

# GATES COUNTY INDEX

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## Dismal Swamp Is Relieved of Tax or Federal Use

Gatesville.—The Gates County Board of Commissioners yesterday agreed to relieve from county taxation thousands of acres in the eastern part of the county, which is to be purchased by the federal government in the creation of a national forest in the Great Dismal Swamp.

Several thousand acres of land in Gates county which form a part of the western boundary of the Great Dismal Swamp may be affected by the move. At present all the land is privately owned and is valued on the county tax books at \$1.50 an acre. Under the government's proposal the land will be purchased from the private landholders by federal agencies and the entire swamp turned into a national forest.

In return for relieving federal-purchased land from taxation the county will receive twenty-five

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## County Bought More Than Two Million In Bonds

Gatesville.—Gates county residents purchased more than two million dollars in War Bonds and stamps during the War Loan campaigns between 1941 and the end of 1945, final tabulations at the Federal Reserve Bank revealed this week.

More than half the total amount of bonds purchased were in "E" bonds, the sales of which totalled \$1,058,812.75. These figures, received here Monday by Robin Hood, who acted as county chairman of the bond drives, show that Gates county failed to meet its "E" bond quotas only two times during the drives and exceeded its overall quota in every drive but one.

1944 emerged as the peak year for bond sales, there being \$795,317.50 in overall sales during that year.

Hood said the county's average in the sales was exceptionally good for the entire series of drives, keeping well ahead of most of the counties in the state in meeting drive quotas.

The following yearly sales figures were released for Gates county for the five war years: 1941, \$27,121.00 in "E" bonds; 1942, \$196,971.50 in "E" bonds and \$239,535.50 overall sales; 1943, \$299,643.75 in "E" bonds and \$448,723.75 overall sales; 1944, \$298,985.50 in "E" bonds and \$795,317.50 overall; 1945, \$236,091.00 in "E"s and \$516,387.00 in overall sales for the county.

These are all final official figures.

## Sunbury Man Is Discharged

Camp Beale, California.—Cpl. Earl F. Harrell, son of Aubrey P. Harrell, Sunbury, was honorably discharged from the armed forces late last month at the Camp Beale Separation Center. Entering the army in March 1943, Cpl. Harrell was assigned to the Army Air Forces.

During his thirty-five months of service, Cpl. Harrell has earned thirty-five discharge points.

## Gates County Tops 1946 Quota For Red Cross

Gatesville.—Gates County this week reported it has reached and exceeded its quota in the 1946 Fund Raising Campaign for the American Red Cross.

The Rev. T. Sloane Guy, who has been chairman of the Red Cross War Fund drives for the past three years, again was chairman for the 1946 drive. Mr. Guy reported that Gates County was "the first in the state" to reach its quota, but declined to say what this assigned quota was. Mr. Guy said the quota was a great deal smaller than that last year.

A total of \$1,192.20 was reported collected on February 26 from four Gates County townships. The remaining county townships, together with negro collections, have been reported as sufficient to assure reaching and exceeding their quotas, but have not been officially tabulated.

Returns announced this week are: Gatesville Township, quota \$250, total collected \$350.75; Mintonville, quota \$200, collected \$261.60; Hunter's Mill, quota \$200, collected \$298.85; Holly Grove, quota \$250, collected \$281.10.

## Two Times Two!

Corapeake.—The most prolific cow in Gates county is probably owned by George Kittrell of Corapeake.

On December 24, 1944, the cow, a registered Guernsey, gave birth to purebred twin calves, a male and a female.

Less than a year later, on December 11, 1945, another blessed event occurred at the Kittrells', this time it was twins again—two lively bull calves.

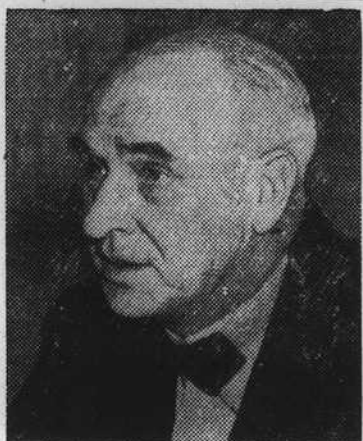
Mrs. Kittrell believes, as who does not, that there is something unique about any production agency that turns out four calves in less than one year.

## Commissioners Draw Jury for March Court

Gatesville.—A Superior Court jury panel of 27 men was drawn here Monday by the Board of County Commissioners. The jurors will serve during the March term of court which opens here Monday, March 25.

The drawing of jurors wound up a full day of activity for the commissioners.

The following men were selected for jury duty from the townships in the county: Holly Grove: Darius Hill and W. K. Parker of Sunbury and Beryl Armstrong and Willis Brinkley of Corapeake; Hunter's Mill—M. H. Byrum and S. E. Nixon of Sunbury, R. A. Brown of Gatesville and Otho Riddick of Trotville; Reynolds—J. R. Howell, W. H.



NEW TREASURY AIDE . . .

O. Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, has been named by President Truman to the post of undersecretary of the treasury. He will act as secretary during the absence of Secretary Vinson, at new world bank meetings.

## Assault Case Bound Over To Superior Court

Gatesville.—Elsworth Harrison, negro, of Gatesville was bound over to the March term of Superior Court under a \$500 bond here Tuesday morning after he had been found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The charge was considered grave enough to warrant its continuation from county recorder's court to a higher court.

Walter Driggs of Suffolk was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly in a public place and fined \$25 and court costs and placed on twelve months' probation. Melvin Riddick, Roduco negro, was found guilty of the illegal removal of crops from land belonging to his landlord, but sentence was remanded to the mere payment of court costs after Riddick had made satisfactory settlement with the landlord.

Only three cases appeared on Tuesday's docket for judgement.

## Dr. Lilley Gets Navy Promotion

Scotland Neck—Word has been received from the Navy Department that Dr. Melvin M. Lilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lilley of Gatesville, recently was selected for promotion to the rank of Commander, Dental Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve.

Lilley is now on inactive duty; nevertheless, he is entitled to receive promotions in rank. He is engaged in private practice here.

Pittman, G. D. Gatling and R. E. Miller of Gates.

Mintonville — Alfred Hollowell and P. D. Hobbs of Hobbsville and Emmett H. Rountree and L. L. Brown of Gatesville; Hall—D. C. Eure, Clyde Eure and G. K. Riddick of Eure; Hayslett—L. B. Ward, Maywood Taylor, J. Huett Freeman and H. Paul Green of Gates; and Gatesville—Karl W. Rawls and George Cowper of Gatesville, G. C. Worrell of Gates and E. Merrill Rountree of Corapeake.

The jurymen selected will sit as a Grand jury in the March term of court and will serve as a panel for which trial juries will be chosen.

## Hathaway Opens Political Race As House Candidate

### Many Veterans Re-enlisting In Regular Army

Gatesville.—Not all the boys getting their discharge from the army are returning to civilian life. A fair percentage of them are re-enlisting and intend to make the army their career, according to Lt. J. B. Smith, who spends Wednesdays from 9:30 until noon in Gatesville.

Lt. Smith, who has recently been assigned to take over permanent recruiting duties in this area, states that some six of 10 veterans who have been discharged from the army are now re-enlisting every week.

Lt. Smith points out that discharged army men can re-enlist within 90 days of their discharge and still retain their old rank. This with the retirement plan, he says, makes an attractive career, especially for the younger men.

## Fourth District Chief Speaks To Legionnaires

Gatesville.—Ed S. Williams of Ahoskie, commander for the Fourth District, made the principal address at the meeting of American Legion Post No. 136 here Thursday night.

Williams told the 38 members and visitors in attendance that there was a need for more work on the part of Legion members toward making the postwar world a better place for returning veterans. He said the Legion was taking an active part in this planning and urged that the principles not be allowed to lag.

Eight World War II veterans joined the Gatesville post at Thursday's meeting. The new members are James Lee Eason of Gatesville, Lankford H. Eure of Eure, Roy E. Hollowell of Hobbsville, Arthur R. Tinkham of Eure, Linwood C. Jones of Corapeake, Dalton M. Parker of Sunbury, Melvin N. Felton of Eure, and Felton D. Landing of Eure.

At the meeting it was announced that Judge Henry Stephens of Warsaw, past national commander, would address the Legion at one of the meetings in the near future if it were possible for him to come.

## Plans Drawn By Health Officials

Gatesville.—Miss Idell Buchan, Divisional Consultant of Public Health Nurses for the State Board of Health, spent Friday in the offices of the Gates county Public Health department assisting the local personnel in laying out a program of work for 1946.

Miss Elizabeth Crouse, public health nurse, said Miss Buchan was complimentary toward the local office and that she had been of much assistance to the Gates county office.

Gatesville. — Clarence P. Hathaway of Holly Grove announced Monday that he would be a candidate for representative to the General Assembly in the May primary.

Hathaway, a young navy veteran of World War II, became the first candidate in the county to announce his candidacy for a political office. This year is election year for a Representative, three members of the Board of County Commissioners, sheriff and clerk of court. None of the other office seekers have announced candidacy.

In announcing that he would seek the office of Representative, Hathaway said he was entering politics for the first time. He has never held any political post in the county.

Hathaway, who is employed by G. B. Morgan of Sunbury, is the son of Mrs. Hattie Hathaway. He was released from the navy in November, 1945, as an ensign after three and one-half years' service. He entered the navy as a third class petty officer and was commissioned after two years. He was on active duty in the North Atlantic and in the Pacific areas during his naval service.

He is a lifelong resident of Gates county.

Hathaway said he was announcing his intention to run for Representative in the belief that the General Assembly was in need of a few recent veterans to get the type of legislation that is needed in a speeded-up world.

## 4-H Achievement Day Awards Made To Top Members

Gatesville.—Dorothy Lawrence of Gatesville and Joe Joe Riddick of Hobbsville were selected as the "Most Outstanding" girl and boy 4-H club members in the Gates county annual 4-H Achievement day here last Saturday.

All the clubs in the county, as well as parents and friends, were on hand for what county agent John W. Artz termed "a highly successful meeting." Eighty-five people attended the meeting in which awards were given to individuals and clubs for their 4-

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## Farm Bureau Will Meet At Hobbsville

Hobbsville. — The quarterly meeting of the Gates County Farm Bureau will be held at the Hobbsville school Friday night, March 8, at 6 o'clock. Officers for 1946 will be elected.

A fish fry and oyster supper beginning at 6 o'clock will be followed by a business meet at 7:30. All Farm Bureau members and their wives are invited, and urged to bring prospective members. An out-of-the-county speaker will be heard, and reports will be given by Gates county delegates who attended the State Farm Bureau convention recently in Winston-Salem.

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