

WEATHER FORECAST

Light rain tonight; Friday, partly cloudy and slightly cooler.

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MONROE MARKET

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

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1943

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

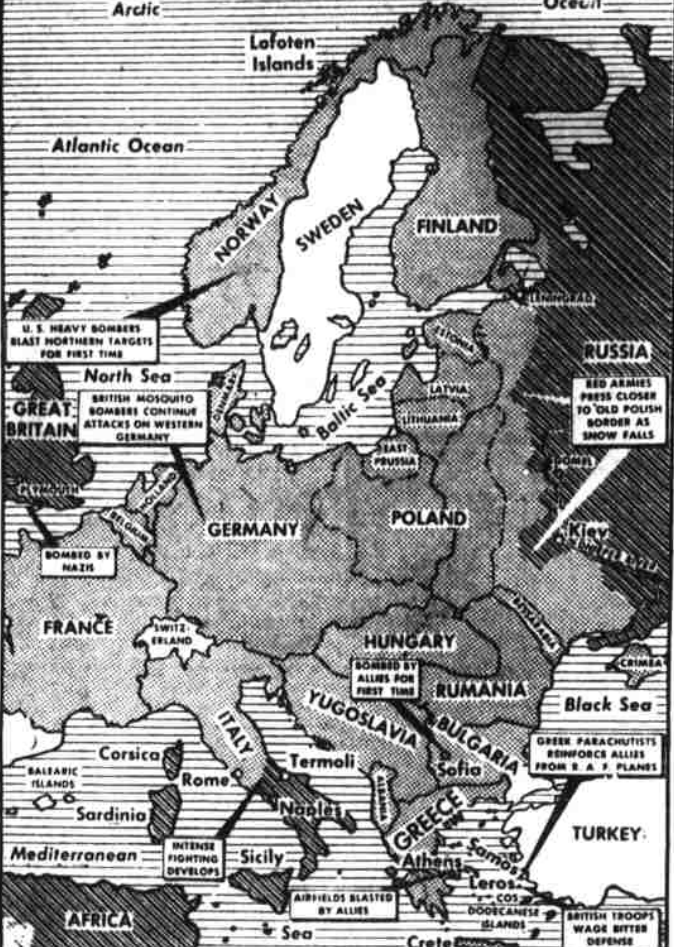
Civilians Will Receive Awards

453 Will Be Honored At Camp Sutton Next Wednesday

LIEUT. ZINCK SPEAKER

(Public Relations Office, Camp Sutton) In a formal ceremony signaling the Army's first Civilian Awards Day, 453 civilian employees at Camp Sutton will be presented with Army Service Forces emblems by the camp's commanding officer on Wednesday, December 8.

AIR ASSAULTS ON EUROPE



Allied bombing of fortress Europe accelerates as American heavy bombers based in British Isles attack targets in Nazi-occupied Norway and airbases in Greece after raiding Sofia, Bulgarian capital.

Appeal Made To Local Citizens

Urges Conservation Of Lights During Approaching Holiday Season

WILL AID WAR EFFORT

City Clerk R. S. Houston, today issued an appeal to local residents, at the request of J. A. Krug, Director of the Office of War Utilities, urging them to conserve their Christmas lighting decorations to Christmas trees inside private homes.

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Allied Headquarters, Algiers—Under the heaviest tactical air support of the entire Italian campaign, the British Eighth Army smashed through German defenses beyond fallen Sangro ridge yesterday.

Cairo Conferees Vow To Wrest Stolen Empires From Japanese

County Tax Collections For November \$21,853.63

A total of \$21,853.63 was paid in by Union county taxpayers at the County Tax Office during the month of November, states J. Hamp Price, tax collector.

Big Three Pledge Nations To Beat Japan Into Surrender

TO BE UNCONDITIONAL

President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and President Chiang Kai-shek have held an historic five-day conference in Cairo and have found their nations in an agreement to beat Japan into unconditional surrender and to strip her of all her imperialist gains of the last half century, and have left for unannounced destinations.

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

Club Entertains High School And College Faculty Members (By Mrs. E. B. Eivens) Miss Mildred Griffin, who teaches at Dallas, N. C., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Griffin.

American Flying Fortresses And Liberators Pound Nazis

Western Reich Hit Again As Aerial Offensive Is Continued

AIRDROMES DESTROYED

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators pressed their offensive further, today, cloud-spattered skies to attack western Germany for the third time in three days yesterday and ran into a wide variety of German fighter planes which filled the air with rockets in an unusually strong but vain attempt to check the attackers.

ROTARY OFFICIAL ON VISIT TO LOCAL CLUB

Dave Clark, Of Charlotte, Makes Visit On Behalf Of District Governor.

On behalf of the Acting District Governor Hawley Cobb, of Wadesboro, Dave Clark of Charlotte, former governor of the 18th district of Rotary International, made an official visit to the Monroe Rotary Club Tuesday and was guest speaker at the luncheon meeting.

Southwest Pacific Allied Headquarters—Japanese forces have been shaken from another hold on the Huon peninsula of New Guinea as the Allied campaign proceeds to clear the enemy from that important area which may be the jumping-off position for a bold amphibious strike across the Vitiaz strait to New Britain and on to the stronghold of Rabaul.

Washington—Tarawa, the bloodiest fight in all the Marine Corps history, cost the American victors 1,026 dead and 2,557 wounded. Reporting the heavy toll suffered intaking the two-mile long atoll and cracking Japan's Central Pacific defenses, the Navy said last night that casualties totaled 3,772 in the three Gilbert Island operations. Sixty-five were killed and 121 wounded at Makin and one killed and two wounded at Abemama. The Navy made public the total without comment in a terse communique.

Mr. Clark was well known in Rotary, having served as governor of the 18th district; a former director of Rotary International and also a former member of the 18th district of Rotary International. He is acting for Mr. Cobb, who was recently made acting district governor, following the resignation of Irvin Tucker of Whiteville, who had to resign because of ill health.

Union County's Men In Service

Pvt. Lidon Melton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melton arrived last week to spend an eight-day furlough with his parents. Pvt. Melton is stationed at Tacoma, Wash., and has been in the service nine months. Mr. and Mrs. Melton have three other sons and also a grandson Edward Melton of Burlington, N. C. in the service.

Tax Payment Deadline Near

Final Date For Remittance Is Dec. 15; Farmers Must File

COLLECTOR IS COMING

Have you paid up your Federal tax balances, as shown on your declaration filed on or before last September 15? Not the deadline for such payment is December 15, it was reminded yesterday by the Charlotte division of the Internal Revenue Collector's office. The collector's office also addressed a few words to the farmers of this section. Those with a 1943 income of \$500 or more, if single, and \$624 or more, if married, are required to file declarations of income on or before December 15.

RAZOR BLADES HELP KILL "PESKY" JAPS

Slash Hands Climbing Trees And Give Away Positions.

Finding a use for their old razor blades, a battalion of marines on Guadalcanal employed them to kill "pesky" Japanese by placing the sharp metal pieces in the bark of trees the enemy snipers might climb.

"So we went along the trails, pretending to be Jap patrols looking for good climbing trees. In the bark of these trees we stuck a lot of good and sharp razor blades.

"Then when the Japs came up these trails we opposed them, and they would run up the trees about ten feet, and drop suddenly, and while they were looking at their hands we would shoot them."

Mrs. Tom Young and Mrs. Loretta Leigh left Tuesday for a visit to Mrs. Leigh's family in Chicago. Mrs. Leigh has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Young while her husband, Pvt. Joe Leigh is in Camp Sutton. Mrs. Young will visit other friends while in Chicago and she and Mrs. Leigh will return to Monroe next week.

Mrs. Geraldine Melton has recently received word from her husband with his safe arrival in England. Friends desiring to correspond with him may obtain his address from Mrs. Melton.

Pfc Frank Tarleton has just returned to camp after spending three days with his wife and parents of Route 3 Monroe. Pfc. Tarleton is stationed at Camp Mackall, N. C.

Cpl. Colice E. Rape, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rape, of Route 4, Monroe, has just recently returned to his camp in Washington after spending his furlough with his parents and family. On his way home he stopped in Gasmania and visited many of his friends. While here many of his friends and relatives visited him. His address is Cpl. Colice E. Rape, Co. A, 474th Q. M. 1st Bn. Trk. Regt., Fort Lewis, Wash.

Henry Hall Wilson, Jr., Commissioned A Lieutenant Henry Hall Wilson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wilson, 202 S Church street, Monroe, graduated yesterday from the Transportation Corps Officer Candidate School at New Orleans, La., and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States. Having successfully completed the four months' training course at the only Transportation Corps OCS in the country, he has now been assigned to active duty in this, the newest branch of the Army Service Forces. Prior to his induction into the Army, February 8, 1943 at Monroe, Lieut. Wilson attended Duke University. He will arrive this week to spend a furlough with his parents and relatives in Monroe.

Promoted To Captain A native of Union county has been promoted to the rank of Army Captain, it recently disclosed. Captain Horace Mattox, Post Signal Officer at Camp Mackall, has been advanced from the rank of first lieutenant.

Captain Mattox was born near Monroe in 1902, son of the late John S. Mattox. From 1918 to 1920, he was employed by the Chadwick-Hoekins Company. In 1920, he enlisted in the Army, and since then has served in various posts from Honolulu to Camp Mackall, holding all enlisted grades prior to his commission.

Captain and Mrs. Mattox have two sons, aged three years and twenty-two months. Their home is on Fountainview Avenue in Charlotte.

Cpl. Brooks M. Price has been transferred from Foster Field, Texas, to the following address: 54th Tng., Gp. Class 548-A, Keesler Field, Miss.

Sgt. Grier B. Myers of Culver City, Calif., arrived Monday to spend a 7-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. G. B. Myers of R2, Monroe, and other relatives. Sgt. Myers has been in the service for two years and for the

MRS. MYRTLE CLONTZ

Mrs. Myrtle Clontz, 30, died at her home in Goose Creek township at 8:30 Tuesday morning after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, A. B. Clontz; two sons, Donald and an infant; two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Mullins of Charlotte and Mrs. N. C. McCorkle of Monroe; Ernest and Clarence McCorkle of Mineral Springs and Curtis McCorkle of Canton, Ohio, and her mother, Mrs. J. C. McCorkle of Mineral Springs.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Crooked Creek church with Elder C. M. Mills of Charlotte in charge.

Christmas's sister, and Dr. Duncan in Monroe. Mrs. Christmas was formerly Miss Rowena Gaddy. Sgt. Christmas was a member of the Benton Heights school faculty.

John William Plyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Plyler of Monroe, has received an honorable discharge from the Sanford, Fla., naval air base.

Pfc. Joe P. Winchester has landed in England. Cpl. Thomas D. Winchester has been transferred from Nashville, Tenn., to Camp Breckenridge, Ky. Cpl. B. B. Winchester is stationed at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico. These are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Winchester of Route 5 Monroe.

Lt. (jg) Tom C. Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Helms, and Mrs. Helms have arrived from Florida for a short visit. Lt. Helms has been an instructor officer in advanced pilot training at Lake City, Fla. From here he goes to Norfolk for further assignment.

Pvt. Wm. Aiken Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beh H. Wolfe, spent the week-end at home. He is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Pvt. Stewart Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tucker of Rt. 1, Monroe, in service one year, October 13, is home on a furlough. He would like to hear from all his friends back home, who so affectionately call him "Buck." He says he is well, and enjoying life.

Seaman I-C Dudley Wilson Simpson, U. S. Navy, returned to New York Monday after spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Simpson on Windsor street. He has now crossed the ocean three times, and was here while his ship underwent repairs from an accident caused by collision with another vessel.

Pvt. Hurly E. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Thompson of R2 Monroe, has been transferred from Fort Geo. Meade, Md., to the following address: ASN 33542957, Btry. F, 77th Inf., 4th Reg., 8th Div., Fort Bragg, N. C. He has been in service since November 17th. He married Miss Georgia Sutton, and they celebrated their first wedding anniversary November 15th, the day he left for the Army. He would like to hear from all of his friends back home.

Lt. George C. Duckworth who has been in North Africa for several months, is back in the States for a few months stay. Lt. Duckworth who was a former teacher in the Prospect school, is visiting friends in this section.

Pvt. Keith Richardson who has been in Panama for three years, has returned to the States and is now stationed in Washington State. Pvt. Richardson is the grandson of J. H. Mills.

Gene Plyler of California has recently entered military service and is now stationed at Camp McArthur, Calif. Pvt. Plyler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Plyler of Monroe.

Sgt. George Ayscue of Fort Bragg spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ayscue.

Petty Officer Second Class Oscar Richardson of Bainbridge, Md., came today for a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Richardson.

John Plyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Plyler of 406 Beasley street, was honorably discharged from the U. S. Naval Air Corps on Thanksgiving day and has returned to his home here. Young Plyler has been stationed in Virginia, Florida, Maryland and Georgia. He received his discharge due to a back injury in Sanford, Fla., about six weeks ago when he was hit by an airplane propeller.

Dan Cadieu, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cadieu, of East Jefferson street, who enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve last July is now somewhere in the south Pacific.

Naval Aviation Cadet Wade A. Hinson, of Monroe, has completed three months of physical conditioning and ground school work at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at Athens, Ga. He has been ordered to the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tenn., to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Cadet Hinson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hinson, R1 Monroe, a graduate from Wingsale high school in 1938. He completed Naval Flight Preparatory School at Columbia, S. C., and was transferred to Athens, Ga., from the CAA War Training Service School, Martin, Tenn.

PAST MONTH WAS WARM AND DRY, SAYS REPORT

Temperature Eight Degrees Above Normal; Rainfall Only .79 Inches.

Temperatures during the month of November reached a high of 82 degrees and a low of 21, the month's summary released yesterday by T. A. Ashcraft of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Rock Rest reveals.

The high reading came on the 6th of November, while the low was recorded on the 30th. The daily average temperature for the month was 51.5 degrees, this being 3 degrees above normal.

The average rainfall for November is 2.61 inches, falling on an average of six days. Last month, rain fell on two days amounting to only .79 inches, making the total rainfall for the year 12.39 inches below normal. During the same month last year the total amount of rainfall was 2.83.

October and November were both dry months according to the report, which shows that rain fell three days during that time to the amount of 1.05 inches.

November chalked up twenty-four clear days and four partly cloudy days.

Mrs. Huges Hostess Mrs. Huges Murray was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Johnson street.

Mrs. Hayne Baucum won high score prize and Mrs. W. A. Ingram won second high.

A lovely salad and accessories were served. Members of the club are Mrs. Hayne Baucum, Mrs. Frank Wolfe Dillon, Mrs. J. J. Goudey, Mrs. W. A. Ingram, Mrs. Roland Beasley, Jr., and Mrs. Steve Prosser and Mrs. Eugene Prosser.

most part has been stationed in Culver City, Calif. Another son of Mrs. Myers, Troy W. Myers, Martinsville, Va., entered the service on November 18th and is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Md.