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"C" Classifications **Are Announced for Farmers In County**

Total of 1,609 Placed in the Preferred Classes By **Draft Authorities**

Completing the review of produc tion records a short time ago, Martin County Draft authorities are announcing more "C" class farm registrants today.

The men, having successfully "negotiated" the draft hump in 1943, are soon to be asked to submit their 1944 plans. If their plans come up to expectations, the farm registrants now holding "C" classifications can well expect draft immunity for another year.
"C" classifications not previously

announced follow:

Cross Roads Township Archie Mobley, Jr., w; Louis Ward Clark, w; Thad M. Roberson, w; Paul McKeel, w; Joe Henry Bland, w; Ira D. Everett, c; Dennis T. Roebuck, w; Andrew E. Bullock, w; Dalton E. Carraway, w; Louis T. Wynn, w; William Beach, jr., w; T. C. Perry, w; Leo Roberson, c; Constant Little, c; Fedro Latham, c; Cecil Roberson, w; Clarence Williams, c; William Edward Wallace, c; James A. Stalls, w; Joe Henry Lawrence, c; W. Ronald Clark, w; M. B. Barefoot, w; Rufus Crandall, c; L. Cleo Jackson, w; J. Robert Bland, w; William Henry Bridgers, c; S. T. Wynne, w; James H. Taylor, w; A. O. Rouse, w; Lester Bryant, w; W. Earl Mobley, w; Thurman C. Wynne, w; S. T. Wynne, w; William H. Little, c; Dannie E. Mobley, w; Sam Austin, c; Julian Crandall, c; Alfonso Ewell, c; Reavie Hallie Bess, c; Leander A. Purvis, c; James Hubert Wobbleton, w; A. Z. Clark, w; L. H. Jones, c; William J. Clark, w; James Ervin Stalls, w; Jesse Woolard, w; Silas Mc. Leggett, w; Nathan T. Wynne, w; Jesse B. James, c; David L. Roberson, w; Jesse Ben Rawls, w; Ernest W. Wynn, w; R. H. Stalls, w; R. L. Mobley, w; Simon Harrison, w; Jno. L. Daniel, c; Roosevelt Crandall, c; Alonza Black, c; Gaston James, w; John H. Wynn, w; E. Z. Mobley, w; Herbert Jackson, w; William H. Leggett, w; J. J. Leggett, w; Johnnie Jr., c; Sam H. Clark, w; L. Mills, Jr., w; Curtis R. Mobley, w; Claude Clark, c; Rexie H. Modlin, w; C. B. Court Last Monday w; Curtis R. Mobley, w; Claude Gurganus, w; Alonza T. Revels, w; Arthur B. Gurganus, w; George Wynn, w.; John Wesley Rhodes, c; J. Ollie Keel, w; Leroy Clark, w; L. A. Shaw, w; B. Paul Leggett, w;

Oscar Ayers, w. Will Bunn, c. Hopie Brooks, c. W. Leamon Roberson, w; J. Andrew Roberson, c; Er- The session was the shortest held nest Highsmith, c; John Samuei in meny months. The proceedings Rogers, w; B. W. Williams, w; J. F. were witnessed by one of the small-Bailey, w; Willie Carraway, c; J. est audiences seen in the court room Carl Bullock, w; R. L. Bailey, w; in months. At no time were there Connie Ford, c; W. B. Roberson, w; more than half a dozen spectators in Arthur Lee Teel, c; Delmus Wil- the room, and the number soon liams, w; Joseph Outterbridge, c; dwindled to three. Finally "Big" Herbert F. Leggett, w; Thomas R. Will Ebron decided the proceedings Harrison, w; J. Hyman Clark, w; G. were hardly worth staying for and Willie Waters, w; Daniel Wesley he quit the court room. Judge Jones, w; Joe R. Beach, w; Horace Smith and Solicitor E. S. Peel wound Andrews, c; Floyd Mills, c; Wheeler up the session's business under the Beach, w; Berry B. Wynne, w; Jesse eyes of no one but the litigants and Balma Beach, w; James Earl Mizell, a few members of the bar.

Tommie S. Griffin, w; W. L. Ausbon,

w; Paul Dixon, w; Herman H. Wil-

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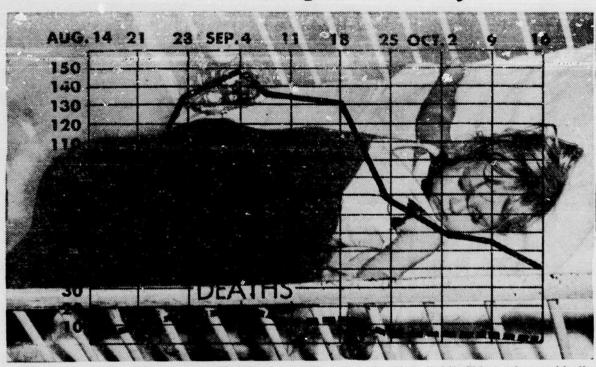
Young Woman Dies last blackout, Hoke Barnett failed to appear and the case was nol prossed After Short Illness

Miss Jessie Brown Williams, young woman of Jamesville, died in the local hospital yesterday morning at 7:30 c'clock following a short illness. Suffering with a tooth infection ,ear ache and malaria for several days, Miss Williams received treatment last Monday morning in a Plymouth doctor's office and entered the hospital here that night. Apparently blood poisoning had developed and her condition was considered critical at that time, and little hope was held for her recovery.

The daughter of Fernando and Connie Griffin Williams, she was born in Griffins Township on May 30, 1917. When quite young she moved with her parents to Jamesville where she had since made her home. Besides her parents she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Laverne Stallings, of Scotland Neck, and Mrs. Thigpen Bell, of Jamesville, and three brothers, Pvt. Wesley Williams, sta-tioned at Eglin Field, Fla., Pfc. Le-Roy Williams who is stationed at Hunter Field, Ga., and who is recovering from a hip injury after three months in a hospital, and Harold Williams, of Cape Charles, Va.

The last rites are being delayed Local Young Man Given pending word from her brothers in service. The funeral will be held at the home in Jamesville by Rev. W. B. Harringto and burial will follow

Infantile Paralysis Drive Opens In County This Week



illustrated in this photo of a little victim and the chart showing the rise and fall of polio cases. Much credit for lessening the toll of the epidemic—the third worst in the recorded history of the disease in the United States—goes to The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis which is supported by the dimes and dollars given by the American people. Many of the 1943's more than 12,000 victims are still patients looking toward the 1944 March of Dimes, January 14-31, for aid. (Photo (c) Chicago Times.)

Allot Record Tobacco Acreage Former County Man City's water supply had been damaged or partly paralyzed. To Farmers In Martin County Passes In Lenox, Ga. The big news on the land fronts centers in Northern Russia where the Red Armies under Generals Govorov By Rationing Board

Tobacco acreage allotments for increase, but it is believed by many 1944 will be released to Martin County farmers within the next few days, erably below the new allotment. possibly the latter part of next week, according to information coming increased, draft registrants are a bit from the office of the county agent hesitant about accepting the increase Everett, c Dennis Little, c; William today. The allotment, reflecting for fear they will lose their "C" classproximate the allowance.

dividual allotments, including the acres.

While the quota has been greatly

H. Taylor, w; Johnnie Williams, w; slightly more than a 2) per cent increase over the quota assigned last ed that one crop can count for more year, is the largest this county has than fifty per cent of the production ever had, and there is much doubt units upon which deferments are if plantings will match or even ap- based. The draft regulations also recognize no production units when Last year, the county was given more than three-fourths of them are a quota of 11,180 acres and it is un- based on any two crops. The "C" regderstood that hardly more than 10,- istrant, however, may plant as much 000 acres were planted to the crop. tobacco as he wishes to as long as The allotment this year is right at he is within his allotment, but he 13.500 acres. It is certain that quite will get no credit for deferment for a few farmers will absorb their in- those plantings in excess of three

DRIVE

Success for the annual drive

against infantile paralysis, was

predicted today by Chairman L.

B. Wynne following a trip into

several sections of the county

200 citizens ,the drive chairman

stated that contributions were

beginning to pour in. While the

amounts are not large, they

proimse to help carry the county.

over the top. Coin collectors

have been placed in stores, fill-

ing stations and other places in

the county and the school chil-

dren are making ready to handle

a direct canvass throughtout the

county in support of the drive

to raise \$547, the county's quota.

Christmas Dinner

Just recently returned from a trip

Hudson, Martin County young man,

submits a short note and a rather

on leave "it won't be just to get

England," Seaman Hudson wrote

both Christmas and New Year's.

under a recent date. "I was at sea

"When I received my mail there

"On the contrary to the picture,

we spent a very peaceful Christmas.

know that many of the fellows

were not quite so lucky as I was.

They couldn't sit down and enjoy a

of being on constant alert for the

"I hope the men that spent their

The seaman enclosed the following

"Fruit cocktail, Waldorf salad,

nearts of celery and mixed olives,

byster dressing, baked Virginia

ham, pineapple sauce, roast chicken,

cream of chicken soup, roast turkey,

Christmas at sea will be home with

their families for Christmas, 1944."

Christmas dinner menu:

something to eat."

North Atlantic.

Seaman Writes Of

Appealing directly to nearly

vesterday.

Mizelle, c; Harmon D. Rodgers, w; Thurman K. Peaks, w; Bryant Wynne, w; Vervin R. Peaks, w; Vernon W. Phelps, w; Peter Little, Vernon W. Phelps, w; L. Mills, Jr., Called in the County

Keel, w; G. W. Wynn, w; W. C. Judge J. C. Smith Held The Tribunal In Session Less **Than Forty Minutes**

> Calling only five cases, Judge J. C. Smith held the county recorder's ourf in session hardly more than thirty or forty minutes hist Monday

Proceedings: Charged with operating a motor vehicle without fights during the with leave. The action was taken when Barnett could not be found. The defendant is subject to arrest, however, and in that case be will

be carried before the court. The case charging Charlie Leggett with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license was nol prossed, the defendant, according to one report, having agreed to accept the costs of damages resulting in a minor accident with Needham Hyman's car in the Oak City community re-

Pleading guilty of driving a motor vehicle while his operator's license was revoked, Charlie Purvis was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending all of them except the last two upon the payment of a \$10 fine and the court costs. The court recommended that the driver's license held by the defendant at the time of his arrest be revoked for a period of twelve

Mark Gregory Wright, pleading guilty in the case charging him with speeding, was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs of the case.

Judgment was suspended upon the Miss Betty Lou Edwards of Williamston was the week-end guest of Miss Maxine Stevenson.

J. D. Bown, son of Mrs. J. M. Bowen, of Williamston, has been promot- fruit cake, sponge cake, candy, mix- with being drunk and disorderly,

E. W. Garrett At His Home in Georgia

E. W. Garrett, for many years a eading tobacco farmer of this section, died at his home in Lenox, Ga., last Thursday noon following a long period of declining health. He was about eighty years of age and had retired from active farming in 1942. Funeral services were conducted a his late home Saturday afternoon and interment followed on the home

A native of Granville County, Mr. Garrett moved to Martin back in the nineties and pioneered in tobacco culture. He located on the farm of the late J. L. Woolard in Bear Grass Township and during his first year in the county he supervised the planting cultivation and curing of were located in Griffins Township, but a few were in Bear Grass. He was one of the early pioneers in tobacco culture to come to this county, and many of the older farmers here now recall how thorough and diligent he was in handling his work. to a high figure for the Japs. The venture, despite low prices in the early days, was very successful, about 32,316 killed, total slightly bacco, Martin County farmers gained in a very short time.

d in a very short time.

Mr. Garrett liked his adopted coun- Bruce Whitley Has ty and soon married Miss Alice Perry. He bought a farm and located near Williamston. In January, 1925, he sold his holdings in this county and moved to Georgia where he had since lived. He did not locate there, nowever, until he had visited Iowa and considered making his home in that section of the country.

Mr. Garrett is remembered here as a dependable and highly respecto England, Seaman First Class Roy able citizen. He made many friends

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Earl K. Garrett, of Lenox, Ga., lengthy Christmas Day dinner menu, and Carl Garrett, of Williamston, explaining that when he comes home and a brother in Ohio.

"I just arrived in the States from Plan Drive Against Youth Delinquency

was an edition of The Enterprise A meaningful drive against juvendated December 21 which contained le delinquency is expected to folcartoons showing how the boys on low a public meeting in the colored the fighting fronts were spending high school here Sunday afternoon Christmas. The one that concerned when the problem will be discussed me most was the one showing the by lawmakers and officials and leadellows preparing for action in the

Senator Hugh G. Horton will deiver ".e main address, and Judge L. Bruce Wynne will review statistics relating to delinquency among youth. No detailed review on juvenile delinquency here is to be had at Christmas dinner like I did because this time, but it is apparent that there has been a material increase in wayward practices chargeable to the youth of the land in recent

months and years. The senior choir of Shiloh Baptist Church and glee club will appear on the program along with others. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Lone Case Is Heard By Justice J. L. Hassell

roast goose, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, candied Justice J. L. Hassell handled only yams, cream English peas, stewed one case in his court here this week Theater of Operations, and Philip First Lieutenant's Rating corn, asparagus tips and hot rolls." other than a hearing involving a For dessert: "Plum pudding, hard manslaughter and reckless driving trator." sauce, hot mince pie, pumpkin pie, charge. Ben Clemmons, charged in the Primitive Baptist Church yard ed to first lieutenant at Fort Sills, ed nuts, grapes, apples, oranges and was taxed with \$8.50 costs in the pears, and cooffee and tea."

Night for Eleventh

Russian Northern Offensive Gaining; Rome Water Supply Damaged or Cut Off

Operating over Berlin for the eleventh time in two months, Allied fourengine bombers last night are believed to have dealt the Nazi capital its heaviest blow of the war. No details of the raid were released immediately, but early reports indicate that it was a powerful one. The RAF lost thirty-five big bombers, according to the first official check. Prior to the raid last night, the Allies had unloaded 14,000 long tens of bombs on Berlin, and large areas of the city that once had a population of nearly five million have been deserted. The destruction so far has cost the Allies 273 bombers and about 3,500 air-

Mosquito bombers are again pounding western Germany today, and over in Italy, the American airmen have been making progress in connection with the drive on Rome An unofficial report this morning stated that the Rome area had been effectively bombed, that the Eternal ed or partly paralyzed.

After A Long Illness and Meretskov are throwing the Germans back from Leningrad, the city that had suffered siege for two Funeral Services Saturday for front, the Russians have taken Novgorod and are pressing the enemy hard below Leningrad. Further to the South, Bagramian's army is driving forward toward Latvia to complete the Baltic front offensive plans. The potentialities of the drive are great, and while much has been accomplished, the Russians are driving to cut off a quarter of a million Germans in the Leningrad area.

In Italy, the Americans are feeling out the defenses of Cassino while the British have crossed the Garigliano River in three places, enlarging their bridgeheads and driving on to take the important town of Mintur-

News from the Pacific, while hardly reflecting the hard fighting there, reveals many activities on a number of fronts. A British submarine, slipping to within 700 miles of Malaya about twenty small crops. He used few days ago, the attack ranking successfully attacked Jap shipping Mr. Woolard's horse and buggy to among the daring ones in that par make his scheduled trips to each crop of the world to date. In the New Britduring the season. Most of the crops ain and New Guinea area, American airmen are still having good hunting, General MacArthur's headquarters announcing today that 33 Jap planes and three enemy supply ships had been sunk during the past few days to increases the total losses this week

American casualties, including and what farmers in other sections more than 141,000 to date in the war were years in finding out about to War Secretary Stimson announces.

Part In Exercises

Pfc. Franklin Bruce Whitley, former Enterprise employee, participated in the exercises marking the completion of six gigantic airdromes in England recently, according to a special dispatch coming from Headquarters, Europen Theater of Operations, and released this week by the War Department. Whitley was one of about 100 men, representing 26 of the 48 states, to participate

The special release continues: "The United States Army's hard driving aviation engineers recently unveiled six gigantic airdromes which they turned over to the American Air Force in England in one day.

"Four of the six airdromes are heavy bomber bases. The other two are advance repair depots, one for fighters, the other for bombers. They were officially handed over to the American Air Force on a day which was highlighted by separate cere-

monies at each airdrome. "Estimated cost of the six 'springboards' to Europe was 40 million dollars. The fields cover an area of more than 25 miles square. All were built by American soldier engineers with British materials.

"High ranking American and British Army officials appeared at the ceremonies which were featured by reviews of engineer troops and the highly mechanized equipment they are now using to construct airdromes in England.

"Among those appearing on the reviewing stands were Lt. General Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of the United States forces in the European Theater of Operations Brigadire General C. R. Moore, Chief Engineer of the European Reed, American lend-lease adminis-

The only other North Carolina boy to participate in the exercises besides Pfc. Whitley was Pfc. Delmar

Berlin Raided Last Nearly \$100,000 Sold Time in 2 Months In Bond Drive To Date

TIME IS SHORT

Time for listing property for taxation is fast running out, and county officials are again warning that no extension will be granted for handling the task. Late listing is possible, but in every case it will carry a penalty, the authorities also pointing out that refusal to list for taxation subjects one to prosecution in the courts.

Several townships report their lists almost complete, while in others the work is dragging. Hardly half of the listings has been effected here and only seven more days remain for handling the work. The list-takers are at their designated posts in every township and property owners are reminded that a !astminute rush is to be expected.

Seventy-Eight Tires townships are making progress. Sales in Williamston this morn

Issuance Is Largest Made In This County During Recent Weeks

last Friday evening when a total of late yesterday. seventy-eight tires, thirty-two grade The drive in Gold Point was about and pick-up trucks were rationed as started their canvass at that time.

Minton Beach, Oak City, one tire

M. W. Bissell, RFD 1, Jamesville,

W. R. Banks, Williamston, three ires and three tubes.

G. F. Godard, RFD 1, Williamston, ne tire and one tube L. H. Lilley, RFD 1, Jamesville,

ne tire and one tube ire and one tube.

C. H. Ange, Jamesville, one tire Charlie Kincaid, RFD 1, Oak City,

B. S. Harrison, Williamston, one e and one tube.

R. V. Bunting, Williamston, one ire and one tube. James Robert Wynne, Roberson-

ille, two tires and two tubes. H. M. Peel, Hamilton, one tire. J. T. Harris, RFD 2, Williamston, ne tire and one tube.

W. W. Walters, Jamesville, one tire W. M. Gardner, RFD 1, Jamesville, for an all-out canvass when they one tire and one tube. I. L. Smith, Robersonville, two

ires and two tubes. Urnee Bunting, RFD 2, Williams ton, one tire and one tube. Williamston Package Manufactur ng Company, two tubes.

Town of Williamston, two tubes. Leland Coburn, Robersonville, one One tractor tire and tube were is

ted to Alton Grimes, Robersonville. Truck tires and tubes were issued the following:

C. L. Wilson, Robersonville, one F. A. Whitfield, RFD 3, Williamton, two tires and one tube.

John W. Gurkin, Williamston, hree tires and three tubes. G. W. Barrett, Oak City, two tires and two tubes.

R. S. Edmondson, Hobgood, tire and one tube. J. O. Manning, Williamston, two

Grade III tires and tubes were issued to the following: C. L. Green, Robersonville, one ire and tube.

Hubert C. Smith, Williamston, two ires and two tubes. Clarence Bowen, Williamston, one

ire and one tube. Orange Peel, Williamston RFD, one tire and one tube.

James Rodgers, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire. William Fleming, RFD 2, Roberonville, two tires.

M. E. Roberson, Robersonville, two tires. Mrs. Lizzie Matthews, RFD 2, Rob-

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Number Influenza Cases Decrease In This Area

After reaching a peak early this month, the number of influenza cases camp most every day and I think it in this area is definitely decreasing, is really nice. Don't worry over doctors reporting very few new cases me. Give my love to all, and may in recent days.

Reporting Increased **Activity In Support** Of Drive In County

Williamston School Children Prepare Effective Bond Display for Window

Opening only last Tuesday, the ourth War Bond Drive to raise \$729,000 in this county is nearing its first \$100,000, County Chairman Herman A. Bowen announced early today. Only scattered reports had been received from over the county, and it is quite possible that the sales to date are even greater than the report indicates. Most of the reports came from this section of the county, but it is understood that Mr. S. Roberson, co-chairman of the drive, and chairmen in the other

Sales in Williamston this morning were pushing \$40,000, and Chairman Allotted In County | were pushing \$40,000, and Chairman Clayton and his workers have not yet launched their canvass. They are meeting in the Guaranty Bank this evening at 8 o'clock to make final plans for an all-out canvass, it was announced earlier in the week.

Jamesville is pushing forward rapidly to gain a commanding position in the early stages of the drive, according to indirect reports heard here The Martin County Rationing yesterday. Approximately \$4,000 in Board struck a fairly liberal note township by a local bank up until

I's for cars and pick-up trucks, one one-third complete this morning, and for a tractor, ten for trucks and Chairman Mayo Hardison and his hirty-five Grade III's were released. assistants, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, Grade I tires and tubes for cars and Mr. V. G. Taylor, had hardly

According to incomplete reports, J. R. Leggett, Williamston, one tire Cross Roads has raised between one-H. Ralph Peel, Jamesville, two fourth and one-third of its quota already, but Chairman Paul Bailey de-P. T. Wynne, Williamston, one tire clares that every individual in his district will have to have a part in J. E. Andrews, Williamston, one the drive if the goal is to be reach-

Bear Grass reported several hundred dollars in bond sales.

No other districts had been heard zations had been perfected and that the outlook for the drive was encour-

The local schools came out this week with an impressive display in the old Economy Auto store windows Mildred H. Everett, Hamilton, one next to Clark's Pharmacy. The art work, carrying meaningful messages, is worth reviewing, and the attention of the public is called to the display.

It was reported this morning that Rose's stores in Robersonville and Williamston and Invested \$500 each in bonds, crediting the purchases to the two districts equally. It is believed that other similar businesses and organizations will make and credit bond purchases to the county.

Out in Bear Grass, Professor T. O. Hickman has named an able corps of assistants who are to formulate plans meet in the school house there next Monday night at 8 o'clock. The names of the assistants are: J. R. Rogers, Sidney Beacham, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harrison, B. L. Perry,

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Young County Man **Writes From Prison**

After hearing nothing directly from him for several months, relatives here received a letter a few days ago from Marvin Melvin Whitfield, young Martin County man, who was reported missing on February 14, last year. Almost two months after he was taken prisoner in North Africa, he was reported held prisoners by the Italians. About the middle of last November, he was reported missing again, but no detail: could be had. The letter was written before he was reported miss-

ing the second time, and it is not known where the young man is now. The letter recently received by his sister, Mrs. Kelly Davenport, of Williamston, was dated August 9, 1943, and was written in an Italian prison camp somewhere in Italy. It reads,

"I really do hope this finds all O. K. As for me, I'm well as ever. I haven't received any mail from any one, but hope to soon. I really hope I receive some real soon because I want to know everything. Do tell all hello and to be good. I only wish I could see all of the

"When I get back home I'm going to change my way of living and that's the truth if I ever told it. Tell all to pray for me and for my return. We have church services here in