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## Scholarship Committees To Be Formed This Week

Gatesville. — Walter C. Rawls and his wife of St. Louis, Mo., are again offering a cash award of \$100 each to the outstanding white and Negro high school senior to graduate from the public schools of Gates County this spring.

The awards are being made in memory of Mrs. Rawls' late mother, Mrs. Henrietta Jenkins Freeman who was a life resident of the county.

During this week the Gatesville, Sunbury and Hobbsville Ruritan Clubs are being contacted in an effort to form a committee to handle the awards. The presidents of these three clubs have been asked to either serve or select a club member to serve on a committee to handle the nominations. The awards will be made during spring graduation exercises.

In the white schools, principals, R. L. Shirlen, T. J. Jessup and Ernest Askew have been contacted and requested to nominate an outstanding senior to compete for the awards. In the Negro schools principals, I. H. Barcliff and H. F. Creecy will be contacted to send in their nominations for the Negro award.

The three Ruritan clubs have been asked to form the scholarship committees as they are representative of their respective school districts and the leading civic organizations in the county. The Negro PTA presidents are being asked to form a committee to handle the Negro awards.

The committee last year drew up five rules to govern the selection by the school principals. It is believed that the same rules will be used this year.

They are as follows:  
1. Scholarship—An abstract of the high school scholastic record of the nominee.  
2. Personal Appearance—Information relating to the personal appearance of the nominee at and from school.

3. Evidence of the quality of the nominee's leadership in the school and its activities.  
4. Evidence of the quality of the nominee's leadership in the community and its activities.

All school principals are being requested to send in only typewritten nominations and they should be in the offices of the Gates County Index, not later than midnight April 15 this year.

## Smith, Chappell At Ft. Jackson

Fort Jackson, S. C.—Private Luther L. Smith son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Smith of Gatesville and private Cleve H. Chappell son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve H. Chappell, Sr., of Gatesville, has been assigned to B Battery, 516th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion for basic training.

They will spend the next eight weeks here learning the fundamentals of being a soldier. This includes classroom lectures in such subjects as Military Courtesy and First Aid, and Combat field problems involving the use of the M-1 rifle, which he will learn to fire on various ranges.

After eight weeks of training with the 101st Airborne Division, the trainee is given about 14 days leave. He may return here for eight more weeks of infantry training, or he may be assigned to one of the many Army schools.

## Health Department Give Review Of Year's Work

By MRS. E. H. HAYES, PHN Staff Education

Dr. James A. Fields, Health Officer, and W. S. Grimes, San., attended the N. C. Public Health Association meeting held in Raleigh September, 1954. Dr. Fields attended the State Medical Association meeting, May, 1954; and the March of Dimes meeting in Elizabeth City in December. Mrs. R. E. Rawls and Mrs. E. H. Hayes attended a meeting on Health Isolation in Elizabeth City, Oct. 18, 1954; Mrs. Hayes attended a School Health Meeting in Edenton March 25, 1954. Mr. Grimes attended a two-day course at N. C. State College in Raleigh on the subject of Dairymen and Sanitation; and a four-day course at Chapel Hill on Sanitation. Mrs. Hayes attended a two-day Premature Institute at Williamston, N. C., in May and a three-day workshop on Midwives in July, at Colerain, N. C.

The leading major health problems are dental defects, of all

## Gates County BRIEFS

Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

Just this week we published a column about how the ladies were our only readers. Now comes word that a man in or near Ahoskie read one of our columns a number of times before going to bed. Then he arose early the next morning and clipped the piece to file away for future reference. Maybe we do have some men readers too. We hope.

"You're not driving your car after you pass sixty-five miles an hour. You're aiming it."

Husband (calling to wife, sick in bed): "I can't find the tea, dear."

Wife: "I don't know why not. It's right in front, on the cupboard shelf, in a cocoa tin marked 'matches'."

Left our annual winter cold down in Florida but the blamed thing must have hitch-hiked a ride home for it overtook us last Saturday. Haven't been able to draw an easy breath since.

"To me," said one, "he's a pain in the neck."  
"Funny," said the other, "I had a much lower opinion of him."

This week we are featuring a number of "dollar days" ads from our friends in Suffolk. We will appreciate everyone looking them over and paying our advertisers a visit. They are offering us some big bargains and this is the time to stock up while we can save.

## Day of Prayer At Core Church

Eure—Eure's Christian Church members will observe the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday night, February 25 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Eure beginning at 7:30.

The entire service in booklet form will be used that was secured from the General Department of United Church Women (The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.) From the above booklet, there will be 125 countries to observe this World Day of Prayer this year. You are invited to attend.

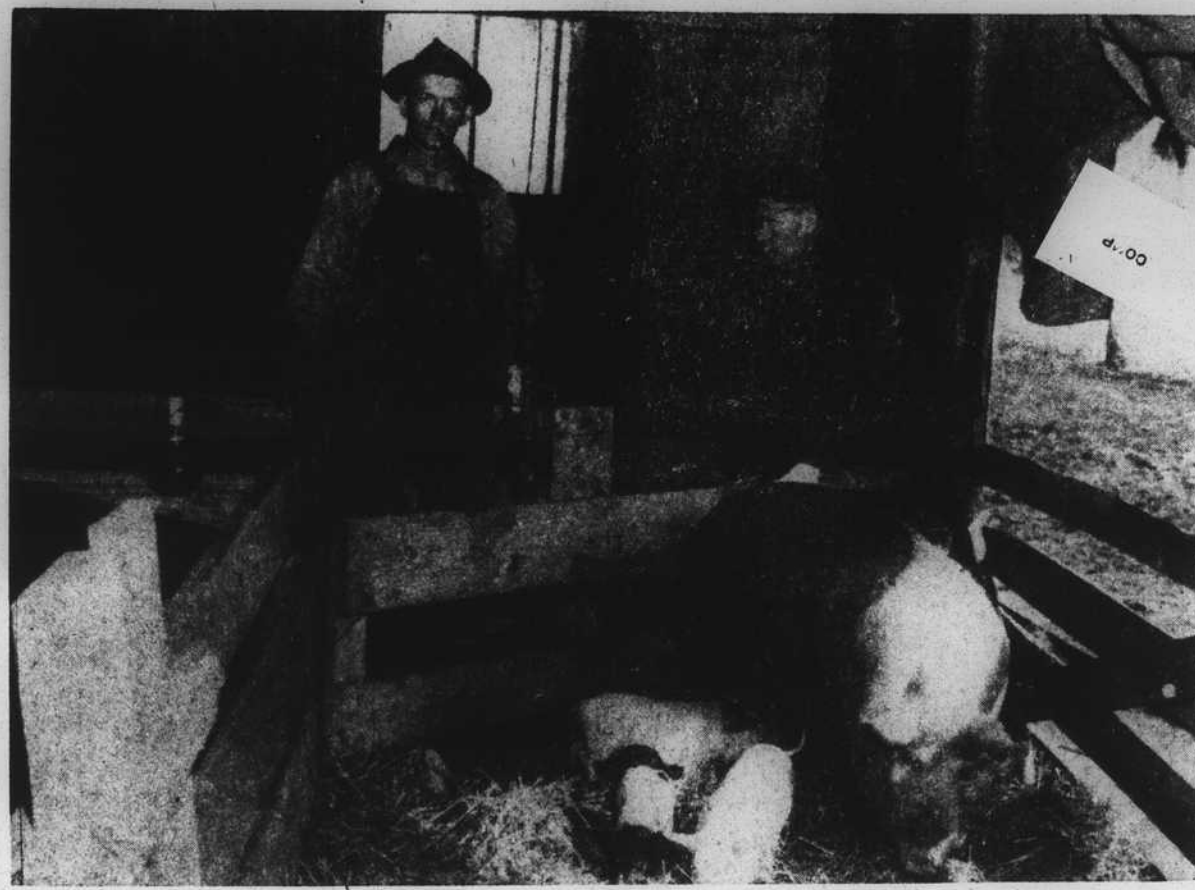
## Three Clubs Hold Joint Meeting

Hobbsville.—All husbands were invited to the Trotville, Hobbsville and Sandy Cross joint Home Demonstration meeting Wednesday night, February 17, at the Hobbsville School building.

Fred Hawkins from the Department of U. S. Savings Bonds, Greensboro, spoke on the importance of buying bonds.

Charles Williams, farm manager specialist from Raleigh, made a speech explaining the facts about Social Security and Income Tax for the farmers.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.



**MATERNITY WARD**—The accompanying picture shows one of six large gilts and part of her 10-pig litter enjoying family life on the Marvin Wiggins farm near Trotville. This happy family is living in a 6 by 10 foot apartment which has been converted from a laying house to a farrowing house. Please note the board panel across the left corner of the temporary pen and the 250 watt infrared lamp hanging over it. Also notice the space between the panel and the straw-covered floor to allow the new-born to run in and out from under the heating unit. Shown in the background is the owner, Wiggins, left, and County Agent Artz, right. (Photo by Morris.)

## Marvin Wiggins Invents Maternity Pen For Pigs

By JOHN ARTZ

Trotville.—Marvin Wiggins had four gilts to farrow during January, the coldest, snowiest month in many years, without the loss of even one pig from being chilled or frozen. "In cold weather during past years when pigs were born I always lost several," said Wiggins, "but that was due to poor management on my part and not the sows. I failed to provide heat and protection from cold or rainy weather at farrowing time."

The owner has six temporary pens equipped like the one shown here and with a gilt and pigs in each. A feed and water trough is in one end but not shown. Wiggins states the lumber, wire and infrared bulbs, all of which can be used over and over again, cost approximately \$50, labor not included.

Carlton Morris, widely read editor of The Gates County Index, was on the spot to take these pictures and to add his words of good will in a tape-recording of the project. Maxine, Wiggins' farm-mingled wife, stood near-by during the proceedings but we couldn't get her to say "nary" a word.

Incidentally, the recording came out on WGAI last Friday and will be heard over WRCS, Ahoskie, Monday February 23, 12:15-12:30.

Wiggins is enthusiastic about this method of saving new-born pigs when farrowed in cold, rainy or otherwise bad weather and he hopes to make it a regular practice in the future.

Knowing the approximate time the gilts were supposed to farrow, Wiggins placed his six gilts in six well-bedded pens and hung the infrared lights several days ahead of the expected time. Then when the blessed event took place and after the off-spring had their first self-service meal, they soon scampered to the warm spot in the corner. They tell us that a healthy pig, seeing light for the first time is valued at three to five dollars. This owner is trying to cut down this inexcusable loss, which he admits is due to carelessness and poor management. A nother mighty good practice to follow in raising pigs says Wiggins, is to cut the eight teeth out with a pair of side-cutting pliers just as soon as they are born and even before they nurse. These teeth, four upper and four lower, are sharper than tacks and a menace to the mother.

(Wiggins desires to give James F. Welton, field representative of the VEPCo, Elizabeth City, much credit for helping install the first lights and advising in the project.)

## WCS Meeting Last Wednesday

Gates.—The regular monthly meeting of the Womens Society of Christian Service of Kittrells Methodist Church was held in the home of Mrs. R. G. Owens Wednesday night, February 16. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. R. E. Miller. The Theme of the program was "The Divine Power," which was by Mrs. C. V. Cross Sr. Scripture reading was given by Mrs. C. V. Cross, Jr. Others taking part on the program were Mesdames M. L. Greene and T. W. Parker. Mrs. D. A. Willey closed the program with prayer.

Mrs. T. W. Parker secretary of the society read the minutes of the January meeting which were approved and roll was called. Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. C. V. Cross, Sr.

Announcement was made for the next prayer meeting to be held in the home of Mrs. R. E. Miller Monday night February 28 World Day of Prayer will also be observed at this time. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. C. T. Derby.

Those present were, Mesdames T. W. Parker, A. E. Miller, L. D. Glisson, D. A. Willey, E. O. Parker, R. G. Owens, C. T. Derby, M. L. Greene, W. P. Mathias, C. V. Cross Sr. and one visitor Mrs. B. M. Eure.

## Red Cross to Start Drive Next Tuesday

Gatesville.—The Gates County Red Cross campaign is due to get under way on March 1, it was announced by Mrs. Juanita Carter, campaign chairman.

Township chairmen and their helpers will be announced by next week, she said. In the meantime, Principal I. H. Barcliff has been named to head the drive for Holly Grove, Hunters Mill and Mintonville townships.

Carlton Morris and S. P. Cross have been named publicity chairmen. The national quota has been set at 85 million and Gates County has a quota of \$1,800. Quotas for each township will be released next week, it was announced.

## Grady Williford Serving in Navy

Long Beach, Calif. (FHTNC).—Grady C. Williford, torpedoman's mate seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williford of Gatesville, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Trathen, a newly assigned unit of the U. S. Pacific Fleet here.

In company with seven other destroyers and a cruiser, the Trathen cruised from Norfolk to Long Beach, Calif., via the Panama Canal to complete the transfer from the Atlantic to the Pacific Fleet.

## Day of Prayer At Sunbury Church

Sunbury.—The World Day of Prayer will be observed at Philadelphia Methodist Church next Friday, February 25, it was announced this week.

Services will begin at 3:30 p. m. with all churches in the community participating. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Ann Collins Circle of WSCS of Philadelphia Methodist Church met last Tuesday night with Mrs. W. D. Armstrong, Jr.



**YOUNG GATES COUNTY FARMER**—Jesse Benton Riddick of Wiggins Cross Roads neighborhood, near Corapeake, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Riddick, Jesse Benton just finished a two-week short course at N. C. State College, Raleigh, for outstanding young farmers who are high school graduates and plan to farm in the county following graduation. Under the able leadership and training of his vocational agricultural teacher, J. P. Johnson, Sunbury, Jesse Benton won a free trip and other awards to Kansas City last summer for having the best livestock improvement record among FFA in this district. Johnson was also given the trip. The short course at the college was sponsored by the N. C. Bankers Association. The following bankers and banks in the county, as members of the association, provided the necessary funds to defray tuition, board and incidental expenses: W. O. Crump, Farmer Bank of Sunbury; W. M. Hollowell, Bank of Hobbsville; and Paul F. Edmond, Tarheel Bank & Trust Co., Gatesville. (Photo by Artz.)

## Lt. Aaron Lilley Gets His Wings

Gatesville.—Lt. Aaron Lilley, Jr., received his wings on January 29 making him an Army aviator. He is now stationed at Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, Calif., with the 30th Topographical Engineer Group.

Lt. Lilley will go to Alaska for the summer on a mapping operation north of the arctic circle.

## Navy Doctor On Destroyer

Fall River, Mass. (FHTNC).—Navy Doctor Lt. (jg) Graham V. Byrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham W. Byrum of Sunbury, and husband of Mrs. Betty J. Byrum of Jacksonville, Fla., is serving aboard the destroyer USS Hickox which returned here February 7, following completion of a five month tour of duty with the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

While in the Mediterranean, the Hickox visited some 15 ports in 10 different countries, including Istanbul, Turkey, and Salonika and Athens, Greece.

A number of the crew were granted leave to see relatives in Europe, while other took advantage of organized sight-seeing tours to London, Paris and Rome.

## Douglas Starr Believed To Be Suicide Victim

### Paul Edmond Chief Speaker Meet

By J. GASKILL McDANIEL

Havelock.—Carven authorities are probing for possible signs of foul play in the rifle death of a Creswell native whose decomposing body was found in a parked automobile near his Minoa Drive home here today.

It was obvious that Walter Douglas Starr, 43, had ben dead several days when his wife discovered the body, slumped in the back seat of a car owned by his Creswell employer, the Godwin Motor Company. A .22 caliber automatic rifle was in the front seat.

Coroner R. Clyde Smith, who was called to the scene immediately, along with Sheriff Charlie Berry, said that the dead man's widow said he left home Wednesday night with the announce intention of returning to his job in Creswell.

Yesterday she received a telephone call from the motor company, asking why he had not reported for work, and today neighbors told her of a car that had been parked a block away for some time. It proved to be the death car.

Starr had been shot in the right temple, and apparently died instantly from a single slug that remained in his skull.

Coroner Smith and the undertaker who later prepared the body for burial said it was impossible to detect powder burns, although it was quite possible that the condition of the wound when the corpse was found eliminated the possibility of seeing such burns.

Apparently, the victim of the shooting died by his own hand. It appeared that he sat on the edge of the back seat, leaned over into the front seat with the rifle, and placed it against his temple.

Seated in such a position a person would be inclined to slump below the view of persons passing by if he fell backward. Starr's body was slumped in such a manner.

There was no money in his wallet, found on the floor of the car, but the shooting victim had \$1.30 in change in his left pants pocket.

Fingerprints of the corpse were taken, and an effort was made to find fingerprints other than his on the steering wheel or elsewhere enjoyed by all.

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## A Pig And I Broadcast First Time On Radio

By CARLTON MORRIS

Trotville.—A pig that suddenly acquired the name of "Radio" and a maternity ward for a bunch of sows a long with a tape recorder all contributed to one of my first radio broadcasts last Wednesday. The pig made his first and last broadcast. So did I.

The whole thing started when county agent, John Artz, who is unofficial publicity man for Gates County, came around urging me to go to Trotville to make a picture. We ended up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wiggins where they took us to the aforementioned maternity ward for the sows, six of them.

The unusual thing about the idea was the infra-red lights Wiggins had installed in the corner of each pen to keep the newborn pigs warm during the cold weather. I made some pictures and listened at Wiggins and Artz discuss pigs and breeding pigs from A to izzard and thought I was really on the way to becoming a well informed stock breeder.

Then John announced that he had brought along a tape recorder and was planning on originating his next radio broadcast right there in the pig pens.

Mrs. Wiggins and I moved in closer to watch proceedings. John got things setup with Wiggins, who had turned white as a sheet, clutching a microphone and John holding the other. John tested his recorder by calling 1-2, 1-2, a number of times, then he stated that everything was ready. He went into his pitch about being in Trotville on the farm of Mr. Marvin Wiggins and his wife Maxine. Then before I could catch my breath, he had introduced me and I was on my way to becoming a news commentator.

Caught flatfooted, I couldn't think of my own name and so I mumbled something I am not sure just what and announced that I thought as a farmer I would make a good dish washer. With a feeling of vast relief, I turned the program over to John and

Wiggins, who looked as though he might faint at any time. Artz asked Wiggins a number of questions which he had some difficulty in answering and he finally grabbed a pig by the tail and held him up to the microphone where he (the pig) let go with a lusty squeal. John said he was sure that was the first and last broadcast for that pig and said pig would be on his way to market in six months. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins promptly named the pig "Radio."

Last Friday, I blushed in shame as I listened to myself stammering and pausing over the Elizabeth City radio and will have to go through the same thing again as the "down on the farm" program will be broadcast over the Ahoskie radio next Monday.

Like Wiggins, I feel like some of those long pauses could be edited out of the tape. Anyone listening will know instantly that the whole thing was absolutely unrehearsed.

My only other broadcast experience occurred last year, when I got caught on one of these "man on the street" programs in Suffolk. The announcer, who happens to be a friend of mine, had his assistant head me off as I came out of a store and they dragged me up to the microphone, and asked my name. I got in a plug for the Index and then he asked me to name the world's largest peanut market and he would give me a gift package of Planter's products. I told him I thought that would be Suffolk. He declared I was absolutely right, but when he attempted to give me my gift from Planters he found that he had only a single little can of peanuts left. That is the most I ever received for a broadcast and everyone knows a man can't work for peanuts.

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