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## Busy Meet Planned For Council

Gatesville.—The Gatesville town council will hold the next meeting on Tuesday, July 5, in the agriculture building.

A number of items will come before the council, according to Paul Edmond, mayor. The council will appoint a clerk and accountant and adopt a budget for the year 1955-1956. The fiscal year runs from July through June 30, he pointed out and the council will also set the tax rate for the coming year.

Sidewalks will come in for some attention at the meeting as the alley between the Carter building and the Gatesville barber shop has washed away leaving a high step up on to the walk leading to the courthouse. The council plans to do something about this dangerous place.

They will also hear the tax collector's report of delinquent taxes for 1954 and will discuss the town qualifications for the Powell bill funds. Largely through this fund, all of the town streets with the exception of Wesley Avenue have been surfaced. This street has been graded recently and a black top apron installed at the junction of the street and highway 37.

Several other matters concerning the town will be up for discussion, says Edmond and anyone interested in the town government is urged to attend.

The meeting will be called to order at 8 p. m.

## Funeral for H. C. Hollowell Held Thursday

Hobbsville.—Hoyt C. Hollowell, 57, died suddenly at his home here Tuesday at noon from heart attack. He was the son of the late Willie and Ida Hobbs Hollowell. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ellen Hollowell; one brother, Andrew, Hollowell, Holly Ridge, N. C.; and one sister, Miss Lena Hollowell of Hobbsville.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the Hobbsville Baptist Church. The Rev. W. V. Brown, pastor, conducted the service. Burial was in the family cemetery.

The body was taken from the Rountree and Hofer Funeral Home in Gatesville to the church one hour before the service.

## Savings Bonds Sales Set Peace Record

Gatesville.—P. F. Edmond, U. S. Savings Bonds Chairman for Gates County today announced that the 1955 upswing of U. S. Savings Bonds sales continued to set a peace time record for North Carolina.

The monthly sales report released by North Carolina Savings Bonds Director, Walter P. Johnson, showed that for the seventh consecutive month, U. S. Savings Bonds for North Carolina have increased from 17 percent to 35 percent over the corresponding months of the previous year. The combined sales of Series E, and H Bonds totaled \$4,806,054 for the month of May representing a 35 per cent increase over the same month of last year.

The cumulative sales for the first five months of this year amounts to \$24,739,630.75 which is 42 per cent of the 1955 quota and represents a 22 per cent increase over the same months of last year.

In this county, sales for May were \$10,537.50 and for the first five months of this year, cumulative sales were \$60,775.00.

Forty-five counties in North Carolina have achieved 50 per cent, or better, of their annual sales quota.

Mecklenburg County leads in total dollar volume with over \$2,500,000 sold so far this year, followed by Buncombe with over \$1,500,000, Forsyth with over \$1,383,000, and Guilford with over \$1,207,000.

National sales for May show a 19 per cent increase over the same month of 1954 with a 14 per cent increase for the first five months of this year over the same period of last year. Nationwide sales for the year exceed redemption by over \$502,000,000. Americans now own Series E and H Bonds valued at \$9.2 billion dollars, a record amount.



**DEAN'S LIST**—Rebecca Riddick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Riddick of Corapeake, has made dean's list for the second straight semester at Longwood College, Farmville, Va., where she is pursuing her education towards a B.S. degree in elementary education.

## Farm News Round-Up

The County Agent's News and Views of the Farms and Farming

Men who don't pay as they go have a hard time coming back.

**Just For Fun**  
"He had untold wealth and it ruined him."  
"How's that?"  
"His wealth was untold in his income tax return."

**It's A Fact**  
The presidents of the four Ruritan Clubs in Gates County are: Sunbury, Eugene Riddick; Gates, Robert Carroll; Hobbsville, Alfred Stallings, Jr.; Gatesville, J. G. Pollock.

**Don't Hesitate to Vaccinate**  
To prevent chicken pox (sorehead) from getting into the flock of pullets, vaccinate them when they are between 12 to 16 weeks old or at least a month before they begin to lay. This is absolute insurance against the disease and the cost is so little—less than a cent a bird usually. A flock owner can not afford to take the chance of having this highly infectious disease because it knocks the pullets out of egg production for weeks, once it gets started. If you have pullets about frying size get the chicken Pox Vaccine right away and treat each bird. I shall be glad to order the medicine for any one and show how to use it. Just drop a card to me giving your name, address, and number of pullets and young cockerels to be treated.

**The Japanese Beetle Gets Around**  
This pretty metallic green beetle with six small dashes of white on each side of the under edge of the wings, has started a rampage on several crops in the county—among them, corn and tobacco, grape vines, peach and apple trees. Raleigh King, school principal at Rich Square, who owns a farm near Willetton, reported last Saturday that the Japanese Beetle was on his tobacco and he was thinking about getting the crop dusted by airplane to control the insect. Whether he did or not I don't know. Another call Saturday or perhaps it was Friday, from R. A. Howell, Middle Swamp, said the beetle was on a field of corn and feared it spread to other fields.

Brooks Morgan of Sunbury also reported a tree in his yard was alive with them. The beetles, according to a bulletin on it published by the U. S. D. A. feeds on something like 275 different plants. Control measures are dusting the infested plants with 5% DDT using 15 to 20 pounds per acre or even more.

To make a spray mix a wettable powder containing 50% DDT with water as follows:  
For one gallon of spray use 1 1/2 tablespoonsfuls; for ten gallons spray use 3 ounces of 50% DDT, and for 100 gallons use 2 pounds. Do not use an oil solution—it may injure plants.

Farmers who have severe outbreaks of Japanese beetle on crops too big to treat with tractor equipment should contact an airplane crop duster, one of whom is advertised in the last issue of the Index.

**5.88 Inches Rain This Month So Far**  
Since last Monday (June 20) the rain gauge has recorded 1.54 inches of rain making a total for the month so far of 5.88 inches with three more days to go. Farmers are of the opinion that crops would fare all right now for several days without any overhead irrigation. June, 1954 we had only 1.97 inches rain in

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## Supervisor Urges Farm Soil Drainage

Gatesville.—That better farm drainage systems would increase the efficiency of many farms in Gates County has already been proved by those farmers who have worked out good form drainage, according to E. F. Morgan, county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration.

Interest in farm drainage and other soil and water conservation measures has heightened among Gates county farmers and farm leaders because of the soil and water conservation loan program now being administered by the Farmers Home Administration.

Soil and water conservation loans may be made from insured or appropriated funds to pay the cash costs of making improvements directly related to soil conservation, water development, conservation and use, forestation, drainage of farm land, and related measures. Practices for which loans may be made are limited to those in accord with Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service recommendations.

Practices or installations include building or repairing terraces, dikes, ponds and tanks, ditches and canals for irrigation and drainage, waterways, erosion control, sodding, lime and fertilizer for establishing or improving permanent pastures, land leveling, brush removal, tree planting, wells, and the purchase of pumps, sprinkler systems, and other irrigation equipment.

The Farmers Home Administration can make insured or direct soil and water conservation loans to individual farm owners or operators who cannot obtain the necessary credit on reasonable terms and conditions from private or cooperative sources. Under the same conditions, the borrower may be a nonprofit organization or association primarily engaged in extending to its members services directly related to soil conservation, water development, conservation or use, or drainage of farm land.

## Two Loses Suffered By Small Leagues

Gatesville.—Gatesville Little Leaguers dropped a 5-0 decision to Woodland in their early league operation last Thursday. And the Pony League didn't have any better luck as they went down before the excellent Woodland pitching by a 4-0 score.

For the losers in the Pony class, Glisson did the hurling with Edmond receiving. Reece did the pitching for Woodland with Parker catching.

Lane and Lilley did the hurling for the Gatesville half of the 4-11 inning affair with Felton catching. For the winners, Parker did the pitching with Jenkins doing the receiving.

Murfreesboro will meet the two clubs here next Thursday afternoon.

## Health Officer In Hospital

Gatesville.—Dr. James A. Fields, health officer for the Gates-Hertford Health Department, was admitted to the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital Sunday night, June 19, following a heart attack.

Mrs. Roy Hayes, county health nurse, called Monday morning and inquired about his condition. She was told that he was doing as well as could be expected. He was taken from under the oxygen tent last Thursday, and so far he is doing nicely, she stated.

## Prisoners Escape From Road Gangs

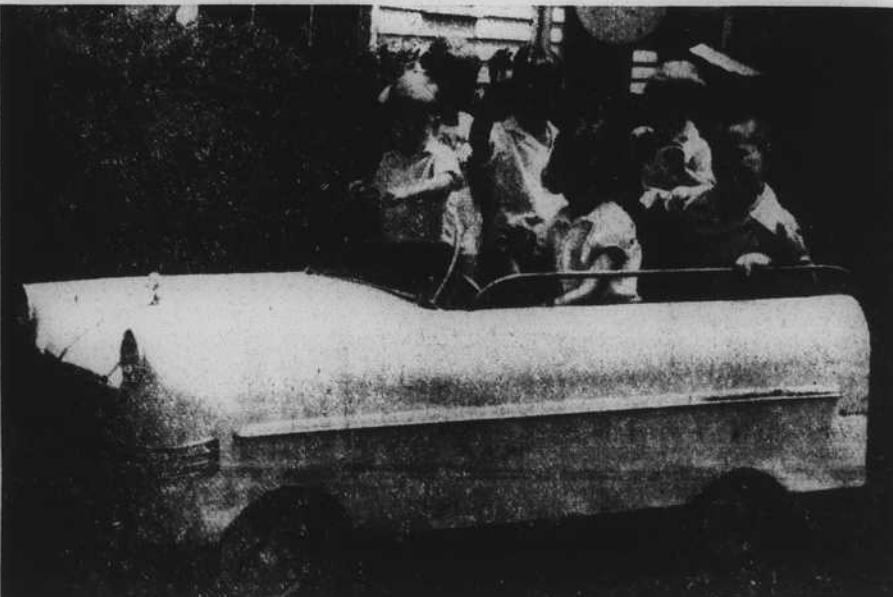
The State Prisons Department Monday reported at least four prisoners escaped from road gangs Friday.

Willie (Sambo) Waldon, Negro, of Washington, N. C., serving 6-8 years from Pitt County, ran in Edgecombe. Stencil Cole of Charlotte, serving 5-8 years, from Mecklenburg, ran in Halifax. Everett Ducker of Asheville, serving 4-7 years from Buncombe, ran in Macon. Robert Pino of Pueblo, Colo., serving two years from McDowell County escaped in Gates County.

**DRAFT BOARD CLOSED**  
Gatesville.—Mrs. Nellie Riddick, clerk, announced Monday that the Gates County Draft Board of office will be closed all this week.



**INVENTORS**—The three men who worked spare time for five months to make a bunch of kids happy, stand by the little auto that they made out of scrap parts and a lot of work. Left to right, they are: Wallace Hobbs, J. M. Byrum and Russell Corbitt. Byrum is the president of the Byrum Motor Company in Sunbury and the other two men are mechanics for the company.



**CAR LOAD OF FUN**—Most of the small fry enjoy the little car that J. M. Byrum and his two mechanics built for his grandson, Jimmie, who is holding to the plastic windshield. Fran Williams is the careful driver. But no one can get hurt as the car is geared to a slow walk.

## Sunbury Drops Tight Game In Sixth to Suffolk Nine

Sunbury.—The Suffolk Athletic Club handed the Sunbury nine a 6-2 shellacking last Sunday afternoon before a large number of the home-folks on the Sunbury diamond.

Both teams were slugging it out on even terms up to the fatal sixth frame when Sunbury's vaunted pitcher, Tinky Hollowell began to weaken and the Suffolk team batted around the batting order in that frame to break the tight game wide open.

Each team scored once in the opening frame and remained static in the second. In the third, first man up for Suffolk was out on a long fly ball to deep center. Then two men came through with clean hits just inside first base. Sunbury rallied to the cause, however and ended the threat with a quick double play to retire the side.

In their half of the third, first man up for Sunbury walked and Earl Taylor hit a double, but the man on base was held up at third. Bradshaw, the former great, doing the pitching for Suffolk, settled down and whiffed the next three men to retire the side.

In the fourth and fifth innings, both teams had three up and out in order.

In the fatal sixth, Suffolk's first man hit a little pop-up to the infield and was out. The next man up hit a sizzling grounder to Burton Barnes at third. The ball took a crazy hop and go away from him. He recovered, but threw too low to first base and the man was safe. Third man up for Suffolk was thrown out at first and the fourth man hit another sizzler to Barnes at third and again his throw was too low for the first sacker, R. Hobbs to hold it and two men were on. The fifth man up hit a double to score both men and the sixth batter in the endless inning hit safe to score the hard hitting Suffolk man. Sunbury baseballers held a hurried conference at the pitcher's mound and sent in Hobbs to relieve Hollowell. Hobbs had difficulty in finding the plate and walked the first man up, then a wild throw to third by the catcher, when Taylor, catching for Suffolk, attempted to steal the third man was finally called out by umpire Tom Taylor.

In their half of the sixth, first three up for Sunbury struck out. In the seventh, first up for Suffolk was out at second when he tried to stretch a single into a double. The second man up hit safely and the next two were out on a long fly and foul tip respectively. Sunbury brought in one run in their half.

No one scored in the eighth or ninth, but quite an argument broke out when a cotton topped Suffolk man beat out a short hit that traveled about 20 feet, then stole second and third and attempted to steal home. Suffolk catcher, Ferguson was at bat when Taylor, catching for Sunbury, saw the white headed one making for home plate. Taylor called for one outside and Ferguson stepped across home plate and took a cut at the ball hitting Taylor on the hand. Ferguson claimed interference by the catcher and took first. Umpire Tom Taylor said he stepped on home plate to get at the ball and called him out.

Quite a hassel broke out, but as one spectator yelled from the bleachers: "The ump ain't changed his decision yet."

## Rams Win Over Sunbury; Double Header July 4th

Gatesville.—The Gates County Rams, now using Gatesville as home base are still riding high without a single loss this season. In a seven inning quickie which was held up by rain last Saturday, they defeated Sunbury 7-3 behind five innings hurled by Fleetwood Lilley and two by Bill Eure. Lowe who can catch anyone, did the receiving as usual.

They called off the game Sunday with the Portsmouth Jo Bo's due to a wet playing field, but will tangle with the Suffolk Athletic Club next Sunday at Gatesville, if the weather is willing with game time at 2:30.

The home boys are expecting to come up against some tough competition next weekend for they will meet the Portsmouth club in a double header, Monday, July 4. "We have won our first 13 starts," said manager, Tic Felton,

but those town boys will be cocked and primed for next weekend. I am expecting some of the toughest baseball we have had all season."

The first game will get under way next Monday at 10 a. m. and the Gatesville club will be host to the visitors and will serve a barbecue dinner at the ball park. All visitors wanting a barbecue dinner can get it as there will be plenty for anyone with the price, they said.

The second game will get under way at about 2 p. m.

## PRE-NATAL CLINIC

Gatesville.—Mrs. Roy Hayes, county health nurse, announced Monday that the well baby and pre-natal clinic will be held at the Health Center in Gatesville, Thursday, July 7, at 2 o'clock.

## Tiny Auto Is Big Success With Kids

### Gates County BRIEFS

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43.

Friend Hardy Green, our genial insurance man, says driving in New York, where he recently visited, is a lot different from driving in Gates County. People drove too fast for him, he said.

Dr. L. C. Hand says that his profession has almost as many hazards as the boxing profession. Examining a young future citizen recently, the doc almost got a black eye when the youngster remarked that he didn't like the man of medicine, then proceeded to take a poke at him. The doctor ducked and kept the youngster's fist out of his eye, but got hit in the face for his trouble. The doctor proved he is a Christian for he didn't use his biggest needle on the youngster, whom he described as being "six or seven years old."

We heard of a mother who asked her young daughter to return thanks in front of company. The gal protested that she didn't know a blessing. By this time the mother was embarrassed to tears.

"Just repeat what you have heard me say," she told daughter. "OH Lord! why did I have to have all this company on a holiday?" prayed the daughter.

Sorry folks, but we ran out of papers last week, and had to turn away some good customers. Sold half a hundred before noon last Wednesday and could have sold lots more if we could have had them. We like to sell 'em, but that just goes to prove what we have been preachin' all along. A subscription doesn't cost half as much as it does to buy them over; the counter and the U. S. Mail will deliver them to you every week and you'll never miss a single copy. We're going to continue to pack your paper full of news and features and pictures about the best people in the world, the home-folks. You just can't find another paper that does this. We think the Index is a going and growing business and after 23 years it is here to stay. We think it deserves the support of every business and every individual in Gates County for it is devoted to the promotion of this section and there are people who say it is doing a pretty good job.

Recently we have published some letters from readers of your paper to try to give you some idea of the esteem in which it is held by others. This week we are publishing a letter (unsolicited) from the editor of another weekly who is anxious to try some of our ideas on his paper. Read these letters, then sit yourself down and write us your opinions giving us permission to print them. You don't have to agree with us. In fact we welcome diversified opinion. That is the spice of life. And we'll print them, but remember they must be signed for we have our own opinions of anonymous letter writers.

The doctor was on his way to visit Rastus' wife and deliver her twelfth child. Standing beside Rastus was a duck. "Whose duck is that, Rastus?" the doctor asked. "Ain't no duck, Doctuh," sighed Rastus. "At's a stork wif his laigs wore off."

The talkative lady was telling her husband about the bad manners of a recent visitor. "If that woman yawned once, John, while I was talking to her she yawned a dozen times."

"Maybe she wasn't yawning, dear," replied her husband. "Maybe she was trying to say something."

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## COMMUNITY SING

Eure.—Those from Eure who attended the community sing at Middle Swamp Baptist Church Sunday afternoon were Cooper Rountree, J. B. Felton, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Overton, Mrs. Henry D. Eure, Linda Faye and Brenda Eure, Mrs. Gurnie Eure, John Langston, Truman Greene, Mrs. Lycurgus Howell, Miss Brenda Howell, Mrs. Orian Parker, Mrs. Melvin Harrell, Manley Eure, Lycurgus Tinkham, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Evans and family.

## Cpl. Hedgepeth Out of Army

Eure.—Corporal and Mrs. Vernon Hedgepeth and their seven month old son, Larry, recently moved from their home in Columbus, Georgia and at the present are making their home with Mrs. Hedgepeth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hirshey Askew. Corporal Hedgepeth received his discharge from the U. S. Army early this month. He had been in the army for the past 22 months and was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

## Three Inventors Worked Overtime To Build Car

BY CARLTON MORRIS

Sunbury.—Few people are willing to use most of their spare time for five months to make a group of children happy, but J. M. (Joe) Byrum and two of his mechanics at the Byrum Motor Company in Sunbury did just that. Since the three men are concerned chiefly with autos in their daily work, they spent the most of their spare time recently in constructing a little car that would be safe for children, yet it is still a bonafire auto that runs both forward and backward and its inventors say it is completely safe for even the smallest children to operate.

Joe Byrum, president of the Byrum Motor Company in Sunbury, first hit on the idea of the kiddie car, after his grandson, Jimmie, was about one year old. Jimmie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Byrum and Joe's grandson and the apple of his granddad's eye. He is now about 18 months young. And of course, granddad wanted to build something that would make all of little Jimmie's friends happy also and thus he hit on the idea of the little auto.

"When my little grandson, was about a year old," says Joe, "I got to wondering what little thing I could do to make him happy. I decided on a project that would not only make him happy, but would also be enjoyed by all the other children in the community."

The idea of making the children happy developed into the building of the small auto that would run on its own power and still be safe for the children to operate.

"There were many things to be considered," recalls Joe. "For instance I had to send to Akron, Ohio for the tires which are 3.00 x 7. I tried every town in this section, but had to finally get them from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. factory."

In fact almost every item in the little auto has a story all its own. Byrum called in two of his mechanics at the Ford Motor Co., Russell Corbitt and Wallace Hobbs and they pitched in and helped out with the work almost every night without a cent of extra pay. They had kids of their own and could easily see how children would enjoy the auto once it was safe for them to use.

"The three men wanted the little car to be safe and an exact replica of larger autos, so they settled on a certain size spring which was unavailable. They searched scrap heaps and junked autos high and low and finally found the exact size springs they needed in the woods back of what is known locally as the old Tom Hunter farm."

"I knew this car should not be geared faster than a slow walk," said Byrum, "if it was to be safe enough for children to operate."

So he purchased a new Briggs-Stratton four cycle engine with a six to one gear reduction. The three men made their own transmission which has a reverse gear, mostly from old Model T transmission parts. Using the tools and equipment of the Ford Motor Company, the three men worked nightly until their tiny auto was complete from front bumper and chrome grill to the plastic windshield, tiny headlights and streamlined body.

It was an immediate smash success. "We finally got it finished," said Byrum, "and the children of the community have thoroughly enjoyed using it. It is not unusual to see Fran Williams driving with six or seven other children having the time of their lives."

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