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## Sheriff Hit By Arrested Ian Friday

Gatesville.—James Eason, Middle Swamp Negro, went to jail last Friday night the hard way. Arrested by Sheriff L. F. Overman and patrolman A. S. Godwin on a charge of breaking and entering and assaulting his wife with intent to kill, he ended up in jail after causing the officers a great deal of trouble. The two officers picked him up near his home and brought him to Gatesville in the patrol car. Sheriff Overman started to get out of the car and Eason leaped out almost on top of him. Godwin was busy on the police radio reporting in to Elizabeth City and didn't notice what was happening until Overman called for help. Overman grabbed the big Negro who is giant size and must weigh close to 250 pounds, and tried to hang on until Godwin could help. But Eason hit Overman in the face and knocked him flat. He then ran down the street. Godwin shouted to him to stop and even fired his gun into the air, but Eason kept on going. A quick radio call brought Patrolman J. J. Carter to the scene and Eason was overtaken near the home of J. G. Pollock. The Negro fought off the best efforts of both Pollock and Carter for a few moments, but was soon brought under control and placed in jail. Overman said Eason beat his wife almost to death on December 29 and then broke into the home of Mary Sharp looking for a man that he claimed was with his wife. He is now charged with assaulting both Overman and Carter in addition to the original charges.

## Bookmobile Schedule for Gates County

Thursday, January 26—Mrs. E. Story's home, 9; Mrs. Emmett Rrell's home, 9:30; Mrs. Jack Lee's home, 10:05; Mrs. W. L. Skew's home, 10:45; Mrs. M. C. Lilley's home, 11:30; Mrs. Luther Eure's home, 12:30; Mrs. T. O. Langston's home, Eure, 1. Friday, January 27—Gates County Library, 9:15; Mrs. C. H. Carter's home, Carter's Cross Roads, 10:10; Mrs. Ralph Waite's home, Punchbowl, 10:45; Minton's home, Woodrow Hoffer's, 11:15; Selwyn General Store, 12:15; Hobbville, Mrs. Ned Rountree's home, 1:20; Sandy Cross, Mrs. A. F. Stallings' home, 1:50; Mrs. Clifton Lewis' home, 2:30; Muddy Cross, 3. Monday, January 30—R. Reynolds, Mrs. J. S. Smith's home, 9; Reynolds, Mrs. Dick Tyler's home, 10:15; Drum Hill, W. J. Sawyer's home, 11:10; Drum Hill, Mrs. Taylor's home, 11:30; Hazlett, Mathias' home, 12:15; Brown's home, 1; Gates' Confectionary, Gates, 145. Tuesday, January 31—Mrs. Herdy Brown's home, Zies, 9:30; Water Swamp Section, 10:40; Sunbury-Eason Crossroads Section, 12:45; Eason's Crossroads, Jones Store, 1:30. Wednesday, February 1—Mrs. Blanche Hudgin's home, Sunbury-Corapeake Highway, 9:30; Mrs. Waverly Parker's, Fely Community, 10:15; Holly Grove, 11:10; Mrs. H. A. Eure's home, 11:45; Corapeake, 12:30; Mrs. Lucy Aske's home, Corapeake-Wigat's Crossroads, 2. Thursday, February 2—Mrs. Edward R. Tomble's home, 9:15; Sunbury, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Clark, 10; Sugar Run Road, Aeron Hill Section, and Elizabeth City Highway, 11.

## Miss Haley to Speak to PTA

Sunbury.—Miss Blanche Haley, field secretary for the N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be at Sunbury High School on February 2. She will conduct a study course with the combined topics, "Education for Responsible Parenthood" and "Building of Healthy Personalities." This is Miss Haley's second visit to Sunbury and those who heard her found her a most interesting speaker. Again this year an invitation has been issued to Hobbville and Gatesville to join Sunbury PTA in this study course. The study course will be divided into two sessions, one at 4 p. m. and one at 7. There will be a supper break at 6 p. m. and those who wish to attend the course are invited to be the guests of the Sunbury PTA at supper. If you are planning to attend, please notify your PTA president or Mrs. W. P. Hudgins, Jr., in Sunbury by Saturday, January 28.

## Gates County BRIEFS

But the word of God grew and multiplied. Acts 12-24.

It has been announced that no funds will be available for disaster relief for Gatesville and Gates County as a whole. Seems that the money must go to the counties that really suffered, some almost 100 per cent.

List taking in Gates County will soon be over. January is the only month set aside for tax listing. After that the price will be \$1 plus the trouble of looking up the list taker. Notice of listing places has been published four times with this issue of the Index and a number of posters have been placed around the county.

Saw a near accident Monday afternoon near Ahsokie. A lady drove out a side right on across almost into an approaching station wagon. A lady was driving the station wagon and she ran off the shoulder of the road and her auto almost turned around on the muddy shoulder. In the meantime, the first lady just drove nonchalantly away without even stopping to help and she caused the whole thing.

When you see a man opening the door of his car for his wife, you may be sure that either the auto or his wife is new.

Met a drunk up at the Press meeting in Chapel Hill last week. He kept telling me he was drunk and begged me not to tell his wife. I promised I wouldn't tell. As a matter of fact, I didn't even know him or his wife.

## Agent Urges Help for Dimes Drive

By JOHN ARTZ

Gatesville.—Never before has the challenge been greater to the March of Dimes, to its promise of help and hope to its volunteers. It is a challenge in terms of dollars, but the final reckoning is in terms of lives.

Needs of 1956 March of Dimes is \$47,000,000. We are told by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Gates County, with a population of 9,500, has a tentative goal of only \$2,100, which figures 22 cents per capita. Well, the kiddies can't be expected to make that much donation but the grown-ups, especially the parents, as a token of gratitude for strong-bodied children could make up the difference.

The county has been blessed beyond measure through the years in having no appreciable number of polio cases; whereas, many North Carolina counties have had epidemics of this dreaded disease that crippled young lives in many homes. If every person in the county of responsible age would contribute to the March of Dimes what he or she spends in two or three days on self for luxuries and non-necessaries, the county would over-subscribe the goal. It can be done, but will it be done?

Coin boxes, about 50 of them, have been placed in public places all over the countryside, three specially arranged basketball games and a picture show have supplied means by which people may contribute to this great cause, according to the campaign director, the Rev. Walter Moose.

### Mothers March Next Tuesday

The heralded drive for polio funds will close next Tuesday night, January 31, with the "Mothers March" planned for several communities. Of course, donations will gladly be accepted afterwards but the citizenship is urged to rally to this last call for dimes and dollars. Chairmen have been appointed and canvassers selected to make house-to-house visits. So, if you live in one of our villages, be ready to welcome the volunteer worker and give, and give liberally.

Remember, polio isn't licked yet. We cannot forget the victims of yesterday, today and, yes, tomorrow. The vital March of Dimes must continue for research because the training of desperately needed medical and scientific people must go on until polio is really licked. The little crippled boy's picture on the coin box has an appeal. He says, "Help me, too." This little fellow could have been your son or mine.

### HOME BURNS

Hobbville.—A fire destroyed a Negro dwelling house about six p. m. last Wednesday in the Hobbville community. Ruth and Jacob Evans, occupants of the house, lost all their personal belongings along with the house.

### 1955 PRESS AWARD

North Carolina Press Association

## Best Photography

Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE

### GATES COUNTY INDEX

GATESVILLE, N. C.

January 19, 1956

**BEST PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD**—The Gates County Index placed third in photography in statewide competition sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association. The award was presented to Carlton Morris, editor of The Index, at the University of North Carolina last Thursday night. Governor Luther H. Hodges made the presentation.

## Not Something Like Sunburn

# Television Doesn't Hurt

By CARLTON MORRIS

Gatesville.—I've been on television!

That's the truth and it don't feel any different from not being on TV. I thought it might feel something like sunburn or a bad cold, but I was mistaken. I was on TV for almost 10 seconds last Thursday night, and while I had a long speech prepared, I never did get chance to speak my piece. And I didn't become famous, either. One dainty little girl, who evidently was too young to pay any attention to me, even if my wife wasn't with me, said that she saw me and thought I looked real well. Bless her untruthful little heart.

It all began when I was notified that the Gates County Index had won a North Carolina Press Association award and I was to receive it at the University of North Carolina. It was later that I learned Governor Hodges was

to make the presentation live on television, WUNC-TV, Channel 4. The award was for Best Photography, Weekly Division, third place.

So I put on my \$42 suit, and since I was going to be on television, I even combed my hair, and wiped the Gates County mud off my Sunday shoes and was ready to step out in the same class with Ed Sullivan. However, I was not the toast of the town. Just in case something came up, I thought up a real good speech. It went something like this: "Ladies and who ever you brought with you: when I first learned that the Index had won a third place award, in photography, to misquote a very famous man, 'I was too hurt to laugh and too mad to cry,' for as you all know that are only three awards and I won the last one.

"And then I got to thinking about all the newspapers that didn't win anything and I felt

better. Also I remembered that the good Lord had a purpose in mind for everything that He made and He made a cow. Now a cow is a peculiar animal that

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## Index Wins 1955 Press Award for Photography

Gatesville.—The first time during its 24 years of existence, the Gates County Index has won a Press Award for photography. The Award was made last Thursday at Chapel Hill. Governor Luther H. Hodges made the presentation at the University of North Carolina.

The Index placed third in statewide competition of weekly newspapers sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association.

The judges had the following to say about the award: "On-the-spot coverage of the Sunbury wreck and the treatment of the flood pictures were the chief factors favoring the Gates County Index for third place. Extra implicit was furnished by the large amount of space devoted to each picture."

The Sunbury wreck mentioned by the judges, happened last February in which one Negro was killed and a second died later as a

result of the accident. The flood pictures were made during the high water at Merchants Mill after the hurricane, Ione.

The Index also received honorable mention for the features that were submitted: "The Gates County Index exhibited an excellent idea in a feature series, "Know Your Newspaper," telling an interesting and helpful series of stories about the paper itself, its problems, methods, how it is put together, how it works, its mechanical and human gimmicks."

Carlton Morris, editor of the Index, attended a reception at 5:30 Thursday afternoon for the award winners and Governor Hodges. The reception was held in the ballroom of the Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill. Governor Hodges also presented the Press Awards on live television at 8:30 that night in Carroll Hall at the University of North Carolina.

## Dick Eure, 75, Dies After Long Illness

Roduco.—Richard Dick Eure, 75, died at his home day afternoon at 2 o'clock after a lingering illness. He was a native of Gates County and the son of the late Willie S. and Sallie Mae Eure.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Ella Mae Eure, he is survived by four sons, Willie R., Thomas Edward, Wallace and Lankford R. Eure, all of Roduco; two daughters, Mrs. Sallie Mae White, Gatesville, and Mrs. Sam Daniels, Corapeake; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Eure Christian Church. The R. E. Brittle, pastor, conducted the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The body was removed to the Rountree and Hoffer Funeral Home, Gatesville, where it remained until taken to the church one hour before the service.

Active pallbearers were C. R. Eure, Ethwell Perry, G. K. Riddick, J. R. Eure, S. E. Eure, Lycurgus Howell, Riddick Cowper and D. R. Eure.

## Poultry Meet Next Friday

Gatesville.—Poultry flock owners are invited to attend an educational meeting at the Agricultural Building, Gatesville, Friday afternoon, January 27, at 1:30.

Thomas Morris Extension specialist from N. C. State College, will conduct the discussion on all phases of poultry production—beginning with the baby chick and on through marketing eggs and broilers.

Proper housing, feeding and general management, including control of disease and parasites, will be stressed. Whether the flock is large, commercial size, or family size, the owner will get some good up-to-date practical ideas on general management.

An egg show is being held in conjunction with the meeting. Those planning to attend are requested to bring one dozen eggs, either brown or white, of uniform shape, size, color, weight, and free from cracks, ridges and dirt. An appropriate prize is to be awarded the best dozen eggs in each color.

The meeting is being held early in the afternoon as the specialist has to leave at 3:15 for another appointment.

### COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

Hobbville.—The ladies of Warwick Church Women's Missionary Society held Cottage Prayer Meetings Wednesday afternoon with two of their shut-in members.

The program consisted of Scripture reading and the singing of hymns which was inspiring and enjoyed by all.

## Horton Gets Sentence For Non-Support Charge

Gatesville.—With a charge of nonsupport against him, Jimmie Horton appeared before Recorder's Court when it convened in Gatesville on January 10. The court found him guilty as charged and Judge H. V. Beamon sentenced him to six months on the roads. Sentence was suspended upon payment of \$18 per week each Monday to the Clerk of Superior Court for support of six minor children. His performance bond was set at \$300.

Vernon D. Hall went before the court charged with operating without a license and transporting illegal liquor. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs for operating without a license and judgment was suspended in the possessing and transporting charge.

Found guilty of having improper license plates and muffler, the court issued prayer for judgment until the fourth Tuesday in January for Jobbie Smith.

Guilty of having improper operator's license, W. Roy Felton's 30-day jail sentence was suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Possession of illegal liquor and sale of illegal liquor were the charges against Addison Parker and Simon Winborn. Found guilty, Winborn was sentenced to 60 days on the roads. His sentence was suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and cost of court and that he be placed on probation for a term of three years and not violate any law and to have no liquor of any kind in his possession.

Addison Parker was sentenced to three months on the roads. His sentence was also suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs and that he be placed on probation for a term of one year to be added to the term he already has with special condition that he have no liquor in his possession of any kind.

The court found probable cause in the case of Wesley Pittman and Ray Ross. They were charged with escape from the prison camp. Their appearance bond was set at \$300 for the March term of court.

Paying a fine of \$25 and costs and being placed on probation for a term of two years, John L. Cross's six-month road sentence for drunken driving and assault with a deadly weapon was suspended.

Otis Jordan was charged with reckless driving and failing to stop at a stop sign. He was found guilty and sentenced to 60 days in jail. Paying a fine of \$40 and costs of court, his sentence was suspended.

The court ordered the check for support of the minor children of Arlington Eason be sent to

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**BIG CROWD**—Crowds estimated at 600 watched the ladies from Sunbury and the ladies from Gatesville battle it out last Saturday night in the Gatesville gym. Final score was Gatesville ladies 19, Sunbury 16. The Gates Ruritans and the Hobbville Ruritans tangled in the second game of the evening.