

WEATHER FORECAST

Little change in temperature. Sunset today, 8:31 p. m.; Sunrise Tuesday, 6:10 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

Table listing market prices for various commodities such as cotton, sugar, and wheat.

SEVENTIETH YEAR

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OPA's Butter Subsidy Near

Retail Prices Will Reflect Cut In Commodity June 10

MEATS, COFFEE, NEXT

Breasting a tide of criticism over the handling of food prices, the Office of Price Administration has announced...

At the same time, OPA said, explaining the leg between the subsidy payments and the cut in retail prices is due to the fact that the subsidy will apply only to newly-produced butter.

OPA's announcement came as criticism in congress and out of the handling of food problems and prices raised the prospect that James P. Byrnes, the new War Mobilization Director, will have to cope with it quickly.

Among the things Byrnes likely will be asked to do are:

1. The extent to which subsidies may be used.

2. Whether food matters should be concentrated under the Agriculture Department or under all price-fixing that affects farm products should remain a joint question for OPA and Food Administrator Chester C. Davis.

OPA officials said the "rollback" program has been approved by Byrnes, and that it is assured of going ahead in spite of opposition from some congressional sources and Davis.

The subsidy on butter will be paid by the Defense Supplies Corporation, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. At the rate of five cents a pound at the creamery level, beginning Tuesday. Next Friday the prices creameries charge others will be cut by the same amount.

Saturday wholesale prices will be cut by the five cents margin. The retail price cut will take place the following Thursday, June 10.

NO FATHERS WILL GO UNTIL OTHERS TAKEN

Major Jonas Tells Four-County Draft Conference of Plans.

No fathers in North Carolina are to be called in the selective service as long as single men and married men without children listed with the boards are still subject to call, draft boards of four North Carolina counties were told Thursday by Major Charles R. Jonas of Raleigh, representing North Carolina state selective service headquarters.

The meeting was held at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. About 75 from Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus and Stanly counties were present. It was one of 18 similar meetings being held in the State.

Two points stressed by Major Jonas were:

1. Boards should review all cases rigidly so that when fathers are called no single men or childless married men will be left in civilian life after fathers are called, except for vital reasons.

2. Boards should impress on employers that hereafter deferment of draft-age single and childless married men will be renewed only in extreme cases and that replacement arrangements are becoming important in the war.

Single men and childless married men are being called from the war industries, such as shipyards and airplane factories, Major Jonas said. Employers, however, will be permitted to make replacements before such men are drafted.

Replacements will be by men with children and by women. "We are not going to permit any board to start calling fathers until their single men and childless married men have been definitely called, or further deferred for vital reasons," Major Jonas said.

"Furthermore, we're not going to permit some boards to send fathers into the service when other boards still have single men and childless married men on their lists. When we start calling fathers, all boards will do it simultaneously."

Pay of Army Private

Here's the pay of an Army private, as calculated by Representative Egan of Texas, assisted by the War and Navy Departments and the Veterans Administration: Soldier's cash income, \$600; food, \$574.50; barracks, \$170; medical, dental and hospital care, \$160; saved on life insurance, \$24.40; saved on cigarettes, \$18.95; saved on laundry, \$23.50; saved on postage and barber's charges, \$28.85.

War Work

Denying that distress among small business is as general as reported, the Office of War Information reports that half of 3,000 small manufacturers interviewed said that they expected business to be as good, or better, than in 1942, and two-thirds expressed satisfaction with their present backlog of orders.

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PLAN DEMONSTRATION OF CANNING METHODS

Announce County-Wide Schedule; Beginning Tuesday, June 8.

If American families are to be well-fed next winter, all unneeded food from Victory gardens must be saved for winter use. It is toward this end that a county-wide program has been planned to help each home maker learn the safest methods of canning and drying vegetables and fruits.

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THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Attu has fallen. Its frantic Japanese defenders wiped out almost to a man by the American Army and Navy force which stormed onto the fogbound little Aleutian island 21 days ago.

Britain's great fleet of night bombers maintained its systematic destruction of the German Rhineland with a "heavy and concentrated" raid on Wuppertal manufacturing city of 411,000 population.

American warplanes based on North Africa continued their fierce assault on the islands of Sardinia and Pantelleria and met no opposition whatever from Axis fighters. Not a single plane was lost.

Increasing success of the Allied war on German U-boats was reported from London, the air ministry announcing the destruction of at least five enemy submarines in the past 10 days.

The Soviets themselves reported that the Nazis had struck vigorously against the partially besieged stronghold of Leningrad.

The Chinese announced they had recaptured Yuyangwan, "gateway to Chungking," in a smashing attack and that Japanese forces were retreating from that city, 35 miles south of Ichang.

French fleet in Alexandria harbor at last has "given in to the British," said a German broadcast. This fleet consisted of last report of one battleship, four cruisers, three destroyers, one submarine and a number of small auxiliaries.

All Frenchmen born in the year 1922 have been drafted for work in Germany, it was stated in an official announcement broadcast by the Berlin radio last Sunday.

Upon completion of this course he will receive a rating and return to Camp McCain. He married Miss Elsie Romp, also of Altan, who has resigned her position at Camp McCain and has gone to Springfield to be with her husband.

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LOCAL POST OFFICE NOW EMPLOYS 22 CLERKS

Employed Only 5 In 1941; New Mailing Methods Are Announced.

Postmaster Sam H. Lee, stated today that according to information received by him from Washington officials, the new method of speeding up mail deliveries, through addition of a branch post office number to the address on mail deliveries in large cities is being placed in operation rapidly.

Reports from many cities indicate that the new plan has been received enthusiastically by the press, postmasters, business concerns and the public in general.

The new system speeds up the separation of mail for distribution to branch offices and permits much more rapid handling of mail by inexperienced postal clerks, thousands of whom have been employed to replace personnel who have gone into the armed forces and into war industries.

Rapid increase in volume of mail and the loss of some thirty thousand postal employees to the armed forces made it necessary to adopt the plan, in the interest of accurate, efficient mail service and for the relief of postal personnel who are carrying an extremely heavy burden of work.

The average work week in the service now is about 52 hours, and in many post offices, employees are working 10 and 12 hours a day, seven days a week, because of local shortages of personnel.

Residents of small cities, towns and rural regions should inquire of their correspondents in the larger cities concerning the number assigned to the city residents' branch post office so that the mail may be expedited. The degree to which mail will be expedited depends upon the extent to which the numbers are used by mailers.

Under the new plan, mail that is sent to large cities, carrying the postal unit number, will be distributed more quickly than is possible now with much less strain on postal clerks. While mail which does not bear the number will be delivered about as rapidly as at present, it will not receive the benefit of the possible distribution and may not avoid possible delays caused by inability of the depleted force of experienced employees to handle all the mail.

In this connection Postmaster Lee said that the local office now employs a force of 22 employees as compared with five clerks on November 30, 1941. This large increase in the number of employees is due to the fact that Camp Sutton is located here and the incoming and out-going mail is much greater now than at that period.

On July 1, the local office will go to first class. This fact was generally known here several months ago, but definite information was received last week of the new rating. To become a first class office, it requires yearly receipts of \$44,000, whereas the local office during the past year had receipts amounting to approximately \$69,000 or \$22,000 more than the required amount to become first class.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brantley have been named by their son, Cpl. James L. Brantley, who is in North Africa and was probably in the big battle which has just closed. He says he is well and safe, and that certainly is wonderful news from over there where so much has been going on. Cpl. Brantley says also that he hopes to come home soon.

Mr. Leroy Helms and daughters, Misses Pattie Sue and Lillian Helms, left Thursday for Hopkinsville, Ky., to join First Sgt. Helms. He has been in the service several years and his wife and daughters have been living on Lancaster avenue.

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spending a few days here with his mother, Mrs. I. H. Blair, who will leave tomorrow for Camp Beal, Calif., where he will be for the present.

Sgt. Alec Laney who is stationed at Morris Field, Charlotte, spent the week-end here with his aunt, Mrs. Laura Evans and her relatives.

Mrs. Frank Lander, Jr., has had a message from her husband, Lt. Lander, saying that he had landed safely in North Africa.

Clarence Houston of Raleigh, son of Mrs. Clarence Houston of Monroe, was inducted into the United States Army last week at Fort Bragg.

SCHOOL GIRL DOES HER BIT



BRAWLEY, CALIF. — Dimaingou Souza, a dairy farmer near here, has found one answer to the milk power shortage on the farm. His comely young daughter, Mary, 19, above, only goes to high school part time now and the rest of the time she devotes to helping her father with their 30 cow dairy herd. One of her duties is to operate a milking machine. By her efforts she has released a man who now can work on another farm where his help is needed more.

French Fleet Joins Allies

Nine Major Vessels And Many Small Units In Fleet

GODFROY FINALLY YIELDS

French warships at Alexandria have come under the Allied banner after lying immobilized since the fall of France three years ago, the Berlin radio declared last night.

The report, not confirmed immediately by any Allied sources, quoted a French government announcement as saying, "The fleet has given in to American and British pressure. Crewmen said they would join the Allies."

The Alexandria fleet consists of one battleship, four cruisers, three destroyers, one submarine, and a number of small auxiliary vessels.

The battleship is the Lorraine, a 30-year-old 22,000-ton ship with eight 13.4 guns. Three of the cruisers—the Duquesne, Tourville, and Suffren—are 10,000-tonners mounting eight-inch guns. The 7-800-ton cruiser Duguay Trouin is 20 years old and has six-inch guns. The destroyers are the Fortune, Basque, and Forbin, and the submarine is the Proteus.

The Paris radio said all units would go to New York to join the battleship Richelieu, which sailed there from Dakar, for refitting.

The Allies have been negotiating for months with Vice Admiral Rene Emil Godfroy, French naval commander at Alexandria, for the ships, but Godfroy has insisted that Marshal Henri Petain's government was the legal authority in France and that the armistice must be honored. He had refused to align himself with either Gen. Henri Giraud or Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Official sources in London declined to comment on the transfer report. No details were given immediately by the Berlin broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, which stated "the French government announces that the French fleet in Alexandria has given into the British."

Such an acquisition would leave the French warships immobilized at Martinique as the only French fighting force outside metropolitan France which had not joined the war against the Axis.

The French warships at Martinique include the 2,000-ton aircraft carrier Bern, the 10,000-ton cruiser Emile Bertin, the training cruiser Jeanne d'Arc, and a number of auxiliary and merchant vessels.

The current negotiations at Algiers between Gen. Henri Giraud and Gen. Charles de Gaulle to form a united French front against the Axis might have influenced Admiral Godfroy to throw in with the Allies, especially since the meeting at Algiers has been advertised as virtually certain of success. Godfroy has been acting independently in contact with antiAxis French elements.

SCHEDULE FOR BAPTIST PRAYER MEETING GROUPS

Public Invited To Attend Services In Various Homes Of City. In preparation for the special revival services which begin at the First Baptist church on June 13, group prayer services are being held in the homes of people in the community. All who are interested are cordially invited to attend these prayer services. The meeting places and leaders for this week are as follows: Group I with Beecher Helms will be the leader. Group II with Mrs. L. M. Walters on Lancaster Road. C. M. Frelar will be the leader. Group III with Mrs. Kirby Hough on Lancaster Avenue. C. C. Jones will be the leader. Group IV with Mrs. H. E. Coppie on Talleyrand Avenue. Bruce Libbs will be the leader. Group V with Mrs. Hugh Kestah on Wadesboro Avenue. Rev. P. B. Upchurch will be the leader.

Chief Anderson Speaks In City

Charlotte Chief Of Police Heard By Large And Interested Group

CITIZENS MUST ACT

Addressing a large gathering of ministers, church officers, city officials and other interested citizens, yesterday afternoon in the First Presbyterian church, Chief Walter Anderson of the Charlotte Police Department, urged the people of the community to arise equal to the task in combating vice and crime and to not sleep through a situation that is eating at the very foundation of our community life.

Chief Anderson stated that vice and crime are situations that each locality must deal with individually but they are national in scope and that the citizens must not stand by and expect others to do it, but must join in the fight with all the forces of the community who are fighting the evil.

Continuing, Chief Anderson said, "The greatest problem we have to face in these days of war, is vice, that is so likely to be found in communities where there are military camps. In our Democratic way of life, we usually wait until something drastic has happened before we act. The time for action is now."

He termed vice as a termite, that is eating at the foundation of community life and unless the termites are exterminated the entire foundation will soon decay and the structure of the community will collapse.

Speaking of the recent drive in Charlotte, Chief Anderson stated that thirty-two per cent of all prostitutes arrested in that city during recent weeks, were diseased, and that further check showed that a majority of the girls were from 17 to 19 years of age. Their case records disclosed that 79 per cent of them were members or attended some church in their community.

Continuing the Chief said "the problem is one that is to be dealt with by all agencies and especially the fathers and mothers. Every one must unite if we do a good job. Our boys are fighting to maintain our democratic way of life, yet we on the home front are letting conditions destroy the things they are fighting to preserve. It is a serious matter and calls for serious and honest thinking on the part of Christian men and women of the community."

"We are living in a day that calls for our best. Go upon your knees in prayer and pray for strength to do the task," he said.

T. P. Fulton of the Federal Security Agency, accompanied Chief Anderson to Monroe.

The meeting yesterday was called by the Monroe Ministerial Association and was presided over by Rev. P. B. Church, pastor of the First Baptist church. H. A. White, secretary, stated the purpose of the meeting and mentioned plans for a church council, that is to be formed from the members of the various churches of the city.

J. E. Griffin, Clerk of Union County Superior Court, addressed the meeting and introduced Chief Anderson. Mr. Griffin gave some interesting facts and figures pertaining to the courts of the county, during the past few years, showing the increase or decrease in the number of cases, tried in the courts during these years.

Rev. Robert Turner, pastor of the Presbyterian church, spoke briefly before leaving for Charlotte, where he was called to conduct a funeral.

The meeting is one of several which will be held in the near future, to arouse the citizens of the community to the realization of the seriousness of a situation that has suddenly been cast upon it.

DR. FOWLER PLANS TO VISIT UNION COUNTY

Will Return To Native County; Visited Here Last Summer.

Dr. C. Louis Fowler, National Director of the Kingdom Message Association, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, is again tired of the gray city and wants to get back to "God's country" for five or six weeks including the first week in July and through the first week in September.

Dr. Fowler writes that he hopes to meet many of his former friends during that time and if possible to visit many of the churches where he was in former days for Bible Conferences of a day or days or other meetings. There he hopes to meet a much larger number of former days friends.

In fact, Dr. Fowler writes that this war is of such a serious nature, there never having been such a war in human history, that none of us can afford to be idle. This is the last war for 1000 years. This is the "Great Day of God Almighty." And to this prophetic truth he is giving his entire time all over the nation in Bible Conferences and Conventions.

Dr. Fowler is to be in Charlotte from May 30th to June 4th, Philadelphia and New York for the ten days following that and then on to Boston for one of the greatest Prophetic Bible Conferences of the year.

Any church wishing to arrange for one or more messages should communicate with Dr. Fowler at his headquarters, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Savings. Despite the heaviest tax bill in history, individuals in the United States in the first quarter of this year were able to add \$4,500,000,000 to their cash on hand and checking accounts, according to an analysis by the Securities and Exchange Commission. This is more than eight times the amount of such savings during the comparable period of last year.