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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 Yory-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" singleengine 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 performancespeed, rate of climb, "ceiling" and maneuverability. The Curtis ship is described as having an exceptional climb and maneuverability.

Equipped with a 1050 horse. power 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-pitcho propeller.

Both the landing gear and tail wheel are retracable for added speed, but speed without maneuverability will cause a pilot to miss his target completely. "Ceiling" is equally important be cause 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**

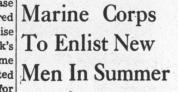
New York-On average volume the past week's retail trade was substantially ahead of the like period last year, and in addition there were "encouraging signs of an improvement in business sentiments," said the Dun & Bradstreet weekly review.

"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 Marine Corps buying of seasonal merchandise largely accounted for the week's To Enlist New upturn in volume, but in some instances wholesalers also noted Men In Summer a great interest in purchasing for future needs.

"Wholesale sales, while showa year ago on the average." -0-

Two corn variety demonstrations, using 14 varieties, have Cumberland County growers.



The Savannah recruiting office of the U.S. Marine Corps is mak_ siderable number of young men into their service during the com- pondence school at Washington, ing summer months.

According to information recolm Williams and Hurley Ray, U. S. M. C., there is a growing demand for men of specialized



self_study courses in a large mic subjects.

qualifications in the Marine Corps. siring information regarding en- tio of the 1939 Triple-A program ences include a discussion of the Any farm operator who does Rado, aviation, and motorized listment in the Marines should to their farm through what is soil-depleting crop allotments for not have the opportunity to work units require men of trained tech- write Captain Small at the Sa- known as the "farm plan." nical skill, and the Marine Corps vannah, Georgia, recruiting ofis willing and prepared to train fice. men for these branches of service if they possess apitude and **Farmers Get** ambition. Men with a high school

education are generally chosen dividual lines, were heavier than ing preparations to enlist a con- for this special training. The AAA Data By Corps also maintains a corres-'Farm Plan'' which affords enlisted men free

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive ofbeen started on the farms of Mal- ceived from Captain A. C. Small, number of vocational and acade- ficer at State College, says farmers are being offered first-hand farm.

Young men in this vicinity de- information about the applica-

County AAA committeemen contact with the committeeman, practices. the farmer who desires to participate this year will be able to information about rates of payobtain information as to the ap- ments, rate of deductions. and

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the farm, and the working out of out a "farm plan" with his coma list of soil-building practices mitteeman within the next few are meeting with each farmer to which will enable the farmer to weeks should contact the county help him work cut his "farm earn the maximum payment, the farm agent's office or his local plan," which is an outline of the AAA officer said. The list of soil- committeeman to obtain this way the program works on the building practices includes those service, Floyd advised. A copy of individual farm in 1939, Floyd most needed on the farm and the "farm plan" will be given the points out. Through this personal which are not routine farming farmer to help him carry out the program on his farm.

Although the United States was the world's largest exporter plication of the program to his credit which will be given for in 1938, it suffered a decline of each soil-building practice, Flo- 7.6 percent in valuation of en ports during the year.