

WEATHER FORECAST

Continued cold tonight. Sunset today, 7:35 p. m.; sunrise Tuesday, 7:42 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

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

SEMI-WEEKLY, \$2.00 A YEAR

Review Work Of The Legislature

Nine Months School Term Is One Outstanding Piece Of Legislation

LARGE APPROPRIATIONS

The General Assembly is near adjournment. General opinion seems to be that they'll adjourn by Wednesday of this week.

Many Farm Workers Must Now Be Deferred

The War Man-Power commission told local draft boards Saturday to keep farm workers in deferred classifications—even if the quotas for the armed forces cannot then be met.

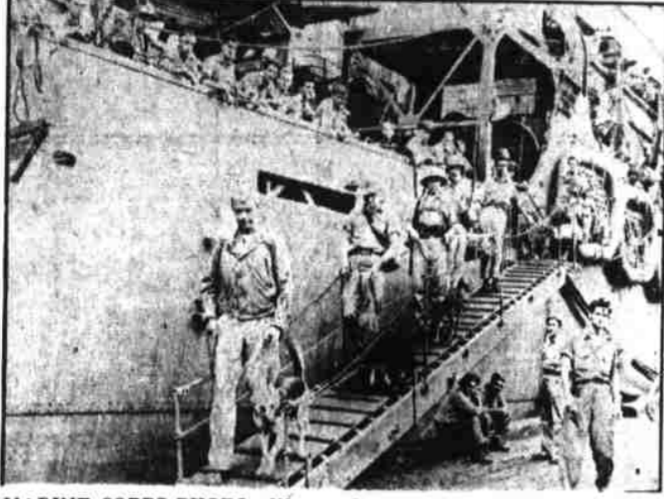
10 PER CENT INCREASE IN COTTON ACREAGE

A 10 per cent increase in the national cotton planting allotment for 1943 as a means of producing more vegetable oil for food and protein feeds for livestock will be announced soon by Agriculture Secretary Wickard.

THIS INFORMATION FOR GAS AND FUEL DEALERS

The following information is given for the benefit of gasoline and fuel oil dealers and distributors, and food retailers and wholesalers.

MARINES RELIEVED AFTER GUADALCANAL FIGHTING



MARINE CORPS PHOTO—Wearied after months of bitter fighting on Guadalcanal, these U. S. Marines are shown as they arrived at a South Pacific port, heading for a rest. Even the dogs, some of the men are leading, will get a much needed vacation.

THE WAR IN BRIEF

British troops beat off two heavy attacks by Rommel's forces in the Maerth line area of Southern Tunisia, reclaiming initiative and inflicting heavy losses on enemy.

Shivering Nazi troops rapidly retreating down road to Smolensk from ruins of Gzhatsk as Russians capture more than 50 settlements on approaches to Vyazma.

Berlin reports 6,121 dwelling units destroyed by British raids on Italian port of Genoa.

Polish government-in-exile officials announce 250 Poles dying daily in "murder camp" at Oswiecim, Poland, as the result of "executions, inhuman treatment, hunger and epidemics."

Japanese troops on west bank of Salween river, after being subjected to furious Chinese counter-attacks, start general retreat. Many strategic points recovered by Chinese.

U. S. aircraft heavily bomb Japan's Munda air base and strike at other centers in central and northwestern Solomon Islands. Japs raid American positions on Tulagi Island, 20 miles north of Guadalcanal.

RAF bombers make highly successful attack on freight yards, important railway center at Mandalay. Many buildings, railway cars demolished and large fires started.

German bomber force attacks southeastern English coast town, scoring hits on hotel, bank and store and causing several casualties. Two raiders shot down.

Union County's Men In Service

Robert Nell, who is with the Navy and stationed in Charleston, S. C., spent the week-end here with Mrs. Nell at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Dillon.

Private Henry Houston Helms, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Helms of E. B. Waxhaw, has recently been stationed at Hq. Det. 322nd Medical Battalion, APO 445 U. S. Army, Camp Swift, Texas.

Pvt. James H. Williams of Newark, N. J. Army Air Base, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, Rt. 1, Monroe.

Pvt. John H. Thomas, above, son of Mrs. O. W. Jenkins of Monroe, was the honor graduate of his class in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command's airplane mechanic school near Amarillo, Texas last week.

Private Thomas will be assigned to one of Uncle Sam's giant Flying Fortresses operating in theater of war all over the world. Before entering the service Private Thomas was a fire insurance examiner. He attended Wingate high school.

Pvt. Oscar L. Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pruitt of Bakers is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., and asks that his friends write him at the following address: Co. C, 14th Med. Tgt. Bn., 4th Platoon.

Miss Georgia Lee Griffin, daughter of Mrs. Laura Funderburk of 111 Allen street, Manetta Mill, Monroe, has enlisted in the WAACS and gives her ambition to be a truck driver in the WAACS.

Staff Sgt. Charles Hargett who is stationed at an army air base at Kearns, Utah, is on his way to Atlanta, Ga., with a troop train. He will come to Monroe Wednesday for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. R. H. Hargett.

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LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on March 10th. This day of special prayer and fasting in the calendar of the Christian Church, begins the period of forty days, exclusive of Sundays, leading up to Easter. It commemorates the forty days that Jesus was fasting in the wilderness while meeting the temptations that he knew would assail him, when he began his ministry for the salvation of the world.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the method of thanking our neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness shown us at the untimely death of our son, Harvey Wilson Elms. We especially wish to thank McEwen Funeral Home for their splendid services.

"Bedrock Level"

The Office of Civilian Supply has prepared a summary of absolute essentials, which will be required by the people of this country and if war requires the nation's supreme effort.

Veterans' Disease

The Army's present rate for venereal disease is now 40,000 annually which is said to be the lowest in our military history.

Farm Workers To Be Deferred

Men Over 38 To Be Given New Classification But Farmers Deferred

TO HELP THE FARM WORK

Men over 38 lost their special draft classification Saturday. Selective Service ordered local boards to put no more 38 to 45-year-old men in Class 4-H and to transfer men now in that classification into the regular classes (such as 1-A, 3-A, 4-F etc.)—but not actually to draft them.

The action has the effect of establishing an order in which men over 38 would be inducted "if and when the armed forces determine they can be used in the military establishment," the War Man-Power commission put it.

The men in 4-H are to be reclassified on the same basis as younger men, but with special "H" designations. Some will be put in 1-A (H), 2-B (H), 3-A (H) and similar classes. This procedure, the Man-Power commission explained in a press release, means that men "who have no cause for deferment other than age will be placed in Class 1-A."

The "H" designation denotes merely a subdivision of the particular draft class. Thus a man classified 1-A (H) actually would be in Class 1-A, although he would not be liable to immediate induction like another man in that class lacking the additional (H) rating.

There was no indication from Selective Service or from the WMC or Navy departments as to whether this actually foreshadows a call to the colors for men over 38, who are technically eligible for military service to the age of 45. Senator Wheeler, Democrat of Montana and some other members of Congress have urged that single men over 38 be drafted ahead of younger fathers, but the army opposes this.

The chief aim of the order is to induce men over 38 to go into farming. The order provides that any man over 38 who farms now or who takes up farming by May 1 shall be reclassified promptly into the farm deferment classes—2-C if single and 3-C if married. If he meets the other farm-deferment qualifications. Other men over 38 are to be put into the regular draft classifications "as soon as possible after May 1."

The order did not make it clear whether it would be too late after May 1 for a man over 38 to get a farm job and a farm deferment. The apparently intended inference was that they should get from a large number of farms who have previously paid little attention to egg production but will now be called upon to put forth effort.

The county is allotted 11,000 turkeys to be grown. In 1940 we produced 17,000 and in 1942 about 9,000 were produced. This means that we will have to increase our production over last year by 2,000 birds.

With the labor shortage as it is, we have a tremendous task assigned us.

SERVICES TO BE HELD AT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beginning Ash Wednesday of this week at 8 p. m. Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday evening during Lent until Easter at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Each service will last only forty-five minutes and the public is cordially invited to attend. Each sermon will be built around a personality of the passion of Christ.

The complete Lenten and Easter schedule of services at the Local Lutheran Church is as follows:

March 17th, "Judas, A Problem Personality."

March 24th, "Calphas, An Official Religionist."

March 31st, "Herod, Who Trifled With Religion."

April 7th, "Pilate, The Tragedy of Evidences."

April 14th, "Barabbas—His Modern Counterpart."

April 19 (Monday) "Mary the Mother of Jesus."

April 20th (Tuesday) "The Centurion, A Soldier Looks At Jesus."

April 21st (Wednesday) "Joseph of Arimathea."

April 22nd, (Thursday) Candle-Light Communion.

Easter Day, 7:00 a. m., Sunrise Service.

11 a. m., The Christ Who Conquers. (Holy Communion).

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions: Mrs. Artis J. Adams, R1, Waxhaw; Mrs. James Kimball and baby boy, R1, Monroe; Mrs. Carlton Dunn, Monroe; Mrs. J. E. Austin, Monroe; Johnnie Wilson, Baucum, Jr., Monroe; Mrs. Robert Willoughby, R4, Monroe.

For treatment: Mrs. J. E. Reedy, R5, Monroe; Mrs. H. L. Jones, R1, Waxhaw; Francis L. Bundy, Monroe; David Morgan, Monroe; Mrs. J. J. Wilson, R2, Waxhaw; Mrs. Louis Williams, Monroe; Ben F. Price, R3, Waxhaw; Floyd Mills, R1, Waxhaw; Mrs. John C. Beech and baby boy, Monroe; Mrs. Elgin Helms and baby girl, R5, Monroe.

F. D. R.'s View: The President's opinion, expressed in a letter to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is that "we have now turned the corner in the war."

Submarine War Be Stepped Up

Pathfinder Tells What We May Expect In Regard To Future Events

REVIEW OF SITUATION

Kaiser vs Subs: Wach for new intensified battle against submarine menace, with greater use of corvettes. Kaiser, West Coast wonder-builder, being called in to supervise task.

Chill: New York observers think Dewey didn't help himself when he remained away from Rickenbacker session with state legislature at Albany, fearful lest it give him anti-labor taint.

Finnish Peace Possibility: Likelihood Finns will yield to American pressure and name new foreign minister to replace Witting. This might hasten peace-making activities of Uncle Sam.

Escape: Requests from American soldiers abroad for preference on shortwave broadcasts from this side show: 1. Religious or spiritual talks. 2. "Swing" music.

"Featherbed" devices incorporated into labor policies in other times to make work for union membership counted as important flaw in manpower effectiveness. Congress aroused; will investigate.

Uneven Ceilings: Before rationing goes far, expect clamor for change in price system. Already fresh vegetables put under ceilings drain toward high-ceiling markets. With meat, canned goods short, scarcity of vegetables would mean Spartan diet.

Go Slow: G. O. P. leaders McNary, Taft, wise in trying to restrain Senate colleagues with hatchet in hand. People may soon notice Congress too busy revolting against Roosevelt that it has yet to pass war-essential legislation.

Pastor Rationing: Dr. W. B. Pugh, Presbyterian stated clerk, calling for 300 more chaplains, reveals 25 per cent of pastors will be in service here. Ministers may be "rationed," ride circuit again. Older top-rank pastors will be called on month-long leaves from churches for temporary ministry in big camps.

Rabbit Stew: "First catch your rabbit," will be no trouble if Interior Dept. has way with Rabbit Experiment Station at Fontana, Calif. develops plans for simple, scrap-bulb rabbitry. Says: "Three or four does and a buck will furnish average family with all the rabbit meat it will use."

Flexibility: Hard fighting in Tunisia ahead, but Washington proud of ability of green American troops to take blocking, then come back fighting. Also pleased by flexibility in staff work, illustrated by use of Flying Fortresses as attack bombers against ground troops.

Meat: Situation critical in some centers. OPA will probably try to block it after point rationing comes in by 1. drive against black markets; 2. rise in ceiling prices, to make it profitable for farmers to deal with legitimate packers.

COUNTY FSA TO AID SECURING FARM HELP

No Assurance That Laborers Can Be Secured

Farmers who cannot get tenants and year-round help locally for essential war food production should place orders as soon as possible with the County Farm Security Administration office, according to the County FSA supervisor.

Orders for tenants and year-round labor will be routed immediately by the county FSA office to the State FSA office and thence to year-round labor recruiting areas. As workers are recruited transportation to point of employment and subsistence en route will be paid by FSA until they are placed. Usually tenants and workers are given a chance to visit places of prospective employment before accepting jobs.

Placement will follow in order of application, as rapidly as workers are available. As soon as each worker is placed, transportation is provided for his family and necessary household goods.

"Farmers making formal application for tenants and year-round labor at County FSA offices will agree to pay prevailing farm wages, supply adequate and sanitary housing and make \$10 deposit for tenants and workers to insure bona fide requests. As labor shortages are nationwide, no assurance can be given that sufficient year-round labor can be recruited to meet the demand. Where workers cannot be found within a reasonable time, the \$10 deposit will be refunded."

Union Audit: The United Steel Workers of America, a CIO organization, claiming rank as the second largest labor union, reports its membership as 726,625, and its assets as \$1,774,000, including \$1,415,000 cash. The report is contained in an audit, copies of which were sent to booklets form to the President, Members of Congress and State Legislatures and Governors.

Navy's Boast: The Navy's boast, made particularly with reference to World War I operations, that no troop ships were lost under the protection of American naval escort, may have been affected by the sinking of two such ships in February with resulting loss of more than 800 American lives. No details are available as to whether the vessels were traveling in convoy or alone.

Armed Forces: The President says that the projected strength of our armed forces had been set six months ago and he sees no reason to change it. The objective is 11,500,000 men and 500,000 officers in the Army.