husband; one brother, J. C. Hofler of Gatesville, and the following nieces and nephews: Miss Dixie Hofler, Gatesville; Robert Hofler, Suffolk; Eugene Hofler, Norfolk; John A. Hofler, Washington, D. C.; William L. Hofler, Richmond; Monroe Hofler, Portsmouth; Roy Hofler, U. S. N.; Jack Hofler, U. S. M. S., Martha Hofler, Portsmouth; Dorothy Bass and Lizzie Lee Cox, both of Hertford, and Helen Hofler of Newport News.

Pallbearers were R. E. Rawls, J. M. Eason, J. W. Brown, J. W. Parker, G. C. Eason and Robin Hood. Honorary pallbearers were friends of the family.

## Bank Of Gates Well Represented At Convention

Gatesville. — Twenty-six persons, all representing "the Bank of Gates," attended the annual district convention of the State Bankers Association in Elizabeth City last weekend.

The delegation, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Robin Hood of Gatesville, included: Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Tazewell Eure, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Godwin, Jr., Marna Godwin, Miss Frances Newsome, Miss Clarine Gatling, John Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daniels, Miss Mary C. Brady of Winton, Gurney P. Hood, state banking commissioner, of Raleigh, Miss Ona Patterson, Jack Humphrey, and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Plyler.

## 4-H Achievement Day Scheduled For Gates Clubs

Gatesville. — More than 400 boys and girls, members of Gates county 4-H clubs, will hold their annual Achievement Day on Saturday, March 2, from two until four o'clock, at the Gatesville Agricultural Building.

Parents and friends of the 4-H members are invited to attend the exercises; all five of Gates county's white 4-H clubs will take part.

Fred Parker, president of the Sunbury club, will preside at the exercises, and a 4-H club member will lead the devotionals. The program will feature the election of 4-H Council officers for 1946.

A roll call of each club will be taken, and each club will present its yearly report of activities. Project winners from each club and county project winners will be announced. Also scheduled is the recognition of the best 4-H club boy and girl in Gates county, and the best Gates county club. These winners will be selected on the basis of completed records and activities during the club year.

Recreation will be under the direction of Miss Ona Patterson and John Artz, county home and farm agents.

## Legion Post Sets February Meeting

Gatesville. — Gatesville Post 136 of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening, February 28, at the American Legion hut at eight o'clock, L. C. Hand, post commander, has announced.

Ed Williams of Ahoskie, commander of the Fourth District, American Legion, will be guest speaker at the meeting. The Post has extended an invitation to all veterans of World War Two, whether they are Legion members or not, to attend. The Gatesville post now numbers 89, about 30 of whom are World War Two veterans, Hand said.



### HEADS U. S. AIR FORCE.

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, a native of Boyertown, Pa., former commander of the Allied air force in North Africa and later commander of all American strategic bombing in Europe and of Japan, has been appointed by President Truman to be chief of the army air forces succeeding Gen. Henry H. Arnold, who recently retired from the army.

## Gatesville Man Injured In Bus-Truck Accident

Roduco. — Stanley Carter, 42, of near Gatesville, suffered painful head injuries and a number of bus passengers were shaken up when a Raleigh-bound Carolina Trailways bus ploughed into the rear end of a stopped truck on the Winton road near Roduco Tuesday evening.

The accident occurred in a blinding rainstorm about 7:55 p. m.

J. E. Messer, of Alexander Park, Va., driver of the bus, told State Highway Patrolman Sergeant A. W. Welch, who investigated the accident, he was proceeding about 25 miles an hour because of the rain when he saw the form of the truck partially blocking the highway in front of the bus. Messer, whose statement was corroborated by several of the passengers, said there were no lights showing on Carter's truck.

Welch said the crash knocked both vehicles off the road, injuring Carter, the owner of the truck, and shaking up the riders. See ACCIDENTS, Page 8

## Harry Langston Named To Gates Fire Warden Post

Gatesville. — Harry Langston, Jr., veteran of World War Two, has been selected by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development to fill the post of chief fire warden for Gates county.

Langston, one of three prospective wardens selected at a recent meeting of the Gates board of County Commissioners, has assumed his duties in Gatesville. Any person desiring a fire permit or any information should see him there.

The new fire warden succeeds Paul Taylor, to whom the board of commissioners granted a twelve-months' leave of absence because of ill health. The selection of Langston was made last week. The names of Clyde W. Harrell and B. B. Powell were also recommended for the fire warden's post by the commissioners.

## Hofler Is Named To Head Gates Election Board

## Baines Injured In Leap From Highway Tractor

Gatesville. — Edgar Baines of Gatesville suffered a fractured right arm last Thursday when he jumped from a tractor he was driving to avoid being hit by a truck.

Baines and L. Glenn Perry of Roduco were on the tractor pulling a road drag for the highway department near Buckam Bridge when, Baines said, a Ford truck hauling a load of log piling swung around a curve and forced the tractor to leave the road. Perry was uninjured. Baines said he jumped to avoid being struck by the truck, which narrowly missed the tractor and drag. Baines said he did not know who was driving the truck. No warrant has been issued in the accident.

## Former Minister In County Takes New England Post

Charleston, S. C. — The Rev. Dr. C. Rexford Raymond, pastor of the Circular Congregational church here for five years, will leave Easter to take a post under the direction of the Congregational Board of Pastoral Supply in Boston.

Dr. Raymond will serve in interim appointments as minister to churches temporarily without pastors.

Before coming to Charleston, Dr. Raymond served a number of years in Gates county North Carolina. He was minister of the churches in Eure, Oak Grove and Damascus.

Dr. Raymond asked to be released from the Circular church pastorate at a called meeting following morning worship last week. The church accepted his resignation and appointed committees to take action on choosing a successor.

## Capt. Williams Due For Discharge

Manila, P. I. — Captain George D. Williams, whose wife Mrs. Mary G. Williams resides at Gatesville, North Carolina, has recently been processed thru the Paranaque Replacement and Disposition Center, south of Manila, and is awaiting transportation to the United States for subsequent discharge under the Army's demobilization system.

Captain Williams is the son of Mrs. George D. Williams, Sr., and the late Dr. George D. Williams of Gatesville.

### PTA SPONSORS PARTY

Sunbury. — There will be a card party in the Sunbury school library Thursday evening, February 28, at 8 p. m. Bridge, rook, set back and rummy will be played. The public is cordially invited.

Gatesville. — Paul L. Hofler of Gatesville was unanimously selected to be recommended for appointment as Chairman of Gates County's Board of Election at a special meeting of the Gates County Democratic Executive Committee here February 20.

The selection of Hofler was made in compliance to a request for a recommendation from state Democratic Executive Committee Chairman William B. Umstead, who formally informed the Gates committee that its former chairman, J. A. Eason, will not be available to fill the post on account of his physical condition. Mr. Eason recently reached his eighty-ninth birthday.

The committee also recommended J. A. Hobbs of Hobbsville as an associate member of the Board of Elections.

In recommending Hofler for the post, the committee endorsed him as "an outstanding, public-spirited young man whose integrity is unquestioned."

At the same time, it authorized by unanimous resolution that its secretary, S. P. Cross, extend to Mr. Eason the Gates county Democrats' "most sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for the faithful loyalty and leadership you have so unstintedly given during the past many years."

The following are members of the executive committee: Marvin Kellogg, chairman; Cross, secretary-treasurer; Ethel Parker, vice-chairman; F. H. Rountree and Mrs. W. A. Ward, Holly Grove; S. C. Baines and Mrs. William John Hayes, Hunters Mill; W. J. Rountree and Mrs. W. L. Riddick, Mintonville; Dr. T. L. Carter and Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt, Gatesville; W. L. Askew and Mrs. T. C. Lawrence, Hall; R. E. Miller and Mrs. G. L. Gatling, Reynoldson, and C. C. Savage and Mrs. B. M. Eure, Basletts.

## Clothing Drive Is Great Success In Gates County

Gatesville. — The Victory Clothing Drive conducted during January and February in Gates county was an outstanding success with a total of 3,176 garments collected, Miss Ona Patterson, Gates County Home Demonstration Agent and chairman of the 1946 drive, announced this week.

At the close of the drive, forty-one boxes of used clothing were taken by truck to Norfolk by Lycyrgus Howell of White Oak.

The following Gatesville women helped pack clothing for shipment: Mrs. Wesley Parker, Mrs. H. B. Lilley, Mrs. J. J. Meeder, Mrs. William Cross, Mrs. John Glenn and Miss Patterson. John Artz, county agent, tied all boxes after they had been packed.

Listed below are the contributions by the five Gates county schools and the various communities in the county, drive chairman, and number of garments contributed:

Sunbury School, Mrs. C. C. Walters and Miss Margaret Mullen, 517.

Gatesville School, Miss Fran-

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