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Over 300 Peanut Farms Want Increase; 11 Acres

Gatesville.—Revised cotton allotments notices have been mailed to all producers that received additional cotton acreage from the released acreage. April 8 was the final date for releasing cotton acreage. There were 51.3 acres of cotton released by producers in the county. There was not enough cotton released to make adjustments on all farms where applications had been filed for additional acreage.

Today, April 25, is the closing date for releasing peanut acreage. There are over three hundred producers requesting that peanut allotments be increased or adjusted. The County ASC Committee will meet tomorrow to reallot the 11.3 acres peanuts that have been released.

W. R. White and Shelton Boyce, Jr., are checking the farms that we know about that have wheat planted. If there are farms in your community having wheat

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VFW Ladies Organize Auxiliary

Sunbury.—A group of interested ladies from the County met Monday, April 18, to organize the Ladies Auxiliary to the Gates County Memorial Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. W. Hunter Morgan; First vice President, Mrs. R. G. Morris; Second Vice President, Mrs. R. E. Bagley, Jr.; Treasurer, Mrs. Sam Pierce; Chaplain, Mrs. [illegible] P. Hathaway, Jr.; Conductress, Brook Morgan, Jr.; Guard, Dennis Williams; Trustees, Dalton Parker, Mrs. Hardy Green, and Mrs. Ward Blanchard.

The Auxiliary is active in community service as well as supporting the National Home for children and wives of deceased and disabled veterans in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The newly organized Gates County Auxiliary will also work with the Post in planning and building the new Post Home which has already been started on Route 158, three miles west of Sunbury.

All ladies over 16 with husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers who have been awarded campaign badges in any branch of the Armed Forces are eligible to join. It is hoped the new organization will eventually grow to 100 members.

All eligible ladies are urged to be present for the installation Wednesday, May 18, at eight o'clock in the Sunbury School Cafeteria when members of the Roanoke Rapids Auxiliary will be present for the installation ceremony. Anyone with questions may contact any of the above mentioned officers.

340 Children Get Polio Vaccine

Gatesville — There were 340 first and second grade students vaccinated with polio preventive injections in Gates County last week, Mrs. Roy Hayes, County Health Nurse, stated.

In the Gatesville, Sunbury and Hobbsville schools 120 white students were vaccinated while 220 negro students were vaccinated in the Buckland and T. S. Cooper schools.

Mrs. Hayes said that 565 students were eligible for the injections, but only 340 parents had signed up before the deadline which was March 30.

Paul Edmond Next Gatesville Mayor

Gatesville.—Paul Edmond has filed for mayor of Gatesville and Lonnie Lee Askew, J. K. Wyatt and Willis P. Taylor have filed for councilmen.

The present mayor, J. L. Sawyer, didn't file. He has served as mayor of Gatesville for the past [illegible] years and he served two [illegible] on the town council prior [illegible] that. G. P. Cowper, who has served on the council for the past two years, didn't file this year. Edmond is a member of the council at the present time.

R. C. Hawkins, Jr., is the town clerk, but is in a Richmond hospital and Mrs. Mildred T. Carter is acting town clerk.

The election will be held Tuesday, May 3.

Gates County BRIEFS

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9.

The Gatesville Cemetery underwent extensive improvement last week. Jack Harrell was busy last Thursday afternoon cutting the grass, raking, and moving all the waste. Now that the cleaning has been done, let's keep it that way.

It seems as if everything is changing these days—even the name of one of our advertisers. Last week we changed the name of J. Lloyd Askew, live wire Farm Bureau Insurance salesman of Gatesville to Lloyd I. Askew. We have no idea where the "I" came from, but that's what was in the paper!

We had a little more trouble with another Lloyd, too. This time it was Lloyd M. Wiggins of Sunbury, one of our subscribers. Seems as if Mr. Wiggins wanted to be sure that he received the paper so he subscribed for six years! For two weeks the Wiggins' did not receive a paper. Mrs. Wiggins called and we found the trouble to be in the machine at the newspaper plant. I guess the expiration date, 1960, had it frightened! So sorry about the trouble, but it's all fixed now. We are very pleased to know that someone likes the paper well enough to want it for six years!

The Tarheel Bank is one busy place come Saturday morning. From nine o'clock until 12 noon, finds Mrs. Sarah Williams and

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SUNDAY FIRE—A fire in Gates late Sunday afternoon destroyed two buildings and brought out the Gatesville, Winton and Ahoskie fire departments. (Staff photo.)

County Buys 40 Per Cent of Bond Quota

Gatesville. — Paul F. Edmond, Gates County Chairman for U. S. Savings Bonds today released the combined monthly and quarterly report of U. S. Savings Bonds sales for Gates County and North Carolina.

This report, compiled in the Greensboro office of Walter P. Johnson, State Sales Director for Savings Bonds, shows that March Bond sales increased 18 per cent over March 1954, while the nation-wide increase was 9 per cent.

During the first quarter of this year, the state sales increased 19 per cent over the same period of last year, which is six points ahead of the nation-wide increase of 13 per cent. To date, North Carolina has sold 27 per cent of

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Projectile Is Born 90 Years Too Soon

Gatesville—Shades of 1865 and the War between the States. It now seems that the shot heard around the world in Revolutionary time had little on one shot fired during the Civil War for even if it is doubtful it did any damage at the time it was fired, it really created havoc some 90 years later. In fact it almost wrecked Gates[illegible] largest sawmill.

The startling question was fired last week at a crew at work on Holley Island on the Chowan River. Some held to the theory that the shot was fired during the Civil War while others hold to the theory that it may have been fired by pirates. But in any case, the shell, evidently was fired and

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Ahoskie, Winton Firemen Aid at Gates County Fire

Gates. — Flames destroyed a blacksmith shop and a storage building in the heart of Gates late Sunday afternoon and threatened the entire town.

Action by Gatesville, Ahoskie and Winton fire trucks was credited with preventing the flames from spreading through nearby businesses and residences.

The fire burned to the ground the David Rook blacksmith shop and a warehouse located behind the W. J. Freeman Store.

A nearby house, owned by Douglas Freeman caught fire, but the flames were extinguished after only the window shutters of the home burned.

The storage building, which housed merchandise of Freeman's Store was only about 30 feet from the store, and at least nine other buildings were within 100 feet of the burning buildings.

The alarm was sounded about 5:30 p. m., and the fire was thought to have been started when high winds blew a tree limb across a power line.

Mrs. Doughtie Passes at 82; Rites Friday

Gatesville.—Mrs. Sallie Elizabeth Doughtie, 82, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Swanner, Suffolk, at eight o'clock Wednesday morning. She was a native of Gates County, a member of Harrell's Methodist Church; the wife of the late William J. Doughtie, Sr., and the daughter of the late George and Harriett Piland. She is survived by four sons: J. M. and A. T. Doughtie, Eure, P. B. Doughtie, Ponzer, and W. S. Doughtie, Niagara Fall, N. Y.; seven daughters, Mrs. Virginia Smith, Mrs. Foy Jones and Mrs. H. H. Swanner, Suffolk, Mrs. J. J. Green, Reduco, Mrs. C. W. Perry, Sr., Gatesville, Mrs. R. L. Wolfrey, Sr., Newport News, and Mrs. J. P. Turner, Winton; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Harrell, Gatesville, and Mrs. Hattie Boone, Suffolk; one brother, W. B. Piland, Corapeake; a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at three o'clock at Harrell's Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. H. A. Bizzell, conducted the service assisted by the Rev. J. M. Joliff and the Rev. R. E. Brittle. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The body was removed to the Rountree and Hoffler Funeral Home, Gatesville, N. C. where it remained until placed in the church one hour before the service.

Pall Bearers were: Bill Walfley, Winford Smith, Charlie Perry, Jr., Claxton Doughtie, Wallace Ray Doughtie, Tommie Doughtie. Honorary pall bearers were the members of the Harrell's and Eure Christian Church Missionary societies.

At Convention

Gatesville.—Mrs. Clyde Eure is planning to attend the State Beauticians Convention in Wilson next Sunday and Monday, May 1 and 2.

Music Recital

Hobbsville.—Music students of Hobbsville School will hold their recital Friday, April 29, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. Mrs. Elton Trotman, music teacher, announced last week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BEULAH BAPTIST—Here we have a front and side view of the Beulah Baptist Church, Sunbury, showing a neatly outlined front yard and a handsome bulletin board giving essential information concerning the Sunday School and church service. It was donated by the F. H. Rountree family, Sunbury. Shrubs, recently planted around the foundation, too small to make a showing in the picture, are planted around the foundation and in the corners of the front yard. The fence, outlining the yard, is made with iron pipes and a galvanized chain runs all through the top. This chain keeps cars from driving where grass has been sown. Note the gravelled parking space and it continues around the building—a 1954 improvement. Several Sunday School rooms also were completed across the back side last year.—Photo by Artz.

BUSY BAPTISTS—A committee of the Beulah Baptist Church, Sunbury, is shown after a busy day's work in landscaping their church grounds, one day in late March. From left to right the members are: Mrs. F. H. Rountree, next person pouring water Mrs. Ralph O'Berry is Mr. and Mrs. Milton Byrum's daughter, Milton Byrum, Mrs. Milton Byrum, and Mrs. George Asbell. This most active committee bought 25 evergreen shrubs from a nearby nursery, and with the help of three men not shown, set them out in good shape. Needless to say the grounds have been greatly improved. This same group of members are keeping the plants watered during dry periods. The Rev. W. V. Brown serves this church along with Hobbsville and Sandy Cross Baptist.—Photo by Artz.

Inc[illegible]d Acreage For 1955 [illegible]ps Is Probable

Rocky Mount. — North [illegible]lina Peanut Growers are advised to make preparations to be able to increase their 1955 plantings by from 5 to 10 percent, announced Joe S. Sugg, executive secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association. Mr. Sugg made this recommendation so that the peanut farmers would be able to take advantage of an increase in the 1955 peanut acreage allotment if it is granted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The North Carolina Peanut Growers Association has, along with other representatives of the Virginia type peanut growing areas, been endeavoring since February to secure an increase in the 1955 peanut acreage allotment, according to Sugg. Mr. Sugg stated this morning that three meetings with the U. S. Department of Agriculture officials have been held in Washington and that a fourth meeting is scheduled in Washington, D. C., Friday, April 29, at which time representatives of peanut growers throughout the United States will be given an opportunity to be heard with respect to increased acreage allotments.

Mr. Sugg said that he felt that at the hearing in Washington on the 29th that a decision will be made by the Department of Agriculture to grant an increase in the 1955 peanut acreage allotment for the Virginia type peanut, which is produced in North Carolina and Virginia. Mr. Sugg further pointed out that at this time it is not possible to indicate how much, if any, increase would be granted; however, he stated that representatives of the North Carolina and Virginia area have consistently requested an increase of 10 percent and that he feels that justification for such an increase has been and will be presented to the Department of Agriculture.

It is recognized, Mr. Sugg said, that some areas are well advanced in their crop planting operations and that it is beginning to be a little late for an increase; however, he pointed out that based on the efforts of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association that a farmer will be justified in holding open enough land and seed supply to plant a 10 percent increase. Should the increase not come, the land held back can then be planted into corn or other crops, Mr. Sugg pointed out. If the increase is awarded following the meeting in Washington on April 29th, it will be ample time to get the increased allotment planted to peanuts.

Scholarship Awards Go To Buckland, Gatesville

Gatesville. — Glenn [illegible] Gatesville High School senior with an average grade of 97 is the winner of the Henrietta Jenkins Freeman scholarship award of $100, presented annually by Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Rawls of St. Louis, Mo.

Winner of the same award for Negro students is Patricia Bazemore of Buckland High School.

The committee for judging the awards were selected by the Hobbsville, Sunbury and Gatesville Ruritan Clubs and was composed of Frank Rountree, Hobbsville, S. Eugene Riddick, Sunbury and Mamie Godwin, Gatesville. In addition to the student's competing from Hobbsville, Sunbury and T. S. Cooper, the committee declared they had a very difficult task in selecting the winners. As a last resort, they were forced to list total average grades on most subjects as well as the number of extra curricular activities by each student, and compare them closely.

The awards were first donated by Rawls and his wife last school year and it now plans to make this an annual award, he said last week while on a brief visit in Gatesville.

Presentation of the checks for $100 will be made during graduating exercises on May 16.

Each school principal selected

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MRS. ALMIRA HINTON—Here we have a recent snap-shot of a much beloved citizen of Sunbury who is an inspiration to all those who know her. Mrs. Hinton, known to her many friends as "Aunt Almira" is a lively, companionable person who resides southwest of Sunbury on the road to Gatesville. Mrs. Hinton, known to her many friends as "Aunt Almira" states with pride that she is 78 years old. For the past seven years she has kept a diary in which she has recorded the weather, the health of her family, visitors, and other events of interest. She is now trying them completed her fifth volume by writing in the year. Photo by Artz.

Song in Her Heart

Aged Lady Keeps Diary

By JOHN ARTZ

Mrs. Almira Hinton, of near Sunbury, wife of the late Robert Hinton, is one of a large family of 12 children, 7 girls and 5 boys, of which four girls and one boy survive. Walter Jones, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Jones live at the old Francis Jones place about two miles from Gatesville on the left, towards Hobbsville. Another sister, Mrs. C. W. Lassiter lives near Sunbury and a fourth sister is Mrs. D. M. Rice, Norfolk.

Mrs. Hinton has been a member of the Gatesville Baptist Church since she was 15 years old and has not moved her membership, however, as she does not have a car, she drove a Model A Ford until about three years ago. She finds it more convenient to attend worship services in Sunbury, at the Damascus Congregational Christian Church. A near neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Daniel, are members, and take Mrs. Hinton to both Sunday School and [illegible]

[illegible] recently, Mrs. Hinton kept a flock of chickens and [illegible] but [illegible] she [illegible] guard against [illegible] to give up [illegible] Roses, her specialty, are still abundant over the yard, that is the rose bushes are the blooms to come later, she hopes.

To Bed With a Song in Her Heart

Mrs. Hinton's only hobby for the past seven years is keeping a diary. A page taken at random (Tuesday, January 5, 1954) has these significant words in her easy legible, inked handwriting:

Tuesday, January 25, 1955

Fair and not so cold. Has been good day. I have been busy most all day. I had Mr. Ernest to split up my heater wood so I prepared dinner and supper for him. He split up and put the wood under the shelter. He helped me catch some

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Gates Man Killed In Suffolk

Suffolk.—A 22-year-old Gates man was shot to death early Sunday in an argument over a woman.

The dead man was Billy Roberts, Negro, and his alleged assailant, Thomas (Sonny) Washington, Negro, of 156 Crumpler's Alley, Suffolk, surrendered to police at headquarters here about 3:30 p. m.

Robert's body was found lying on the roadway in front of 216 Forrest Street about 5:10 a. m. He had been shot through the head with a small-caliber pistol, the bullet entering his right temple and emerging from the left temple.

The shooting apparently occurred, the arresting policeman said, after Roberts had made a

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Ruritans Hear Dairy Farmer

Gates.—The Gates Ruritan Club had as their guest speaker Thursday night, Henry G. Shelton, of Tarboro, Edgecombe County Dairy farmer and former First District Highway Commissioner. Shelton pointed out that approximately 15 per cent of the Nation's population is farmers and stressed that farmers should work harder for better farm organizations so as to have more stable price supports. He indicated that farmers were still under pretty much of a dictatorship to be feeding the other 85 per cent of the population.

The club had several business matters to come up during the meeting. It was decided among the club members that the town of Gates was in great need of street lights and a committee was appointed to go to work on this project. A Gates Ruritan Soft ball team is in the process of being organized and President Bob Carroll announced that the diamond was ready for play and that the club is eager to have a game with some other Ruritan Club in Gates County or elsewhere. President Carroll also recognized Harvey Warren of Speed, N. C., who accompanied the speaker for the occassion.

CHURCH SUPPER

Corapeake. — The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Parker's Methodist Church is sponsoring a chicken salad supper at the fellowship hall of the church on Saturday evening April 30. The supper will be served from 5:30 to 8 p. m.