

# GATES COUNTY INDEX

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**NEW OPA DECONTROL BOARD** . . . Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, in brief ceremony held in Federal Reserve board offices in Washington, swore in members of new OPA decontrol board, who will have control over future price ceilings. Left to right: George H. Mead, Dayton, O., Roy L. Thompson, New Orleans, Daniel W. Bell, Washington, D. C., Dr. John Steelman and Justice Hugo Black. The first three named are members of the new board.

## Home Club Group To Attend Course

Gatesville. — Seventeen Gates county home demonstration club members have registered for Farm and Home Week to be held at State College August 19-23.

They will leave from Sunbury at 9:30 o'clock, Monday morning, August 19.

Miss Ona Patterson, county home agent, who also will attend the program, said classes to be conducted would include home management and house furnishings, family life, clothing, speech, the niceties of everyday living, health, freeze in the goodness and from rags to rugs.

The Gates county women, registered for the event, are:

Mrs. C. H. Carter, Mrs. J. H. Bunch, Mrs. A. E. McCotter, Mrs. E. L. Eure, Mrs. Ruth Spivey, Mrs. Oscar Riddick and Mrs. F. G. Wiggins of the Hobbsville club, Miss Ethel Parker of the Gatesville club, Mrs. Otho Riddick and Mrs. E. A. Benton of the Trotville club, Mrs. W. L. Askew and Mrs. T. C. Lawrence of the Eure club, Mrs. G. C. Worrell of the Middle Swamp club, Mrs. W. T. Council of the Ariel club, Mrs. W. W. Powell and Mrs. M. A. Peery of the Corapeake club and Mrs. A. F. Stallings of the Sandy Cross club.

### CLINIC ON TUESDAYS

Sunbury. — The Sunbury clinic, which has been held every Friday afternoon, will be changed to Tuesdays at 2 p. m. beginning on Tuesday, September 3.

## Pollock to Organize Class for Veterans

Gatesville. — After spending three and one half years in the armed service and seven months in N. C. State college, completing graduate work for his master degree in agricultural education, Graham Pollock has returned to Gatesville to resume his duties as teacher of agriculture in the Gatesville school.

He plans to organize training classes for veteran farmers as soon as forms arrive from the Raleigh office and is anxious for interested veterans from Gatesville and Gates School District to contact him immediately.

## Farmers To Get Pay For Certain Forestry Work

Elizabeth City. — Gates county farmers are entitled to reimbursement for certain forestry practices, it has been announced by District Forester James B. Hubbard.

In a memorandum to all county fire wardens, Hubbard explained that the reimbursement plan was not carried out last year due to an oversight by the AAA office, but that the counties would cooperate this year.

Under the reimbursement plan, farmers can improve their land, help to safeguard it from fire and receive compensation for it, Hubbard stated.

The projects and the amounts by which the farmers will be reimbursed is as follows: Planting, \$4.50 per acre fire line plowing, \$2.00 per 1,000 feet of seven foot line, stand improvement, \$3.00 per acre.

The farmer will have to contact his county agent or AAA representative and make application for reimbursement and explain his forestry project.

Hubbard went on to say that while the farmer will benefit greatly from the program in that his office charges \$6.00 per mile for fire line construction while the AAA compensates the farmer with a payment of approximately \$10.00 per mile.

## Nine Teacher Vacancies In Gates County

Gatesville. — Out of thirty-five state authorized teaching positions in Gates county, nine positions are vacant, W. Henry Overman, superintendent of schools in this county reported.

With the opening of schools just three weeks off, the situation is exceedingly grave, Overman said. Asked what effect the shortage of teachers would have on the schools and their opening date, Overman replied that he did not know as never before have so many positions remained unfilled.

Overman appealed to those persons qualified to teach, that are not engaged at present, to accept the positions or to act as substitute teachers. Those who will consider teaching should contact either Overman or the principal of the school in which they desire to be employed.

The schools having vacancies are as follows: One position is open in Eure elementary school, two are open at the Gatesville high school, a principalship is vacant at Gates high school, one high and two grammar grade positions are open at Sunbury and one high and one grammar grade are open at Hobbsville.

### SHERIFF OVERMAN ATTENDS CONVENTION

Gatesville. — Representing Gatesville at the convention of North Carolina sheriffs held last Thursday night was Sheriff L. F. Overman, accompanied by his wife.

On Friday, D. Victor Meekins, sheriff of Dare county entertained the delegates and their wives at a fish fry, a tour of Roanoke Island and a presentation of the Lost Colony.

## You Can't Keep A Good Man Down

Eure. — One crash resulting in a broken leg hasn't changed the mind of John E. Rountree concerning the advantages of air travel. He recently purchased another plane and is resuming flights.

Rountree's accident occurred last March when his plane struck a fencepost during an emergency landing.

The new plane is of the same type as the first and Rountree is using the same field, near the home of Pugh Hayes, as his landing place.

In spite of his previous accident, Rountree said he prefers transportation by air to highway travel because it is safer.

## Price Control Office Moved

Gatesville. — Price control in Gates county came under the jurisdiction of the Pasquotank County Price Board Thursday with the closing of the Ahoskie OPA office, Roland Sawyer, head of price control in 17 Northeastern North Carolina counties has announced.

Gates and Hertford counties were formerly under control of the Ahoskie office. Hertford county now is under the Williamston office, Sawyer said.

Gates county price files were moved to Elizabeth City late Thursday and from now on all applications and complaints from Gates should be sent to the Pasquotank county office, Sawyer said.

Closing of the Ahoskie office was part of a state-wide consolidation program, he added.

## Plan Baptism In Chowan River

Corapeake. — Revival services at Eureka church were concluded Sunday. The services had been in progress for one week and were conducted by the church pastor, the Rev. Ralph Ferguson. There were 24 additions by letter, statement and requests of baptism. The candidates for baptism from the three churches in Reverend Ferguson's parish will assemble at Cannon's Ferry on Sunday, August 18, and will be baptized in the Chowan river.



**BATTLE TO WIN PEACE.** . . . Sec. of State James F. Byrnes, head of U. S. delegation to the Paris peace conference, is shown in his place at the long-awaited peace conference of 21 victorious nations in the palace of Luxembourg, Paris.

## Joint Home Club And Farm Bureau Picnic Held

Colerain Beach. — Addressing some 450 persons at a joint picnic held by the home demonstration clubs and the Gates county Farm Bureau, R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the state farm bureau, warned of the existence of pressure groups in Washington that are seeking the help of those congressmen whose offices they are in their labor organizations.

Shaw said that the groups' influence had already reached dangerous proportions where farming interests and organizations were concerned. He stated that the immediate outlook for farming is good and told his audience that they held the power to increase their position of influence in governmental affairs.

The secretary reviewed the record of the Farm Bureau in North Carolina and explained that it has grown from a group of 2,200 to over 44,000 and that it should keep right on growing. He suggested 100,000 as the membership goal for the 1946-47 campaign. He stressed the fact that the more members in the organization, the greater influence in Washington.

John W. Artz, county farm agent presiding, thanked Shaw for his address and assured him that Farm Bureau members would make special efforts to increase their membership during this campaign.

Both the Farm Bureau and the home demonstration clubs held business meetings at the picnic.

Swimming, games and stunts composed the recreation offered and many prizes were awarded. Among those recognized during this part of the program were Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Rountree as the couple who had been married the longest, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stallings of Hobbsville as the most recently married couple. The couple that traveled the greatest number of miles in coming to Colerain was Mr. and Mrs. George C. Daniels of Corapeake. Mrs. Haywood Bunch was awarded a prize for having the largest number of articles in her pocketbook.

In a clothes hanging contest, Doris Jean Rountree, hanging out men's clothing, bested Fred Stallings, who was hanging ladies garments. The girl's candy kiss scramble was won by Catherine Whitehurst of Gates with Douglas R. Turner of Gates the victor in the boy's candy kiss scramble.

A handmade quilt was won by the Farm Bureau secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Otho Riddick were awarded prizes for having secured the greatest number of memberships for the farm bureau during its last campaign.

Gurnie Eure of Eure was the winner of the corn shelling contest. In the weight guessing contest, Mrs. P. D. Hobbs came within half a pound of the correct weight of the basket of eggs.

### HEALTH NURSE TO TAKE VACATION

Gatesville. — Mrs. Elizabeth H. Crouse, public health nurse, will be on vacation during the last two weeks of August, and all persons desiring vaccinations or other services are urged to report to the Health Department office in Gatesville on Friday mornings between 11 a. m. and 12 noon.

Dr. W. R. Parker, district health officer, will be in charge.

## Mrs. Nettie Eure Buried Last Week

Murfreesboro. — Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, August 6, for Mrs. Nettie Cora Eure, at the Eure Christian church, with the Rev. J. W. Roberts, pastor of the Christian church of Windsor, Va., officiating. Interment followed in the family cemetery near Eure.

Mrs. Eure, 68, died early the preceding Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Benton of Ahoskie, route 2. She had been in ill health for several months.

Mrs. Eure was the widow of Nat J. Eure and daughter of the late Tom Matthews and Mary Matthews of Gates county. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. David Umphlett of Eure, Mrs. H. R. Felton of Colerain and Mrs. M. C. Benton of Ahoskie, with whom she had lived for the past 12 years; four sons, Thomas Eure, Nat E. Eure and H. L. Eure of Ahoskie, and Sam H. Eure of Suffolk, Va.; one brother, Thomas Matthews of Gates; and a half-sister, Mrs. Rose Harrell of Suffolk, Va.

### QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT ZION CHURCH

Zion. — The fourth Quarterly conference of the Gatesville Methodist Charge will be held at Zion Methodist church Sunday afternoon, August 25 at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. J. Herbert Miller, district superintendent, will preach and preside.

## Two-Year-Old Boy Swallows Part Comb

Gatesville. — Two-year-old Larry Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Williams, was rushed to Norfolk General hospital last Monday after swallowing two teeth from a comb on which he had been chewing.

While X-rays failed to locate the bits of plastic, it is believed that they are lodged in the child's lung. The X-rays did reveal a cloudiness of the lung, which may have been caused by the teeth.

Larry has been brought back to the Williams' residence near Eason Cross Roads but, as yet, the teeth have not been removed.