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Four Fined For Violations Of Forest Fire Laws

Sunbury.—Four Gates county men have been tried under specifications of the forest fire laws recently, according to B. B. Powell, district ranger. Fines, costs and fire fighting assessments amounted to a total of \$74.80 in the four cases.

Vernon Pierce of Corapeake found guilty of burning without a permit, was fined \$10 and costs of court amounting to \$9. The fine was suspended upon payment of the costs of court and on condition that he secures a permit before burning again.

J. P. Blanchard of Gatesville was found guilty on a similiar

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Mrs. Sue Hudgins Buried Tuesday; Died in Suffolk

Suffolk.—Funeral services for Mrs. Sue B. Hudgins, widow of C. W. Hudgins, who died Saturday night at a local hospital after a long illness, were conducted Monday at the R. W. Baker Funeral Home by the Rev. F. L. Baker, of Oxford Methodist Church, and the Rev. Thomas Collins of Gatesville, N. C. Burial was in the Gatesville Cemetery.

Mrs. Hudgins was a native of Gates county, N. C., the daughter of the late Josiah and Mary Chappell Blanchard. She had lived in Suffolk for the past 25 years and was a member of Oxford Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Staff Sergeant William A. Rawles, U. S. Army; a granddaughter, two step-sons, J. W. Hudgins, of Hobbsville, N. C., and G. C. Hudgins, of Suffolk; a brother, Samuel H. Blanchard, of Gatesville, N. C.

Pfc. J. W. Hofler Injured Overseas

Sunbury.—Pfc. J. Willard Hofler of Sunbury was wounded in action in Germany on February 27.

He was wounded in his left thigh by shrapnel, and is now in a hospital somewhere in France.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hofler and has been overseas since December, 1944.



WOUNDED AGAIN. Pfc. Joseph C. Liles of Sunbury, was slightly wounded for the second time in Germany on March 23.



AS MILLIONS PAY LAST HOMAGE — With the Capitol dome an imposing backdrop, the military procession, headed by the caisson bearing Franklin D. Roosevelt's body, winds its way down Delaware Avenue toward the White House. The sad journey from Union Station was viewed by millions. The Presidential and U. S. flags bring up the rear.

Warrant Officer J. E. Hinton Is Killed In Action In France

Carters.—Chief Warrant Officer James E. Hinton, of the 20th Armored Division's Finance Section, was killed in action in France on March 3. He died at a base hospital on that day after suffering a bullet wound in the head a few hours earlier, according to messages from friends reaching his wife who lives with her parents in Atlanta.

Hinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hinton of the Carter neighborhood, is Gates county's nineteenth war casualty.

The Hintons left Gates county and moved to Andrews, S. C., in 1931, the same year that James graduated from high school and joined the Army. He attended the Army finance school in Washington, D. C., and then was assigned to Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Moultrie, S. C. Later he attended the Army Finance school at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and was assigned to duty at Camp Campbell, Ky. He went overseas in February and was killed less than a month later in the Normandy sector.

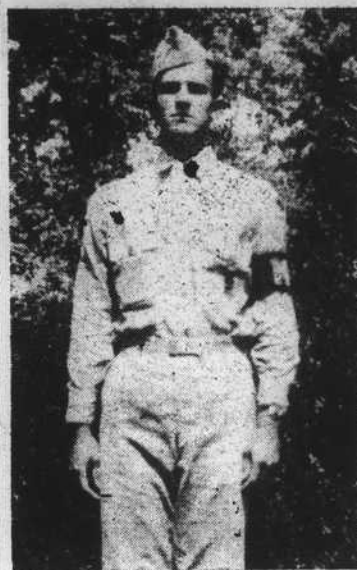
His parents moved back to Gates county from South Carolina several years ago and at present are living in the same vicinity where James was born and spent most of his early years until he entered the armed forces.

His wife is the former Dorothy Stewart of Atlanta, where she lives at this time.

Garland Bunch Wins Silver Star

Hobbsville.—Cpl. Garland J. Bunch, husband of Mary E. Cartwright Bunch of Hobbsville, was awarded the Silver Star for bravery in action against the enemy.

He held off an enemy counter-attack with a 30 calibre machine gun and at the same time relaying artillery commands.



KILLED.—Pfc. Sornie Cecil Eure, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Eure of Gates, was killed in Germany on February 24. He had first been reported missing in action.

Seal Sale Drive Amounts to \$426

Gatesville.—A total amount of \$425.75 was realized in the campaign for funds for the North Carolina League for Crippled Children recently conducted in Gates county under the guidance of Miss Clarine Gatling.

Proceeds from a dance staged at Sunbury early in the campaign netted \$147. White schools in the county sold Easter Seals amounting to \$135.35, as follows: Gatesville, \$45.64; Sunbury, \$35.50; Hobbsville, \$24; Gates \$17.10; Eure, \$13.11.

Sales made direct to individuals by Miss Gatling's office amounted to \$38.50.

Colored schools in the county contributed the following amounts: Ballard, \$1.25; Beautiful White Oak, \$3.30; Buckland,

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Dismal Swamp As National Forest Urged in Virginia

North Carolina's Help Is Asked

Acorn Hill.—Concluding a two-day inspection tour of the Great Dismal Swamp, members of the Virginia State Conservation Commission meeting in Norfolk Friday afternoon agreed to endorse the effort to have the swamp taken into the National Forest System, and to request the North Carolina Conservation Commission to cooperate in the undertaking, since almost half of the swamp lies in this State.

Accompanying the commissioners on their tour which began with ground inspection Thursday morning and ended with a flight over the area by blimp Friday afternoon, were C. Wiley Grandy and Manager William S. Harney, representing the Norfolk Association of Commerce, officers of the Norfolk Isaak Walton League, George Dean, Virginia State forester, T. S. Turner, district forest warden, R. M. Evans, northeastern regional director for the National Forest Service, and Lucius Blanchard, manager of the Gates County Index.

Carolínians Invited

Members of the North Carolina Conservation Commission had been invited to participate in the tour and discussions, but had declined since Governor Cherry has not yet made his appointments.

The Virginia Commission members voted to (1) recommend

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G. Gatling Heads Cancer Campaign

Gates.—G. D. Gatling is serving as chairman of the Cancer Control drive for Gates county. Mrs. G. C. Worrell, county council president of Home Demonstration Clubs, is assisting him.

Mr. Gatling is urging a generous response to the cause and asks that contributions be sent to Miss Ona Patterson, home agent, Gatesville, who is treasurer for the drive.

All organizations in the county will be contacted concerning the cancer control drive.

Felton Lands 81 Pound Sailfish

Miami Beach, Fla.—Pfc. Noah E. Felton of Eure, N. C., recuperating at Miami Beach, recently became a member of the Miami Beach Sailfish Club. Fishing from an Army yacht, he caught a white marlin weighing 81 pounds and measuring seven feet, two inches in length.

Private Felton sent home the certificate awarded him for safe-keeping. He had been fighting in the European theatre before returning to the States for rest and re-assignment. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Felton.



ENTERING WHITE HOUSE. President Harry S. Truman, shown above, entering the White House has recently received a loyalty pledge from Democratic Senators.

Thomas Rountree At Miami Beach For Re-assignment

Miami Beach.—T/Sgt. Thomas B. Rountree, 29, of Hobbsville, N. C., has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, pioneer of several redistribution stations operated by the AAF Personnel Distribution Command for AAF returnee officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment. He will remain at the redistribution station about two weeks, much of which will be devoted to rest and recreation.

As a B-24 Liberator engineer-gunner, Technical Sergeant Rountree flew 39 missions in the Southwest Pacific. His wife, Virginia, and his father, T. W. Rountree, live in Hobbsville. Sergeant Rountree entered the Army in September, 1942.



WOUNDED in action in Germany, Lieut. John Paul Lentz, former principal of Gates high school, is back in action. Lieut. Lentz is with a field artillery regiment and has been awarded the Purple Heart. The former principal is a native of Stony Point.