

WEATHER FORECAST

Colder today and early tonight. Sunset today, 6:15 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow, 8:28 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, Eggs, Hens, Turkeys, and Wheat.

SEVENTIETH YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1942

SEMI-WEEKLY, \$2.00 A YEAR

Draft Status Of Boys Is Clarified

Youths 18-19 Years Of Age May Be Allowed To Finish School Year

CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS

Superintendent W. R. Kirkman of the Monroe City School system, Friday received a letter of instruction from Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction...

1. The Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 has been amended to provide that any person 18 or 19 years of age, who while pursuing a course of instruction at a high school or similar institution of learning, is ordered to report for induction during the last half of the academic year at such school or institution, shall, upon his request, have his induction postponed until the end of such academic year.

2. Registrants 18 and 19 years of age will be classified and if found available for military service, will be ordered to report for induction in accordance with their order numbers in the same manner as other registrants without regard to the fact that they are pursuing a course of instruction in a high school or similar institution of learning.

STORES TO REMAIN OPEN EVENINGS DURING WEEK

Beginning tonight and continuing through Christmas Eve, the stores of the city will remain open nightly for the convenience of late Christmas shoppers.

HEADACHES FOR 1943 PROMISED AMERICANS

Henderson Predicts More Rationing And Additional Red Tape.

DEBT AT NEW HIGH PEAK

The public debt of the United States exceeds \$100,000,000,000 for the first time in the history of the nation.

MAJOR HARDIN IS NOW IN NEW GUINEA AREA

Former Monroe Physician Is Reported Safe After Recent Bombing.

Several weeks ago, a report reached Monroe of the bombing and sinking of a ship on which Major Parker Hardin, former Monroe physician was aboard and that Major Hardin was among the missing.

One of the most bombed American army doctors, Major Parker C. Hardin, Charleston, Ill., related in a front line hospital yesterday how the army is saving the lives and limbs of its soldiers.

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UNION COUNTY GROWERS CAN BOOST CASH INCOME

Group Marketing Plan Is Suggested For Farmers Of County.

Union county's 4,552 farm operators can increase their cash income as much as \$24,000 a year on fruits, nuts and vegetables alone by working with a leading distributor of North Carolina crops.

With approximately 40 farmers in this county and more than 5,000 farmers throughout North Carolina, farm marketing cooperatives to streamline distribution, the general trend toward group action in marketing is one of the most important agricultural developments in the state.

Our experience shows growers can boost their income 10 to 15 per cent by working together to provide adequate volume and standard grade and pack, and by working with distributors to cut out unnecessary handling operations and costs.

As an indication of the effectiveness of cooperation between growers and distributors, French said economies worked out through group marketing programs were one important factor helping North Carolina growers to realize \$1,834,443 last year for fresh fruits and vegetables sold through the Atlantic Commission Company.

More rationed items, including a number of articles of clothing and food not now restricted.

Raising of sub-standard wages and the adjustment of price ceilings to accommodate rises in some sections.

AMERICAN TROOPS LAND IN ANDREANOF ISLANDS



ALASKA—Soundphoto—This U. S. Signal Corps photo shows a general view of the beach as seen from a landing boat as American troops were being landed on one of the Andreanof Islands, here on the third day of the occupation.

Big Christmas For Sutton Boys

Churches, Civic Clubs, U S O And Merchants Make Plans

SEVERAL FINE PROGRAMS

Plans have been practically completed here for the entertainment of all soldiers this Christmas, who are stationed at Camp Sutton, it was announced today by the Monroe Defense Recreational Committee.

The Merchants Association has presented a check to the committee to be distributed among the various recreational centers of the city to be used in the Christmas and New Years entertainment.

The Lions and Rotary clubs will sponsor a Christmas party for the colored soldiers at the Winchester Avenue school. The Gray Ladies will furnish entertainment for the soldiers in the hospital and the school children of the city will furnish trees and decorations in each ward of the hospital.

The USO club rooms on Franklin Street will have a Christmas tree, with some entertainments there. The club house on Main Street, now under construction, will not be completed by Christmas, although it may be partially in use.

The soldiers will also have a Christmas tree at the camp headquarters, and various entertainments there. In addition the Town Club, operated by the Business and Professional Women's Club, will be open all during Christmas week, and the centers at the various churches will also be open.

COUNTY WAR BOARDS TO PUSH FOOD DRIVE

County USDA War Boards, operating as a team composed of each of the U. S. Department of Agriculture agencies in the county, will have the responsibility of directing the 1943 wartime food production program in North Carolina counties, according to G. T. Scott, chairman of the State USDA War Board.

Food goals for the state were announced recently at a conference of members of 14 State USDA War Boards held at Memphis, Tennessee. Special emphasis in this 1943 program, Scott said, will be placed on production of foods having a high energy value and which may be highly concentrated for shipment abroad.

Again in 1943, one of North Carolina's principal contributions to the Food for Freedom program will be production of peanuts and soybeans for vegetable oils which are urgently needed to replace supplies formerly imported.

J. FRANK LANEY DIED AT HIS HOME TODAY

Funeral Services Will Be Held Tuesday Afternoon.

John Franklin Laney, age 78, well-known Monroe citizen and retired railroad man died at his home at 200 E. Windsor street this morning after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home, conducted by Robert Turner, assisted by Rev. F. B. Drane. Burial will be in the Monroe cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Laney are three sons: R. G. Laney of Shelby, J. Frank Laney of Boston, Mass., A. A. Laney of Morris Field, Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. Heath Lee of Roanoke Rapids and Miss Mary Deane Laney of the home; three sisters, Mrs. C. W. Ayscue, Mrs. Virginia Davis and Mrs. Lura Evans all of Monroe. Mrs. Laney died on September 26th of this year.

The registration is being conducted at the offices of the two local boards in the court house and post office. All youths of the next age group are urged by local officials to attend to the matter of registering as soon as possible to save any last minute rush, rather than waiting until the final day.

MRS. MARTHA AUSTIN CASON

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Austin Cason, 71, widow of W. E. Cason, prominent Monroe woman, who died Friday night after a long illness were held this morning at 11 o'clock at the residence with Rev. P. B. Upchurch, assisted by Rev. E. C. Snyder. Interment was in the Monroe cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Jack Austin, V. C. Austin, Jr., Walter Sanders, John Austin, Tommie George Beasley, Jr., and Keffey Barnett.

Honorary pallbearers were: W. A. Lane, V. D. Sikes, John R. Welsh, Henry Austin, J. P. Milliken, Dr. R. L. Payne, Oscar Jaucom, John Yates, Sam Gaddy, Charlie Sell, Roland Wayne, and William C. Shannon, and Raymond Griffin.

MRS. FRANK MANGUM

Mrs. Frank Mangum, 42, of R4, Monroe, died Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock in the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital, after a few days' illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Altan Presbyterian church with Rev. W. C. Smith officiating. Interment was in the Altan cemetery.

Second Group Youths Register

First Group Completed Last Thursday; Third Group To Start Dec. 26

SHOULD REGISTER EARLY

The registration period for the first set of 18-year-old men in Union county, ended Thursday night of last week, and the second group started registering on Friday morning, December 18, and will continue through Thursday, December 24. It was announced by the local Selective Service Boards today.

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UNION FARMERS PREPARE FOR FALL TERRACING

Importance Of Terracing At This Season Pointed Out.

With the harvesting of crops practically completed, many farmers in Union county are making plans for constructing terraces this fall and winter, according to C. H. King, Work Unit Conservator, of the Brown Creek soil conservation district.

Heavy tractor terracing equipment is not available in Union county at the present time, but satisfactory terraces can be built with equipment on the farm, Mr. King says. Equipment which may be used for terracing where larger terracing units are not available includes turn plows and long wing terracing plows; homemade or commercial V-drags, drag pans, and farm tractor with plow or disc tiller.

The conservator points out that while terraces are not the complete answer to erosion control they are an important part of it. Terraces not only take the water off the land slowly, thus preventing the soil from washing, but this very slowness of movement enables more water to soak into the soil for future use.

Terraces also act as guides in getting rows on the contour, and in planting alternate strips of row crops and close-growing crops which further help check run-off.

An important point to remember in terracing land is to have a safe place to empty terraces. A wooded area, not too steep, a well-sodded area, or a natural draw protected by a well-established, close-growing cover, are all good places to empty terraces.

A typical example of the advantage of terraces may be found on the farm of A. M. Severt, located three miles west of Monroe on the Washaw road.

LOCAL POSTAL OFFICES ARE INCREASING

Local Office Now Busy With City's Heaviest Mail Business.

Acting Postmaster Sam H. Lee states that the volume of mail and postal receipts at the Monroe post office continue to increase daily.

Owing to the unprecedented volume of mail being handled and positive orders that army mails must not be delayed, it was necessary to open a parcel mailing station next door to the American Express office and require all parcels to be mailed there.

At the request of the USO on behalf of the soldiers who could not reach the office during the regular hours, Mr. Lee advises that this parcel mailing station will remain open for the receipt of parcels until 9 p. m. tonight and Tuesday night.

CAPT. DIXON IN PRISON OF JAPS

Relatives Here Hear With Joy That The Lost Is Found.

Capt. W. L. Dixon, Jr., of Charlotte, who was reported as missing in action when Bataan fell, has at last been heard from. He is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands in the Philippines.

Capt. Dixon's parents are both natives of this county. His father, W. L. Dixon, is from Goose Creek and has long been manager of the Cole Manufacturing company in Charlotte. His mother, who was Miss Clara Richardson, is a sister of Mrs. J. D. Simpson, Messrs. Clyde and Frank Richardson of Carmel, and W. E. Richardson, of Wadesboro.

The last message received by his parents from Capt. Dixon was written in a fox hole in Bataan on February 28. When the Japanese captured Bataan and General MacArthur escaped to Australia, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were informed by the war department that their son was missing in action.

The news of missing in action is not quite as severe as the fatal "killed in action" but it is severe enough. Through the weeks and months, the family read eagerly of others who had been reported missing and were later found. Hope never died, though not a word came to indicate that "the young man is safe."

Monday Mr. Dixon received a telegram from the war department saying "You son is a prisoner of the Japanese government in the Philippines. Letter follows."

Captain Dixon entered the army as a member of the reserve, having taken the Reserve Officers Training Course at State college while a student there. He was sent to Fort Bragg in November, 1940, and a year ago to the Philippines. When the war broke out on December 7, 1941, he was already on the spot and was in the fighting under MacArthur in the fierce struggle at the last stand on Bataan.

CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Solemn Mass To Be Celebrated Thursday Night At Midnight.

A Solemn High Mass will be celebrated Thursday night at midnight, at the Monroe high school auditorium. A special program has been arranged for this great feast.

Nazi Lines Hard Pressed By Reds

Foe's Entire Southern Arc Is In Danger; 30 Russian Villages Retaken

DRIVE GAINS MOMENTUM

The Red army sweeping across the frozen Don plains at a 16-mile daily clip was nearing the key railway junction of Millerovo on the Moscow-Rostov line today (Monday) after a powerful offensive that has inflicted 41,500 casualties on the Nazis and threatens the entire German army anchored in southern Russia.

A special communiqué, the second in two days, announced the capture of Mankodo-Kalivenskaya, only 30 miles north of Millerovo, and numerous other towns. Altogether some 300 villages have been retaken in this exhibition of Soviet strength which is continuing on Premier Joseph Stalin's 53rd birthday anniversary.

Of the Nazi casualties 28,000 were reported killed, and 13,500 captured. "Driving southwest the Russians said 'our troops pursuing the routed and hurriedly retreating' German Panzers (15 1/2 to 18 1/2 miles). Altogether since the beginning of the offensive our troops have advanced 75 to 120 kilometers (46 1/2 to 74 1/2 miles)."

The offensive began December 16 and the communists said the Russians had captured vast quantities of war equipment, including 89 tanks "as well as a trainload of tanks," 1,320 guns of various calibers, 800 mortars, 1,969 machine guns, more than 1,000,000 rifle cartridges more than 1,000,000 mines and shells, 6,320 trucks, 3,600 horses, 77 supply stores and 70 radio stations.

During yesterday's operations alone the Germans lost 8000 killed and 3,500 prisoners, the communiqué said. The Russians said their offensives on both sides of Stalingrad and on the Central front also were continuing as part of their general winter strategy which inflicted reverses on the Nazis last winter before Moscow.

A Berlin radio broadcast heard in London Sunday night admitted that the Russians on the Central front had broken into Velikie Luki, only 90 miles from the Latvian border, but claimed they later were driven out of that key point. The Germans also said their troops had "shortened their front" on the middle Don sector.

For some time now the Russians have been battling the Germans at Kotelnikovski, railway junction, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, as part of their plan to encircle the Nazi siege armies standing before Stalingrad. The Nazis also are being hit hard north-west of Stalingrad on the Don river bend below the scene of the present big river on the middle course of the Don.

Field dispatches said the Russians already had captured the Moscow-Rostov railway at a point south of Voronezh 150 miles short of the steel center of Kharkov.

The entire 236-mile section of the Voronezh and Hillerovo was gravely threatened as were the key cities of Millerovo, Rossosh and Cherkovsk. On the Central front the strategic Rzhev-Vyazma-Velike Luki triangle, the noon communiqué said the Soviets occupied two fortified positions west of Rzhev and "fought for the annihilation of German garrisons trapped" in the Velike Luki area 280 miles northwest of Moscow.

Some 4,000 more Germans were killed overnight and 1,000 were captured. Of these 2,300 died in the new Voronezh offensive where the captives were taken, raising casualties for the five days of furious fighting there to 22,300 dead and 11,000 captured.

HOSPITAL & RECREATION CORPS MET WEDNESDAY

The Hospital and Recreation Corps met Wednesday afternoon in the Red Cross Surgical dressing room. Ten thousand dressing room was made in the December quota and Christmas the quota will not be met and material for January quota of 25,000 dressings is already here.

The rooms are open daily Monday through Friday and will only be closed Christmas Day. This work must be done!