

WEATHER FORECAST

Not quite so cool. Sunset today, 6:59 p. m.; sunrise Friday, 7:23 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, Cotton Seed, and other commodities.

SEVENTIETH YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1943

3-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.25 SEMI-WEEKLY, \$2.00 A YEAR

Chief Warns Of Fire Hazards

Urges Cooperation Of Local Residents In Fire Prevention

CITY LOSSES SMALL

All local citizens are urged by Fire Chief Emsley Armfield to take part in the national observance of Fire Prevention week...

MRS. BRAXTON CRAIG DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Prominent Monroe Woman Passes Suddenly Wednesday Evening

Mrs. Helen Wilson Craig, aged 73, widow of the late Rev. Braxton Craig and prominent Monroe woman, died suddenly at her home on South Hayne street...

Draft Boards Finish Report

Inventory Of Registrants Has Been Forwarded To Washington

WILL TAKE FATHERS

The Union County Selective Service Boards reported today that the inventory of all draft registrants in the county has been completed...

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Allied Headquarters In The Southwest Pacific—Allied troops hacked their way through the jungles of central New Guinea...

Cairo—British and Italian defenders of the island of Coo in the Dodecanese held out against the German invaders today...

Allied Headquarters, Algiers—The Allied Fifth and Eighth armies have crossed two rivers on which the fiercely resisting Germans are making a stand...

Moscow—The Soviet summer offensive, which for almost three months has been rendered useless and that "the bulk of the German force is retreating well beyond the river and only a screen for rearguard cover has been left behind."

Allies Storm German Bases

The Nazis Hotly Resist Drive Launched By Allied Forces

HEAVY FIGHTING AHEAD

The Allied Fifth and Eighth armies have crossed two rivers on which the fiercely resisting Germans are making a stand to impede the British-American drive up the Italian peninsula...

The British Eighth army's area along the Adriatic coast, Termoli, which had been in Allied hands since it was stormed by a landing party Sunday night...

The occupation of all territory up to the north of Naples, including the town of Aversa, which is about eight miles from the mouth of the Volturno...

WAVES RECRUITER TO BE IN CITY OCT. 14-15

Local Girls Will Be Given Opportunity To Join WAVES.

Representing the Women's Reserve of the Navy—the WAVES—in a special recruiting program, Yeoman Laura Mary Close, USNR, and Yeoman Mary Anna Blackwell, USNR, of the Raleigh Office of Naval Officer Procurement will visit Monroe October 15 and 16...

Wake Shelled By U. S. Force

A Strong Pacific Task Unit Bombarbs Jap Held Island

EARLY DAWN ATTACK

Japanese installations and the garrison at Wake Island were heavily bombed and shelled yesterday by strong task force of the Pacific fleet...

The first attack was made February 24, 1942, by a carrier force commanded by Admiral Halsey...

The statement in the communique that the enemy forces on Wake were subjected to "ship bombardment," indicates that the island was the present series of Pacific raids probably heavier and inflicted greater damage than the previous destructive attacks on Marcus and the Gilberts.

Apples Placed Under Ceiling

Level Set At National Retail Average of 10-11 Cents Per Pound

STANDARD PRICES SET

The Office of Price Administration yesterday set maximum prices for apples at a national retail average of between 10 and 11 cents a pound for the season.

The retail October level, the lowest of the season, will average about 9 1/2 cents, the agency said, or approximately one cent a pound under the going price.

MASS UNEMPLOYMENT MAY END AFTER WAR

Says Nations Will Never Go Back To The Old Days.

The nations of the world never will go back to mass unemployment, Eric A. Johnston, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, said recently in a broadcast press conference.

Continuing, he continued, confronts industry at once with tremendous responsibility and great opportunity. Questioned by John M. Hightower, member of the Washington staff of the Associated Press, he agreed that "of course" it is true that "if industry doesn't do its job, government will have to."

Johnston answered questions submitted from New Orleans and developing details of his answers under questioning from Hightower, Phillips H. Peck of the International News Service, and Merriman Smith of the United Press.

Continuing his response to Hightower's queries on industry's employment task, Johnston asserted: "We can mold and form and shape and direct the destinies of our country to come. It is a tremendous responsibility, but also it is a great opportunity—a great opportunity to raise the standard of living and make it possible for us really to enjoy the fruits of our industry more than ever before in America."

The exchange arose out of Johnston's reply to questions submitted by Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and William Brewster, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Murray wanted to know whether the Chamber of Commerce head is prepared to support government activity to provide jobs "under conditions of full production efficiency, production, and American standards of work and living," if private enterprise could not do the job alone after the war.

Union County's Men In Service

Pvt. C. L. Ragin, son of John Ragin of R4, Monroe, has the following address: Co. D, 522nd Q. M. Trk. Regt., Fort Dix, N. J.

Pvt. Wm. H. Ragin, son of John Ragin, of R4 Monroe, was the following: 3289137, Co. A, 42nd Sig. Co., Artillery, Indianapolis, Ind.

Sgt. Harry Crow who has been spending a short furlough here with Mrs. Crow, was called back to camp Tuesday. Sgt. and Mrs. Crow left for Camp Barkley, Texas, Tuesday night.

Petty Officer 1-c Carl Melton of Monroe, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Melton in Marshville.

Pfc James S. Brooks of Marshville, member of Medical Detachment, 693rd Field Artillery Battalion, has been promoted to the grade of Technician Fourth Grade (Corporal) it was announced by Lieut. Colonel Burtis L. Payton, battalion commander. Cpl. Brooks is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel C. Brooks of Route 1 Marshville.

Master Sgt. Robert Glenn Phifer and Mrs. Phifer of Louisville, Ky., are spending this week with Sgt. Phifer's mother, Mrs. J. E. Huggins of Marshville. Sgt. Phifer is on furlough.

GRAY LADIES PLACE BIBLES IN HOSPITAL

Gifts Donated Forty Copies For Boys At Camp Station.

The Library Committee of the Gray Ladies, official visitors at the Camp Station hospital, are happy to have forty copies of the Holy Bible to place in the wards of the hospital.

The request for these Bibles was made to the Monroe Defense Recreation Committee to see if these Bibles could be secured. A request was sent to The Glorious, the Christian Commercial Men's Association of America, whose objective it is to place Bibles in all hotel and hospital rooms in America.

The Business Woman's circle met on Monday night with Mrs. William Edwards. Mrs. Floyd Braswell taught the fourth chapter in Home Missions, "In A New World." The business session was presided over by Miss May Gaddy. Mesdames, Robert Smith and Baron Smith were visitors. After the meeting a lovely social hour was enjoyed by all, honoring Mrs. Jack Perry.

The Seaside Beach circle met with Mrs. C. C. Burris, Tuesday, October 5. The Jennie Turner circle met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. C. M. Birney. Mrs. W. C. Link taught the study course. The Margaret Griffin circle met with Mrs. E. M. Hargrette and Mrs. John A. Bivens taught the study course. For the personal service this month, the circles voted to give a donation to W. J. C. for the new refrigerator that has recently been installed.

Bowles puts business men in OPA, subordinate attorneys.

Big Corn Crop Is A Certainty

Three Billion Bushels Is Expected As Crop Is Harvested

LARGEST IN 23 YEARS

A corn crop of about three billion bushels, second largest in 23 years, is a virtual certainty today as the yellow grain raced to a victory over early autumn frosts.

The result of corn's battle with time was good news on the food front, because it is the most important grain for feeding to livestock and poultry. A small crop automatically would have meant less supplies of meat, eggs, milk, butter and other foods next year.

Planted late last spring, the crucial point about the crop was its ability to mature before killing frosts reduced the yield. Another two weeks without frost undoubtedly would produce considerable improvement in the quality of grain harvested, experts said, but they added the bulk of the bumper crop now was out of danger.

Corn was severely damaged along the mid-Atlantic and in the south-west during the hot days of summer, but this loss has been made up by a record crop in Iowa, the heaviest producing state.

Critical Beef Famine Likely

Livestock Dealer Declares Shortage Is Liable To "Be More Acute"

ARMY NEEDS INCREASE

A livestock industry leader said yesterday that a "critical" beef shortage is in the making, threatening to be "more acute" than it was last spring.

He said that the number of feeder cattle shipped into the corn belt states from the western ranges in the last three months was 21 per cent fewer than for the same period a year ago.

Unless there is a "very decided" increase in feeder cattle during the next three months, the outlook for finished beef early next year will be "grim," said George A. Schmidt, chairman of the board of directors of the American Meat Institute.

In an address prepared for delivery at the annual business meeting of the institute, comprising the industry's major packers, Schmidt asserted that unless "quick and remedial measures are taken there is grave danger that millions of Americans will be clamoring for beef by spring or before." He said the solution must be found "outside the realm of the livestock and meat industry."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends throughout the county for their kindness and support which is highly appreciated, since our home was destroyed by fire. We were awakened by the cracking of the fire just in time to save a small amount of things. May God's richest blessings abide on each and every one who has helped in any way—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Griffin and Family.

To get the most food value from them, tomatoes should be eaten raw from the vine, recommends Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist at State College.

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