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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 production 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. Wynne, 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 Bridges, c; S. T. Wynne, w; James H. Taylor, w; A. O. Rouse, w; Lester Bryant, 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 Everett, c; Dennis Little, c; William H. Taylor, w; Johnnie Williams, w; Hallie Bess, c; Leander A. Purvis, c; James Hubert Wobblenton, 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; Harmon D. Rodgers, w; Thurman K. Peaks, w; Bryant Wynne, w; Vervin R. Peaks, w; Vernon W. Phelps, w; Peter Little, Jr., c; Sam H. Clark, w; L. Mills, Jr., w; Curtis R. Mobley, w; Claude Clark, c; Rexie H. Modlin, w; C. B. Gurganus, w; Alonza T. Revels, w; Arthur B. Gurganus, w; George Keel, w; G. W. Wynn, w; W. C. Wynn, w; John Wesley Rhodes, c; J. Ollie Keel, w; Leroy Clark, w; L. A. Shaw, w; B. Paul Leggett, w; Tommie S. Griffin, w; W. L. Aushon, w; Paul Dixon, w; Herman H. Williams, w.

Small Number Cases Called in the County Court Last Monday

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 court in session hardly more than thirty or forty minutes last Monday. The session was the shortest held in many months. The proceedings were witnessed by one of the smallest audiences seen in the court room in months. At no time were there more than half a dozen spectators in the room, and the number soon dwindled to three. Finally "Big" Will Ebron decided the proceedings were hardly worth staying for and he quit the court room. Judge Smith and Solicitor E. S. Peel wound up the session's business under the eyes of no one but the litigants and a few members of the bar.

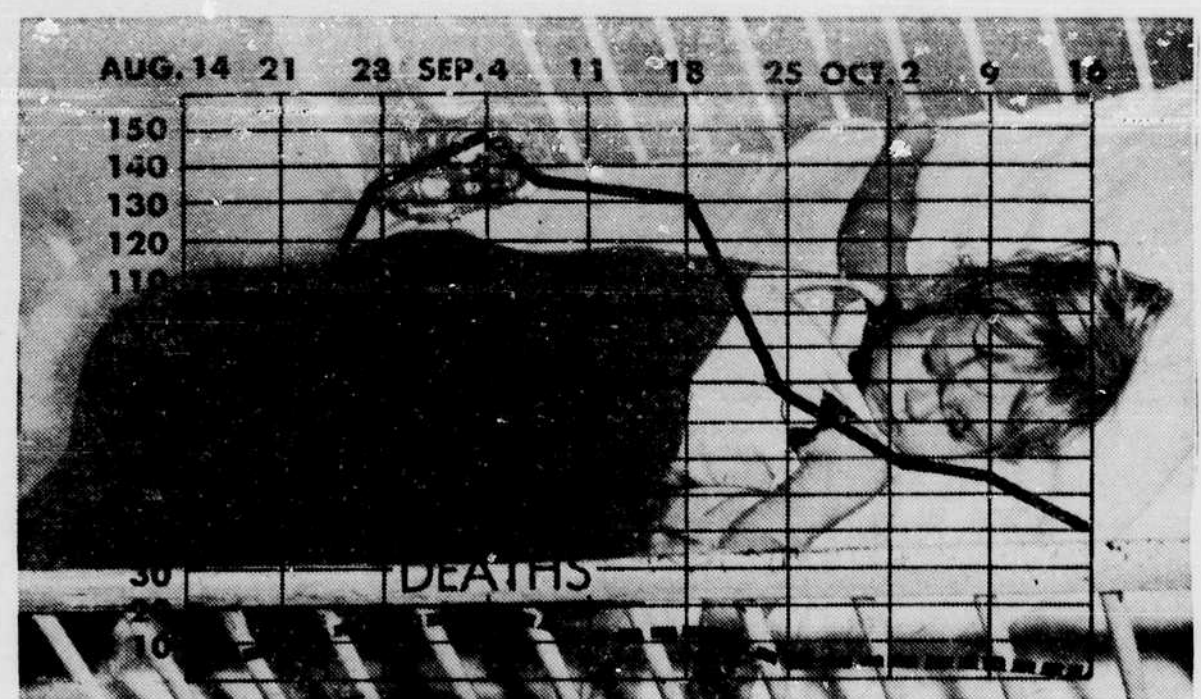
Young Woman Dies After Short Illness

Miss Jessie Brown Williams, young woman of Jamesville, died in the local hospital yesterday morning at 7:30 o'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.

Local Young Man Given First Lieutenant's Rating

J. D. Bown, son of Mrs. J. M. Bown, of Williamston, has been promoted to first lieutenant at Fort Sills, Okla.

Infantile Paralysis Drive Opens In County This Week



The tragic story of the recent epidemic of infantile paralysis when it hit Chicago is graphically 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 To Farmers In Martin County

Tobacco acreage allotments for 1944 will be released to Martin County farmers within the next few days, possibly the latter part of next week, according to information coming from the office of the county agent today. The allotment, reflecting slightly more than a 20 per cent increase over the quota assigned last year, is the largest this county has ever had, and there is much doubt if plantings will match or even approximate the allowance.

Last year, the county was given a quota of 11,180 acres and it is understood that hardly more than 10,000 acres were planted to the crop. The allotment this year is right at 13,500 acres. It is certain that quite a few farmers will absorb their individual allotments, including the

Former County Man Passes In Lenox, Ga. After A Long Illness

E. W. Garrett, for many years a leading 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 Saturday For E. W. Garrett At His Home In Georgia

Funeral services were conducted at his late home Saturday afternoon and interment followed on the home farm. 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 about twenty small crops. He used Mr. Woolard's horse and buggy to make his scheduled trips to each crop during the season. Most of the crops 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. The venture, despite low prices in the early days, was very successful, and what farmers in other sections were years in finding out about tobacco, Martin County farmers gained in a very short time.

Seaman Writes Of Christmas Dinner

Just recently returned from a trip to England, Seaman First Class Roy Hudson, Martin County young man, submits a short note and a rather lengthy Christmas Day dinner menu, explaining that when he comes home on leave "it won't be just to get something to eat."

Plan Drive Against Youth Delinquency

A meaningful drive against juvenile delinquency is expected to follow a public meeting in the colored high school here Sunday afternoon when the problem will be discussed by lawmakers and officials and leaders.

Lone Case Is Heard By Justice J. L. Hassell

Justice J. L. Hassell handled only one case in his court here this week other than a hearing involving a manslaughter and reckless driving charge. Ben Clemmons, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was taxed with \$8.50 costs in the court this week.

Berlin Raided Last Night for Eleventh Time in 2 Months

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

Operating over Berlin for the eleventh time in two months, Allied four-engine 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 tons 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 airmen.

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 City's water supply had been damaged or partly paralyzed.

The big news on the land fronts centers in Northern Russia where the Red Armies under Generals Govorov and Meretskov are throwing the Germans back from Leningrad, the city that had suffered siege for two years. Attacking along a 110-mile front, the Russians have taken Novgorod and are pressing the enemy hard below Leningrad. Further to the South, Bagration'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 Minturno.

News from the Pacific, while hardly reflecting the hard fighting there, reveals many activities on a number of fronts. A British submarine, successfully attacked Jap shipping a few days ago, the attack ranking among the daring ones in that part of the world to date. In the New Britain 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 increase the total losses this week to a high figure for the Japs.

American casualties, including about 32,316 killed, total slightly more than 131,000 to date in the war, War Secretary Stimson announces.

Bruce Whitley Has 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, European 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 in the exercises.

Number Influenza Cases Decrease In This Area

After reaching a peak early this month, the number of influenza cases in this area is definitely decreasing, doctors reporting very few new cases in recent days.

Nearly \$100,000 Sold In Bond Drive To Date

Reporting Increased Activity In Support Of Drive In County

Williamston School Children Prepare Effective Bond Display For Window

Opening only last Tuesday, the Fourth War Bond Drive to raise \$720,000 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. L. Roberson, co-chairman of the drive, and chairmen in the other townships are making progress.

Sales in Williamston this morning 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 yesterday. Approximately \$4,000 in bond sales had been credited to the township by a local bank up until late yesterday.

The drive in Gold Point was about one-third complete this morning, and Chairman Mayo Hardison and his assistants, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor, and Mr. V. G. Taylor, had hardly started their canvass at that time.

According to incomplete reports, Cross Roads has raised between one-fourth and one-third of its quota already, but Chairman Paul Bailey declares that every individual in his district will have to have a part in the drive if the goal is to be reached.

Bear Grass reported several hundred dollars in bond sales. No other districts had been heard from other than that active organizations had been perfected and that the outlook for the drive was encouraging.

The local schools came out this week with an impressive display in the old Economy Auto store windows 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 for an all-out canvass when they 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.

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 Whitley, 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 prisoner by the Italians. About the middle of last November, he was reported missing again, but no details could be had. The letter was written before he was reported missing 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, in part:

"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 family.

"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 camp most every day and I think it is really nice. Don't worry over me. Give my love to all, and may God bless you all."

Seventy-Eight Tires Allotted In County By Rationing Board

Insuance Is Largest Made In This County During Recent Weeks

The Martin County Rationing Board struck a fairly liberal note last Friday evening when a total of seventy-eight tires, thirty-two grade I's for cars and pick-up trucks, one for a tractor, ten for trucks and thirty-five Grade III's were released.

Grade I tires and tubes for cars and pick-up trucks were rationed as follows: J. R. Leggett, Williamston, one tire; H. Ralph Peel, Jamesville, two tires; P. T. Wynne, Williamston, one tire and one tube; J. E. Andrews, Williamston, one tire; Minton Beach, Oak City, one tire and one tube; M. W. Bissell, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires and two tubes; W. R. Banks, Williamston, three tires and three tubes; G. F. Godard, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube; L. H. Lilley, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube; Mildred H. Everett, Hamilton, one tire and one tube; C. H. Ange, Jamesville, one tire and one tube; Charlie Kincaid, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire; B. S. Harrison, Williamston, one tire and one tube; R. V. Bunting, Williamston, one tire and one tube; James Robert Wynne, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes; H. M. Peel, Hamilton, one tire; J. T. Harris, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube; W. W. Walters, Jamesville, one tire and one tube; W. M. Gardner, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube; I. L. Smith, Robersonville, two tires and two tubes; Urnes Bunting, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube; Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, two tubes; Town of Williamston, two tubes; Leland Coburn, Robersonville, one tube; One tractor tire and tube were issued to Alton Grimes, Robersonville. Truck tires and tubes were issued to the following: C. L. Wilson, Robersonville, one tire; F. A. Whitfield, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires and one tube; John W. Gurkin, Williamston, three tires and three tubes; G. W. Barrett, Oak City, two tires and two tubes; R. S. Edmondson, Hobgood, one tire and one tube; J. O. Manning, Williamston, two tires; Grade III tires and tubes were issued to the following: C. L. Green, Robersonville, one tire and tube; Hubert C. Smith, Williamston, two tires and two tubes; Clarence Bowen, Williamston, one tire and one tube; Orange Peel, Williamston RFD, one tire and one tube; James Rodgers, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire; William Fleming, RFD 2, Robersonville, two tires; M. E. Roberson, Robersonville, two tires; Mrs. Lizzie Matthews, RFD 2, Robersonville, one tire.