

Power of War

Launching yesterday what is be-Launching yesterday what is be-lieved to be the final round of the In "C" Draft Groups Battle of Afrcia, Allied forces are now within eight miles of Bizerte and only about a dozen miles out of Tunis. Marshal von Arnim has followed Rommel in a dash for freedom, the two leaving between 175,000 and 200,000 German and Italian soldiers to the continued bombing and driving attacks of the Allies.

Enemy resistance continues strong, but there are signs of weakness in spots, leading some military observers to believe that the crap in Africa will be brought to a successful close before the end of this month.

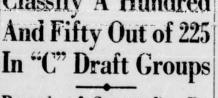
Making as many as 2,000 sorties in a single day, Allied airmen are pulverizing enemy positions ahead of the ground forces and Bizerte and nal classification later. The seventy-Tunis are burning. Offering one of five, or approximately that number, the greatest shows of air power seen apparently did not meet all the protually hold complete mastery of the air, and are unleashing their power and might against the enemy on land, sea and in the air.

Over on the Eastern Front, the Russians are showing an increased mers in this county will fall into the power in air and on land, and are "C" classifications, married men in holding a line ranging from two to eight miles from the Black Sea port of Novorossisk. Desperately trying to check the Russian drive on the city, the Germans staged five counterattacks yesterday, but at day's end all they had to show for their efforts were several thousand dead and heavy losses in equipment. The drive to the city is progressing with the promising possibility that it will be continued on over to the Crimea.

The Americans are still pounding the Japs in the Aleutians with the possibility that a drive will be soon aunched to recover Attu and Kiska. Premier Tojo, speaking in Manila this week, declared that the Japs were about ready to launch a drive status. to wipe out the Americans and the British. While the general was boasting there was a general lull in the South Pacific fighting, and little activity has been reported in that area during the past few days.

The Allies suffered a severe loss when General Frank Andrews was Henry Harrell, Charles C. Martin, Bethel last September when Mr. Monday, but General Jacob Devers Murphy, Vernon Andrews, Willie local peanut plant. has been named to replace him, and Roebuck, Jr., Charlie Price, Jr., Den-Mrs. Harrell was

According to Office of War Infor-



Records of Seventy-five Being Sent to War Board For Further Study

Continuing its review of farm registrants' records, the Martin County Draft Board in session here last Tuesday night handled 225 classifications. Of the number 150 were placed in the "C" draft groups, meaning they are not subject to call to the service immediately or as long as they maintain the status on which their classifications were established The records of seventy-five-other

registrants were turned over to the duction unit requirements, but in quite a few cases they missed by a narrow margin.

Judging from the classifications handled last Tuesday night, at least the 3-C and single men in the 2-C group. With a few minor changes in than sixty years a resident of Marthat 75 per cent and possibly 80 per at 4:30 o'clock at the home of her cent of the farm registrants can qual- daughter, Mrs. L. J. Bullock, on were turned over to the County War weeks, the end coming after much Board for further study, will be patient suffering. classified later. At the present time

group, but until their cases are re- Feddie Harrell of near Oak City, was viewed and they are given an oppor- born in Jonesboro 69 years ago, the tunity to meet certain production second of last September. When a unit requirements, the names will small child, her parents moved to not be released. They will be noti- Apex, and in 1881 came to this counnot be released. They will be noti-fied direct by the war board of their ty, locating in Everetts. The family Oak City Closes

The following names are those of farm registrants who met the pro- tween Hamilton and Oak City. A duction unit requirements from the short time before Mr. Harrell's death beginning:

Robert James Duggins, James A. Bullock accepted a position with the

were settled for another two years last Tuesday when fifty out of a potential 1,000 electors visited the polls in the mayor's office and cast their votes for John L. Hassell for mayor, and R. T. Griffin, N. C. Green, L. P. Lindsley, V. D. Godwin and G. H. Harrison for commissioners. Not a single dissenting vote was recorded and the voting went

forward from 8 that morning until sunset after a listless fash-The group will hold their first regular meeting as a new

Williamston's town politics

and mayor on June 7. Mrs. Alice Harrell **Dies at Home Here** After Long Illness

Funeral Services Are Being Conducted Today in Scotland Neck

Mrs. Alice Stewart Harrell, native of Jones County but for more the farm plans, it is believed by some tin, died here yesterday afternoon counted. ify for the classification that will Marshall Avenue. She had been in cate, when there is plenty of money exempt them from military service. declining health for some time, and and not a whole lot of food to be Those men whose farm records her condition had been critical for bought. There were those times

Mrs. Harrell, who was Miss Alice

later moved to Hamilton where she married and located on a farm be-

they built a home in Oak City where Franklin Finch, S. C. Bailey, Col- she lived until she went to make her umbus Salsbury, Jake Brown, Geo. home with her daughter and " Mr. Washington Farmer, Mayo Daniel, Bullock. They moved here from

Mrs. Harrell was a faithful mem-

nis Briley, Johnnie Johnson, Fran- ber of the Baptist Church having

Short Time Monday Morning

Following a long session the week before, the Martin County Recorder's Court held forth a comparatively cleared the docket and folded their

Proceedings:

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with bastardy, Sam Council was adjudged guilt. The ase was continued under prayer for udgment until the first Monday in January, 1944, upon the immediate payment of the costs and \$25 within one week for the care and support of Mrs. Jas. D. Leggett

the illegitimate child. Council is also to pay an additional \$25 within six months and reappear on January Passes At Her Home 4 for further judgment.

Charged with larceny and receiv-Thursday Afternoon ing, Willie Bryant was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. Bryant admitted the theft of two old hens rom Farmer Roy Cullipher, but Funeral Services Today At

vigorously denied stealing an old rooster reported missing from the farmer's hen house. Judge Smith explained that the court and the de-

fendant would not engage in argument of a male fowl, and Bryant soon learned that it was the principle of the act and not quantity that

The time has almost come, health. A victim of heart trouble she court record would seem to indimonths, the ailment with complica when people stole because they did

and Mary Ann Liverman Holliday, not have the wherewithall to finance Mrs. Leggett was born at the old food purchases. A second food stealthey are tentatively in the 1-A Stewart before her marriage to ing case centered around James family plantation near Williamston. Blount who stood charged with the



The Oak City High School, the last of the white schools in the county to end the term, held its graduation exercises last Tuesday, Principal H. M. Ainsley announcing that the year had been a very successful one despite direct and indirect inroads

made by war. The first in the closing events was

ear, are hampering tobacco trans- while the damage is not as severe planting in the county, scored of far-past, it is bad enough to upset transmers declaring that the tobacco farm planting plans and cause much con-

schedule is about as uncertain as the cern among the growers. course of a mad dog While it is still possible for farm-Strong winds, blowing a bit cold ers to get enough plants to meet their

and whipping the plants with sand, requirements, present indications short time last Monday when Judge have just about wiped out many of point to a reduction in the crop this I. Calvin Smith called five cases, and those crops that were transplanted year. Farmers, as a general rule, had he and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson last week and the early part of this. Quite a few farmers are planning to ments, plus the five per cent bonus larger than usual, and the Grade III tents some time before the dinner transplant their crops a second time. allowed them, but the outlook for ev- car tire rations were actually in ex-While those who were off to an early en a normal acreage is not at all

start are worried over the condition bright just now. of their crops, others are troubled Reports received from other states planting approaches a climax along some observers claim there'll be a

over the outlook for plants during and areas point to a reduction in the the next few days. Ordinarily, trans- acreage, especially in Georgia where

about this time, but very few farm-ers are occupied with the task just crop this year.



young son or Mrs. Daisy Purvis. of Williamston, received his wings last Tuesday and is now an ensign in the U.S. Navy Air Corps. Martin County now is represented by between fifteen and twenty young men in the air corps of the two branches of the armed services, young Purvis being the second to get his

wings in the Navy. **Ministerial Group**

In Meeting Here The Williamston Ministerial Asso-

A small child when her parents died, ciation met in the study of the Memshe went to make her home with an orial Baptist Church at 11:00 on Tuesaunt, Mrs. Martha Holliday Mobley. day morning. At this session of the Some time later she moved to Wil-Association it was decided that there liamston to attend the old academy would be ne change in prayer meetand made her home with the late Mrs. Eli Gurganus. In 1892 she was when the half holidays were declaring days as has been done before married to James Daniel Leggett ed, since so many folks would not be who died 31 years ago. Possessed of able to leave town for the resorts. It

a brave and courageous spirit, Mrs. was also agreed that the time for all Leggett, following her husband's evening services would be 8:30 bedeath, accepted the new responsi- ginning Sunday, May 9th. bilities of her home, tenderly offer-

FOOD PRESERVATION

Miss Ruth Britt, local home

Mayor Hears Eight

Proceedings in his court:

Eddie Hardy and Daisy Thompson.

were each taxed with \$7.50 costs.

axed with the costs.

taxed with the costs.

with being drunk.

¹ public drunkenness.

of the week.

Cases This Week

ing motherly care and advice to her considering the time for the annual The association spent much time in children and ever guarding their Daily Vacation Bible School. After welfare in a Christian setting. Mrs. considering many factors that de-Leggett always saw the best in ev- termine the naming of the time and

eryone, and was recognized as a choosing of a faculty, it was agreed friend by many, including members that the school would begin Monday, According to Office of War Infor-mation's Elmer Davis, plans are go-ing forward for an invasion of the Continent this summer. It is pos-

cess of the allotment for the entire month of May. Quite a few holders of Grade III tire certificates are asking that they be changed, but such procedure is not possible. According to reports the holders of the certificates are in many cases having diffi-

tire Allotment of Grade.

III Tires for May

One hundred and seventy-eight

tires-31 Grade I car tires, 143 Grade

III car tires and four new truck tires

were allotted by the Martin Coun-

ty Rationing Board this week. The

culty in finding those types of tires. And in some of those cases where the ires were found, the new owners traveled only a short distance before ney had tire trouble.

New automboile tires and tubes were rationed, as follows:

J. W. Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston, our tubes

Thomas J. Blount, Jamesville, two ubes. Nathan Wynn, RFD 2, Williams-

on, two tires. Steve Clary, Williamston, three

res A. C. Roberson, RFD 1, Williams-

on, two tires. W. O. White, Williamston, one tire. F. W. Holliday, RFD 1, Jamesville,

ne tire J. Roy Overby, Williamston, two

Herbert Lilley, RFD 1, Williams on, one tire.

F. C. Williams, Jamesville, three ires

George Washington Wynne, RFD Williamston, one tire.

G. P. Hughes, Williamston, three ires and three tubes Howard Coltrain, RFD 1, William-

ton, one tire and one tube John A. Manning, Williamston,

one tire and one tube. R. A. Critcher, Williamston, one

tire and one tube. C. S. Vanlandingham, Williams-

on, four tires and four tubes.

J. C. Rawls, RFD 2, Williamston,

two tires and one tube. J. O. Bunting, Parmele, two tires

ind two tubes. Hettie Johnson, RFD 1, Oak City,

two tires and one tube New truck tires and tubes were

allotted to the following V. L. Roberson, Robersonville,

ne tire and one tube. Raymond Wallace, of Jamesville, three tires and three tubes. J. W. Eubanks, Hassell one tube

sibe that Hitler is anticipating such a move, that he is withdrawing from lie Williams, Peter W. Burnett, Er-Russia to bolster his defenses. Ac-cording to Davis' opinions the in-thel Broddy, G. D. Williams, Wm. ton Harrell, of Scotland Neck, and unsion will possibly get underway the Broddy, G. D. Williams, Wm. vasion will possibly get underway Solomon Hyman, Simon Short, Jr., even before mopping-up operations are completed in Africa.

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More Martin County Men Called By Army

Large Numbers Of Married Men Are **Included** in Group

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Unofficial Report Points To An Increase in Size of **Future Calls**

Hardly before the Army and Navy had fnished weeding out the April delivery list, another contingent of young colored men left this county yesterday for an Army induction center. The approximately 71 men moved out on two special busses, and most of them are expected to return today with rejection slips or to begin a seven-day furlough before entering active service.

Many married men were included in the group, but most of them were in the teen-age group of were in their early twenties

Two of the group scheduled to leaves were transferred to other boards for induction, and two failed to show up.

The contingent reporting to the induction center this week was the largest to leave the county in recent months. An increase in the size of future calls is expected.

The following men made the trip this week:

Leveron Roberson, Williamston. Walter Freeman, Williamston. Thomas Olmstead Clay, Parmele. Jeffrey Benjamin Spruill, Roberonville

Romas Peel, RFD 1, Jamesville. Alexander Hill, Jamesville. Willie Mason Lanier, RFD 1, Wil liamston, and Washington, N. C. George Turner Hyman, Williams-

Alphonza Ruffin, RFD 3, William-

Herbert Burnett, Hamilton and (Continued on page six)

ON "FREE" LIST

Peanut planters, obtainable only with a ration board certificate and the cash, of course, have been placed on the "free" list, the County War Machinery Rationing Board was advised here this week. The planters, if to be found, may be bought without a ration purchase certificato.

Fifteen or more applications for peanut planter ration certifiactes were pending in the rationing board office when the instructions were received this week.

Scout Camporee Will Be Held Here

James Odice Razor, RFD 3, Wiliamston and Elizabeth City. Geo. Davenort Williamston. Berkley McIntyre, Williamston. Harold Purvis, Williamston. Boy Sconto Tran Dipacet , James, ville, Windsor, Robersonville and Williamston will hold a three-day The Navy accepted the following camporee on the high school grounds here on Friday, Saturday and Sun-Claude Parker, RFD 1, Palmyra. day of next week, James T. Uzzle, Oliver Peel, RFD 1, Jamesville. representative of the Eastern Caro Lenwood Dawes Keys, RFD 1, lina Boy Scout Council, announced this week. amesville.

Tentative plans for the big cam-porce have been prepared and between 75 and 100 of the youths are looking forward to the program. The camporee will take shape on Friday afternoon, May 14th, with a full pro gram to follow that evening, all day but they failed to show up and have Saturday and until 10 o'clock Sun-

day morning when the lads make ready to depart. The tentative program calls for a series of interesting contests in addition to planned entertainment and games. The contests will center around the following: First Aid, woodchopping, knot tying, signalling, pile back of the Proctor Shop fired string burning, fire by friction with a barrel of excelsior and one or two flint and steel, map making and na-ture study. Awards will be made to charred paper blew down the main

the winners, it was announced. street.

Besides her daughter here she is tian Society," the minister delivered survived by two sons, Messrs. F. A. what many considered his best sermon

Instead of centering the graduathree daughters, Mrs. Catherine tion exercises around a celebrity's Bunting, of Scotland Neck; Mrs. Grospeech, the seniors took charge of ver Wynne, of Bethel, and Mrs. G. O. their own program, the procedure Crisp, of Emporia, Va., and one sismarking a radical departure from the old custom. Presenting the playter, Mrs. D. M. Vick, of Henderson.

Funeral services are being conlet, "We Pledge Allegiance," the ducted this afternoon at the funeral young people handled it well and home in Scotland Neck by Dr. W. carried it out in grand and patriotic R. Burrell, pastor of the local Bapstyle with the Stars and Stripes add-

tist Church, Interment will follow in the family plot in the Conoho Church cemetery, near Oak City.

Many Are Called

Martin County men are being call-

ed in fairly large numbers, but few

are being elected for military serv-

ice. Approximately fifty colored

draftees left this county on April

22, and according to an official audit

only twelve of the group were ac-

cepted, eight by the Army and four

The names of the men accepted by

James Spencer Pippen, RFD 2,

James Horton Hunter, of Rober-

Booker T. Lanier, RFD 1, Wil-

Robert Henry Beacham, RFD 3,

been reported as delinquent.

Volunteer Firemen Are

Called Out This Morning

Volunteer firemen were called out

this morning when a burning trash

by the Navy.

the Army are:

Williamston.

sonville.

iamston.

Williamston.

ing to the stage setting. County Superintendent J. C. Manning awarded the diplomas to the sixteen graduates, ten girls and six boys. Plagued by war and labor shortages, the school is sending out its smallest class of graduates since **But Few Chosen** 1924.



Mrs. Edwin Holding, the former Miss Josephine Harrison who taught the seniors in the first grade, pre sented them with a bouquet of white carnations, the class flower. Commenting on the term, Princi The school year has been a hard though successful school term. In many respects the student body realzed and felt that it might be their

s follows:

last school year and the serious side was ever present in all the different drives in which the school always was willing to help even at a sacrifice in some cases. The student body at large took the several ready met its quota, and more, it isn't likely that the doctor will be changes in the curriculum for the called immediately. coming year with ease and very lit-Other classifications were handled le complaint. The war situation was

a daily theme in all classes beginning with the discussion of the cur-

on, deferred six months rent news in the history class and Mark Hardy, colored, Hassell, 1-A. unlinuing with the sloper "Work Horace A. Ray, w, Williamston and ing for Uncle Sam" in the grammar New River, 1-A. grades. Joshua Rascoe, c, Williamston, 1-A.

NEARS END

Seine fishing on the Roanoke is nearing an end, reports stat-ing that the size of the catches is dwindling from day to day and that operations will hardly continue another week.

Ordinarily, May 10 is the deadline for seine fishing, but this year the fisheries are being allowed to continue operations for an indefinite period. However, a decrease in the size of the catches will necessarily halt the activi-

The season at Jamesville has not been very successful, the to-tal catches falling far below normal. Marketing has continued at a rapid pace during the season, and stocks are at a low moint.

around her home. Devoted to her family circle and friends, she enjoyed the company of others, and 2s a member of the local Methodist ley giving the names of their work-Church since childhood she was loy-1 and faithful in its service until her health began to fail, giving free-

4:30 O'clock from Home

On Smithwick Street

Mrs. Martha Holliday Leggett,

highly esteemed citizen, died at her

home on Smithwick Street here yes-

terday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock fol-

lowing a long period of declining

had been a patient sufferer for many

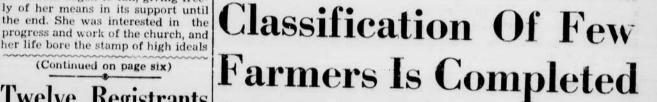
The daughter of the late Joseph

tions causing her death.

The same ages and departments the following: Grade III tires were allotted to were to obtain this year as before (ages 4-17). All local churches are Williamston, four; L. H. Taylor, R. asked to communicate with Mr. Hur-F. D. 2, Williamston, four; Perlie

D. C. McLawhorn,

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Forty In The First **Group Fail To Meet Unit Requirements**

Liberalization of Production **Requirements Enables A Majority To Qualify**

Some over 100 farm registrant classifications-the first handled by the United States County War Board and the draft board jointly-were completed last Tuesday night when the draft authorities met here, Forty of the group were placed in the 1-A classification, forty-sever, were placed in the "C" groups, and the records of about twenty or more were held over for a recheck befc o final classification is made. It is apparent that well over fifty

The crime ranks on the local front percent of the farm registrants can filled in by onners over the week- qualify for the "C" cassactartons. The first 100 farm registrant cases end were thinned out by Justice J. . Hassell in his court the early part or approximately that number, were turned over to the County War Board a little over a month ago. Each case was given due study and every possible consideration. The Charged with disorderly conduct, Johnnie Powell was fined \$5 and cases were given more study and consideration by the draft board Tuesday night. Those who were L. A. Downey, charged with public drunkenness, was fined \$2.50 and placed in the 1-A classification are Tank Bennett was taxed with now subject to call the latter part \$8.50 costs in the case charging him of this month, and the only avenue for delay or escape from the draft is Z. T. Spencer, charged with being drunk, was fined \$2.50 and taxed district board.

The following men were placed in the 1-A classification:

harged with disorderly conduct, Willie Dickerson, RFD 1, Jamesville.

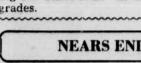
James Moore, charged with an as-James Elbert Ay "s, RFD 1, Wilsault with a deadly weapon, was iamston Wade Harrell Gibson, RFD 1. Wil-

bound over to the county court uniamston James Speller was fined \$2.50 for Will Martin, RFD 2, Robersonvi

William Mc. Cratt, RFD 2. W Paul Rogers was taxed with \$9.50 iamston. the North Carolina Department of costs in the case charging him with

William Carl Coltrain, RFD, Wil-

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pal Ainsley said:

Martin Whitaker, RFD 1, James Three men, Robert Spruill, of Norfolk; James Earl Hyman, of Phila delphia, and Henry Dave Bonds, of Norfolk, were scheduled to report for induction with the April 22 group

economics teacher, will conduct a demonstration in food preshe farm group were classified or reclassified by the Martin County Draft Board in session here last Tuesday ervation in the high school home hight. A thirteenth case was left over economics department here next for later classification pending an Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All housewives and othinvestigation. Seven of the twelve were placed in the 1-A classification. ers interested in conserving the but in one case a special agency will maximum amount of food are determine the status of the regisinvited to attend the demontrant. Dr. E. Thayer Walker, of Wilstration. In those cases where liamston, was placed in 1-A in acthe housewives are unable to cordance with the policy calling for attend Tuesday afternoon, Miss the induction of married men with-Britt is conducting a second out children. His case will be turndemonstration next Friday eveed over to the Medical Procurement ning, May 14th, at 7:30 o'clock. Division, and since this State has al-

Noah Wiggins, colored, Williams-

Hugh B. York, w. Williamston and

Leon Outlaw, c, Williamston, 3-A. George Willie Collier, c, Hassell,

Guilfrod VanBurean Flowers, w

Williamston and Annapolis, Md., de-

Wesley Hardison, w, Williamston

nd Norfolk, deferred six months.

Maurice Delma Brinson, w, Wil-

Willie David Boston, Jr., c, RFD

Jamesville, classification pending.

A new automobile was rationed

county war and price board this

tivities as state game protector of

Conservation and Development.

Local Man This Week

to W. O. Abbitt, local man, by the der bond in the sum of \$50.

week. The rating was besed on ac- public drunkenness.

iamston and Farmville, 1-A.

New Auto Rationed To

erred sixty days.

vis, Pa., deferred six months.

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