

WEATHER FORECAST

Slowly rising temperatures. Sunset today, 6:34 p. m.; sunrise Friday, 8:31 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

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

SEVENTH YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1943

SEMI-WEEKLY, \$2.00 A YEAR

WPB Will Aid Small War Plant

Concerns Urged To Communicate With Charlotte Office At Once

RELIEF IS EXPECTED

Small war businesses in Union county in distress because of war conditions were urged today by the War Production Board to communicate immediately with WPB's smaller war plants representative in Charlotte.

The smaller war plants division of the WPB, he pointed out, is intended primarily to assist plants employing 200 persons or less, but assistance also is given to larger industries where they are located in communities largely dependent upon their operation.

DISTRICT SCOUT MEET TO BE HELD JAN. 18

Plans To Postpone Meeting Abandoned As Gas Is Made Available

As a result of a ruling by the regional rationing office that cars might be used to transport Scouts, plans for the important annual meeting of the Central North Carolina Council Boy Scouts of America, it has been decided to go ahead with the original plans for the banquet-meeting Monday evening, January 18.

MAKE PLANS FOR POLIO CAMPAIGN IN COUNTY

Local Committee Will Set Up Organization To Raise Funds. It was officially announced here today that E. H. Brown, superintendent of Union county schools has accepted the county chairmanship of the tenth annual campaign to be held from January 15 through January 30 for the benefit of victims of infantile paralysis.

THE NEW SHERIFF

The county commissioners on Saturday, January 9, 1943, named Carl Henderson, Hollis of Hamlet, as the new sheriff for Union county.



RUSSIA—Red infantry fighters attack Nazis in the Don arch, west of Stalingrad. Latest reports say that the Soviets are developing their gains in the Surovinkino area, 90 miles west of Stalingrad after pushing tank battles. Although many Nazi troop and transport planes still manage to penetrate the area, the number is being lessened.

RICHARDSON TO SERVE ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES

Chairman Judiciary Committee No. 2; Vice Chairman Appropriations. Representative O. L. Richardson, now attending the 1943 session of the State Legislature has been named to seventeen house committees, it was revealed here today.

The committees on which Mr. Richardson is serving are as follows: Appropriations, Constitutional Amendments, Corporations, Cities and Towns, Courts and Judicial Districts, Education, Health, Interstate Cooperation, Judiciary No. 2, Manufacturers and Labor, Military Affairs, Propositions and Grievances, Public Utilities, Re-education, Roads, Unemployment Compensation, and Justices of the Peace.

Senator Price of Rockingham introduced a bill to amend the Constitution to place control and supervision of magistrates in the hands of the General Assembly, while Senator Leary of Chowan sponsored a measure to provide a uniform system for the selection and compensation of justices.

DR. PAUL NEAL DIED TUESDAY IN BOSTON

Funeral Services Friday Afternoon; Burial in Raleigh. Dr. Paul N. Neal, 46, native of Monroe and one of the state's most prominent physicians, died Tuesday night, January 12, in Boston, Mass.

BISHOP PURCELL TO BE AT CENTRAL CHURCH

Will Speak At Mid-Week Services At 7:30 O'Clock On Wednesday. Announcement has been made that Bishop Clare Purcell, President of the two Carolina Conferences of the Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker of a mid-week rally at Central Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7:30 p. m.

Nazis Stunned By Air Attack

Germans Try To Gang Up On U. S. Fortresses But Meet Disaster

34 AXIS PLANES ARE LOST

American Flying Fortresses, destroying 34 Axis planes ground and aloft in a brilliant raid on Castel Benito airfield, 10 miles south of Tripoli, have scored a considerable hole in the already thin air cover on which Field Marshal Rommel is depending for an effective thrust from Libya into Tunisia.

In this, the heaviest assault yet delivered from the west on the Axis in Tripolitania, not an American plane was lost, Allied headquarters announced today.

The Fortresses' attack, delivered yesterday, topped all other action in the North African theater, where land operations were marked only by patrol encounters in the area between patrol Arada and Goubellat in Tunisia and along Rommel's route of retreat in eastern Tripolitania.

While the Allied communique stated only that 14 planes were shot down in sharp running combat during the Castel Benito raid, an air force spokesman added that at least 20 German planes were smashed on the ground.

The Axis pilots, flying Messerschmitt 109's, apparently were under instructions to get the Fortresses at all costs. Avoiding the American fighter escort, they swooped upon the big bombers and were met by terrific blasts from the cannon of the raiders.

At the eastern end of the Allied line—in Libya—the British command announced complementary air blows in which five enemy fighters were destroyed in combat; Tripoli and Homs in Libya and Tagrets in Crete, Sicily and on Lampedusa island were successfully attacked. In all these operations two Allied planes were lost.

The British communique spoke only of patrol action ground in Libya, but frontline dispatches indicated that the British Eighth army was increasing its pressure on Rommel.

Aside from the Castel Benito attack, Allied headquarters announced that British planes had been bombing the roads behind the Axis positions in Tunisia and that American craft had assaulted bridges between Sousse and Sfax on the Tunisian east coast.

Two German planes were shot down in an attempted attack on an Allied airfield; Allied losses in all these actions were but a single plane.

American Lightning fighter planes sweeping the roads in the Tripolitania-Tunisia border region put a long line of Axis transport under heavy fire and machinegun fire. An air force spokesman estimated that at least 50 trucks, five of them filled with enemy troops, were destroyed.

B-26 bombers took part in the aerial show by scoring hits on two bridges on a highway bridge at Le Hencha and another a railroad bridge at Chabala. Both towns are between Sousse and Sfax.

THE WAR IN BRIEF

New Soviet offensive, fifth in the current campaign, announced by Nazis to have been thrown in area of Voronezh, strongest Red position in 1,000-mile stretch between Moscow and Black Sea. Information suggests supreme Russian effort of war now at hand.

Raid in North Africa by U. S. Flying Fortresses smashes at least 34 Nazi planes without single American loss. Attack gives considerable promise for apparent strategy of cutting up Rommel's Libyan forces by air and weakening Axis army in Tunisia before pre-arranged plan for juncture in defense of Tunis and Bizerte can be realized.

Flying Fortresses bomb Axis-held war industries of Lille, France, while hundreds of Allied fighter planes strike over northern France driving raids. Allied planes also raid Tripoli, Homs, in Libya, Crete, Sicily, and Lampedusa island.

Isolation by American attacks of several enemy positions on Guadalcanal announced by navy as Chinese report their most significant victory in central China theater—recapture of important base of Singyang in southern Honan province.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle tells French people that the Fighting French forces of Brig. Gen. Jacques Lelièvre have completed conquest of Italian Fezzan in Libyan desert and in position to "fight decisive engagements on shores of Mediterranean."

Germany attempting to force release of 125 captured armistice-commission in North Africa by seizing as hostages American diplomats other nationals in France. Total of about 140 diplomats, newspaper correspondents, Red Cross workers, and others being removed to Germany under guard of Nazi SS troops.

WEST MONROE NEWS

We had a real good service at West Monroe Baptist church Sunday evening. It was a service in honor of our boys in uniform. We have twenty-three boys in the armed forces from our community. It would make every one know the value of praying mothers to have been at church.

Mrs. Randolph Robertson of Fort Mill, S. C. spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Byrum.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Terry moved yesterday to Bessemer City, where he has accepted a position with the Algodon Mills, as overseer of the card room.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffin entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of their daughter Marcine on her eighth birthday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Smith, Nancy Matheson and Barbara House.—Reported.

Springfield, Mo.—A pair of shoes which Ed Morgan bought in 1894 and so he sold them to a friend for 50 cents, on credit. Seeing him recently, the friend handed him the 50 cents he had owed him for 51 years.

WARTIME RATIONING GUIDE

SUGAR—Stamp No. 10 good for three pounds until January 31. COFFEE—Stamp No. 25 good for one pound until February 7. FUEL OIL—Period 3 coupons good for 9 gallons and valid through February 5. No. 2 coupons expired December 28.

GASOLINE—Coupon No. 3 in a book good for three gallons until January 21. No. 4 coupons become valid January 22. Temporary T coupons will be issued directly until February 1, when thereafter they will be issued on basis of ODT certificates of war necessity.

Citizens Urged To Cooperate

Ration Book No. 2 Has Not Arrived; Friday Last Day To Get Book 1

RECEIVE MANY INQUIRIES

It was stated today at the local rationing board that large numbers of citizens are calling at the board for War Ration Book No. 2. As yet these books have not arrived and no orders for issuing these books have been received. Applicants for the books are urged to refrain from applying for them until further notice.

The manner in which the new book will be issued, will be assembly line tactics, it was announced Tuesday, from the Atlanta office. It is thought this system of registration will speed up the issuance of the 23,000,000 ration books No. 2, considerably in the Southeast.

To avoid overcrowding the registration will extend over a ten-day period, the starting date yet to be announced, and will be conducted on the basis of alphabetical groups.

Persons whose last names begin with A, B, C and D will register on the first and second days. Names beginning with E, F, G, H, I, J and K will sign up on the third and fourth days. The L, M, N, O, P, Q and R group will appear on the fifth and sixth days and S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z on the seventh and eighth days.

On the ninth and tenth days, all persons who failed for good cause to register when their letters were called, will be registered.

The system will work in this manner, an OPA statement said. Only persons who present war ration book one will be admitted to registration headquarters.

Each person will then fill out a declaration for excess stocks of rationed goods on hand, and will also declare excess stocks of coffee.

The coffee declaration will be based on the amount in excess of one pound per person on hand November 28 when the coffee rationing program went into effect, and stamps will be deducted from war ration book one.

After coffee deductions are made, the registrant will go to the distribution unit where a declaration clerk will take the filled in form and tear out the necessary number of point coupons.

Identifying information taken from book one will be filled in on the face of book two by a recording clerk, who will then pass the registrant on to a document clerk.

To complete the registration, the document clerk will assign a serial number for each ration book, and a validating clerk will stamp the number on the face of each book. This completes the process, and the book will then be turned over to the registrant.

WAR RATION BOOKS—Ration Book No. 1 is being currently used for purchase of sugar and coffee. It will be necessary to possess Book No. 1 before the household can obtain ration book No. 2 for point rationing of various commodities, such as meat, to be issued. To those not holding Book No. 1 the deadline for obtaining same is January 15.

Gas Ban Cases Will Be Tried

First Hearing For Pleasure Riders To Be Held Monday

MOTORISTS ARE NOTIFIED

Plans were being completed here today, by local rationing board officials, whereby persons who are cited before it for violating the pleasure driving ban may be tried. A number of cases are scheduled for trial at the regular meeting of the board, Monday afternoon for violation of the ban and they have been notified to appear "for trial."

BROUGHTON WAR BONUS IDEA GETS OPPOSITION

Discussion Arises In Legislature Over Extra Appropriation For Bonuses. Dissension arose in the legislature Wednesday over the supplemental appropriations bill to provide war bonuses for school teachers and other state employees.

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The chief executive endorsed a record general expenditure of \$105,060,538 during the next biennium and, in addition, proposed an additional \$9,188,629 between January 1, 1943, and January 1, 1945, as bonuses for state employees receiving less than \$4,500 a year.

The House committee postponed action on both measures until next Tuesday. Several members said they believed the appropriations bill should be handled first, so that monies needed for operation of the budget would not be taken away.

Rep. Spruill of Bertie indicated disagreements had arisen over the measure and the supplemental measure would meet much opposition.

The joint finance committee, meanwhile, postponed action, tentatively until this afternoon, on the revenue act, designed to raise approximately \$104,000,000 during the next two fiscal years. Members said they wanted to study it before entering a discussion.

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He referred to it again yesterday by saying, "the uncertainty of the times and the unpredictable circumstances of the next two-year period present many difficulties in the matter of estimating revenue."

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LAND TRANSFERS

H. C. Nesbit to J. M. Manus, three tracts, 21 acres, in county. Addie Tomberlin to J. Troy Griffin; lot Vance township.

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MONROE HIGH FLY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Club Outlines Plans; Active in Home and Community During Past Year. (By Louise Pigg) The Pi-Y organization of Monroe met Monday evening, January 11, at the B. Frank Harris home on East Houston Street, to elect officers for this year.

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Officers for the preceding year were Martha Cook, president; Frances Wood, vice-president; Jeanette Smith, secretary and treasurer; Dorothy Gordon, sergeant at arms, and Betsy Lee, chaplain.