

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Friday, fair and continued rather cool.

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MONROE MARKET

Table listing market prices for cotton, sugar, and other commodities.

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1944

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

50 Selectees Left Wednesday

Group Is The Last To Leave Under Old Screen Test Regulation

EFFECTIVE NEXT CALL

Fifty selectees left here Wednesday morning for an army induction center to undergo final physical examinations before being inducted into the armed forces.

This is the final group to leave under the old regulation of undergoing screen tests before going to an induction center. After this month, there will be no more local screening examinations for inductees.

Those leaving Wednesday were: Local Board No. 1—George Estle Williams, Sr., Daniel Roosevelt McFarland, Sr., Daniel Roosevelt Williams, James Julius Thomas, Vann Patrick Eady, John Luther Kirk, James Steele Helms, Joel Emmett Stogall, Jr., John Hunter Marze, Worth Maxwell Laney, (transferred to Virginia Beach, Va., for induction), James Tyson Carnes, Julie Alexander Gordon, William Ross Smith, William Charles Gay, John George Smith, Charles Wayne Howell, Wilbur Jennings Carnes, Parks Smith.

Local Board No. 2—Troy Thomas Benson, Jessie Columbus McRorie, Ernest Clarence Helms (transfer), Hubert Lee Godwin, William Harvey Morrison, Jr., Burke Vann Wallace, John David Einton, Aubrey Clinganman, John (transfer), James Silas Horne, Jessie Craven Herring, Thomas Ralph Carter, Elmer Curtis Bentley, Fred Leonard, William Cyrus Broome, Robert Henry Broome, Shelton Curtis Hargett, Curtis James Hilton, Arthur Lee Jordan, James Jackson Griffin, Leon Carl Welling, James Franklin Thompson, Ralph Jackson Threalt, George Wesley Philmon, Billy Baxter Hunter, Dumart Henry Horne, David Earl Monroe, Bennie Goodman, Frank Morgan Griffin, Walter Panton Perry, Billy P. Martin, Joseph Franklin Estelle, L. D. Austin, Emmett Shelton Helms.

OPA Validates 12 Red Stamps

Units In Book No. 4 May Be Used To Buy Meat From Farmers

WILL AID PRODUCERS

Twelve red stamps in War Ration Book 4 with total value of 120 points, were validated by the Office of Price Administration yesterday for the purchase of pork and other rationed meats from farmers.

This developed, as announced at the Charlotte district office of the OPA, will give consumers ample ration points for buying meat, particularly pork, from farmers who wish to slaughter their hogs on the farm, and market them in the form of fresh meat.

OPA, according to the announcement, has always provided that meat stamps in any one ration book could be used ahead of their regular validity dates for farm slaughter purchases. As relatively few points remain in Book 3, however, it is thought advisable to make some points from Book 4 good for this purpose.

Advance use of stamps, a spokesman explained, does not give the individual a larger meat ration than anyone else, it merely allows the individual buying from a farmer to follow the normal practice of buying fairly large amounts at one time. At the same time it encourages farmers to slaughter on their farms, thus cutting down the number of hogs coming into congested markets.

The red stamps in Book 4 which may be used now for buying meat from farm slaughterers are those numbered "8" and lettered "A" through "M." These stamps are worth 10 points each, making a total of 120 points.

In addition the brown stamps in War Ration Book 3 may be used ahead of their regular validity dates when buying from farmers. This means that the 96 brown points remaining in Book 3, and which are for use between now and February 27, may be spent in one block when rationed meat is bought from a farmer.

Brigadier General Futch On Maneuvers



Shown above is Brigadier General Theodore Leslie Futch of Monroe, engaged with the Second Army Troops on Winter Maneuvers, somewhere in Tennessee.

BRIG. GENERAL FUTCH MAKES ENVIABLE RECORD

Local Boy Is One Of Nation's Leading Authorities On Artillery.

Among the hundreds of native sons of Union county who have distinguished themselves in various fields of activities, none is perhaps better known in the military affairs of the nation than Brig. General Theodore L. Futch whose recent promotion to his present rank, was received with a great deal of satisfaction by his large circle of friends in Monroe and Union county.

Brig. General Futch is a son of the late J. D. Futch and Julia Stewart Futch, well-known residents of Monroe. His father was one of the leading wholesale merchants of this section and conducted an extensive business in Monroe for many years.

Brig. General Futch was born in Monroe. He attended Monroe high school and after graduation, received an appointment to West Point by the late Senator R. N. Page. At West Point he distinguished himself while at that institution, by completing the four-year course in three years. Since graduating from West Point, he has served in various military capacities for his country.

He is considered one of the nation's leading authorities on Artillery and has written a number of manuals on the subject, which have been widely used by the army. For some time he was head of the artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla.

Brig. General Futch is well-known in this section where he has many relatives, a sister, Miss Mary Futch and two brothers, John and David Futch, reside here. He also has another sister, Mrs. R. S. Spencer who lives in Gastonia and a brother, Archie, of Charlotte.

PRESBYTERY ELECTS DR. HUNTER B. BLAKELY

Head Of Queens College Succeds Mr. R. Gibson, Of Marshville.

The Mecklenburg Presbytery in its One Hundred and Sixty-Third stated session held in the Commonwealth Presbyterian church of Charlotte on January 18th was composed of 53 ministers and 40 elders. Rev. M. R. Gibson, of Marshville, retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon from the text, "For we walk by faith and not by sight."

Dr. C. W. Underwood and a prayer was offered by Dr. J. S. Sibley. The presbytery voted to express its sympathy to Rev. J. C. Grier, Rev. Julian Warner and to Dr. H. L. McCrorey.

Rev. J. E. McJunkin, former pastor of the Hopewell Church, was dismissed at his request to Paris Presbytery, Synod of Texas, where in Texas he will do city extension work.

Dr. C. C. McNeill of Rockingham, Rev. S. C. Farrier, of our China Mission, Rev. James Barclay, New of Charlotte, Dr. J. E. Fluvie and Rev. John Hicks of Concord Presbytery, were invited to sit as visiting brethren and were introduced to the Presbytery.

Announce Schedule For Making Surgical Dressings

Mrs. W. A. Ingram, Chairman of Surgical Dressings American Red Cross Union Chapter announces that the regular schedule for making surgical dressings in Monroe rooms be resumed Tuesday, January 25. The rooms will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 until 5 o'clock and from 7:30 until 10 o'clock in the evenings. Tuesday evenings from 7:30 until 10 p. m. will be for the colored workers under the supervision of Annie Crawford.

FAULKS CHURCH PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING

Congregation Approves Plans And Raises \$12,966.75 On Fund.

On Sunday January 2nd, at the morning hour of worship the Faulks Baptist church launched a campaign for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of their new modern church plant.

The finance committee had arranged tables, receipt books and other material necessary for such a service. J. M. McMichael, church architect of Charlotte, was present and presented the preliminary sketches of the proposed building which was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by the entire church body.

The campaign is being continued for the purpose of reaching their goal of sixteen thousand dollars, to date an additional sum of \$1,616.75 has been raised making a grand total of \$12,966.75.

The pastor and the finance committee are elated over the hearty response and cooperation they are receiving from the entire church body and are being made to greatly rejoice over the excellent and gracious support they are receiving from those outside the membership of the church in Marshville alone there has already been donated the sum of \$1,000.00.

With such leaders as the Faulks church has in their beloved pastor and with such a spirit of cooperation on the part of the church, it is very evident that their goal will be reached and they will soon have a house of worship which they are very badly in need of and which they very much deserve.

Friends of Mrs. C. B. Traywick of Ft. Monroe, will regret to learn she is a patient at the Eilen Fitzgerald hospital. Mrs. Traywick was admitted Tuesday suffering with a throat infection.

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

New Guinea—Statements that the Japanese air force is deteriorating in personnel do not seem to be borne out by the facts in the past two months. Monday's big air fight over Rabaul, New Britain, in which a numerically superior force of Japanese fighters mixed it with a large force of American fighters, may serve as an example.

Italy—The 15th Air Force, having temporarily cut off Rome from rail communications with the north, hammered the most important German airfields in the Rome area today. Heavy attacks were directed against the north and south Ciampino airfields just outside the Rome city limits and also against the nearby Cinteccelle airfield.

London—The German radio announced today the evacuation of Minturno to the Allied Fifth Army, driving up the Apennine Way toward Rome. "On the south Italian front the enemy yesterday again launched heavy attacks against the German western wing. After violent fighting the German abandoned Minturno," a DNB broadcast announced. Minturno is 76 air miles from Rome.

Union County's Men In Service

PFC Norman B. Horton son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Horton and a graduate of Indian Trail high school came in Tuesday night for a 10-day delay en route. He has graduated from radio school at Trux Field, Madison, Wisconsin, and will be stationed at Langley Field, Va., after his furlough.

Thurman J. Williams F 2-c has returned to Boston, Mass., to board his ship after spending an eight-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pink Williams of Route 2, Monroe.

Completing a five months course in aircraft maintenance and repair, Private Paschal Richardson was graduated this week as an aircraft mechanic from the technical school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, at Seymour John Field, N. C. The son of J. B. Richardson, Rt. 1, Box 10, Monroe, he was sworn into the Army on March 10, 1943. Attended the Wingate high school and was then employed by O. V. McGee, in Monroe.

Cpl. J. Otis Riggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggins of Rt. Marshville, has returned to camp after spending a fifteen day furlough at home with his parents. He is now engaged in desert maneuvers near Indio, Calif.

Pvt. J. B. Riggins another son in service, was home on a 14-day leave during the Christmas holidays. He is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas.

Lt. James F. Thomas who has been spending a leave here with his family at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas, left the first of the week for Camp Greuber, Okla. Their daughter, Bettina remained here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh.

Midshipmen Mack Secrest and Vann Secrest are now at Harvard University. They have the following address: P.O. USNR, Hamilton Hall C137, Soldiers Field, Boston, Mass.

Pfc. Charles K. Younce, who is stationed at the Marine Base in Quantico, Va., will come Saturday for a furlough here with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long.

Lt. T. C. Horton, Jr., who has been spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Horton, has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will attend a two months adjutant school. Mrs. Horton remained here with Lt. Horton's parents for the present.

Lt. W. W. Gentry who has been spending a leave with Mrs. Gentry at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Vann, will leave tonight for Key West, Fla., for a few weeks instruction.

Petty Officer Third Class Clayton Smith, who has been spending a furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Clayton Smith and family, left this week for Washington, D. C., where he will enter an electrical communication school.

Pvt. Joe E. Clontz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cep Clontz has just returned to Camp after spending a short furlough at home. His address is Pvt. Joe E. Clontz, 3460412, Det. Med. Dept. Sta. Hospital, Camp Blanding, Florida. He would like to hear from his friends.

Cpl. Dewitt King is spending a 15-day furlough with his wife and mother at their home 1102 South Hayne street. Cpl. King is stationed at March Field, Calif.

Sam and Calvin Cooke, sons of Mrs. R. A. Cooke formerly of Monroe but now of Charlotte, are both somewhere in England. Mrs. Cooke received a telegram Monday stating they had met Sam has been overseas one year and Calvin went last month.

Will Speak Here



R. GREGG CHERRY Announcement was made today by Edwin Niven, president of the Monroe Merchants Association that R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, former Speaker of the House of Representatives and Democratic candidate for Governor in the 1944 Democratic primary, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Association to be held at the Americana Grill, Friday evening, February 4 at 7:30 p. m.

National Service Act Is Doomed

Act Pigeon-Holed By Congressional Committee For The Present

BILL DEFINITELY FROZEN

National service legislation, never given anything but a cold shoulder in congressional committee since President Roosevelt proposed it a week ago, was all but finally frozen out yesterday.

Chairman May, Democrat of Kentucky, said the action of the House military committee in pigeon-holing the matter indefinitely did not preclude future consideration.

But two highly-influential legislators—one a Democrat and the other a Republican, each high in his party's councils—privately expressed the conviction that the measure could not be passed at this time despite the presidential stimulus.

They left only one door open. Both men, discussing the question separately, said the bill could be revived only if a serious strike or strikes tied up war production at a time when military casualty lists are lengthening.

Both men said, too, that the White House request came too late that it might have been passed had it reached the Capitol shortly after Pearl Harbor or even at the time when disturbed labor relations contributed to passage of the Smith-Connally war disputes act last year.

The Republican legislator also expressed belief that the President himself had raised a strong bar against any such man-power-mustering bill by trying to it too many controversial conditions—higher taxes, continued subsidies and continuation of the OPA stabilization act.

While there is little on-the-record discussion of the point in the legislative lobbies, it was obvious that the task of obtaining national service legislation in the face of bitter opposition from organized labor would be doubly difficult in an election year.

The Senate military committee will hear Secretary of War Stimson on the subject today. In announcing the House committee's decision, May said that "we decided to hold it in abeyance for the time being, pending further developments."

He took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and is now leaving for Fort Meade, Md.

Cpl. Elverson Horne of Camp Gordon, Ga., spent last week-end with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Horne, Rt. Monroe.

George Mackey of Camp Hood, Texas, arrived Tuesday to spend a furlough with relatives. He was recently promoted to corporal. His address is: Co. B 661 T. D. Bn, Camp Hood, Texas.

Fourth War Loan Drive Launched In County Yesterday Morning

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

School Of Missions To Be Held At Baptist Church.

(By Mrs. Benson E. Bivens) A school of missions will be held at the Wingate Baptist church beginning Monday, January 23, conducted by Rev. W. W. Lawton, formerly a missionary to China and at present pastor of the Oakhurst Baptist church, Charlotte. The school begins on Monday January 23 and continues through Thursday, January 26. Each morning at 10:00 o'clock Rev. Mr. Lawton will speak at the high school chapel at 10:30 each morning he will speak at the Wingate Junior College chapel hour. On Monday through Thursday nights at 7:00 at the Baptist church the following books will be taught:

For Young People and Adults: "Dangerous Opportunity—The Christian Mission in China Today," by Earle H. Ballou. This book will be taught by Mr. Lawton.

For Intermediates: "Darlings In The Dawn—In Central China," by Laura Nance Little, and will be taught by Miss Carolyn Caldwell.

For Juniors: "Whirligigs In China," by Anna S. Pruitt and Nan F. Weeks, and taught by Mrs. Carlton Bivens. At 8:30 o'clock each night an inspirational address will be given by Mr. Lawton. This school of mission is to be conducted for men, women, boys and girls. The church is urging everyone who possibly can to attend.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held its regular meeting and the first meeting of the new year in the home of Mrs. E. Bivens. A very interesting and most impressive installation service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Bingham pastor of the Methodist church. Mr. Bingham gave to each new officer a gift to represent their office. Mrs. Bingham was recognized as the pastor's wife. The hostess served delicious Russian tea, sandwiches and dainties.

On Monday night, January 17, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broome entertained at dinner for Corporal Lee Roy Broome who is stationed in Newfoundland and was home on furlough. Dinner guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Craven Eddy, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Strawn and Mrs. Ralph E. Bass and Miss Mildred Walden of Charlotte, Ray Broome of Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. John Autry and family of Wingate, Cpl. Lee Roy Broome of Newfoundland, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Broome of Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Broome of Fredericksburg, Va., Mrs. Mollie Strawn and Miss Wilma Strawn of Wingate.

Mrs. Joe McCollum and son of Monroe recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Presson. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Smith recently visited Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shins in Concord.

Sgt. Max M. Robinson of U. S. Marines, who is stationed at New River, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson during the week-end.

Ray Daniels of Winston-Salem, spent last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Tesh.

Mr. and Mrs. Leck Phieffer of Wadesboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bivens and Mr. and Mrs. Benson E. Bivens recently.

Miss Rachel Williams of Charlotte, visited Mrs. Julia Williams during the week-end.

Miss Elsie Austin of Charlotte, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertis M. Austin recently.

Mrs. Floy E. Hallman has recently moved into the John Gaddy house. She also visited in Monroe and Charlotte during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perry announce the birth of a son Friday, January 14, 1944 in the Eilen Fitzgerald hospital in Monroe. Before her marriage Mrs. Perry was Miss Ollie Chaney, daughter of Zeb Chaney.

Miss Virginia Austin visited relatives here last week-end.

The following left Wednesday morning for camp for their physical examination: S. C. Harvete, Robert Broome and Walter Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Link, Jr., visited in Charlotte recently.

been on leave for the past week visiting his parents. He attended Light-Tank-Aircraft school at the Naval Base, Lakehurst, N. J. He has been in three hospitals in Italy, Sicily and North Africa, and underwent the operation December 1st. He has been sick since November 15. He is now able to sit up two hours a day, and thinks he will be able to walk in a month. He has been in three hospitals, and overseas 18 months.

Pfc. Roby E. Lail returned to Camp Santa Anita, Ordinance Training Center, Aroclia, Calif., Saturday after spending a week's furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lail, on Crawford street. His brother, Douglas Lail, student of N. C. State College, Raleigh, was also here. Mr. and Mrs. Lail and some visited Mrs. Lail's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Donnell, in Prosperity, S. C., during the week.

Large Number Present For Rally Held At Court House Square

REPORTS ENCOURAGING

An enthusiastic rally, marking the official launching of the Fourth War Loan drive in Monroe and Union county at the court house square yesterday morning was well attended. During the exercises the crowd was entertained with martial music by a Camp Sutton band. J. P. Milliken, local attorney made a brief talk, urging all those present to back the attack, by buying more war bonds and thus help the boys who are fighting for our way of life on the far distant battlefields of the world. He stated that Union county's quota had been set at \$633,000, by far, the largest ever given the county, but it is confidently expected that the county, as it has always done, will reach its goal.

Attracting considerable attention were the two pieces of captured German equipment on display here during the morning, including also some equipment from Camp Sutton.

At 11 o'clock the exhibit moved to Camp Sutton, where for two hours it was inspected by the personnel of the camp. At 12 o'clock a special exhibition was held at the camp to which civilians were invited. Claude Eubanks, county chairman, stated this morning that the drive was progressing nicely and encouraging reports were being received from various sections throughout the county.

For the convenience of bond purchasers the American Bank and Trust Company is maintaining a booth at the main office and the Main Street branch. The booth at the branch bank will be open from 9 till 5 and will issue bonds at any time during those hours.

Appearing elsewhere in today's issue of The Enquirer is the third of a series of page advertisements sponsored by the various business concerns of the city and county in the interest of the campaign, with the Quality Beer Bottlers, Inc., and Jacob Rupprecht, Virginia, Inc., as sponsors.

Allied Planes Hit Jap Ships

Big Bombers Sink Three Of Eight Hit; 18 Planes Downed

RABAUl IS BOMB TARGET

Through more than 100 Japanese planes and a heavy curtain of anti-aircraft fire, torpedo and dive-bombers pounced on 12 Japanese merchant ships at Rabaul Monday, hitting eight, definitely sinking three, and probably getting two others.

During the big New Britain raid, announced Wednesday by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, at least 18 and probably 33 enemy interceptors were downed. The loss of 12 raiders was acknowledged.

The bombers, flying from Solomons bases, went in at Rabaul on the 17th night, the first of an imperial head-on to find eight ships anchored on the west side of Simpson Harbor and four more in Keraviva bay a few miles south. Three Japanese destroyers were circling the bay.

Barges set up at the mouth of the bay with anti-aircraft guns were used after the manner of German use of flak ships in the English Channel. The Japanese sent up more interceptors than they had done in other recent raids, and a fierce air fight ensued with the slightly outnumbered Corsairs, Hellcats, and Lightnings.

During the official Allied report, Tokyo radio quoted an imperial headquarters communique as saying approximately 200 American planes took part in the raid and 102 were shot down. The communique acknowledged the sinking of two ships.

Yesterday's Japanese air losses in the Rabaul area raised the definite total to 152 with 42 more probable, an announced in communique this month. Allied losses were 32 planes. The sinkings raised to 11 the number of merchantmen sunk or probably sunk there so far in January.

During Monday's attack 1,000 and 2,000-pound bombs exploded, three merchantmen which sank in the bay, rapidly becoming a graveyard for Japan's merchant fleet and warships. Two others were left burning and probably sank. The other three hit were seriously damaged.

General MacArthur's spokesman said the presence of such a large Japanese fighter force, despite recent reported attacks on airbases at Rabaul, is a good reminder "that we can't be lulled into the false sense of security that the Jap is deteriorating."

The loss of 12 of our planes, most of them fighters, also is a reminder that the skill of the Japanese pilot is not diminishing. This was the third largest loss sustained in a single raid on Rabaul. Nineteen were lost there in a big air assault last November 3, and 17 on November 11.

Pfc. James F. Mullis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Mullis, who has been on a fifteen-day furlough, has returned to his camp. Before his visit home he was at Yafukuin, Mich., and reported back to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Edward W. Hanson of Camp Eustace, Ala., are spending a few days furlough with relatives here and in Charlotte.

Substituting industry men meeting demands of war in 1944.