

# GATES COUNTY INDEX

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**VICTOR WINS AWARD . . .** Little Hiland Moore, Jr., 18 months, left, collecting a kiss from a losing competitor, Donaileen Winter, 17 months, after winning first prize in a Brentwood community, Pittsburgh, baby parade, held as part of the borough's celebration.

## Service Flag Can Soon Come Down

Corapeake. — A service flag containing three blue stars soon will be taken from the window of the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. White when their family is reunited after a separation of more than four years.

Marvin P. White has arrived at the home of his parents bringing with him from Lake Wales, Fla., his wife and little son; Peyton, Jr. Marvin was formerly a sergeant with the Army Air Forces and served in various theaters of war.

Another son, Gerald Franklin, recently discharged from the Navy at Camp Shelton, Va., had served in the hospital corps for two years.

The third son, Forest David, is enroute home from the Philippine Islands for discharge. He has served with an Army Harbor Craft unit for the last 18 months.

To make the family reunion complete, a daughter, Mrs. E. R. Stuber and her son, Larry, have arrived at the White home from Norfolk, Va.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED TWO COUPLES

Gatesville. — The following couples were issued marriage licenses in Gatesville during the past week:

Mary Elizabeth Boone of Gates and William Richardson of Five Creek Mills, Va.

Husie S. Cross of Washington, D. C., and Hetta D. Griffin of Corapeake, Negroes.

## Did You Miss Him Last Week?

Gatesville. — Did you miss something in your copy of the Gates County Index last week?

Due to the newsprint shortage it was necessary to omit the Lone Ranger in order to print all of the news. The Index plans to resume the Lone Ranger as soon as space permits.

Let us hear from you, if you miss his weekly adventures.

## Parker Selected To Attend Camp

Gates. — Responding to a call put out last week by John W. Artz, Gates County farm agent, Murray Parker, 16, was selected as the boy to attend the forestry camp at Lake Singletary.

Murray, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Parker, has been a 4-H club member for the past five years and is now the president of the Gates branch of this club.

At camp recently in Jamestown, Parker was chosen as the "best-all-around camper" from 40 boys representing three counties. During his stay at the forestry camp, which will be held in the last week of August, Parker will receive training in the latest forestry methods and related subjects.

The forestry camp is being sponsored by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation association, the Champion Paper and Fibre company and the North Carolina Pulp company.

## School Libraries Above Average

Raleigh. — A state-wide survey of school libraries revealed that Gates county is well above average on a volumes-per-pupil basis. With high and elementary schools combined, Gates county school libraries have eight volumes per student to place it third among the 100 counties listed in the survey. This compares favorably with the 4.7 average for the state.

Elementary schools in the county have 5.3 volumes per pupil in their libraries against the state's 3.2 average while the high schools in Gates county have 17.9 volumes to the state's average 12.4.

While the Negro schools in Gates County did not show such a spectacular rise above the state's on the volumes-per-pupil basis, figures revealed that the number of volumes in Negro school libraries throughout the state have increased from 104,830 in 1930 to 507,867 in 1945 or nearly a 500 per cent gain.

## Army Lists 12 War Dead From Gates County

Washington. — In a booklet prepared by the War Department to honor the Army's World War II dead, the names of 12 men from Gates county are listed. The list did not include casualties sustained by other branches of the service.

The War Department release pointed out that this listing was a preliminary one and, because of its scope, might contain errors which would be rectified when determined.

The report lists 9 Gates county men as having been killed in action and 3 as non-battle deaths. The listing was as follows:

Killed in action—T/5 Jesse J. Bond, T/5 Norman E. Buck, T/5 Luther A. Eure, PFC. Sawney C. Eure, Pvt. William E. Everett, PFC. Daniel C. Jones, S/Sgt. Thomas H. Langston, Pvt. George D. Sparkman, 1st Lt. Guy W. Wilkes, Jr.

Non-battle deaths—Cpl. Shirley R. Bunch, Cpl. Lloyd Eure and 2nd Lt. Harry L. Mathews.

## Land Transfers Recorded

Gatesville. — The following deeds have been registered in Gatesville during the earlier part of July:

C. H. Riddick to Bertha Emily Riddick, et al, tract of land in Huntersmill township.

Ethel P. Morgan to E. L. Boyce, five acres tract of land in Holly Grove township.

Claudia P. Lee, et al, to Paul Rice, tract of land in Holly Grove township.

The town of Winton to W. D. Armstrong and Mae Armstrong for \$6,700, two tracts totalling 218 acres on Bennett's Creek.

Jack Stallings and wife to Cunice Riddick, 93 acre tract in Huntersmill township.

R. J. Hendricks and wife to Robert Hendricks, tract in Mintonsville township.

Sallie M. Jenkins to Walter C. Rawls, tract of 400 and 169 acres in Gatesville township.

Junie P. Briggs and wife to Walter H. Briggs, property in Huntersmill township.

J. H. King and wife to Purnell Whitney, 1/8 acre tract in Drum Hill.

## Sam King Home From Overseas

Drum Hill. — After two years of foreign service, Seaman first class Samuel King, of the U. S. Coast Guard, is visiting with his mother. This is King's first visit home since he enlisted more than two years ago.

The son of Mrs. Eva King, Samuel has three brothers that have seen active service during the war. Two brothers, Chief Petty Officer B. H. King, stationed in Philadelphia and Sergeant J. J. King, now in Hawaii, are still in service.

Samuel will be at home until August 3, at which time he will return to his ship in San Francisco.

## BABY CLINIC

Gatesville. — The prenatal and well-baby clinic will be held in Gatesville at the Health Department on August 1 at 2 o'clock.



## PAL SAVED FROM POUND

. . . Donald Hinton, 12, bound for South Dakota from Los Angeles, didn't have enough money to pay for shipping his dog, King. Los Angeles paper, hearing that he must be parted from dog he raised from a puppy, came forward with the money for King's transportation, after Donald was unable to earn enough money to take his pet to South Dakota.

## Leland Riddick Dies In Hospital

Sunbury. — Leland S. Riddick, 49, of Sunbury, died at 12:30 a. m. Tuesday in Norfolk General hospital after a brief illness. Mr. Riddick was a member of the Roundtree and Riddick firm of Sunbury.

He is survived by his father, George Riddick; two brothers, Fletcher Riddick of Trotville and Howard Riddick of Richmond; and two sisters, Mrs. Marie Hanna of Suffolk and Mrs. Nat Perkins of Norfolk.

Burial will be in the Sunbury cemetery. Other funeral arrangements have not been completed.

## Forest Fire Record Good

Plymouth. — So far this year no fires have burned forest land owned by the North Carolina Pulp Company in Gates county, George Curry, head of the company's wood and land department, announced this week.

"During this time," he continued, "29 fires have burned 1,612 acres of our holdings in 20 north-eastern North Carolina counties. These ranged in area from one half acre to two hundred acres. The 200-acre tract was in an isolated section and the fire was not discovered until it was widespread.

"With holdings such as ours, we must depend upon public cooperation to keep the number of fires and the acreage burned down to a minimum. We believe we will get the cooperation we need when the public realized the loss the community suffers when fire destroys future employment and payrolls for its people. The acres of burned forest represents a considerable loss. Much of it could have been prevented by more prompt action. Such fires are more easily put out if caught when they first start. After they have spread over a considerable area, they are apt to get beyond control and cause wide-spread damage. All fires should be reported as soon as discovered to the county fire warden, the district fire warden, or our company will gladly pay collect charges on phone calls reporting fire on our lands or on lands near our holdings."

## School District To Again Present Request To State

Gatesville. — Patrons of the Gates school district plan to again present to the State board of education at its meeting on July 25 their request for an additional teacher for the high school there.

Following a request presented at the state board of education's meeting last month, it was thought that all matters pertaining to operation of the high school at Gates for the 1946-47 term had been settled. A delegation from Gates appeared at the meeting and returned to Gates county with the report that the state board had authorized continuance of the high school.

An official allocation of teachers was received later, however, which still listed only one high school teacher for Gates county. The patrons of the Gates school district have been seeking allocation of two teachers.

The original allotment of teachers provided only one for Gates high school and consolidation of the high school with one of the other high schools in the county had been recommended.

The county board of education and the school district have not been able to secure any information as to the status of the teacher situation since the meeting of the state board last month and the subsequent allocation.

## Ernest R. Eure Commits Suicide

Gates. — Ernest Riddick Eure was found dead at his home about 9:30 on the morning of July 19. Acting coroner S. P. Cross described the wound as self-inflicted and rendered a verdict of suicide at an inquest.

Mr. Riddick is survived by five brothers, Howard R. and B. M. Eure of Gates; E. L. Eure of Hobbsville; H. C. Eure of Suffolk and Milton C. Eure, U. S. Merchant Marine; four sisters, Miss Hazel Eure of Gates; Mrs. C. C. Jones of Apex; Mrs. Harry Parker of Eure and Mrs. C. G. Cotton of West Collingswood, New Jersey.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. at the residence. Services were conducted by the Reverend J. M. Roberts and the burial was in the family cemetery. Active pallbearers were J. H. Wiggins, J. E. Lilley, E. Lloyd Freeman, Clifton Holland, C. V. Cross, G. L. Gatling, H. C. Eason and R. E. Miller.

## REVIVAL SERVICES

Gatesville. — Revival services will begin at Eure's Christian church on Monday, August 26.

## One Watermelon Already Weighed

Gatesville. — The watermelon contest sponsored by the Gates County index already has one entry. L. C. Harrell of Eure is the owner of the 31-pound melon now on display in the window of the Index office. The winner will receive a two-year subscription to the Index. The runner-up will receive a one-year subscription so come on you melon growers and let us see your champ!