

WEATHER FORECAST

Continued warm, with scattered thundershowers this afternoon and tonight. Tot quite so warm Friday. Sunset today, 7:29 p. m.; sunrise Friday, 7:07 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

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

SEVENTIETH YEAR

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3-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.25 SEMI-W. N. C. State Library \$2.00 A YEAR

Tickets Being Sold Rapidly For Showing Of "This Is The Army"

Civilians Will Also See Stage Show Of "Broadway In Khaki" SHOW HERE TUESDAY

Tickets for the premiere showing of "This Is The Army" and the stage show "Broadway In Khaki" to be presented at the Center Theatre Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, were being sold at a rapid rate today.

Name Camp Sutton Streets For County's Heroic Dead

On September 13 orders were issued naming three streets in Camp Sutton Military Reservation after the three most recent Union county residents who have died in the service of their country.

Union County Boy Decorated

Sgt. Barney W. Helms, Hero Of Henderson Field, Is Honored

WAS AT PEARL HARBOR

Sgt. Barney W. Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Helms of R5, Monroe, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Medal for meritorious services in the South Pacific area, according to information received here today by his parents.

HOG PRICE CEILING \$14.75 PER HUNDRED

Ceiling Price Established By OPA Effective October 4.

Maximum ceiling prices on live hogs were established Saturday at \$14.75 per hundredweight, Chicago basis, to carry out a commitment made by the Office of Price Administration in mid-July.

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—American and British troops, engaged in the biggest beachhead battle since Dunkerque, held their Salerno bridgehead like a rock into the eighth straight day while the British Eighth Army raced northward toward Sapri, only 39 air miles away.

SQUIRREL HUNTING DATES

The game committee of the state department of conservation and development has set October 1 to January 1 for squirrel hunting in most of the state.

Plans Made For Church Council

Monroe Ministerial Association Approves Constitution For Proposed Council PURPOSE IS STATED

At its meeting Monday afternoon the Monroe Ministerial Association approved a constitution for the proposed Council of Churches and instructed its secretary to submit this constitution to the churches of Monroe and vicinity for approval and adoption by their official bodies.

Speaks Monday

WILL PRESENT SERIES OF RADIO PROGRAMS



WILLIAM P. FELDCAMP Franklin St. USO Director To Talk Over WAYS Monday Evening.

In the first of a series of radio programs conducted by the Franklin Street USO for service men of Camp Sutton William P. Feldcamp, Director of the Franklin Street Center, will appear with a number of service men on Monday evening, September 20th, at eight-thirty over Station WAYS.

New Price Cut Is Plan Of OPA

Price Reduction Program Is Now Underway Says Bowles WILL STABILIZE PRICES

General Manager Chester Bowles of the office of price administration, said last night that with the help of the newly-announced price reduction program OPA soon should be able to comply fully with a congressional mandate that living costs be stabilized at or near September 15, 1942, levels.

Union County's Men In Service

Pvt. R. B. Nash, Jr., son of Mrs. Cora Gray of Monroe, has returned to camp after spending several days with his mother and other relatives here.

S. 2/c Wade Medlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Medlin of 511 E. Windsor Street, Monroe, is spending a nine-day furlough with his parents.

Lt. and Mrs. E. H. Long, Jr., who have been spending their leave here with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Long and Mrs. J. D. Warren, left a week ago today for Camp Craig, Selma, Ala.

Lt. Maurice Redfern who has been taking a Naval course in Fisher's Island, N. Y., will leave there Saturday and probably arrive here Sunday.

Capt. Julius Griffith and Mrs. Griffith of Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., will come Friday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Griffith.

Lt. Walter Heath who is stationed at Panama City, Fla., has come to spend his leave with his mother, Mrs. Ernest Heath and family.

Sgt. Hank Lang has arrived in Africa. His wife, received a notice of his safe arrival Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Richardson of R4 Monroe, have received notice that their son, Sergeant James W. Richardson, is in Base Hospital, Camp Bowie, Texas, having taken a very serious operation on September 2.

Sgt. M. L. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Richardson of Indian Trail, has been awarded the Army Medal.

Announce Plans For Erecting Of A County Health Building

Require Institutional Users Declare Stocks Of Sept 4

Institutional users of processed foods will be required to declare their stocks of dried prunes and raisins as of the close of business September 4, when they make application for their November-December allotment of rationed foods.

Substantial Grant Expected From The Federal Works Administration

Plans for the erection of a modern, up-to-date building to be used as a health center for Union county and to house the County Health Department, were announced today by Dr. Clem Ham, Union County Health Officer, following a conference in Richmond, Va., with officials of the Federal Works Administration, which was attended by Dr. Ham and J. Ray Shute, Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners.

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AIRMADE WAR BOND TROUPE VISITS SUTTON

Genial Stars And Heroes Perform For Boys In Hospital.

(Public Relations Office, Camp Sutton) Tuesday afternoon the much heralded appearance of the Airmade War Bond Troupe became a reality.

NOTICE!

To Our Subscribers

The Enquirer receives daily, numerous requests from its subscribers for changes in addresses. We are only too glad to make the changes but before a change in address can be made, we must know the former address. So when asking for a change in your address, be sure your old address is included. The change will be made without further delay.

In order to conserve paper we have ceased to give away copies except when a regular subscriber desires one. And the short term subscriptions have been raised to 75c for three months and \$1.25 for six months. Yearly subscriptions remain at two dollars, payable in advance.

Eighth Army dashed 25 miles up the Calabrian coast to capture the Mediterranean village of Belvedere, narrowing the gap between his force and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army to 47 miles and raising the prospect of early relief by land as well as by sea.

(The British radio declared unconditional reports placed the Eighth Army vanguard at Salerno, on the coast 15 miles north of Belvedere, which narrowed the gap between the commands to little more than 50 air miles.

The crucial battle of Salerno raged and flamed throughout yesterday and last night along the whole slender front from the Port of Salerno around the crumpled beach to the bay to Agropoli, with both sides hurrying fresh troops and armor into action.

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Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth Army at the same time swept forward unhalted in the forced march from southern Italy towards joining forces with Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's hard-fighting troops.

On the left the Eighth Army overran Belvedere on the Italian west coast, and that column as well as the right wing reached a point less than 70 miles from the beaches of Salerno.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's communique told of the loss of some ground by the Fifth Army, but added that new positions were being consolidated and reinforcements were pouring in endlessly under cover of the Allied fleet, which firmly held the sea and at the same time had joined the battle with a tremendous continuing bombardment of German positions.

The struggle still was rising in violence, but the terrible hours when the entire Allied Salerno bridgehead was in danger had passed and the situation appeared steadily improving.

This improvement was supported even by German announcements, which had wholly dropped their bragadocio of yesterday. The German command told of Allied "resistance near the coast under cover of ships' guns." It said nothing at all of an Allied flight from Salerno, which earlier had alleged again and again.

As had been suspected, the earlier "disembarkation" from Salerno which the Germans had cried up was actually a case of the arrival of Allied reinforcements. And they still were pouring ashore as Gen. Eisenhower calmly continued to pile his chips higher and higher in his great considered gamble.

The Allied air arm tremendously increased the scope of its operations in support of the mixed American and British forces digging their toes into the Salerno beachheads, and all signs were that the previously inadequate Allied fighter cover had been supplemented.

Unfolding events made it strongly appear that the Italian peninsula was developing into a major front in the fullest and most fateful sense.

Gen. Eisenhower's communique alluring of continuous arrivals of very heavy Allied reinforcements in Italy was in such terms as to suggest he was only beginning an immense marshaling of men. This had its counterpart in accumulating reports of a flow of Nazi reinforcements southward into the peninsula.

A Nazi command willing to spend what it already had spent at Salerno. It was reasoned, must be prepared for prodigious defensive efforts farther to the north in Italy, where the real struggle will be joined.

There were several indications that the Russians already were being measurably helped. For example, the report was published that armored German units now fighting in Italy had come from Russia, and there was speculation that Russian dissatisfaction with efforts of its western Allies might be proportionately reduced.

While the Salerno situation was sharply improved from yesterday, the enemy still was coming at us strongly. Dispatches from Allied headquarters told of Nazi troops still beating their way up to the front in the face of the flow of our reinforcements.

Although our positions had been bettered in the last 24 hours, we had a net loss for the entire period since the enemy first sprang back at us, and a mile of ground lost in the early hours of such an action is more punishing than it would appear on its face.

Allies Beat Off Fierce German Counterattacks

Supported by the strongest air attacks ever launched in front of an Allied army and by naval bombardment, American and British troops beat off the most violent German counterattacks yet mounted in Italy after again yielding small bits of their 21-mile beachhead in the week-old, sea-saw battle of Salerno.

On forced march from the south, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking our friends and neighbors and also McEwen Funeral Home for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. W. T. Reitz, Sr.—The Family.

Beaten Heights Presbyterian Church Rev. Theodore B. Anderson, Pastor 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.

Come and let us worship together Sunday morning. The public is invited.

When the Japs directed their bombs and machine gun bullets down on our field, we were at first stunned. After a while we regained our composure and immediately started work to repair the damaged planes that were resting on the ground.

After removing wings, parts and instruments from severely damaged planes, we succeeded in placing at least two-thirds of the aircraft in flying shape. All the ships then took off. Most of the ships were engaged in patrol work.

When the results of the December 7 incident were finally assembled, it was found more than 40 submarines and a number of airplanes were sent to their final resting place by the American air crews.

Upon orders of the War Department, Sgt. Helms, along with other members of the Army Air Forces was ordered to the Solomon Islands. When they arrived at their destination many difficulties were encountered, which included:

Lack of supplies, parts and materials, poor weather conditions, shortage of personnel, areas infested with tropical diseases, and most of all they were greatly outnumbered by the Japanese.

Slowly but surely, things began to get better as additional personnel and materials arrived to relieve the strained situation of that Pacific Ocean outpost.

From July 19, 1942, to February 12, 1943, Technical Sergeant Helms was on 82 combat missions and completed more than 463 combat hours. On March 12 of this year, he left for the United States. Before coming here, he stopped off to see his American wife, born in Honolulu.

At the present time, Sergeant Helms is serving as assistant administrator of the Electrical System Branch at Amariillo Army Air Field. As soon as arrangements are completed by the War Department, his wife and baby will leave Honolulu to join him here in Amariillo.