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Three Couples Are Found Guilty In Adultery Case

Gatesville. — Three couples charged with fornication and adultery were told to stay out of North Carolina for two years in last Tuesday's session of recorder's court here.

The six defendants in the cohabitation cases were indicted for living together illegally in a sawmill near Gatesville. All were arraigned on combined charges.

Ernest Jones and Irene Blanton pleaded guilty to the charge and were given suspended sentences upon the payment of fines and court costs. Jones was given a 12 months' suspended sentence and a fine of \$50. The girl received a six months' suspended sentence and a fine of \$25.

Raymond Jones and Josie Blanton pleaded guilty and were given similar sentences. Edward Mason, negro, and Rosa Darden, negro, who were also occupying the mill at the time of their arrest, entered guilty pleas and received sentences suspended upon fine payment. Mason was fined \$50 and Rosa Darden was fined \$10.

All the defendants were placed upon probation to stay out of the state for two years.

On a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, Bob Smith, Gates negro, was bound over to the March term of Superior court under a \$500 bond after probable cause had been found.

Services Are Held For J. T. Carter

Gates. — Funeral services for James Thomas Carter, 91, who died at his home near Gates Monday morning, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Cool Spring Baptist Church by Rev. J. Sidney Cobb, pastor of Reynoldson Baptist Church of which Mr. Carter was a member. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Mandy Carter, five sons, L. S. Carter, Gatesville, J. R. Carter, Conway, L. R. Carter, Newport News, D. E. Carter, W. J. Carter, High Point and one sister, Mrs. Kitty Felton, Tarboro.

Active pallbearers were J. H. King, J. C. Speight, E. B. Speight, C. B. Lee, J. M. King and J. C. Benton.

Honorary pallbearers were friends of the family.

Easter Seal Sale Begins April 1

Gatesville. — Miss Clarine Gatling, chairman of the Gates County League for Crippled children, this week issued a request urging that Gates county citizens contribute to the 1946 Easter Seal Drive, which begins April 1 and extends through Easter, April 21.

The Society for Crippled Children is a private, charitable organization which cooperates with but does not duplicate the work of other public or private agencies, Miss Gatling said. It aids the crippled throughout its area, of all agencies, races and creeds, whether crippled through birth, disease, or accident. The only source of its funds is the contributions received annually from the sale of Easter Seals.



IRAN RIFLEMEN ON THE MARCH . . . Riflemen of Iran marching through the main gates of the Anglo-Iranian oil company plant on the river Shatt Al Arab at the head of the Persian gulf. Some observers believe that oil is at the bottom of the Soviet-Iran crisis and that Russia feels she is entitled to a share of Iran's oil.

Kellogg Announces Precinct Meetings

Gatesville. — Democratic Precinct meetings will be held throughout Gates County Saturday afternoon, April 20, at two o'clock. It was announced this week by Martin Kellogg, chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee.

Time for the Precinct meetings was set here Thursday evening at a special meeting of the Executive Committee, and each chairman present was urged to give notice to his democratic constituents to attend the precinct meetings.

At these meetings, delegates will be appointed to attend the County Convention which will be held in Gatesville the following Saturday, April 27, at two o'clock. One item on the County Convention agenda will be to appoint delegates to the State Democratic Convention which meets in Raleigh in May.

W. J. Rountree was selected as Gates county delegate to the Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh last Saturday evening, receiving two tickets for the dinner.

Gatesville Boy Suffers Broken Leg In Accident

Gatesville. — Elijah Harrell, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrell of Gatesville was painfully injured here Sunday morning, when he was struck by the tail gate of a truck.

The boy's leg was broken, when the tail gate of the horse and mule truck belonging to Lewis Perkins of Gatesville came loose in some unexplained manner and fell on his leg.

Young Harrell was treated by Dr. T. L. Carter of Gatesville and Dr. M. T. Plyler of Whaleyville. He is now resting comfortably at his home here.

Legion Post Sets Meeting for March

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

Officers Elected In County-Wide Teachers' Meeting

Gatesville. — Principals of three of the county's schools were elected officers for 1946 for the Gates county unit of the North Carolina Education Association in a county-wide meeting of school teachers here last Wednesday night.

W. W. Clark, principal of the Hobbsville high school, was elected president of the local unit; Jack P. Humphrey, Gatesville high school principal, vice president, and Mrs. H. T. Downs, Eure principal, secretary-treasurer.

Clark and Humphrey, along with J. Warren George, principal of Sunbury high school, were chosen to represent Gates county at the NCEA convention in Asheville on March 28, 29 and 30. The delegates were given the right to select an alternate to attend the convention in case they could not attend.

Votes were cast in Wednesday's county-wide meeting for officers in the state Educational association. Voted upon were C. W. Phillips, the only nominee for president; Claude Grigg, superintendent of Albemarle schools, and Miss Cordelia Camp, faculty member of Western Carolina Teachers' College, vice-presidential candidates.

W. Henry Overman, superintendent of schools, reported to the meeting on the Leadership conference which he attended in Elizabeth City on March 4, and Humphrey reported on a meeting of the Counseling Institute in Elizabeth City on March 7.

Please Excuse!

In last week's issue of the Index it was mentioned that a sportsmanship banner was awarded in the recent Gates county basketball tournament to the Eure boys' team. This was an error, which we regret. The banner for sportsmanship was awarded to the boys' team from Gates high school. The Index begs the pardon of Captain Sam Guthrie and the other members of the Gates team.

Stevens Praises Gates County For Low Rate of Crime

Hobbsville Community Highly Praises By Farm Bureau

Gatesville. — Members of the Gates County Farm Bureau this week adopted a formal resolution thanking the Farm Bureau Members and ladies of the Hobbsville Community for "a most bountiful dinner" which they prepared for the county bureau's first quarterly meeting in Hobbsville March 8.

Salt - water trout, Lynhaven oysters, green slaw, cornbread and hot coffee were on the menu, and were prepared and served by the ladies of the Hobbsville Community.

The resolution praised the ladies and "their untiring efforts in making this occasion, indeed, one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings our bureau has ever had."

The following ladies were mentioned personally in the resolution:

Mesdames Bob Hendrix, Oscar Riddick, J. L. Rountree, P. D. Hobbs, Martha Rountree, Haywood Bunch, Irvin Hollowell, Ruth Spivey, Ned Rountree, W. W. Clark, Forest Wiggins, Alice Hinton, W. L. Riddick, Virgie Winslow, Mattie Hollowell, Robert Hendrix, E. L. Eure, R. O. Hobbs, Carry Collins, Misses Iona Rountree, Annie Francis Riddick, Marvis Hobbs and Hollie Bunch.

Gatesville Sets Pre-School Clinic

Gatesville. — The pre-school clinic for the Gatesville community will be held at 1:30 p. m., Wednesday, May 1, at the Health Office in Gatesville. All parents are urged to bring children who plan to enter school next year.

The State Board of Health requires every pre-school child to be protected against whooping cough, diphtheria and small pox before he enters school.

If a child has had either of the three mentioned diseases, then it is not necessary to have him protected by immunization.

PARENTS, remember the pre-school date in your community and bring your child to the clinic if he is planning to enter school in the fall of 1946.

Miss Gatling Will Attend Meeting

Gatesville. — Miss Clarine Gatling, head of the Gates county Welfare department, will attend the Child Welfare meeting in Edenton Friday evening.

The meeting, which is the fourth in a series of such meetings, will be conducted by Miss Iris Flythe, field social work representative for the State Board of Public Welfare.

Miss Gatling said the topic for discussion in Friday's meeting will be "Supervising the Child Who Has Been Placed."

Gatesville. — "I have found there is less crime in Gates county than in any county in the state," Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr., presiding judge for the March term of Superior Court, told the Grand Jury in his charge here Monday morning.

Five hours later the March term was completed, in one of the shortest Superior Court dockets in recent years. During the session Stevens dealt out six sentences to five criminal defendants, granted two divorces and called a mistrial in an annulment case.

Criminal Docket

Heaviest sentences were given to Fred and Dan Muse of Elizabeth City, who were each sentenced to three to five years in the state penitentiary on a charge of breaking and entering and receiving stolen property. Both men entered a plea of guilty to breaking into the Armstrong grocery near Sunbury in November, 1944, and carrying away a safe and some \$650 in cash and checks.

The defendants, who are currently serving sentences for a similar crime in Pasquotank county, appeared before the court in their prison garb. Evidence was presented to the court that the two had prison records for entering a laundry in Elizabeth City in 1940 and had just completed one-year terms in the Federal prison in Atlanta for transporting a stolen automobile across a state line.

Judge Stevens, after receiving assurance from the defense attorney that the two would enter pleas of guilty to charges of stealing safes in Chowan and Perquimans counties in coming sessions, pronounced sentence on them.

After evidence had been presented to the court to the effect that forty silver dollars found in the Muse home in Elizabeth City had not been part of the loot of the Sunbury robbery, Dan Muse's young daughter was given the money. The child was given into the custody of her grandparents.

Ellsworth Harrison, negro, was sentenced to eighteen months at hard labor, after he had tendered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

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Pre-Natal, Baby Clinic April 4

Gatesville. — The regular monthly expectant mother and well-baby clinic will be held in the district health department office in Gatesville on the first Thursday, April 4, at 2:00 p. m.

This clinic is for all prenatals, well infants, and pre-school children who are not under the care of a private physician. Vaccinations and inoculations will be given, including whooping cough, diphtheria, smallpox, typhoid, Schick tests, and T. B. tests. All will be given free expect whooping cough. Charts of the babies and pre-school children's weight and ages will be kept to determine their progress.

Problems of feeding and teaching will be discussed. It is requested that mothers bring their babies and children.