

WEATHER FORECAST

Not quite so cold tonight. Sunset today, 7:06 p. m.; sunrise Tuesday, 5:08 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, long, lb., Cotton, Seed, bushel, Eggs, dozen, Hens, pound, Corn, bushel, Wheat, bushel.

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Nazis' Morale At Lowest Ebb

Continuous Bombings And Mounting Casualties Are Spreading Gloom BUT NO CRACK-UP YET

German morale has hit the lowest level of the war, and it is questionable whether Hitler can lift it out of the depths as he has in the past with military victories.

People who have recently been in Germany, the Nazi press and Swedish newspapers confirm this view. Perhaps especially significant are reports of how heavily the terror of bombings is hitting the German people, and how wounded soldiers describe the "hell" on the eastern front and express hope they won't have to go back.

These sources give the following picture of the causes of sinking spirits inside Germany and signs of Nazi uneasiness:

At the root of the gloom and depression are the rapidly with which Germany is being brought into the "front lines" through RAF bombings and the hardships of the Nazi conception of total war, the impact of heavy casualties, the drastic stripping of the war-weary Germans of everything but the bare necessities on one hand the merciless spur to new effort on the other, and shaken confidence in Hitler as a soldier-generals, specially among the soldiers, as a result of military defeats.

All this is against a backdrop suggestive of 1918. The Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung recently carried the slogan, "Do the opposite of 1918." Although morale is bad, no crack-up should be expected before a decisive military defeat becomes plain to every German. In this connection it must be remembered always that the Nazis disarmed the Germans and wiped out the oppositional political leadership so effectively that there are no signs of counter-organization in strength.

Heinrich Himmler, Hitler's watch dog, is taking no chances. A press campaign to draw recruits for his private army intended mainly for use during internal crises has been running for weeks. He is releasing police and SS troops from clerical and other station work for the field by enrolling women.

He sealed many loopholes in the police network by establishing the "Landwach" or "several hundred thousands" strong for security of the homeland. This service is obligatory in addition to regular work, principally for men who fought in the last war and now unfitted for military service.

For years the SS has been quietly taking over strategically located stores and apartments in the cities for use as small arsenals and strongpoints in case of trouble.

Now these precautions have been extended to the provinces at large. The SS is reported developing strongholds in areas where trouble is most likely to occur, such as the Bohemia workers districts. To disguise the purpose of the reported "SS Fortresses," they are described as troop exercise grounds.

How hard the war has struck German homes is openly described by the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

"In the last year the war has heavily burdened not only the warriors at the fronts but also many persons in the homeland," it said. "British terror from the air has hit seriously the German people more than heretofore. Gaps in families have opened more and more and many new crosses have been added to those on the battlefields in the East and Africa."

Many Germans evacuated from bombed districts were described as "too shaken" to give a coherent picture of what happens during a heavy raid.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions: Mrs. Ben Carpenter, R3, Monroe; Mrs. Huey Mosley and baby girl, R2, Waxhaw; Mrs. Rufus Hair, Fageland, S. C.; Mrs. W. R. Ashcraft, Monroe; Violetie Ellen Starnes, R4, Monroe; Mrs. D. C. Plyler and baby boy, R2, Monroe; Mrs. Lonnie Sneed, R5, Monroe; Baby Rebecca Patricia Sneed, R5, Monroe; Mrs. Aaron Hays, R4, Monroe; Mrs. Loyd Jenkins and baby boy, Charlotte.

Home Most Dangerous. Colebrook, Conn.—After spending years among wild beasts taking potshots at Mongolian bandits and climbing jagged mountain sides without a scratch, Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, explorer, scientist and former director of the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History, recently slipped on an icy patch near a pond on his estate, fell and broke his leg.

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Satisfying the Inner Woman



A careful diet of well-cooked, wholesome food provides members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps with the energy to accomplish the strenuous course of physical training, drill, and classroom work which prepares them for duty with the Army. WAACs enjoy the enviable opportunity of eating whatever they choose, in the way of fattening foods, for their work and training keep waistlines slim and figures pleasingly trim.

WAAC LIUETENANT TO BE HERE TWO DAYS

Quota Of The Two Carolinas Is 2861 By March 1st.

Lt. Adeline G. Sears, 3rd Officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and assistant Recruiting Officer of the District Recruiting and Induction Headquarters will be in Monroe Friday and Saturday of this week to interview prospective WAACs, to take applications for enlistment and to answer questions concerning the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. It was revealed by Private Bill Mitcham of the same office who came to Monroe Tuesday to make the necessary arrangements. The temporary WAAC Recruiting Station will be established in the basement room of the post office and Lt. Sears will be in the room from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on February 19th and 20th.

According to Private Mitcham, any young lady with good background between the ages of 21 and 44 inclusive, with no dependents under fourteen, and who can pass a mental and physical examination is eligible to enlist in the WAAC's. Women are needed desperately in the WAAC's. They have demonstrated their worth in over 30 classifications. They have proved that in many cases they can perform a task as well as a man soldier and in certain instances they even excel. And you must remember, continued Mitcham, that every time a man is relieved in the combat lines, he is given his chance in the combat lines.

The quota for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in the two Carolinas is 2861 by March 31st and the District Headquarters in Charlotte is hoping that the quota will be filled before that time.

TO ENLIST MEN IN AGRICULTURAL PURSUIT

World Call Upon Urban Residents, School Students And Others.

Secretary Wickard announced today the Agriculture department would inaugurate a nation-wide campaign late this month to enlist 5,000,000 urban residents, high school students, unemployed farm laborers and workers employed in nonseasonal activities, in a "U. S. crop corps" to help meet farm labor shortages.

The farm labor shortage was said by the secretary to constitute a serious threat to food production. Recruiting of volunteers will be carried on in towns and cities by the U. S. Employment service and in rural counties by the Agricultural Extension service.

Urban residents will be asked to agree, in advance of the planting and harvesting seasons, to work a certain number of weeks days, weekends or evenings. Volunteers, Wickard said, will be people "inspired by patriotic motives and the desire to see that a local crop is not lost by lack of labor."

In addition to urban volunteers, the department is counting on being able to recruit 275,000 seasonal agricultural workers who normally move from one crop area to another to do harvesting work, but who do not have transportation facilities, because of gasoline and tire shortages. The department will provide such workers with transportation.

The department planned also to import upwards of 50,000 farm workers from Mexico to help with production of cotton, sugar beets, vegetable and citrus fruit crops in southern and western states.

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THE WAR IN BRIEF

Nazis left only one railway line of escape after Russians advance 30 miles west of Kharkov to take Borodukhovo, Slavyansk, and Rovensk. Retreat hurried by Red attack from Kursk area.

Five enemy ships sunk, one cruiser probably sunk, and one cargo ship damaged by United States submarines in Pacific and Far East waters, Navy announced. British report sinking at least six enemy ships in Mediterranean.

Rommel forces advance 35 miles in three-day push in central Tunisia; British eighth army nears Mareth line. Three United States airdromes abandoned at Sbeitla and Thelepte.

Enemy fighter and anti-aircraft defenses "extended to limit and stretched thin" by Allied "round-the-clock" bombing strategy, says Eaker, new commander of United States air forces in England. R. A. F. raids Lorient again, ranges far into Germany, Holland, Belgium, and northern France.

46 French Ships Will Join Allies

42 Have Just Arrived To Help Allied Nations Fight Germans

FOUR ALREADY HERE

Forty-two French warships in addition to the four that steamed across the Atlantic last week soon will be fighting on the side of the United Nations, Vice-Admiral Raymond Beard, chief of the French naval mission to the United States, said yesterday.

The cruisers Gloire and Georges Leygues already are in action against the Axis, Fenard said in an interview aboard the cruiser Montcalm, which is at the Philadelphia navy yard for refitting after its trip from Dakar as an escort of the battleship Richelieu.

Fenard, who greeted Admiral Royal V. Ingersoll, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Atlantic fleet, on the Montcalm yesterday, said two more battleships, six cruisers, an aircraft carrier, seven destroyers, 14 submarines and 10 auxiliary craft would join the United Nations armada "soon but I don't know when."

Three of the submarines, he added, escaped the scuttling at Toulon, and Alexander and Casablanca are "in good condition." The heavy destroyers Fantasque and Terrible, part of the Richelieu's escort, are at Boston for a refitting, he said.

The stocky, bronzed admiral skirted questions on "politics," asserting that "the men and officers of the French fleet want to fight the Germans alongside the United States and her Allies."

"For more than two years," he said, "my blue eyes hardening," "we have been out of the fight against Germany. This is the opportunity we have been waiting for. We want to fight the Germans alongside the United States and her Allies."

A retail of blue-jacketed French marines, red stripes on their sleeves and red "powder puffs" in the center of their caps, stood stiff at attention when the admiral, smiling broadly, came aboard at 10:30 a. m. and bugle corps greeted him with ruffles and flourishes, repeating the ceremony when Admiral Ingersoll boarded the cruiser.

RED CROSS NEWS

With the opening of the new Camp Sutton Station Hospital the Grey Lady Corps of the Red Cross will be ready to continue its work of building up the morale of the sick through visiting, distributing comfort articles, writing letters, etc.

Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, USO specialist on volunteers, is coming from New York to act as leader for the entire Institute.

The USO staff again repeats its invitation to all persons who are interested and who have a desire to do volunteer work in soldier recreation.

Members of the corps who have attended lectures and taken the examination are: Mesdames Jack Bennett, J. D. Bundy, H. E. Copley, Jr., L. H. Couch, W. W. Crews, H. H. Davis, R. L. Dixon, S. C. Dunne, A. C. Ellwanger, Albert Evans, J. O. Paulk, J. P. Gamble, R. H. Hargett, C. H. Hasty, J. H. Hearn, Allen Heath, Henry Hinson, Pemberson Hinson, Charles Hough, H. K. Hough, Sam Howie, Charles Iseman, P. H. Johnson, Floyd Laney, Robert Morrow, E. E. O'Neal, J. W. Ormand, Olin Sikes, A. N. Smith, A. T. Smith, Howard Smith, Amos Stack, J. S. Stearns, Sidi Stewart, F. T. Stowe, Evelyn Sutherland, J. R. Welsh, Evelyn Williams, E. C. Winchester, S. S. Wolfe, H. H. Wolfe, B. H. Wolfe and the Misses Ollie Alexander, Ruth Green, and Lura Hough.

The American Red Cross's budgetary accounting shows that one-half of the money goes to our army and navy—the men who do the fighting; ten per cent for civilian emergencies, bomb, flood, tornado casualties, etc.; one quarter for preparedness; balance for chapter use, community service.

Curiously Cautious. St. Louis.—The natural curiosity of nine-year-old Rita McLaughlin about her Christmas presents caused her to peek them out in a closet. Surprising much to see the paper wrappings on the presents caught fire and the interior of the house was burned, presents and all.

Ration Book No. 2 Is Explained

Every Person In The United States Entitled To One Book Two Each

RATION LIST IS GIVEN

Registration for Ration Book No. 2 will be held at every white school in Union county with the exception of Stephenson, beginning Monday, February 22nd, and it is important that you know something of the requirements for obtaining these books.

Every man, woman and child in the United States will be entitled to receive a copy of war ration book No. 2, the most important rationing book issued during the war when distribution begins on February 22.

The books will be used for the rationing of processed foods of various types, beginning on March 1, and later, for the rationing of meats.

The foods rationing program has been designed to prevent hoarding and at the same time to assure a fair distribution of supplies to the general public as well as to provide necessities for the fighting forces, leaders have pointed out.

The program will provide Americans with sufficient foods to maintain well-balanced diets. No restrictions have yet been placed on fresh vegetables and fruits and none are planned, according to announcements.

That means Americans will have to revise their eating habits in many respects. Less usage of the can opener—a saving in tin—will mean more cooking at home, more time spent in preparation of fresh fruits and vegetables for the dinner table, but they will know that by this small effort, processed foods in abundance will be on their way to armed forces at home and across the seas and that the men in the service will be receiving needed supplies that can be served them quickly, and can be shipped economically.

The new book will be issued to every person who has war book No. 1, generally known as the sugar and coffee rationing book.

Distribution will begin on Monday, February 22 at school sites and other places.

One person should apply for all the ration books in each family or household. That person must bring (1) all copies of war ration book No. 1 held by members of the family or household, and (2) a consumer declaration covering all persons for whom he is reporting.

On the form you will be required to list the number of cans, jars or bottles, eight ounces or larger in your household of commercially packed fruits, vegetables, fruit and vegetable juices, canned soups, chili sauce, and catsup in excess of five units per person.

You don't have to report how many of each kind. The form will ask for only one figure—the total number of containers 8-ounces or larger, minus the allowance of five per person.

Do not include any containers under the 8-ounce size; do not include jellies, jams, preserves, canned meat, fish, olives, relish, pickles, spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, frozen or dried foods.

Above all, do not count home-preserved or home-canned foods. The government allows you to have as many cans or jars of foods of home preserving, even if in tin cans, as you are able to store away.

You will also report the number of pounds of coffee in excess of one pound per person that you had on hand in your household when the coffee rationing program started on November 28 for each person whose age as shown on war ration book No. 1 was 14 years or older.

RATION LIST. The list of rationed foods, as announced by the OPA, follows:

1. Canned and bottled fruits and fruit juices, including spiced fruits; apples, peaches, apricots, berries of all varieties, cherries, including red, sour and pitted, cranberries and sauce, fruits for salad and fruit cocktail, grapefruit and grapefruit juice, grape juice, peaches, pears, pineapple and pineapple juice, all other canned and bottled fruits, fruit juices and combinations.

2. Canned and bottled vegetables and vegetable juices, including: asparagus, beans, lima, green and wax beans, all other canned dry vegetables, vegetable juices of all types (with the exception of large-size containers as noted in the exempted list below).

3. Other processed foods: canned soups of all types and varieties, baby foods.

EXEMPTED ITEMS. Items not rationed include: candied fruits, chili con carne, frozen vegetables and fruits in containers over 10 pounds, fruit cakes, fruit and vegetable juices in containers over one gallon, fruit puddings, jams, jellies, meat and slews, though they contain some vegetables, olives, paste products, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, whether or not they are packed with added vegetable sauce, pickles, potato salad, preserves and relishes.

Food rationing is for your protection and you should obey the regulations. Don't encourage or take part in violations of the regulations. You will be subject to legal penalties for such violations and you will be obstructing the war effort if you engage in these practices.

If a "black market" arises, it is your patriotic duty and responsibility as a citizen to report it to the rationing board or the nearest OPA office. Anyone who operates a "black market" in these critical times is do-

U. S. Suffers Big Casualties

Rommel Halts The American Counter-Attack With Seasoned Troops

USES TWO DIVISIONS

There is an old adage that runs something like this: "Times change and we change with the times." This statement was never more true than it is today.

To assist in keeping up with the many changes now confronting us, you should read your local newspaper. It is a medium by which you can keep yourself informed in this section of some of these changes—what is being rationed and the expiration dates of ration coupons. Your local paper also tells you what you want to know about the people you know.

WPB says that a second cut on print paper will become effective April 1st. This means that papers can only be sent to subscribers whose subscriptions are paid in advance.

Look at the label on your paper. If it reads 18Feb43 it means your subscription expires with this issue. We want to continue sending you The Enquirer. However conditions require us to discontinue sending it to those in arrears.

Your renewal now will be appreciated and your won't miss a copy. If you wish you may mail in your renewal.

MONROE CAGERS DEFEAT CHARLOTTE CHAMPIONS

Pythons Play Marshville Here Tonight.

(By Louise Pigg)

Last night the Monroe High School cagers downed the Charlotte city champions by a close score of 29 to 30.

The game began as a tit for tat affair with Drummond, Wingate, McCarty and Gentry scoring two points each for Harding and McKenzie, Trull and Laney dropping the ball in for Monroe to make the score 8 to 6 in favor of Harding.

Both clubs stepped up their footwork. McCarty of Harding, got six of twelve shots for his team. English and Trull kept Monroe in the running in the second quarter. At the half Harding led with the score 14 to 11.

The third quarter was a good example of fine teamwork on both sides, but Monroe's breaks began to come. They took the lead in a score of 24 to 15. The game ended in a tie, 24 to 24. Monroe won a 30 to 29 victory.

Monroe's defense played professional ball. Laney, Howie, and McKenzie did fine work under the basket. Harding's stars were McCarty, Cook, and McCarty. McCarty gave Monroe a lot of trouble throughout the game.

Game Here Tonight. Tonight, here in the local gymnasium, the Monroe Pythons play Marshville. Admission will be fifteen and twenty-five cents. This will be the second game of the season between the two teams. Last Wednesday, February 10, Monroe bagged the game. Tonight, the Marshville boys will be doubtly interested in winning. It will be a good game—and fast.

Watch out for Green and Snyder on the Marshville five. But take a good look at the Monroe team mentioned in a Charlotte paper, could not win off their own court. Remember, they took that game with Harding. By the way, people, Monroe's team is coached by the team itself with Donald McKenzie taking over the head coaching position. To see a team (and I do mean teamwork) like that play ought to be worth more than a quarter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their many deeds of kindness and sympathies shown us during the recent illness and death of our husband and father, W. B. Tyson.—Mrs. W. B. Tyson and Children.

MEASURE TO ASSURE GOOD EGG PRICES

Farmers will be assured 34 cents per dozen for best eggs by the Food Distribution Administration until further notice in order to assure fair prices during the flush egg season, G. Hillman Moody, state supervisor of FDA, said recently.

Starting this week, and continuing as long as necessary, FDA will buy fresh eggs in lots as small as 10 cases at prices of 34 cents at Raleigh and Asheville for Grade "A" large eggs; Grade "B" 32 cents; and Grade "C" 29 cents. Medium price will be 30 cents.

Twenty-three official buying stations have been contracted with others to be named soon, Moody said. Local buying stations are now located in Raleigh, Oxford, Henderson, Warren, Greensboro, Wake Forest, Asheville, Fletcher, Hendersonville, Forest City, Morganton, Canton, Waynesville, Rutherfordton, Sylva, Franklin, Marion, Murphy, Brevard, Lenoir, Bryson City, Burnsville, and Spruce Pine.

Dealers cooperating in this program may sell the eggs to army camps, defense plants and local trade, but in any event FDA stands ready to buy eggs at the announced price, plus four cents per dozen for handling, Moody said.

J. E. Bailey who has been a patient in the Memorial hospital in Charlotte for several weeks is very much improved.