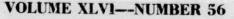


# THE ENTERPRISE



Approximately Nine

Per Cent Is Placed In

Non-Essential-List

Hundred or More Who Have

Are Subject to Call

The United States Congress appar-

ently did an effective job when its

members passed legislation to re-

lieve the farm labor shortage, ac-

cording to a review of the farmer-

registrant classifications in this coun-

ty. It is true that many farmers were

drafted into the military service and

that an even larger number turned

to industry before the legislation was adopted, but the seriousness of the

farm situation aggravated by the

90 per cent or more in this county.

And it is quite likely that some of

the forty-three are married and

er 38 years of age. It is believed now

that few or no fathers or men over

38 will be called any time soon,

about to be caught in the draft.

Most of them are tenant farmers

whose landlords did not file a farm

at the present time they have no

claim to "C" classification. The last

of the farm registrant files, an es-

to the County War Board by the

draft authorities for tentative class-

ification. All those farm registrants

whose cases are not placed before

the County War Board will be sub-

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Number Of Water

erably

**Not Filed Farm Plans** 

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, July 16, 1943.

#### **ESTABLISHED 1899**

OVER THE TOP

FOR VICTORY with UNITED STATES WAR BONDS-STAMPS

# **Draft Classification Roosevelt-Churchill** Issue Ultimatum To For Farmers About The Italian People **Complete In County**

#### Sicilian Invasion Goes For ward and Progress Is Reported on Other Fronts

In a direct ultimatum issued early oday by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, the Italian people were urged to make a choice between their country and the Musselini-Hitler combine "You can desert Mussolini and Hitler and take a stand for your country," the ultimatum said in substance. They'll do that or accept the consequences they were warned. Thousands of today. No time limit was set, and no peace offer was made.

Just how much weight the ultimatum will carry is yet to be determined, but reports from Sicily state that many Italians there are welcoming the Allied soldiers, that instead of firing machine guns at them, the Italians are moving forward to kiss the invaders' hands and feet, and rejoicing over their de iverance.

The ultimatum is recognized by some to mean that the Allies are about ready to follow through with their drive against Italy, that only the overthrow of Mussolinia will On the fighting fronts, the Allies

from the Pacific and Eastern fronts as well as from Sicily.

## To Be Filled in Five **Of The Schools**

meaning that possibly no large per-The shortage of teachers continues centage of the 43 "non-essentials" will be called from their part-time to plague school committeemen and or low-unit farming. It is well un- county education authorities, late re- as large as were to be expected. derstood that non-farm registrants, including married men without children, have been thinned out consid-It was again pointed out by the

to worry them ever since the 1942- ed relieve the Eigth Army repulse a 100 or more farm registrants are 43 term ended and when the resig- German counterattack in the Aunations literally poured in. A review of the teacher shortage Montgomery's men in the renewal shows seventeen positions unfilled of their drive northward toward Caplan at the agricultural building, and at the present time, four in Oak City, tania with Messina as their ultimate three in Farm Life, four each in Bear Grass and Williamston and two Fresh waves of Allied parachutists

in Jamesville, including a principal were thrown into the fighting at a timated 200, have been turned over at the latter place. More resignations number of points, including the are being talked, but school officials Augusta sector, front reports said, declare that the schools will open on and helped the Allied main forces time, that the situation really isn't inflict heavy losses as the enemy as serious as all that. No official appeared on the verge of starting a count could be had, but possibly res- major counterdrive.

ignations have set a new count rec- A report coming from a British ord this year. Most of the places cruiser stated that the British had made vacant by resignations or oth- captured Lentini and Carlentini, 15 erwise were filled up until a short and 16 miles south of Catania, where time ago when changes surged for- a full division of Axis troops were

France

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According to a report coming out

Selective Service authorities, how-

ever, would retain authority to in-

duct any man who balked at trans-

ferring from nonessential to essen-

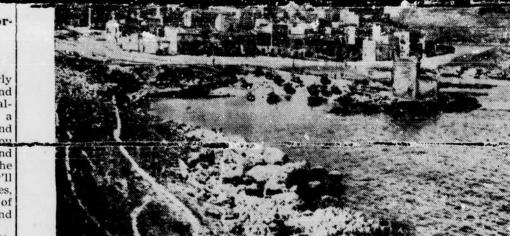
No decision has been reached yet

on the plan to reduce the induction

quota to around 100,000 a month, al-

hough a substantial reduction is

tial employment.



THIS SICILIAN VILLAGE, Santa Elia, located east of Palermo, is typical of many of the areas in which Allied troops are now fighting Axis defenders on the Italian island. Mountains run right down to the sea and landings had to be made through reef-infested, heavily-mined waters and beaches. (International)

# To Vote On Quotas For Flue Ratings Are Given Cured Tobacco On July 24th **To Cafes and Meat Markets In County**

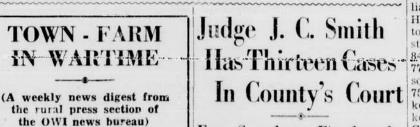
TERRAIN WHERE ALLIED TROOPS BATTLE AXIS

Martin County farmers along with, tinued by all means in the interest others throughout the tobacco belts of the farmer and all business conwill vote on flue-cured tobacco mar- nected with agriculture in North Carolina keting quotas for the 1944 crop, or Dean I. O. Schaub of State Col-

for the three-year period 1944-46, in lege said: "It would be a great caa referendum to be held on Satur- lamity for the farmers of North netted the Allies about 115 towns. day, July 24, in accordance with Carolina and the state as a whole in Approximately 20,000 prisoners have War Food Administration regula- if quotas were discontinued at this Garland Coltrain of the health debeen taken by the Allies, and the tions, it was announced this week. time, and growers were allowed to partment explained that the overpush, despite stiffening resistance, is National marketing quotas and plant an unlimited acreage of to- all sanitary rating for cafes, hotels, going forward. The Allies are losing state and farm acreage allotments bacco. Prices would probably drop rooming houses, and meat markets some men, but the casualties are not will be the same as in 1943, with to a very low figure and it would be compared favorably with the best in similar provisions for adjustments years before the state could recover other counties throughout the State. Smashing through about nine as have prevailed in the past, it was from the shock. Also, we must While one or two of the cafes were Sicilian deexplained. Before the quotas can maintain our acreage of food and on the border line, none was orderbecome effective they must be ap- feed crops in winning the war." ed closed, according to the report proved by a two-thirds majority of Commissioner W. Kerr Scott and Scores were found to be exceptional all eligible farmers voting Governor J. M. Broughton heartily ly high in some cases.

At a meeting held in Raleigh on concurred in this statement. Since crop quotas have been in Wednesday of this week, representatives of all the agricultural agen- effect, crop production has greatly Brown Bros. Market, Jamesville, cies in the state, warehousemen, increased: tobacco, 9 percent; peabankers, merchants and other nuts 32; wheat, 51; oats, 59; corn, 23; 91; E. L. Brown Market, Williamsgroups allied with agriculture ex- and hay, 66 percent. Larger yields ton, 86; J. H. Ward's Market, Wil-

pressed the opinion that the present and greater profits have come from liamston, 92; Pender's Market, Wil-marketing quotas should be con- less acres.



Army Convoy Moves Through Here For Carolina Monenvers-

#### Julian Roebuck, Local Boy, Is Recognized as He Pilated Little Jeep

American forces are at the scenes of action in great numbers, and the fellows there can tell Adolf, Musse and Hirohito that others back home are preparing for action in even greater numb naneuvers somewhere in Carolina. the Army started moving through this part of the State Wednesday and yesterday, the boys just about took over the highways. The size of the convoy was not revealed and its destination was not officially announced, but the movement is beieved to be the largest to travel this way since the first few days of the war. One report stated the men were from the Chesapeake area, that maneuvers in certain swamp areas were to be held.

Quite a few convoys have moved hrough this section since the war started, and possibly a few Martin County boys were in them, but yesrday was the first time that any ome talent was recognized among the faces of the youthful and strongooking soldiers. Seated behind the wheel of one of those little jeeps Julian Roebuck, youngest son of Mr. J. H. Roebuck, whooped and waved at his friends and acquaintances all through town. Possibly the visit was the most hurried one he had ever made, and incidentally it was his first in some time.

Filing the first inspection report Apparently in the best of spirits, some time, County Sanitarian olly and happy, the soldiers waved reely as they passed through the nain streets here. An observer heard an unusually loud greeting and a more or less frantic waving of the hand, the soldier greeting him by name. But the convoy was moving rapidly and identity could not be established.

It is believed that the young man was one of a group entertained here over night many months ago.

The report, just released, follows: The convoy carried all kinds o Sexton's Market, Jamesville, 80.5; equipment, including mobile kitchens with the chefs busily carving in-84.5; McClees' Market, Williamston, viting chunks of beef even as the vehicles moved rapidly forward.

Infantry, field artillery, engineer liamston, 90; Red Front Market, Wiland quartermaster units will particiliamston, 84; Sunny Side Market, 82; pate in the rehearsal for actual com-Hardy's Market, RFD 3, Williamsbat. The movements will cover ton, 95; Ben's Market, RFD Williammany types of terrain, but marshes ston, 83.5; Hardy's Market, Everetts, and swamps will predominate.

84: Bryan's Market Robersonville, The maneuvers will be observed 77.5: Everett and Williams, Rober- by Lieut, Hugh A. Drum, commander In County's Court sonville, 82; Tom's Market, Parmele, of the Eastern Defense Commander of the Eastern Defense Command and the First Army, and Brig. Gen. ket, Hamilton, 84; Johnson's Mar- Rollin L. Tilton, commanding the ket, Hamilton, 82; W. V. Daniel and Chesapeake Bay Sector, embracing Co., Oak City, 81.5; Roberson's an area from Maryland to North

in the North African area. It has also been learned that several Martin County boys were in the shuttle service supporting the supply of munitions and equipment for the thrust at Sicily. farm situation aggravated by the draft has been definitely reduced by Teacher Shortage Is

PILOT

An unofficial report received here yesterday from reliable

sources indicate that Chas. Dan-

iel, of Williams Township, was

in the thick of the air fight

when Allied armies invaded Si-

cily late last Friday night. No

details of his participation in

the scrap are to be had, but it

was learned that he had been

recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and been

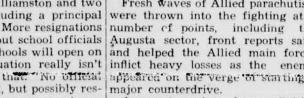
made pilot of a flying fortress

# have children, or that they are ov- Seventeen Positions Are Yet The Sicilian invasion to date has

gusta sector and encouraged General

According to late information com-ing from the draft board, out of 464 Still Big Problem In the overthrow of Mussolinia will prevent wide-spread destruction. On the fighting fronts the Allie farm registrants recently classified only 43 were ruled non-essential. The County Schools are doing a great job. Favorable reports are coming from all sides, from the Pacific and Fastern fronts

ports from the office of the superintendent stating that the situation miles of the southern has been aggravated by late resig- fenses and taking their seventh air nations. And others are pending, just base, the Americans gave the Allies as if the officials had not had enough an added advantage in the air, helpdraft board this week that possibly



Systems Rationed ward and teachers here and there cut off by parachutists and com-resigned.

Following the introduction of electricity into many rural communities of the county, home water sysor three weeks quite a few of the systems have been rationed by the County Farm Machinery Board.

at any other time in possibly thirty years, the tobacco worm created a demand for poison sprayers. The tems, and a few other types of im- Duke, popular teacher of the first Gela-Farello, Gela-Ponte Olivo, and plements to the following in recent grade for the past two terms. Miss the Syracuse seaplane base. weeks:

D .Andrew Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, water system.

Jordan G. Peel, RFD 1, Williamston, water system.

Herbert Bunting, Robersonville, tobacco sprayer.

C. L. Green, RFD 1, Robersonville, tobacco sprayer. Zack Cowen, RFD 2, Williamston.

tobacco sprayer. Mrs. Alice V. Coltrain, RFD 1, Wil-

liamston, peanut weeder.

Charlie Roberson, Williamston, peanut weeder. N. C. Green, Williamston, two-in-

one cultivator.

S. E. Parker, Robersonville, tobacco sprayer.

C. E. Smith, Robersonville, tobacco spraver.

disc harrow.

Clayton Revels, RFD 2, Williamston, bush and bogg harrow. Wynn and Coburn, RFD 1, Rob-erson me, tobaccó sprayer. J. H. Coburn, RFD 2, Roberson-

ville, tobacco sprayer. S. R. Coburn, RFD 1, Jamesville,

electric water pump.

N. T. Tice, RFD 1, Williamston, water system.

C. W. Gurkin, RFD 1, Williamston, water system.

Leslie J. Griffin, RFD 1, William

ston, water system. B. Slade, Hamilton, hammer

mill. Mrs. Minnie Wynne, Everetts, to bacco sprayer.

#### Local Young Man Earns **Promotion In Air Corps**

Completing his basic training and pre-flight work at Maxwell Field, Ala., James Willis Ward, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward, of Williamston, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Army Air Corps. He has been transferred to Jackson, Tenn., where he is now flying.

yesterday, faculties in the other When battleships moved into the white schools are either complete or fight at Catania it became too hot about complete. Even in several of for the Germans and they moved announced. Local rationing boards tems are making their appearance the schools listing openings, appoint- back with their big railway guns. fairly rapidly. During the past two ments are pending and contracts are expected shortly. In the local school, Miss Evelyn Baker, of Washington, American advance from Comiso has been named to succeed Mrs. An-Coming in greater numbers than nie Mae Forrest as commercial bases within their orbit of conquest

As far as it could be learned late rear.

teacher. Contracts are pending in across the southeastern part of Sicily two of the other cases. and light attack planes already are Among the recent resignations is operating from several of them. The the one offered by Miss Clarine others are Comiso, Pachino, Licata,

Duke will enter the Virginia school system this fall. Mrs. Rebecca Crockett, first grade teacher for four miles outside Catania where the

but the position has not been offi- horns with an Italian field division formed. cially declared vacant. The irony of the whole teacher were thrown into the battle by the

shortage business is that none ex-

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# Officers Wreck Two General Patton has advanced an-**Stills In This County**

Raiding in the Bear Grass section last Wednesday morning, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel assisted by ABC Officer Roy O'Neal, of Beau-J. R. Rogers, RFD 2, Williamston, fort County, wrecked two liquor stills Draft May Not Take gallons of molasses beer. Both plants

> for kettles. One of the plants had been virtually abandoned, and there was no of Washington, fathers of children

> beer and very little equipment there. conceived prior to Pearl Harbor and After remaining idle for several all men in the 38-to-45 years bracket months, or virtually idle, the illicit may be spared from military servliquor business is apparently trying ice under plans now under considera come-back, but the sledding is a ation.

bit tough in the face of officers and rationing.

NOT SO BAD

Heavy rains falling in this section recently, and especially the one last Tuesday afternoon, damaged crops, but numerous reports state that the damage is not as great as many expected when rains continued to fall in nearly every one of the first thirteen days of July.

Tobacco in some limited areas has "flopped," but for the most part, the crop is holding up well and the outlook, barring unfav-orable weather, is promising. **Rations for Sick** 

Although the need to conserve rationed foods is great, no hospital pa tient's health need suffer, the OPA

have been given authority to provide The capture of the Biscari airsupplementary allotments to meet port, representing an eight-mile n hospitals--whether or not such gave the Allies control of all air patients are on special diets.

Mileage for Air Raid Wardens Air raid wardens, while not eligi ble for "C" ration books, may continue to get "B" books, according to OPA. Volunteers regularly performing work contributing to the war

Late reports state that a big battle is raging on the plains some few thorized representative of the agenyears, has been asked to be excused, British Eighth Army has locked cy for which the work is being perand crack German troops. Big tanks

**Fuel for Incubators** 

#### Fuel oil for incubators, brooders Germans, including the 60-ton boys, and other equipment used in raising but the British were taking all the poultry, livestock, or other agricul-tural products can no wbe obtained pended upon payment of \$20 and ty home were inspected. poultry, livestock, or other agriculenemy could offer and pushing on. The new American 7th Army under regardless of the age of the equip ment. OPA has recently removed other seven miles, extending Allied these items from the list of equipopsition as much as forty miles inment for which no fuel oil rations British bombers for the second were previously allowed. straight day went over the Channel

**Coal Production Lags** oday to bomb strategic targes in

Coal production for the first half of 1943 was an estimated 1,729,000 tons less than for the same period

in 1942, Solid Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes has reported. "The gravity of this loss of production is emphasized by the fact that the na-

last," he said.

Casualties of the United States Enlist In The Navy Casualties of War

Armed Forces from the outbreak of the war to July 3 total 91,644. This total, based on War and Navy Department reports, includes: dead, 16.696; wounded, 21,828; missing, 31,579; prisoners of war, 21,541. Of

these, Army casualties total 64,621; Navy, 27,023.

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**Escape Injury In Car** 

Ensign and Mrs. Paul William

being considered. Rork, of the Naval Section Base, unteering their services this week Factors influencing the discussion Morehead City, escaped injury when are, William Herbert Perry, Jr., of are the increase in potential French their car, a Plymouth sedan, went RFD 1, Jamesville; Vernon Gray and other manpower in North Afriout of control on wet pavement Cowan, of RFD 3, Williamston, and ca and the increasing need for supplying United Nations with muniabout ten miles out on U. S. High- William Arthur Bell, of Williamstions and other goods manufactured way 17 last Tuesday afternoon. The ton. The first two boys are white.

car, driven by Mrs. Rork, went off in the U.S.A. Members of Congress went home the highway and to the ond of the June, North Carolina led the nation convinced that the need for draft- wide shoulders, and barely missed in the number of enlistments, and ing fathers would not arise before turning over. Damage to the car was Martin County contributed approxitheir return in September. estimated at \$75. mately twelve recruits.

our Speedsters Fined at the Slaughter House, Williamston, 73.5; Carolina.

**First Inspection Report Filed** 

In Some Time by County

**Health Department** 

Rate of \$1 Per Mile in **Excess of Limit** 

Thirteen cases were tried in Judge Cafe, 81; The Martin Cafe, William-J. Calvin Smith's recorder's court ston, 83; The Pulp Mill Cafe, Plymthis week with only a small number outh, 77.5; Roberson's Slaughter of spectators witnessing the proceed-Elbert S. Peel was the prosecutor. Ben Bennett, Jr., charged with vagrancy, was found not guilty when it was shown that he had worked

419 hours in the past ten weeks. Oliver Bonds, charged with vagrancy, was found guilty. He was effort or public welfare who need sentenced to 30 days on the roads, supplemental mileage should have sentence suspended for six months applications certified by some au- upon payment of \$40 and costs and that he be regularly employed.

Nancy Felton paid a fine of \$15 and costs after being found guilty of assault with deadly weapon. Charged with assault on female, Jesse Davis was sentenced to the liamston, 95. road for 90 days with sentence sus-

costs Owen Baker, charged with drunk-

en driving and driving a car with no operator's license, paid a fine of \$50 and costs. The court recommended that he be issued no driver's license for one year.

S. T. Perry, charged with allowing an unlicensed and intoxicated person to drive his car, had judg-

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had crude equipment, the operators Fathers After All tion will need an estimated 25,000,-having rigged up two gasoline drums Fathers After All toos of coal more this year than Three County Boys were taxed with \$6.50 costs.

> Martin County's record of patriotism, builded from the days of the Revolution, is still being maintained

by the youth of today. Navy Recruit- charging him with disorderly coner Dallas R. Taylor announced this duct. morning that three more Martin County lads had volunteered their services, that they left yesterday for Raleigh to undergo final examinations. Their acceptance depends upon their examinations, and it could not Accident Last Tuesday be learned immediately if they had

Local Kiwanians have literally eaten themselves out of a club, passed the tests a report from the serving com-The names of the 17-year-olds volmittee stating that the regular meeting scheduled to have been held last night was called off when sufficient ration points

During the months of May and

could not be had for the purchase of foods.

No eats, no meet, the officers agreed. But plans are being advanced whereby meetings can be held at times without a meal to help bridge the meetings over the ration gorge.

realm.

orderly conduct.

Little Savoy, Williamston, 70; Central Cafe, Williamston, 94.5; Modlin Service Station Cafe, 72,5; Buck's Electrical Storm tral Cafe, Williamston, 94.5; Modlin In County Tuesday House Cafe, Williamston, 80.5; Wil-

The Martin County jail and coun-

In Mayor's Court

EAT OUT

**Five Cases Called** 

liamston Cafe, 81; Jim's Quick Two mules were instantly killed the dietary requirements of patients ings. The vagrancy cases probably Lunch, Robersonville, 80; Farmers' and a third was burned when light-Cafe, Robersonville, 80; Big Apple ning struck the barnlot of Postmas-Cafe, Robersonville, 80.5; Thomp- ter Lewis Johnson at Oak City last son's Cafe, Robersonville, 92.5; Pool Tuesday afternoon. Five other mules Room Cafe, Williamston, 82; Wel- in the same lot and near the two come Inn Cafe, Williamston, 92; that were killed apparently did not Clark's Drug Store, Williamston, get hurt. No damage to other prop-91.5; Davis Pharmacy, Williamston, erty was reported.

90: Bus Station Soda Fountain, Wil-The bolt was one of several reliamston, 84.5; Leggett's Soda Founported to have struck in this county tain, Williamston, 89; Grimes Drug during the storm. Some damage was Store, Robersonville, 77.5; Wilson done but no one was hurt when Hotel, Robersonville, 90; Geo. Rey- lightning hit the home of Mr. and nolds Hotel, Williamston, 80.5; Dun-Mrs. Billy Griffin here that afterning Tourist Home, Williamston, 98; noon. Persons in the home were jar-Burras Tourist Home, Williamston, red a bit but not badly hurt. 95; Traveler's Tourist Home, Wil-

Lights in several homes in that neighborhood were burned out, but damage was slight.

Down in Jamesville, lightning struck and fired the home of Mrs. Della Askew. No one was hurt and the fire was soon put out. In another part of town, lightning struck and fired the home of a colored family three times in fairly rapid succession. No one was hurt and the fires

Justice J. L. Hassell called five caused very little damage. The eleccases in his court this week, the trical storm there was accompanied ment suspended against him upon charges being recognized as ones of by a heavy rain, one report stating minor importance in the crime that it was possible to paddle canoes up and down the streets and on the

Charged with disorderly conduct, main highway at one point. Boss Reed and William Arthur Bell The storm in this area was accom panied by a strong wind, but dam-Joe Roberson, drunk and disorder age was confined to a small streak. ly, was required to pay \$8.50 costs. Part of the Roy Ward home on the McCaskey Road was blown off its The costs amounted to \$7.50 in the case charging Dennis Taylor with disfoundation ,and a few trees out on

the Hamilton Road were blown Noah Dawson Gurganus was redown.

quired to pay \$8.50 costs in the case About one and one-half inches of rain fell at this point in less than forty-five minutes.

The heavy rain Tuesday marked the end, temporary at leas, of the wet season that threatened crops in this section. So far this month 5.36 inches of rain have fallen here.

Will Open Used Furniture

Store Here In Next Few Days Remodeling the building formerly occupied by Pittman's next to the Enterprise Publishing Company, John Wier plans to open a used furniture store within the next week or ten days. No opening date has been fixed. Inventories are being ordered, Mr. Wier said this morning, and we plan to offer some good bargains to the people of this section in good second-hand furniture.