WEATHER FORECAST

Continued mild tonight; slightly cooler tomorrow.

Sunset today, 6:54 p. m.; sunrise Tuesday, 7:27 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

Cotton, short, lb .. .. .. 21c to 23c
Cotton, long, lb 23c
Cotton Seed, bushel 79½c
Eggs, dozen 42c
Fryers, pound 28½c
Wheat, bushel $1.80

SEVENTIETH YEAR | MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1943 | 3-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, $1.25 | SEMI-WEEKLY, $2.00 A YEAR

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Eating Places Given Ratings

53 Cafes And Markets Are Inspected By Health Officials

IN QUARTERLY SURVEY

The Union County Health Department announces the ratings of cafes, markets, and other food-handling establishments, as based upon the State Board of Health regulations. These ratings are based on 24 items of sanitation, consisting of construction, condition of equipment, food handing, and cleanliness.

Each establishment, under the supervision of the County Health Department, is visited at least once each quarter by the local sanitary inspectors for the purpose of grading, and more frequent visits are made in order to check for compliance with State Board of Health regulations.

During this quarterly survey, 53 establishments were graded. One market and one cafe, upon failure to make the required rating of seventy per cent, were closed temporarily. Both establishments have been reinspected and have been reopened.

These ratings were made by local inspectors , L. T. Bragg and S. F. Payne, under supervision of Dr. Clem Ham, county health officer. The ratings, in percentage, are as follows:

Markets—(Grade A): Funderburk's, 93; Baucom & Preslar, 91.5; Hancoth's, 91.5; Union Cold Storage, 91.5; Five Points, 90; Penders, 90; Helms (Benton Heights) 90. (Grade B): Fitzgerald's, 87.; A & P 87; Helms (North Monroe) 87; Shaw's, 85.5; Mangum's, 85.5; Moser's, 84.5; Dixie Home Store, 83.5; Nisbet's, 83; Austin's, 81; Crenshaw's 80.5; Ross, 80.5. (Grade C): Star Market, 78; Perry's, 77; Centray Food Store, 76; Edwards', 75.5; Smith's, 72 per cent.

Cafes—(Grade A): Crow's Sandwich Shop, 94; Fitzgerald Cafe, 93; Commando Grill, 90.5; Minute Grill, 90.5; Gamble's Drug Store (Lunch), 90.5; Swing's Cafe, 90; Americana Grill, 90; U. S. O. Snack Bar, 90; Monroe Sandwich Shop, 90; Oasis, 90; Victory Cafe, 90. (Grade B): Elliott's Canteen, 88; Dal's Lunch, 88; Star Cafe, 87.5; City Cafe, 86.5; Montgomery's Lunch, 85.5; Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital Kitchen, 85.5; Five Points' Lunch, 84.5; Soda Shop, 84; New York Cafe, 84; Royal Cafe, 82.5; Klondike, 81; Barbee's Lunch, 80.5; Hilltop, 80.5; Royal Garden, 80. (Grade C): Brass Rail, 78.5; Belmont Cafe, 77.5; Baucom's Lunch, 75.5; Hearn's Lunch, 74; Red Pig, 74 per cent.

Deadline Near For Motorists

Must Submit Applications For New "A" Cards By Friday

RATION BOARD BUSY

Union county rationing headquarters are continuing the program of issuing new A gasoline ration books which become valid November 8, it was announced today by local rationing board officials.

The renewal applications for the new A book are obtainable at most service stations, and at the rationing board.

The deadline for submitting the applications has been set for October 15, and everybody expecting to get a new A book will have to have the applications in before the deadline, officials said this afternoon.

Under the new system on handling gasoline rations the A coupons are good for three gallons each, and the time periods in which these coupons are valid have been arranged so that the holders of the A books are allowed a slight increased in over-all rations.

The supplementary rations of B and C, however, have been reduced drastically. Both the B and C coupons, which formerly were good for three gallons each, have been reduced to two gallon valuations.

In applying for the new A books, the application, the tire inspection certificate, and the back cover of the old A books should be mailed to the rationing boards. The rationing board staffs wil lmake out the new books, and mail them, together with the tire inspection certificate, back to the applicant.

All applications that have been received at the local board up through Saturday have been acter upon, it was stated at the office today and approximately 1000 applications have been received. Motorists are urged to send in their applications at once, so that they may receive their rations promptly.

Waxhaw Woman's Club Entertains

The Waxhaw Woman's Club entertained the Fifth District meeting Thursday when 15 of the 32 clubs were represented. Quite a number of district and state officers were in attendance.

New officers for the district were elected as follows: Mrs. W. R. Steele of Waxhaw, president; Mrs. J. E. Poe of Mount Gilead vice-president; and Mrs. H. W. Gamble of Waxhaw, secretary. The next meeting will be held in Mount Gilead. Among those from the Woman's Club of Monroe who attended were Mrs. Bascom Baucom who gave a splendid report of their work and plans fo rthe future, and Mrs. Ralph Elliott and Mrs. William Shumaker.

Mrs. Henry Highsmith, state president, was the guest speaker.

Pfc. John Futch, Jr., of Camp Mackall, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Futch.

State Chairman

DR. JULIAN S. MILLER

DR. MILLER TO HEAD CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

Monday, November 22 Is Set As Opening Date For Drive.

Dr. Julian S. Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer, was chosen as the state chairman of the 1943 Christmas Seal Sale Campaign by the Executive Committee of this organization. This is the second year that North Carolina has had a state chairman. Mrs. J. Melville Broughton served last year in this capacity and was the first state chairman.

Monday, November 22 is the the opening date of this acmpaign and it will last through Christmas Day. The sale of Christmas Seals for the support of local and state tuberculosis programs will not be included in the United War Fund Campaign.

Eleven million dollars has been set for the national goal. North Carolina has set $150,000 as its part of the nation's goal. Last year $9,000,000 was raised in the nation and $123,000 in this state. The per capita for North Carolina in 1943 was 3.4 cents. The national per capita for 1942 was 7 cents. Ninety-five cents out of every dollar raised in this campaign is kept in the state for tuberculosis control. Five cents is given to the National Tuberculosis Association for its services to the state and local organizations.

The North Carolina Tuberculosis Association stresses the compelling power of health education in the control of tuberculosis. From the very beginning tuberculosis associations has fought the disease with education. The death rate has been drastically cut in theUnited States, 75 per cent since 1904, the year the National Tuberculosis Association was organized.

Tuberculosis is far from being under control inthis country. In spite of the 75 per cent drop in the death rate, tuberculosis killed 60,000 people in this country last year and, even though forced from the first to the seventh cause of death, tuberculosis is still the greatest disease killed of persons between 15 and 45. To these tragic figures is added the fact that this country is now threatened by a war-time rise in tuberculosis.

The foundation for ending tuberculosis in the United States, and for its control in al the world, is now being laid in wartime by the United States Public Health Service and the National Tuberculosis Association. The outlook for success is good. This is in face of the fact that, in long wars, tuberculosis has been a prime factor in raising the general death rate. The rise has already come in Europe. Its first signs appeared this Spring in the United States where the general tuberculosis death rate still was falling, but where an upturn came among the young.

There are many angles behind this hopeful side. The main weapon by which Americans propose to drive tuberculosis from the land is the Chest X-Ray. The selective service employe it on draftees. State after state and county after county, are following up the men deferred on account of tuberculosis.

The United States Public Health Service, state departments of health and state and local tuberculosis organizations are extending the chest X-ray to war industries. The War Emergency Committee of the National Tuberculosis Association has recommended to local associations many measures, including special attention to women employees and emergency housing conditions. Tuberculosis is coming to light in a great sector of the population never before searched out on a large scale. The magnitude amounts to something new in the great health battle.

The entire support of this tuberculosis control program by your state and local tuberculosis associations comes from the funds received from the annual sale of Christmas Seals.

Boy Scout officials of this Scout district will meet at Benton Heights Tuesday and have a dinner at 7:30 in the evening. They will be guests of the local Scout organization and the guests are expected to number about one hundred. The district embraces Union, Anson, Montgomery, Moore, Stanly, and Cabarrus.

Sgt. Charles Long who is with the Army Air Corps stationed in Marianna, Fla., came last Monday for a furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Charlie Long. He is also spending a few days in Greensboro where he is visiting friends.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kindnesses shown during the illness and death of our husband and father, G. W. Sutton.—The Family.

Ration Book 4 To Be Issued

Detailed Instructions Given Local Board For New Book

SCHOOLS WILL HELP

Detailed instructions for issuing War Ration Book No. 4 have been received by the local rationing board, stressing the necessity for all applicants for the new book to show their copies of Book No. 3 at the time they apply for new books.

Under present plans, a statement from L. W. Driscoll, District Director of the Office of Price Administration, said registration for the new books will be held over the United States between October 20 and 31, although local boards will fix exact dates and time to fit local conditions in each community.

Registration for and issuance of new books will be held at schools by the teachers and students. In most instances families having children in the schools will not even have to appear personally, and certain designated days will be announced for the registration of families who do not have children in school.

A statement from OPA district headquarters gave this general picture of the registration proceeding:

1. Applicants will first show at the registration sites copies of Book No. 3 already issued to them or to members of their families and will receive an application form with space enough to list eight members of a family. If there are more than eight members, it will be necessary to use two forms.

2. Book No. 4 will be distributed to all persons except armed forces personnel eating in organized messes or who are members of an officers' mess; persons confined to institutions; and persons residing 60 days or less in the United States.

The new war ration book is expected to last at least two years. It is the same size as Books 2 and 3. It contains eight pages with a total of 384 stamps, each about half the size of the familiar red and blue stamps used in Book No. 2 and the brown stamps in Book No. 3. Colors of the stamps in Book No. 4 are blue, red and green.

In addition, there are 96 unit stamps printed in black. Seventy two of them are marked "Spare" and can be used in case additional ration stamps are needed for any future program.

Twelve of the black stamps are printed "Sugar" and 12 are printed "Coffee," but OPA explained that the plates for these pages were printed before coffee was taken off the list of rationed foods. It does not mean, OPA said, that coffee is likely to be rationed again.

Charges Misuse Of Draft Law

House Military Committee Says It Is Used To Force Shift Of Jobs

PROTEST IS MADE

The House military committee has accused draft officials of twisting the law to suit their own ends, as it arranged for floor action Wednesday on higher payments to families of men called to war.

A formal report disapproved "with emphasis" what the committee said "appears to be an effort on the part of those charged with the administration of the selective service system to use the law, designed as a military measure only, to force men of families to leave one kind of employment to engage in another and different employment."

"This, within itself, amounts to a willful perversion of the purpose; spirit and intent of the law," it added.

(Even before the general draft of prewar fathers became effective October 1, men who were in designated "nondeferrable" jobs had been listed as liable for drafting regardless of how many children they had, unless they got into war work.)

The floor procedure which the House rules committee approved for the dependency bill, at the behest of the military group, permits unlimited offering of amendments, and there are indications attempts will be made from the floor to hike the payments substantially in what one military committeeman caller "a bid for the soldier vote."

The committee recommended payments of $50 monthly for a wife, $75 for a wife and one child, $95 for a wife and two children, and $15 for each additional child. This compared with $50 now paid a wife, $62 for a wife and one child, and $10 for additional children.

Pointing out that approximately $650,000,000 will be needed annually to meet the increases recommended to meet higher living costs, the committee said it is made imperative by the system of inducting fathers, "while liberated rules and regulations . . . compel the deferment of vast numbers of unmarried men in Government agencies and industrial plants."

Chairman May, (Democrat-Kentucky), set next Tuesday for a start on consideration of legislation passed this week by the Senate to tighten draft deferments of Government and war plant employes, permit preinduction physical examinations, and set up a committee to study the possibility of lowering physical standards to permit wider use of single men and men without children.

Mrs. Levi Bridgers of Bladenboro, came last week to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Charles Iseman and family.

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

European Aerial—U. S. Flying Fortresses, with Thunderbodt escorts, rip Nazi installations at Meunster and Coesfeld and airfield at Enchade in Netherlands in 3rd straight daylight attack; at least 102 German fighter planes destroyed; U. S. Eighth airforce headquarters says massive Focke-Wulf assembly plant at Marienburg virtually destroyed by Saturday raid which cost 29 bombers with 91 German fighters downed.

Italy—U. S. Fifth army on 44-mile front along Volturno river, increases pressure on seven German divisions; British widen territory held in Hermoli region, pushing Nazis back on 30 mile line. Weather slows ground troops, supply columns, handicaps use of planes over ItIaly.

Russia—Soviets say German defenders hurled back from several points on Dneiper river and Red army's hold on high west bank appear secure; front line dispatches say Nazi plans "to use Dneiper as a defense line have failed."

Balkan—Yugoslav partisan armies reported pushing Germans back toward Italian port of Trieste in heavy fighting; heaviest blows against German airforce in Balkans and Aegean delivered by Flying Fortresss and Liberators in smashes at eight enemy bases in Greece and Crete; Middle East based Lightnings knock down 15 Stuka dive bombers over Strait of Scrapanto.

Southwest Pacific—U. S. forces occupy Vila on Kolonbangara in Central Solomons, first landing made October 6th and all Jap positions under U. S. control October 9; Japs admit loss of sea base on Rekata island, in announcing Nip airmen bombed it.

Union County's Men In Service

Sergeant Earl B. Hargette, son of Mrs. R. B. Hargete and the late Mr. Hargete, and formerly with the Monroe Coca-Cola Bottling company before his induction on March 9, 1943, has been promoted from buck sergeant to staff sergeant. He received this promotion after his transfer from the 1298 M. P. CO., Avn, Camp Ripley, Minn., to the 1298 M. P. Co., Avn, Camp Barkley, Texas. Mrs. Hargette is living in Abilene, Texas, to be near her husband and they would like for their friends to write them at their new address.

Cpl. James Worth Penegar, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Penegar, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He will be stationed at Mobile Air Base, Mobile, Ala.

Cpl. Charles T. Winchester recently spent a few days with his parents and with friends in Greensboro. His address is: 11th T S S, A A F T T S 4th Area Bks., 1329 Scott Field, Ill. Cpl. Houston Winchester is still "some where in Australia," where he has been for eighteen months. He has had two furlough these and finds the people very nice and friendly. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Winchester, recently received a very interesting and highly appreciated letter from a lady in Australia in whose home Houston visited. She said, "We 'Aussies' are doing all we can to make your boys happy." The name of the town in her address had been cut out by the censor, who added a note saying an answer could be sent to the soldier referred to. So it is still just "somewhere in Australia."

Edward Williams, son of Dr. E. J. Williams who has been in school at the University of Alabama, has recently been transferred to the air field at San Antonio, Texas, where he is an Aviation Cadet.

Lt. Warren Stack who has been in an officers training school at Camp Davis, came Friday for a week-end visit with his mother and other relatives . He received his commission as lieutenant last Thursday.

Mr. Ballentine Hears From Sons

W. T. Ballentine of West Crowell street has news from his three sons and son-in-law in the army. The youngest son, Seaman Bill Ballentine, who is in the Navy and makes a total of four Ballentines in service, has not been heard from in some time.

Sgt. Thomas G. Ballentine, who has been on desert maneuvers in California, has been transferred to Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Staff-Sgt. George B. Ballentine has been transferred from Camp Gruber, Okla., to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He has been in the Brooks General Hospital for treatment of his knee, but has been released and is on duty now.

Pfc. Harry M. Ballentine has recently been promoted to the rank of corporal. He is stationed in California in the dessert training center.

Pvt. Brice N. Williams, who married Miss Lessie Ballentine, is somewhere in North Africa and has been in the hospital for about a month. He wrote that he was sent there for a rest, but developed an infected hand and is still there for treatment.

Cpl. William I. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, arrived Friday morning for a few days furlough. He has been at Camp Crowder, Mo., and expects to be sent to another station upon his return. William is in the signal corps of the air forces.

Pfc. Ray Montgomery has the following address: 34671681, Co. A, 757 Ry. Shop Bn., Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., U. S. Army, One brother, Pvt. Leonard W. Montgomery with the signal corps, has been overseas for 22 months, stationed in the Pacific area. Another brother, Sgt. Clayton Montgomery, is in signal corps work at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, N. J. Miss

State's Cotton Crop Declines

Official Estimate For This Year Is Now Placed At 660,000 Bales

WEATHER, WEEVIL HURT

North Carolina's cotton crop now is expected to produce 660,000 bales this year, compared with 727,000 bales last year and a 10-year average of 606,000 bales, Henry G. Brown, crop reporter for the State Department of Agriculture, said Saturday.

Quoting prospects as of October 1, Brown said that the nation as a whole would probably produce 11,478,000 bales, a reduction of about 201,000 bales from last year.

Brown said that indications now point to a yield of about 69 pounds of lint cotton per acre in this state, 22 pounds less than was anticipated on September 1 and 43 pounds less than the 412 pound yield recorded last year.

Heavy July rains followed by dry weather during August and much of September caused considerable shedding, prohibited the development of late top bolls, and interferred with maximum maturity of lower bolls, Brown said. He added that weevil activity was heavier than last year, resulting in prospective loss of much lint.

Brown said that 218,000 bales of the current crop had been ginned on October 1, or nearly one-half of the entire crop.

LIONS AND ROTARIANS IN JOINT MEETING

Wives Will Be Guests Of Members Thursday Evening At 8 O'clock.

The Monroe Lions and Rotary clubs will sponsor a joint meeting of the two clubs Thursday evening at eight o'clock at the Americana Grill at which time the wives of the members will be their guests.

Due to the limited number of accommodations available. admission will be by tickets which may be secured from Virgil Henderson of the Rotary Club or J. Emmett Griffin of the Lions Club. All members who desire to attend must secure tickets by noon Tuesday so that reservations can be made.

An interesting program is being arranged by officials of the two clubs which will include personnel of the 35th Special Service Company, stationed at Camp Sutton. Appearing on the program will be nationally known entertainers such as Milborne Christopher, Herb Shriner, Hal Monte, Joe Twerp, Oscar Lopez and Joe Zimmerman and others.

These radio and stage stars recently appeared at the Center theatre here in "Broadway In Khaki" and were enthusiastically received by a large and appreciative audience and their appearance before the two clubs will be equally well received.

CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET NEXT SUNDAY

Church Representatives Will Meet To Perfect Organization.

The first meeting of the Monroe Council of Churches wil be held at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon, October 17th, at three o'clock. At that time the elected representatives from the various churches entering the Council will meet for organization and laying plans for carrying out the program of the Council. Proposed constitutions were sent out to all white churches in Monroe and vicinity some weeks ago and it is hoped all will have their representatives present for the meeting next Sunday afternoon.

The plan for this Council of Churches has meet with a splendid response on the part of the chucrh people of our city. It is expected to fill a great purpose in the progress and welfare of our community. The colored churches of the community will probably consider the organization of a similar council for the colored churches of the city.

Loree Montgomery returned this week from a visit to the latter in New Jersey. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Montgomery of R1, Monroe, who also have nine nephews and one son-in-law, Sgt. Jackson Smith is with the army in North Africa.

Cpl. Jas. Edward Doster, who is overseas, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Doster, that after five or six weeks in England he has been transferred. He says, "Get your map and find Wales, and that's all I can tell you. I am well, so don't worry about me."

Pfc. Onas A. Little has returned to Fort Jackson after an eight-day furlough which he spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Little, on Route 2 Marshville. He tells the truth and stands to the rack. When ask if he liked the army he said he didn't like it "so hot but he could do the job." He has been in service ten months.

S. 2-C Carl L. Ritch, who was previously in the army for three years and was stationed in Hawaii, says he likes the Navy much better. His brother, Tech. Sgt. Robert C. Ritch, in the army, is stationed at Camp Polk, La. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ritch of R1, Indian Trail.

Ensign Chas. D. Cunningham's new address is Pensaloca, Fla., where he has been stationed some time, is Sanfley Field, NATC, P, BOQ-848. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cunningham of Marshville.

Capt. P. W. Stackpole, formerly of Camp Sutton, has recently been transferred from Fort Autsin, Tex., to Class 5, MTS, PMG School, Fort Custer, Mich.

Alumni Secretary

JOEL C. HERREN

At a recent joint Board meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Wingate Junior College and also the committee of the Alumni Association, Joel C. Herren was elected Alumni Secretary. Mr. Herren is an alumnus of Wingate Junior College and has his B. A. Degree from Lenoir Rhyne College. He had several years of successful teaching in Bladenboro high school, and was last year, athletic director and dean of men at Wingate Junior College. Mr. Herren began his duties October 1, and will launch an intensive campaign for endowment of debt payment and the enlargement of the College plant.

The first phase of this program will close October, 1946, at which time the 50th anniversary will be celebrated. The program anticipates payment of a small indebtedness, and the plans for three new buildings on the campus, namely, a boys' dormitory, kitchen and dining room, and library. Mr. Herren would like to hear from former students and friends of the College with reference to this program.

ODT Rules Go In Use Today

Delivery Services To Be Sharply Curtailed By New Order

WILL AFFECT MANY

The latest ODT regulation requiring drastic reduction in delivery services of retail and wholesale merchants became effective today with retailers limited to two deliveries weekly.

The whole program. according to L. S. Manneschmidt, manager of the Charlotte ODT district, is designed to conserve the motor vehicle equipment of the merchants, and tires and gasoline used by them. Another important conservation item to be effected by the new program is man power, it was explained.

There are many variations in the schedules of the various types of business such as furniture stores, which, in some instances, may deliver at any time without wasting transportation facilities and man power.

Coal dealers deliveries also present particular problems since they operate under the ODT and also must function in accordance with the dictates of the Solid Fuel administration.

The whole program, however, is being worked out so as to effect the maximum conservation of equipment and man power, and still keep the necessary functions of business from being too badly handicapped, the ODT authorities said.

Principal effects of the new delivery regulations which became operative today so far as the consumer is concerned will be the following:

1. Your grocer can no longer deliver staple groceries such as flour, salt and other non-perishables to you oftener than twice a week. He can deliver perishable items, such as fresh meats and vegetables, fresh eggs, perishable bakery products and similar articles no more than three times a week.

2. Your laundry and dry cleaner can send delivery men to your door no oftener than twice a week. Since a pickup counts as a delivery, this means your laundry can be picked up once a week, no more. The same goes for dry cleaning.

3. You can have such luxury items as ice cream, magazines, cigarettes, soft drinks, ices, sherbets and candies delivered to you no more than once a week. This also applies to flowers.

4. Your milk man can deliver milk to you no oftener than every other day.

5. All other retail dealers, such as drygoods, department, clothing and furniture stores are restricted to two deliveries a week.

6. Generally speaking, no dealer can deliver to you at all any package weighing less than 5 pounds or measuring les sthan 60 inches in length and width combined.

(This 5-pound 60-inches limit does not apply to laundry and dry-cleaning, articles altered and processed as a part of the sale, merchandise sold by bona find mail or telephone order, medicines and medicinal supplies, repair parts and supplies, gift transactions consummated when a person order an article to be sent to an addres sother than his own, nor to deliveries made to replace goods delivered in error or damaged in transit.

Cpl. Hazel C. Parker writes that he is getting along fine and is always glad to hear from his friends. His address is: ASN 34436997, 2062rd Qm. Tk. Co., (Avn), APO 4045, care P. M., New York City.

Allies Forcing Nazis In Italy

Seven German Divisions Are Unable To Hold Allied Drive

BIG BATTLES AHEAD

Pushing ahead against seven German divisions in Italy, the Allied Fifth army has increased the pressure along a 44-mile water line on the Volturno and Calore rivers, and the Eighth army has cut one to four miles deeper on the Adriatic flank, Allied headquarters announced yesterday.

Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fighters now are all along the southern banks of the Volturno and Calore for a distance of 44 airline miles from the sea to Ponte, near Benevento, and astride both banks of the Calore beyond Ponte.

From there, the Allied line runs northeastward to San Marco, occupied by the British yesterday. San Marco is six miles west of Motta and is directly east of Campobasso.

The Eighth army beat back the enemy along the 30-mile line from San Marco to ahe Adriatic with gains of one to four miles, taking the towns of Guglionesi, Larino, Colletorto, and Gambatesa, and adding a strip two miles wide to the area held in the Termoli region on the coast.

The advance in the central sector swept up the towns of Pescolamazza, Campoli, Molinara, San Giorgia, and Pietrelcina.

Units of the Indian army and Indian state forces are now operating in Italy, it was disclosed officially.

While no additional information was available here on the Fifth army patrols that crossed the Volturno river to probe enemy strength, it was that they were "very active."

A headquarters officer said the Germans have been using forced Italian labor extensively in building hasty defenses along the Volturno, the largest river in Italy south of the Tiber.

They are believed to be preparing another line between that river and Rome for another delaying action after they have been pushed back from this position.

It is therefore held likely to be several weeks before the Allies smash through the hundred airline miles between the Fifth army and the Eternal City.

One army officer in a press conference yesterday said that while progress of the Italian campaign was up to expectations, there might be two or three major battles between Naples and Rome. The Volturno struggle is the first of these, and the Germans have enough strength "to make it awfully tough for us," he said.

The Germans have a considerable number of full divisions in Italy, he continued, with the bulk of them north of Rome, but they may rush some of them to the south at moment's notice.

Rains are continuing to make progress slow and difficult both for troops and supply vehicles.

The Northwest African air force supported ground troops yesterday, hurling medium bombers against gun positions and transports, and lunged out again at Nazi airfields in Greece; and swept across the Adriatic over which the Allies already appear to have won mastery of the air

This was evidenced by the fact that American Lightnings shot down 15 Stukas over the Strait of Sparpanto between Rhodes and Sparpanto.

In 24 hours of operations, 33 enemy planes were downed, while one Allied aircraft was missing.

Striking behind the battlegront in Italy, U. S. Warhawks and RAF and Australian Kittyhawks destroyed 43 motor trucks and other vehicles Saturday. Most were found on side roads around Montenero 12 miles west of Termoli.

RAF Baltimores made a successful raid on the Palata road north of Montenero, and U. S. Mitchells pounded gun positions north of Capua. Eenemy air activity was negligible, headquarters said.

MONROE SOLDIERS DINE IN BRITISH CAPITAL

Among Group Of 63 N. C. Boys Who Have Reunion In London.

Headquarters, European Theater Of Operations—Auxiliary Dorothy Wain of the WAC was the guest of honor as 63 North Carolina soldiers met for dinner and a reunion at the American Red Cross Hostyn Club in London recently.

It was an evening of personal reunions, too. Four soldiers from Rocky Mount, Corporal Lonnie H. Howell, Corporal Robert Thmpson, Staff Sgt. Herbert K. Stevens, and Sgt. Robert C. Meeks, who attended school together, were reunited; two more former school mates, Sgt. Bob Glenn and Sgt. Jake S. Mack, of Winston-Salem, met for the first time overseas; and two friends from Durham, Corporal M. H. Head and Sgt John Parrish, met for the first time in several months.

Present from Monroe were Private First Class Emmett Helms of Route 5, Monroe, and Sergeant Brooks Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin of Monroe.

Postmaster Sam H. Lee today remainded all relatives and friends of service men, that the deadline for mailing Christmas packages to men stationed overseas is fast approaching and urged them to get their packages in the mail as soon as possible. The final date for Christmas packages for army men over seas is Friday, October 15 and for those in the navy, November 1. After these dates in order to mail a package to an overseas address, a request must accompany the package from the soldier, to insure mailing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Addison of Lexington, spent Sunday here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lail.