

Eason Sent to Road in Assault Charge

Gatesville.—James Eason, Middle Swamp Negro, is already serving time on the roads under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission for assaulting officers Friday, January 20.

Sheriff L. F. Overman arrested Eason and he and Patrolman A. S. Godwin brought him to Gatesville. It was while the sheriff was taking Eason from the car to jail that Eason struck the sheriff. Godwin was busy on the police radio reporting in to Elizabeth City and did not know what had happened until he heard the sheriff call for assistance. When Godwin arrived on the scene, the big Negro had broken loose and fled.

A quick radio call brought Patrolman J. J. Carter to the scene and Eason was soon apprehended near the home of J. G. Pollock. The Negro again put up a struggle, but was soon brought under control and placed in jail.

On two charges of assaulting an officer while in the performance of his duties and escaping from the custody of an officer, Eason went before court last Tuesday, January 24, when it convened in Gatesville. After hearing the evidence, Judge H. V. Beamon sentenced Eason to 18 months to the common jail of Gates County to work the roads under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

The crimes for which the sheriff arrested Eason, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony, will be heard in the March term of Superior Court. His appearance bond was set at \$500 on each charge.

Other cases to be heard during Recorder's Court were: Edmond Jenkins, failure to stop at stop sign; pay costs.

Walter Vaughan, improper brakes and improper parking; \$10 fine and costs.

LeRoy McCant, speeding; pay costs.

Dorothy C. Patterson, no wind-eld wiper, driving on wrong side of road; \$10 fine and costs.

Willie Edward Matthews, reckless driving; \$5 fine and costs.

John Saunders, speeding; \$10 fine and costs.

Willie Lankford Boone, operating without a license; \$25 fine and costs.

Golden Gene Burley, improper brakes, improper lights; \$20 fine and costs.

James Robert Tucker, reckless driving; \$10 and costs.

Willie Mac Wolfrey, Jr., reckless driving; \$10 and costs.

Lycurgus Johnson, Jr., drunk and disorderly; pay costs.

Willie Wiley Sutton, operating without a license; \$25 and costs.

Robert F. Corbett, speeding; pay costs.

Samuel Odell Riddick, operating without a license; \$25 and costs.

Benjamin Fillman, Jr., speeding; pay costs.

Clayborn Merrell Mercer, failure to stop at stop sign; pay costs.

Thomas Carter Lawrence and John Gilbert Wester, speeding; pay costs.

James William Britt, allowing an unlicensed operator to drive his car; \$25 and costs.

John Elton Smith, speeding; pay costs.

Charlie Saunders, improper brakes; \$10 and costs.

Edward Sutton, possession and transporting illegal liquor; 30 days in jail; sentence suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs.

William W. Wiggins, improper passing; \$10 and costs.

Charlie Hinton, operating after license suspended; prayer for judgment and continued.

Willie Hoffer, improper brakes; See COURT, Page 4

Gates County BRIEFS

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:10.

Owen Smith, architect, met with the contractors at Gatesville school Tuesday, January 31 for the final inspection of the new dressing rooms.

Mrs. Mary G. Cowper of Gatesville has been elected science and history teacher for Sunbury school. She is filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. J. Eure and has been teaching at Sunbury since January 24.

First of the year finds a lot of people moving around and often there is a practical side to the whole thing. Saw a whole truck load of furniture entering Gates County last Monday. On top of the load was a bright shiny television antenna. Apparently most of the family was following along in a pickup which was loaded down with collards. Looked like the folks just pulled 'em by the roots and were planning to reset them at their new home.

Had a call from the crew Edenton radio station last Monday. Wanted to use news from the Index. Funny how they forgot to say anything about paying for it. We do it for fun anyway.

Suzanne, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Askew lost her balloon on the street in Gatesville Monday afternoon. A high wind was blowing and her bright red balloon set away and sailed out in the middle of the street. A truck loaded with logs was approaching. The driver stopped to keep from running over the balloon which sailed happily across and down the street. The little blonde called to the editor, who just happened to be loafing and contemplating the ways of man and the world in general, and asked him to rescue her wind born craft, but the wind just whistled it away. Mark Brown, who was also loafing, but further down the street, took after the thing and another car had to stop to keep from running it down. But Mark rescued it and returned it to the happy owner, who showed good sense by not chasing into the street after it.

Morgan's Restaurant is now under new management. Mrs. A. C. Polson and Mrs. R. O. Hobbs, Sr., are operating it and serving home cooking, they said last Friday.

Had a little story about Ruth and Jacob Eason losing their home and all their possessions in a fire at Hobbsville last week. Rev. W. V. Brown says they have received a lot of furniture, but still need some clothing for themselves, and two brothers who lived with them, George and Walter Hobbs. George is crippled. They also need some bedding. Anyone wishing to help his Negro family can leave the materials at the Quality Shop in Hobbsville and Mrs. Brown will see that they get it right away.

A representative of State Civil Defense will visit the Gatesville courthouse Friday, February 3, to interview applicants for federal surplus property.

Programs—best work and fastest service when you let the folks who publish this paper do your printing. Give us your orders.



DR. BOYCE—Though Gates County has no drug stores, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Boyce operate a soda shop and sell shelf drugs in Gatesville. Mrs. Boyce is in a hospital suffering from a fractured leg and arm while Boyce carries on alone. He is standing by one of the oldest fountains in the state. Boyce and the fountain will be featured in a trucker's magazine in the near future according to Jeff Wilson, editor of the magazine.

Workshops for Congregational Churches

The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches has announced a series of "Workshops on Evangelism" to be held in key areas of North Carolina and Virginia in preparation for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign to be held in North Carolina on March 4-11 and in Virginia on March 18-25. The Workshops are to be held at Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church near Harrisonburg, Virginia, on February 6; at Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church near Suffolk, Virginia, on February 7; at the Beverly Hills Congregational Christian Church of Burlington, N. C., on February 8; at the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church of Asheboro, N. C., on February 9; and at the Wake Chapel Congregational Christian Church of Fuquay Springs, N. C., on February 10. Ministers and key laymen of the churches in the vicinity of the Workshops on Evangelism are expected to attend the all day sessions of the Workshops which begin at 12 noon with lunch and continue throughout the afternoon until supper at 5:45. The evening sessions will begin at 7:30 and continue until 9. The Lay Visitation Program preceding the Simultaneous Services to be held in local churches will be thoroughly explained and training materials will be available. A mass type meeting is being planned for the evening sessions of the Workshops. Dr. Aaron N. Meckel, an outstanding Congregational Christian Minister of St. Petersburg, Florida, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Meckel is widely known as a preacher, author and an authority in evangelism. His most popular book was A NEW DAY FOR EVANGELISM.

The Rev. Fred P. Register, Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, and Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, N. C., will be the chief resource leaders of the Workshops on Evangelism during February 6-10. All the Workshops will be similar in nature.

Gates County farmers who make full use of the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program to control erosion and to stockpile soil reserves will make a substantial contribution to the Nation's future security and well-being. J. A. Hobbs, Chairman of the Gates County ASC Committee, points out that soils have to be kept in condition to respond when the need arises. "Land that has been overworked and is tired is unable to respond when it is needed. Although there is no need now to increase the acreage of grains and most other field crops, there is a definite need to take advantage of this favorable food situation to continue stockpiling plant food reserves in the soil. Our farms then will be ready to meet expanded production needs when they come. If we don't stockpile

Refreshments to Be Subject for Homemakers Meet

Gatesville.—Party Refreshments will be the topic of the first meeting held for homemakers by the vocational home economics teachers of the Gatesville and Sunbury high schools. Mrs. Sylvia Mathews, VEPCO home economist from Elizabeth City will give the demonstration on Party Refreshments on Monday, February 6, at 3 p. m. in the Gatesville Home Economics Department, and on Tuesday, February 7, at 3 p. m. in the Sunbury Home Economics Department. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Time to Sign Up For Conservation Program

Gatesville.—It's time to sign up again in the Agricultural Conservation Program, says J. A. Hobbs, chairman of the Gates County ASC Committee. Farmers of Gates County have an opportunity again to cooperate with the farmers of other Counties and States in strengthening the Nation by improving the Country's ability to produce food and fiber. He said that the following conservation practices have been approved for Gates County for 1956: Practice 1—Permanent pasture or hay; Practice 2—Additional vegetative cover in crop rotation; Practice 6—Permanent pasture or hay improvement; Practice 7—Farm ponds for livestock and irrigation; Practice 8—Forest improvement; Practice 11—Open ditch drainage; Practice 12—The drainage; and Practice 14—Winter cover crops.

The 1956 program is open to all farmers and any farmer of Gates County who would like to use the ACP to help him conserve the soil on his farm and improve the productivity of his land should contact his local ASC Committee man or call at the County ASC Office located at Gatesville. Farmers who cooperate in the 1956 ACP will be helping to build up the Nation's soil reserves, says J. A. Hobbs. Not only will they be protecting the Nation's soil and water resources against erosion and waste, but they will be building into the soil a resistance to erosion as well as storing up production potential in the land. With the Nation's farm plant now geared to produce ample supplies of most major foods there is no need for any increase in the acreages of the important grains and cultivated field crops. But there is an opportunity in 1956. The Chairman points out, to use the ACP to strengthen our soil reserves by increasing the acreages of cover and green manure crops, pastures and hayland, and to increase the stores of nitrogen, phosphate, calcium and potash and other elements, where needed for plant growth. The county office is open every day except Saturday and Sunday to help farmers with their Agricultural Conservation Program plans for the coming year. Gates County farmers who make full use of the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program to control erosion and to stockpile soil reserves will make a substantial contribution to the Nation's future security and well-being.

These reserves now, there may come a time when it will be no late. With this in mind, J. A. Hobbs emphasized that farmers who sign up their farms in the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program will be entering into a partnership with the Nation's taxpayers for the benefit of all. The conservation practices carried out will help to keep the farms in condition to respond when needed. Stockpiles of soil reserves can help to meet the needs of an ever increasing population, making possible a more abundant living for more people.

Printing order, it says "Your Home Conservation".

County PTA Units Meet in Sunbury

Robersonville.—Miss Blanche Haley of Greensboro, field secretary of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, will address the various PTA units in District 9 between January 31 and February 3, it was announced by Mrs. H. T. Highsmith of Robersonville, director for the district which is composed of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Tyrrell and Washington counties. The PTA units in Gates County—Gatesville, Hobbsville and Sunbury—will hold a joint four-hour study discussion on "Education for Responsible Parenthood" in the Sunbury school Thursday afternoon, February 2, at 4 o'clock. A covered dish supper will divide the meeting, it was announced.

Water and Sewerage To Be Top At Council Meeting

Mrs. Coc. New President Woman's Club

Gatesville.—The Gatesville school cafeteria was the scene of activity and entertainment when the Gatesville Woman's Club held their regular meeting there last Monday evening, January 23.

During the business session, Mrs. C. N. Plyler, president, presiding, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. H. G. Cockey, president; Mrs. G. P. Cowper, vice president; Mrs. J. L. Askew, recording secretary; Mrs. J. J. Byrum, treasurer; Mrs. L. R. Eure, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. C. N. Plyler, parliamentary.

P. F. Edmond, mayor of Gatesville, appeared before the club and asked the cooperation of the members in distributing questionnaires to the town property owners concerning water and sewerage.

Mrs. J. M. Eason, chairman of the program committee, presented a film entitled, "Within Man's Power," giving the authentic history of man's crusade against tuberculosis for fifty years.

Following the business session a social hour was enjoyed at which time refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. N. B. Baker and Mrs. C. E. Ellis.



REV. A. J. EURE, JR.

Rev. A. J. Eure Now Full Time Pastor

Roduco.—The Rev. A. J. Eure, Jr., recently resigned his position as teacher at Sunbury High School to resume his work as minister. He is now serving Mt. Zion and Howerstone Baptist Churches of Donbrooke, Va. He assumed his duties there last week.

Rev. Eure attended Wake Forest College and received his B.A. degree in 1951. He then attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1955.

Rev. Eure is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eure, Sr., of Roduco. He is married to the former Sally Ann Hooper of Sunbury.

10 From County Examined for Induction

Gatesville.—Ten young men from Gates County will report January 31 for their pre-induction examination, according to Mrs. E. L. Hudick, chairman of the Gates County Draft Board. She further stated that four others would go to Raleigh for induction. Those reporting for induction are: Walter Edward Hobbs, Harvey Ray White, Robert Edward Spivey and Braxton Thomas Eure.

Gatesville.—Two important questions will face the Gatesville Town Council at the next regular meeting on February 6, according to Mayor Paul F. Edmond. First, says Edmond, will be the question of a water and sewerage system for the town. Many residents have expressed sentiment in favor of a public system for the town, he said, and the council is hoping that a large number of residents will be present at the meeting next Monday, as it is planned to discuss this matter in some detail.

As a matter of fact, the Gatesville Woman's Club has distributed a questionnaire to all Gatesville residents and property owners designed to bring out full public opinion on the proposed water and sewerage system. They plan to have this information ready for the Council by Monday.

It was pointed out by Edmond, that the cost of such a system would be considerable, and some residents who have recently installed a private system might object to junking it in favor of one operated for the public. He pointed out that the upkeep on a private system would amount to a great deal over a period of a few years. All phases of the question will be discussed at the meeting next Monday night beginning at 8 p. m. in the agriculture building.

The second problem facing the Council next Monday will be the disposal of disaster relief funds applied for by the town after the recent hurricanes. The town applied for \$10,000 and had approximately \$6,800 approved with reservations, according to Edmond. He said the town would be expected to spend that amount on mosquito control and drainage, and if the Federal disaster relief committee approved the expenditures, the town would be reimbursed.

The Mayor pointed out that if the town had that amount of money to begin with, no application for disaster relief would have been made. He is still working on the problem, he said, and still has hopes that something can be worked out to the advantage of the town.

Roy A. Harrell Studying for Evangelism

Sunbury.—Roy A. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrell of Sunbury, has entered the Bob Jones University at Greenville, S. C., where he will study for the ministry.

He was in the Army for the past 11 years and spent the last three years in Austria. He was discharged from the Army on January 17 and entered the South Carolina school on January 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell have two girls, Angela, four years, and Teresa, 19 months.

Mrs. Tim Eure Takes First Place At Egg Show

Gatesville.—Mrs. Tim Eure and son, Lana, took first place at the Egg Show held in conjunction with the poultry meeting at the Agriculture Building Friday afternoon, Thomas B. Morris, Extension Poultry Specialist from State College, brought out the latest improvements on poultry management. Morris pointed out the need for buying good chicks from reputable hatcheries. He advised poultrymen to purchase chicks for layers that had the bred in ability to lay at least 200 eggs per year. He recommended the White Rock for broilers but not for layers. He said several strains of White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds were very good for layers and would be more profitable than most strains of the New Hampshire Reds.

Growers and millers of Spanish peanuts from Texas and other Southwestern States have no objection to the North Carolina and Virginia request for additional acreage when the request for additional acreage was called for the purpose of gathering facts and information for the guidance of the Department of Agriculture. The information presented at the meeting was announced later by the Secretary of Agriculture.

J. I. Thigpen, director of the State peanut division, acted as chairman during the two-day hearing. Thigpen is a native of Tarboro, and was formerly head of the tobacco division. The petition and facts supporting the North Carolina and Virginia farmers' request for additional acreage was presented by W. V. Rawlings, executive vice president of the Virginia Peanut Producers' Association. See HEARINGS, Page 4.

Eure.—Ladies of the Eure Congregational Christian Church will serve a barbecue and chicken salad supper at the Roduco community house next Saturday evening beginning at 5:30. Proceeds from the supper will go to the church building fund.

Herbert Rountree, Sr. Aid to Rest On Friday

Sunbury.—G. Herbert Rountree, Sr., 69, died at his home at two o'clock Friday morning of a heart attack. He is a native of Gates County and the son of the late George and Artimiea Rountree. He was a member of the Philadelphia Methodist Church and a retired oil distributor for the Standard Oil Company. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Manning Rountree; two sons, Master Sergeant G. Herbert Rountree, Jr., U. S. Air Force, Pine Castle, Fla. and Commander Fred Manning Rountree U. S. Navy, Quonset Point, R. I. He is also survived by four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at two thirty at the Philadelphia Methodist Church by the Rev. C. A. Turner, Jr., of the Larchmont Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va. Burial was in the Costen Cemetery. Active pall bearers were G. B. Morgan, C. C. Edwards, T. W. Costen, Wesley Seward, H. C. Rountree, F. H. Rountree, R. W. Long and James Brothers. The Adult Men's Bible Class of the Philadelphia Methodist Church Sunday School were the honorary pall bearers. Funeral arrangements were from the Rountree and Hoffer Funeral Home, Gatesville.

On the Spot Report On Peanut Hearings

By J. MAYON PARKER North Carolina and Virginia farmers presented a strong case for an increase in peanut acreage allotments in the Carolina-Virginia area January 24 and 25 before officials of the Department of Agriculture in a hearing in Washington called for consideration of the possibility of need for an increase in peanut supply to provide an adequate supply of Virginia type peanuts. Supporting the farmers' contention that present acreage allotments in this area are not sufficient to produce the quantity of the large types of peanuts to supply the demand was testimony from peanut products manufacturers throughout the nation, who stated that the shortage at the present time was jeopardizing their business and that imports of large types of peanuts would be necessary this year unless supplies could be produced in this country.

Peanut millers in the Carolina and Virginia area unanimously supported the farmers' petition for increased allotments with resolutions and statements pointing out the present critical shortage of the large type of peanuts produced in this area.

The manufacturers of peanut products, particularly the salters and roasters of peanuts, declared openly that there was a decided consumer preference for the Virginia type peanuts because of size, flavor and quality over the smaller Spanish and Runner types, and that the smaller peanuts could not be substituted without damage to the market for peanuts for the present and in the future.

Only opposition to the North Carolina and Virginia growers' request for a minimum increase in allotments of 14.6 per cent to

meet expected demand for large type peanuts next year came from growers and millers of the small runner type peanuts produced in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Led in their opposition by H. L. Wingate, Georgia Farm Bureau president and former Congressman Stephen L. Pace, now legal counsel for the peanut shellers of the Southeastern producing area, the Georgians based their argument on the contention and threat that Georgia, Florida and Alabama could and would grow enough Virginia type peanuts next year to supply any shortage that may or may not exist in the large type peanuts. They also contended that should any shortage exist in Virginia type peanuts, the shortage could be made up by the substitution of smaller types until Georgia could get into production of the larger types.

Michael J. English, president of the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, in his testimony and under direct questioning by Wingate, cut much ground from under the Georgia opposition by stating flatly that threats and promises of production of Virginia type peanuts in the Southeastern area have been made publicly and privately for the past five years but had not been fulfilled. He also stated that experience had shown that there was a flavor and quality, as well as size, distinctive to the peanuts grown in North Carolina and Virginia which the public appeared to prefer that no samples of Virginia type peanuts grown in Georgia had duplicated.

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Pre-Natal Clinic

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SATURDAY SUPPER

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