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Sells Pet Goat To Buy War Savings Stamps

A trend of sacrifice that bids fair to revolutionize the war savings stamp and bond era is developing in Gates county. It follows the theme established several weeks ago by 9-year-old Rufus Duck who sold his marbles to buy a 10-cent war stamp and reaped national recognition (and a number of dollars) for his act of patriotism.

Accounting in a savings contest at Eure school recently brought to light the fact that 7-year-old Sonny Doughtie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Doughtie of Eure, had sold his pet goat during the contest and bought war stamps with the funds thus acquired.

The goat, which had been Sonny's pride and joy and constant companion after school hours, brought \$6 to further the Allied war effort.

Principal Raleigh King's sixth and seventh grade classes won the savings contest sponsored at Eure school during February by the Bank of Gates. The school's 116 pupils participated 100 percent, buying \$1,338.25 worth of war savings. According to Robin Hood, cashier of the bank, this represents a pre-student average investment of \$11.44. The original goal at Eure school was \$500. Members of King's class invested \$429, a per student average of

Helen Eure's class ran a second, a total of \$410.45, giving a per student average

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Miss Parker Goes To Northampton

Miss Pauline Parker, public health nurse in Gates county since July 3, 1940, left this week for Jackson to become associated with the Northampton county public health department.

Miss Ethel Eichelberger, formerly of Jackson, was expected to arrive early this week to assume the duties carried on by Miss Parker.

GATESVILLE MEETS GATES IN TWIN BILL

Gates and Gatesville basketball teams will clash in a double-header bill Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Gatesville gymnasium, according to a press-time announcement.

Low Flying Blimp Frightens Fowls

Luther Smith has a lot to pick with the navy. A low flying navy patrol blimp passing over Gatesville shortly before noon Monday nearly scared her chickens to death, she said. "I know they won't lay another egg for a month".

As the big motored bag roared over Gatesville rooftops, the chickens sought safety in wild confusion. The yard was a mass of flying feathers and loud squawks as the chickens dove for cover under the dwelling and under the smokehouse. They still had not recovered from their fright at 1:30, Mrs. Smith said.

War Makes It Difficult to Draw Jury List; Many in Army and Navy

Gates county commissioners ran into a condition that grows increasingly difficult as the war progresses when on Monday they began drawing jurors for duty at the spring term of Superior court which convenes March 22 for the trial of both criminal cases and civil actions.

They learned that the armed forces and war works around Norfolk have called a large number of Gates county men who in normal times would be available for jury duty.

Name after name was drawn from the box by little Frederick Smith only to bring from Commissioner Carter, Russell or Aske the statement: "He's in the army", or "he's in the navy", or "he's working in Norfolk".

No less than 150 names were drawn before it was ascertained that the 36 men selected are in the county and have not served on a jury in the past two years.

Those who will be summoned are: G. C. Worrell, Lyman Howell, W. O. Byrum, Irving Tayloe, G. R. Lassiter and C. W. Eason of Gatesville township; M. W. Smith, R. L. Brown, L. O. Stallings, Fletcher Corbett and B. H. Ward of Hunters Mill.

Roy F. Eure, W. Roy Harrell, H. L. Eure and R. G. Cowper of Halls township; S. F. Vaughan, L. G. Parker, M. P. Gatling, E. C. Tyler and John W. Eure of Reynoldson township.

E. B. Horton, J. E. Lilley, Maywood Taylor and Paul Greene of Hasletts township; Hugh L. Rice, Elton D. Taylor, Emmett E. Parker, R. P. White, G. R. Roundtree and John T. Smith of Holly Grove.

G. W. Hollowell, J. W. Riddick, Jr., B. V. Brown, P. D. Hobbs, W. E. Holloman and A. E. Blanchard of Mintonville township.

Junior Red Cross In Fund Drive; To Get Coathangers

Junior Red Cross members will stage a separate drive for War Funds during the month of March together with a drive to collect metal coathangers for soldiers. "Help a boy pass inspection," is the campaign slogan in the coat hanger campaign, according to Mrs. W. Henry Overman, chairman of the Junior Red Cross who says that coat hangers of the cardboard variety now being used by cleaning establishments is not durable enough to hold a uniform in shape.

Members of the Junior Red Cross in Gates county are all school children. This is not a membership drive; it is for the War Fund alone and each child is simply asked to make a contribution of any size. The drive will be held in the schools during the week of March 8-12, Mrs. Overman said.

The coat hanger drive will be held on Thursday, March 11; the goal is 1,000 hangers in Gates county, since the Army wishes them in that size shipments. Children will ask for the hangers at home and parents are asked to give one if they can give no more. Mrs. Overman emphasized that they will be used by soldiers, not civilians.

In Hobbsville and Sunbury Boy Scouts will make a house-to-house canvass for coathangers. School children will canvass Gatesville, Gates and Eure.

MISS SIMPSON IN FARM SECURITY OFFICE

Miss Dorothy Simpson, formerly of Plymouth, has arrived in Gatesville as secretary in the Farm Security Administration office. She is 18 or 19 years old and is red-headed.

Tag Day In Gates County Huge Success

Gates county has not forgotten the unfortunates who have become victims of infantile paralysis, or the great need to give generously to the scientists who work diligently to find a way of freeing our people from that enemy which strikes down so many persons each year.

"Tag Day" returns are not all in; only about one half of the community leaders have sent in their amounts from the sale of tags, but judging from the returns so far, Gates county apparently will exceed its quota of \$108 for this year.

The following is a list of community leaders who have made their returns to the county treasurer for the infantile paralysis fund, and the amounts from each:

Mrs. W. O. Crump, Sunbury, \$37; Mrs. J. L. Sawyer, Gatesville, \$12; Mrs. C. R. Eure, Roduco, \$11.25; Mrs. E. P. Story,

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Benny Owens Champion Hog-Caller At Gates F.F.A. Banquet for Fathers

Benny Owens was acclaimed the champion in a hog-calling contest staged as part of the program when the F.F.A. boys of Gates high school entertained their fathers at a banquet in the school lunchroom Thursday night.

J. W. Sumner, teacher of vocational agriculture, conducted the hog-calling contest which followed songs by the F.F.A. boys.

Tazewell D. Eure, Gates county register of deeds, was the principal speaker of the evening, discussing "Food Production and the American Red Cross".

At Middle River Shipment of Red Cross Garments From Gatesville



Pvt. John R. Eason, who received his diploma from the Goldsboro technical school at Seymour Johnson Field on January 24, 1943, has been sent to A. A. F. T. T., C. D. Barracks 21, Flight 1, Class 20, Middle River, Md., where he is now taking special aerial engineer training.

Pregnancy of Wife Does Not Entitle Man to Deferment

Registrants whose wives have become pregnant since December 7 1941, are no longer entitled to deferment on the grounds of dependency, it was announced by the State Director of Selective Service. He stated that this revised policy has been made necessary because present regulations provide that no status which acquired on or after December 8, 1941, may be considered when deciding questions of dependency.

The Director further announced that all local boards in the State have been directed to reopen and reconsider for classification the cases of all registrants heretofore deferred on the grounds of dependency because their wives have become pregnant since December 7, 1941.

The fact that a registrant is a parent shall not be considered in determining the class in which he should be placed unless the child was conceived prior to December 8, 1941, the Director said. He further stated that this ruling applied to all cases, regardless of the date of marriage, and is to be applied both in considering the classification of a registrant and in determining his category.

A shipment of Red Cross garments consisting of the following items was made from Gatesville recently, according to Miss Ona Patterson, county demonstration agent, in her report to Gates county commissioners at their meeting Monday:

36 sweaters, 14 mufflers, nine pairs of wristlets, two helmets, 16 boys' shirts, 28 gowns, and 24 slips.

The knitted garments for service men were sent in answer to urgent requests that as many woolen garments as possible be shipped at once, according to Miss Patterson.

Gatesville Part In Air-Raid Alert Not Satisfactory

Gatesville's participation in Thursday night's air raid practice was described as "not satisfactory" by Gatesville people who remained out of doors during the period the alarm was in effect. Several residents of Gatesville claimed they did not hear the air-raid signal nor the all-clear. The courthouse bell is used in Gatesville to spread the alarm, and many lights came on before the all-clear sounded.

Cars continued to pass through the streets with headlights full on. Some of the confusion accompanying the practice alert is contributed to the fact that prangsters ring the bell at the courthouse whenever the urge strikes them. Consequently, since the Thursday night alert came more or less unannounced, the Gatesville citizens did not know whether the ringing was another prank or a genuine alarm.

97 Percent of '39 Levy Collected

Reporting on collection of 1939 taxes, A. P. Godwin, delinquent tax attorney for Gates county, indicated to Gates county commissioners at their meeting Monday that 97 percent of all taxes levied in 1939 had been collected.

He reported \$424.76 collected on delinquent accounts, and while a number of suits were started no deeds were given for property sold for taxes.

Donating Fats

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrell, of Drum Hill neighborhood, have donated eight pounds of fat to the war effort. The fat was saved in coffee cans.

Since collections started several months ago 350 pounds of waste fats have been brought to the various stores designated to collect the material. It is now at the agricultural building in Gatesville awaiting shipment to the Norfolk tallow company.

Gates county has a monthly quota of 324 pounds which should be met but so far the drive for waste fats has not been taken very seriously.