

CONGRATULATIONS--ROXBORO HIGH SENIOR CLASS

Warplane Speeds Far Better Than 400 Miles Hourly

German Plane Reported At 469.2 Miles Per Hour, But Without Military Load

New York—New pursuit planes ordered for the army air corps have been described unofficially as the fastest single-engine military planes in the world.

Announcement of the type by the war department coincided with word from Berlin that a new German "Messerschmidt" single-engine fighter had achieved 469.2 miles an hour over a 3-kilometer course yesterday.

That the new Curtis fighters which the army will use will have top speeds well in excess of 400 miles an hour is an open secret. They are "service" machines. That is, their speeds are rated on the basis of a full military load, and they will maintain a high cruising speed for distances of perhaps 1,500 miles.

Whether the German pursuit carried full armament to simulate wartime conditions was not made clear in dispatches from Berlin. In view of the horsepower used—1175—the belief existed in aviation circles here that the Messerschmidt was stripped down like a racing plane.

Much significance is attached by the air corps to four aspects of pursuit plane performance—speed, rate of climb, "ceiling" and maneuverability. The Curtis ship is described as having an exceptional climb and maneuverability.

Equipped with a 1050 horsepower supercharged Allison in line engine for maximum visibility of a pilot operating machine guns, it is designed for extreme high altitude work with oxygen tanks, heaters and ventilators. Its machine guns are synchronized to shoot through an 11-foot electric-pitch propeller.

Both the landing gear and tail wheel are retractable for added speed, but speed without maneuverability will cause a pilot to miss his target completely. "Ceiling" is equally important because it gives a pursuit pilot an opportunity to dive on a target which cannot reach his altitude.

Retail Trade Far In Front Of 1938

Past Week Not Only Better But Dun & Bradstreet Sees Encouraging Signs

New York—On average volume the past week's retail trade was substantially ahead of the like period last year, and in addition there were "encouraging signs of an improvement in business sentiments," said the Dun & Bradstreet weekly review.

"With price decreases restricting the advance," asserted the Review, "the rise in retail dollar volume over a year ago was estimated at no more than 4 to 7 percent. On a regional basis gains over last year slightly outweighed losses.

"Distributors who pointed out last week that retail stocks might be ample for current needs, but not for the demand that would be called out by favorable weather, had the satisfaction this week of finding their prophecies fulfilled.

"Mail and telegraph orders to wholesalers for fill-in goods began to arrive in heavy volume on Monday and Tuesday. The release of a large amount of deferred buying of seasonal merchandise largely accounted for the week's upturn in volume, but in some instances wholesalers also noted a great interest in purchasing for future needs.

"Wholesale sales, while showing considerable divergence in individual lines, were heavier than a year ago on the average."

Two corn variety demonstrations, using 14 varieties, have been started on the farms of Malcolm Williams and Hurley Ray, Cumberland County growers.



Marine Corps To Enlist New Men In Summer

The Savannah recruiting office of the U. S. Marine Corps is making preparations to enlist a considerable number of young men into their service during the coming summer months.

According to information received from Captain A. C. Small, U. S. M. C., there is a growing demand for men of specialized

qualifications in the Marine Corps. Rado, aviation, and motorized units require men of trained technical skill, and the Marine Corps is willing and prepared to train men for these branches of service if they possess aptitude and ambition. Men with a high school education are generally chosen for this special training. The Corps also maintains a correspondence school at Washington, which affords enlisted men free self-study courses in a large number of vocational and academic subjects. Young men in this vicinity de-

siring information regarding enlistment in the Marines should write Captain Small at the Savannah, Georgia, recruiting office.

Farmers Get AAA Data By "Farm Plan"

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, says farmers are being offered first-hand information about the applica-

tion of the 1939 Triple-A program to their farm through what is known as the "farm plan."

County AAA committeemen are meeting with each farmer to help him work out his "farm plan," which is an outline of the way the program works on the individual farm in 1939, Floyd points out. Through this personal contact with the committeeman, the farmer who desires to participate this year will be able to obtain information as to the application of the program to his farm.

These "farm plans" conferen-

ences include a discussion of the soil-depleting crop allotments for the farm, and the working out of a list of soil-building practices which will enable the farmer to earn the maximum payment, the AAA officer said. The list of soil-building practices includes those most needed on the farm and which are not routine farming practices.

The "farm plan" also contains information about rates of payments, rate of deductions, and credit which will be given for each soil-building practice, Floyd explained.

Any farm operator who does not have the opportunity to work out a "farm plan" with his committeeman within the next few weeks should contact the county farm agent's office or his local committeeman to obtain this service, Floyd advised. A copy of the "farm plan" will be given the farmer to help him carry out the program on his farm.

Although the United States was the world's largest exporter in 1938, it suffered a decline of 7.6 percent in valuation of exports during the year.