

# GATES COUNTY INDEX

The Only Newspaper Published in and for Gates County

Volume 14, No. 33

Gatesville, N. C., Wednesday, April 24, 1946

8 Pages This Week

## County Slated To Go In New Judicial District

Greensboro. — Reorganization of North Carolina's judicial districts, under recommendations of a special commission appointed by Governor Gregg Cherry, would place Hertford, Bertie, Northampton and Gates counties in the second district, along with four other counties.

If the General Assembly approves the reorganization, at its 1947 term, these four counties would all undergo a change in districts. At present, Hertford, Bertie and Northampton are in the third district, with Halifax, Warren and Vance, and Gates is in the first district.

Halifax, Warren and Vance also would go into the second district as would Granville, which is now in the 10th district.

The reorganization would reduce the number of judicial districts in the state from 21 to 19. In addition to this reduction, the commission also will recommend an increase in the salary of solicitors from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

## Zion Community Tops Cancer Goal

Gatesville.—The Zion community has earned the distinction of being the first to over-subscribe its quota in the Cancer Control fund campaign in Gates county, according to an announcement from Miss Ona Patterson, campaign treasurer.

The Zion community reported collection of \$27.60. Its quota was \$25. The campaign in the community was conducted through the Sunday school and home demonstration club with Mrs. James Hudgins, Jr., and Willie Spivey in charge.

The county quota is \$400 and the campaign will end April 30. Others to report are: Parkers church, Mrs. Elton Taylor, \$5.91; Hazelton home demonstration club, Mrs. T. E. Jackson, \$6; Philadelphia Methodist church, Mrs. W. G. Byrum, \$8.09; Eure Christian church, Mrs. J. G. Eure, \$10; Gatesville Woman's club, Mrs. C. C. Parker, \$5; and Gatesville UDC, Mrs. E. R. Roberts, \$2.

## Roanoke-Chowan Baptists Will Attend Meeting

A large number of Baptists from the churches in the Roanoke-Chowan area will attend the annual regional Baptist Training Union convention to be held at Elizabeth City this weekend and three of them will conduct conference sessions.

The Rev. J. B. Folds of Aulander and Miss Josephine Hair of Ahoskie are scheduled to lead "Christian Living" conferences at the Friday afternoon session. Mrs. R. L. Councilman of Windsor will conduct the Methods Conference, scheduled for the Saturday morning session.

The convention will be held at the Blackwell Memorial Baptist church. The opening session will be held at 2:50 o'clock Friday afternoon. There will be an evening session at 7:50 o'clock and Saturday sessions at 9 o'clock and 1:30 o'clock. A banquet will be held at 6 o'clock Friday evening.

The regional convention includes 121 Baptist churches of the Chowan and West Chowan associations.

Dr. F. Orion Mixon of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh, will deliver a sermon at the Saturday morning session. Other addresses will be made by Harvey T. Gibson of Raleigh, state training union secretary, and the Rev. H. L. Arthur of Portsmouth, Va.

## Teacher Allotments Give Gates Problem

Gatesville. — Educational representatives from Raleigh last week with the Gates board of education and members of the Gates district school committee to discuss the allotment for the next school year.

In addition to the members of the district school committee, a number of patrons of the Gates school attended. The members of the district committee are J. E. Lilley, L. G. Parker and R. Edward Miller. Members of the county board of education are H. F. Parker, Mrs. Marian Nixon and S. P. Cross. The meeting was held at the office of W. Henry Overman, superintendent of the county school system.

Those attending from Raleigh were Paul A. Rice, controller of the state board of education, J. E. Hunter, director of teacher allotments, and W. F. Credle, director of schoolhouse planning.

The state officials said that it was going to be necessary to adhere strictly to the attendance system in allotment of teachers for the next school year, which will mean the loss of one teacher in the high school at Gates and two teachers in the elementary schools of the first district—one at Gatesville and one at Eure school. The Gatesville school would gain a high school teacher.

With only one high school teacher allotted at Gates, the district committee took under consideration its plans for next year and the possibility of consolidating its high school grades with the Gatesville high school.

Teacher allotments for the white schools in Gates county for next year are: District one (Gatesville and Eure), seven elementary and four high school; district two (Gates), four elementary and one high school; district three (Sunbury), seven elementary and three high school; district four (Hobbsville), five elementary and three high school.

The Negro schools will lose a teacher in district three and a teacher in district four. The allotments are: district one, ten elementary; district two, eight elementary; district three, twelve elementary and five high school; and district four, five elementary.

## PRENATAL AND WELL-BABY CLINIC ON THURSDAY

The regular monthly prenatal and well-baby clinic will be held in the Gatesville health department office Thursday afternoon, May 2, at 2 o'clock.

## Four Gates Farmers Enter Litters In Cofield Exchange Pig Contest

Gatesville.—Gates county will be well represented in the four-county Ton Litter contest sponsored by the Cofield Livestock Mutual Exchange, four farmers already having notified John W. Artz, farm agent, that they have entered pigs in the event.

The litter in the four contesting counties—Gates, Northampton, Bertie and Hertford—weighing the most will win for their owner a \$25 war bond. A minimum of eight pigs are necessary to qualify for entry in the contest.

W. H. Goodman of Gates was the first farmer in the county to

## Eure Girl Competes In Fashion Revue

Gatesville. — Miss Dorothy Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lawrence of Eure, winner of first prize at Gatesville high school in the fashion show held there, will go to Raleigh May 4 to enter the fashion revue at the state future homemakers rally.

Others to attend the rally from Gates county, are Mary Ann Beamon, president of the local Future Homemakers association, who is a candidate for state office, and Hasseltine Hoffer, who has been elected president of the local chapter for the next school term.

## Legion Post Has Over 100 Members

Gatesville. — When the Gates county post of the American Legion meets at the Legion Hut on Thursday evening it will have on its rolls more than 100 members.

The post passed the 100-membership mark recently upon receipt of membership by Robert G. Morris of Sunbury. Frank E. Pierce of Sunbury became the 101st member.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock and Stephen H. Alford of Elizabeth City, veterans representative of the eastern district, will speak.

The school awards committee, composed of P. L. Hoffer, F. L. Nixon, Felton Landing and Pell Hinton, will meet during the evening to consider citizenship awards for a boy and girl in the 8th grade in each of the schools of the county.

## Miss Brinkley Dies; Native of Gates

Suffolk.—Miss Mary A. Brinkley, 66, died in Williamsburg Sunday after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late James and Martha Speight Brinkley of Gates County.

She is survived by three brothers, Junius, Junius, Glenwood and James Wilbur Brinkley, of Driver, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted at the grave in Cedar Hill Cemetery at 3 p. m., on Tuesday by Dr. I. W. Johnson, pastor of Berea Christian Church.

## Contract Submitted For Highway No. 158 Alternate In Gates County

A low contract of \$78,542.50 for grading and surfacing a section of road between Roduco and Sunbury in Gates county was submitted to the State Highway and Public Works Commission last week.

## Rites Conducted For Mrs. Hayes

Gatesville. — Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Hayes were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Gatesville Methodist church by the Rev. T. A. Collins, assisted by the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Sr.

The following hymns were sung: "Sunrise Tomorrow," by Mrs. T. Sloane Guy, Sr.; and "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," by the choir.

Active pallbearers were: W. R. and G. C. Worrell, D. S. and F. H. Rountree, A. E. Wester, S. C. Baines, Garland Russell and C. F. Copeland. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Hayes died Monday, April 15, after a brief illness.

## STATE 4-H CLUB LEADER TO VISIT GATES COUNTY

Gatesville. — Miss Ruby Pearson, assistant state 4-H club leader from State College Station, will be in Gates county on Friday, April 26, for a conference with the home demonstration and county farm agents.

The contract, submitted by Dickerson company of Monroe, was opened at a meeting of the State Highway and Public Works Commission at which bids on numerous other projects were opened. It is likely that the contracts will be let by the commission within a short time.

The stretch of road in Gates county to be paved is 2.76 miles of highway No. 158, providing a cutoff that would bypass Gatesville. The new section would branch off from the present No. 158 about two miles northwest of Gatesville and re-enter highway No. 158 approximately three miles east of Gatesville.

The new road would cross highway No. 37 about two miles north of Gatesville.

This route is one of the two for which grading and paving is sought in Gates county. The other dirt road leaves highway No. 158 just west of Roduco and connects with highway No. 37 between Gates and Drum Hill. This route would reduce by approximately nine miles the distance between Winton and Suffolk. The present dirt road is much traveled during good weather.

## School Closing Program To Start

Gatesville.—Activities in connection with completion of the current school year begin at the Gatesville school this week, when the music class of Mrs. T. E. Pittman presents a piano recital on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

As the school will not have a graduating class this year, due to inauguration of the 12th grade next fall, there will be no baccalaureate sermon and commencement program. A religious service will be held at the school on Sunday, May 5, at 11:15 o'clock, however, with the Rev. Worth Wicker, Episcopal rector, delivering the sermon. Students, their parents and friends will attend.

On Tuesday, May 7, there will be a closing program at the school at 8 p. m., at which certificates will be awarded to those advancing to the ninth grade. Other awards also will be made at this time. Those to receive certificates are: Fred Starling, Eris Eure, Edith Cross, Reba Smith, Melba Hobbs, Annie Mary Howell, Edna Mae Harrell, Mary Elizabeth Spivey, Ray Lassiter, Willis Carter, Helen Rountree and Bill Eure.

The students who will participate in the piano recital are Kay Brown, Carolyn Hoffer, Betty Lou Umphlett, Mary Ann Hoffer, Katie Askew, Page Lilley, Erleon Lilley, Mary Spivey, Reba Smith, Melba Hobbs, Edith Cross, Hasseltine Hoffer and Amaryllis Lang.

The Sunbury, Gates and Hobbsville schools will complete the current term on May 7 and the Eure and Gatesville schools close on May 8. All Negro elementary schools close on April 30 and the Negro high school closes on May 3.

Principals of the white schools will meet at the board of education office on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock to discuss final reports and the closing of the school.

## Registration Books Open Saturday; Democratic County Meet Same Day

Gatesville.—Registration books for voters in Gates county will be opened at the polling places on Saturday, April 27, P. L. Hoffer, chairman of the county board of elections, has announced.

Registrars will beat the polling places for three successive Saturdays from 9 a. m., until sunset, according to the announcement. Democrats who have not registered previously for either a party primary or general election must register in order to be eligible to vote in the May primary, Hoffer said.

Challenge day will be on Saturday, May 18, and the primary

will be held on May 25. Voters may register with the registration officials at any time during the three-week registration period, but the officials will only be at the polling places on the three Saturdays.

Hoffer said the list of registrars had not been completed, but would be announced during the week.

Democrats held precinct meetings last Saturday and will meet this Saturday at 2 o'clock at the Gates county courthouse in a county convention, at which delegates will be named to the state convention.