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Draft Boards May Release Farmers Other Work

Farmers who are draft exempt because of their farming operations can now secure a permit to do public work without endangering their draft status provided they follow a simple form in securing their release, it was announced by the draft board this week.

An announcement from the draft board said:

"Pursuant to regulations of State Director of Selective Service dated August 14, 1943, permits will be granted upon written request of 2-C or 3-C registrants to engage in work other than farming for a limited period, provided such other employment does not interfere with his regular farm work.

Form to be used in applying for a release is as follows:

"To Local Draft Board:
"I hereby apply for release from farm work to do other work from this date until September 20, 1943. I hereby agree to notify the local board in writing upon my return to farm work."

Tobacco Grading Demonstration Is Scheduled

A tobacco grading and sorting demonstration will be given Saturday, August 23, at 10 a. m. at the farm of E. B. Speight at Savage's Church.

The demonstration will be in charge of W. L. Bradsher, tobacco specialist, of the United States department of agriculture.

All tobacco farmers in Gates county are invited to attend the demonstration, John Artz, county farm agent, announced.

Mrs. Sallie Bettie Smith Rites Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Bettie Smith, 76, who died Friday night in Elizabeth City, were held Sunday afternoon from the Gatesville Methodist church by the Rev. J. M. Joliff.

She is survived by two sons, J. K. Smith of Suffolk, Va., and B. G. Smith of Colerain; one daughter, Mrs. S. W. Pierce of Gatesville; seven step-children, Warren Smith of Center Hill, Harry Smith, Elizabeth City, M. W. Smith, Sunbury, J. A. Smith, Raleigh, Mrs. Maggie Humphlett, Hertford, Mrs. Laura Stallings, Hertford, Mrs. Ella Green, Gatesville; one brother, H. K. Smith of Portsmouth; 14 grandchildren, one great grandchild. She was a member of the Savage Methodist church. Burial was made in the Taylor cemetery near Middle Swamp.

Active pallbearers were grandsons, Roy and Leslie Pierce, Wilson and T. M. Stallings, Martin Green, Clayton Smith.

At the services the choir sang "Where We Never Grow Old," "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," and "Meet Me There."

Sicilian Invaders Nearing Battlefront



Apparently relaxed and concerned only in the outcome of their card game are these U. S. soldiers as they floated toward Sicily to take part in the greatest land, sea and air invasion in military history.

Plans Shape for War Fund Drive in Gates

A meeting of the advisory committee of the Gates county war fund drive was held in the Bank of Gatesville Tuesday afternoon at which plans were made conducting the \$125,000,000-war fund drive in Gates county.

Robin Hood, cashier of the bank, is the chairman of the drive. The following through Monday afternoon had been named to the advisory committee: L. C. Hand, clerk of court; Miss Ona Patterson, home demonstration agent; and John Artz, county farm agent. A fourth member was to be named to the committee.

The advisory committee is to name chairmen for the different townships in the county. Co-chairmen are to be named in townships which are too large for one person to cover.

Mrs. Amy R. Perry of Gatesville will serve as treasurer during the drive.

Principally a USO drive, the campaign has as its goal \$125,000,000 of which \$61,277,000 will be contributed to the USO. The remainder will be distributed to the difference organizations participating in the drive, such as the Red Cross, etc.

During the collection of the money in Gates county citizens are asked to remember that this

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Roduco Man Made First Lieutenant

Ernest E. Askew, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Askew of Roduco, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., basic training center of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

He is 30 years old and before his induction into the Army on May 23, 1942, was employed at Henderson high school in Henderson as science teacher and coach. He attended Elon college and University of North Carolina in 1932-36 and 1940.

G. H. Williams Wins Melon Prize

For bringing in the largest watermelon to the Gates County Index office this year, G. H. Williams of Gatesville will be awarded a three-year subscription to the Index.

Mr. Williams' watermelon outweighed a melon contributed to H. L. Eure by two pounds. Mr. Eure's melon tipped the scales at 50 pounds and Mr. Williams' at 52 pounds. Mr. Eure wins a two-year subscription to the Index.

63 Gates County Boys and Girls Blister, Sing and Eat at Nag's Head

By Ona Patterson

Sixty-three Gates County girls and boys members of Older Youth and 4-H Club enjoyed a picnic at Nags Head on Thursday, August 12. The Older Youth Club sponsored the trip, allowing each club member to invite a friend. It was an excited but happy crowd that boarded Mr. Johnson's bus around 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Only one stop was made going down after the children all got on and this one was a 20 minute stop in Elizabeth City.

Arriving at the First Colony Inn around 12 o'clock the group had time for a swim before lunch. And speaking of lunch you can't begin to imagine how much good food these girls and

boys carried. One resident of the Inn offered \$1.50 to a club member if he would just ask him for lunch. It isn't any wonder why you know what this lunch consisted of; Gates County had fried chicken, deviled eggs, assorted sandwiches, all kinds of pickle, homemade cake and believe it or not bottled drinks, consisting mostly of Coco Colas were served along with this bountiful lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Midgett, managers of the First Colony Inn, were invited guests. They were introduced to the group at noon hour.

Following the introductions and announcements about lunch by the home agent, Elmo Lang, Gatesville, returned thanks. As-

Gates County Schools Entering Third Week Seeking Six Teachers

Officers Capture Negro Wanted Since September

Gates county deputies Saturday captured Lonnie Johnson, Negro, who has been wanted by the sheriff's department since September 7, 1942, for assaulting two Negroes at Roduco.

Deputies J. D. Baines and C. V. Cross of Gates arrested the Negro at Como following a tip by a Hertford county officer that Johnson was in the vicinity.

At present, Johnson is in jail in Winton awaiting trial in recorder's court next week.

Johnson engaged in a shooting scrap at Roduco on September 7, 1942, wounded two other Negroes, broke windows in a Negro amusement place and escaped. He has been sought since.

Revival Services At Eure Church

Revival services will start Monday night, August 23, at 8:30 in the Eure Baptist church. The Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Sr., will conduct the services and the Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., will lead the singing.

This week revival services are in progress at the Gatesville Baptist church starting at 8:30 p. m. each night.

Winds Split Huge Oak Tree

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hollowell of the Corapeake section had in their yard a huge oak tree which was in three sections.

Recently, high winds ripped one section of the tree from the remaining parts and on the following night the second section was uprooted.

Employment of Miss Francis Elliott of Oxford to teach the fifth and sixth grades in the Eure school leaves the Gates county school system with six vacancies to fill as the schools enter their third week of operation today, W. Henry Overman, school superintendent, announced.

This is Miss Elliott's first year of teaching following her graduation from Eastern Carolina Teacher's College in Greenville.

Two in Eure

Two of the six vacancies in the Eure school where teachers to instruct the first and second grade combination and the seventh and eighth grade combination are needed.

One vacancy exists in the Gatesville school where a sixth-seventh grade teacher is needed. A high school teacher is needed in the Gates school. Either a mathematics, science or history teacher would fit into the Gates system.

Resignation Not Accepted

A home economics teacher is needed in the Hobbsville school where Miss Florence Ward has resigned. Her resignation has not yet been accepted and she is remaining until her position can be filled.

R. P. Johnson, principal at Hobbsville, has informed Mr. Overman that he expects to be called into the army and is remaining in the school through this week.

Mr. Overman said that he was making every effort to fill the vacancies. Securing teachers, however, he pointed out, is a difficult job since they are not easily located.

Bond Sales Miss Quota

Because Gates county farmers have not yet sold their money crop from which the proceeds will be used to pay bills, taxes, buy needed equipment and purchase War Bonds, sales of Government securities in Gates fell \$71,239.55 below the goal established for the county during July, Robin Hood, chairman, reported Monday.

A goal of \$15,528 was established for Gates county during July as compared to a total of \$7,288.45 during the month.

An August quota of \$15,528 has been set, the same as in July.

AHOSKIE PLANS FOR BIG NIGHT

Ahoskie.—The Tobacco Board of Trade of Ahoskie is making preparations to entertain 5,000 people here Saturday night when a free show will be presented on "no man's land" starting at 8 p. m.

Streets will be blocked off and extra patrolmen will probably be on duty to handle the large number of automobiles.

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