

WEATHER FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold tonight; Tuesday, partly cloudy and cooler.

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MONROE MARKET

Cotton, short, lb... 20c to 21 1/2c
Cotton, long, lb... 23c to 25c
Cotton Seed, bushel... 7.40c

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1944

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

Nazis Divert Rapido River

Enemy Engineers Flood U. S. Supply Road in Effort To Slow Drive

5TH ARMY MOVES ON

American tanks and infantry, teamed closely in the Russian style, broke into the Gustav lines forward wall yesterday in a fighting advance made possible by American engineers who spanned German-made floods in the Rapido river bottom with a log bridge and corduroy road built under enemy shellfire.

The flanking thrust, climaxing 48 hours of bloody battling, carried the Americans to one point north of Cassino and a little more than a mile from the stubborn bastion of the Nazi defenses.

The Germans had diverted the river to make the lowlands a morass, but Sherman tanks rumbled boldly and safely across the sturdy log road, and once on firm ground tore through German wire to pin the enemy in his machine gun nests as the American foot soldiers came up with guns and grenades.

The soldiers walked close behind their tanks, stepping in the tread tracks to avoid the Nazi anti-personnel mines which the tanks exploded noli-ty but harmlessly.

A field officer called the performance "one of the best cooperative jobs of the war."

In the invasion area below Rome, Allied forces made some gains and threw back another Nazi counterattack near Bordo Montello, seven miles southwest of Cisterna. The towns of Bordo Montello and Cammo Morto, northeast of Anzio, and Cantanera and Carroceto north of Anzio, are firmly in Allied hands.

Carroceto, where Allied invasion troops threw the Germans back in the struggle below Rome, was the scene in prewar days of Mussolini's battle of Britain to make Italy self-sufficient in wheat.

The Fascists made the village one of the model communities of the Pontine marsh agriculture development program and changed its name to Aprilia. It was there that Mussolini in each harvest season, stripped to the waist, joined farmers in the threshing, while batteries of photographers took pictures.

A dispatch from the bridgehead area dated Friday said six Allied infantry divisions—70,000 to 80,000 men—already had been put ashore and were being reinforced with armor and heavy artillery.

A week of Allied sledgehammer blows have failed to break the Gustav line to open the way for a junction with that invasion Army, and the German apparently are trying to contain the sea-borne forces while massing strength for a major counter-offensive in the Rome sector.

William Stoneman, representing the combined American press at the bridgehead said the Fifth Army has lost its advantage following the surprise landing, and the enemy has had time to pour in troops, collect his wits and prepare for the defense of Rome and the roads leading up from the south.

MONROE HIGH PLAYS LIVESVILLE TUESDAY

Drop Second Doubleheader Of Season To Concord Last Friday Night.

(By Vernon Wall)

Last Friday night the Monroe Purple Pythons lost their second doubleheader of the season to Concord, thereby dropping the boys game 18 to 17 and the girls game 13-26. These were the really hard-fought games, the girls playing a much taller and more experienced opponent while the boys were up against a team that fouled 11 times to our five.

In the opinion of Mr. House, principal of Monroe High and coach during the absence of Mickey Penn, this unlucky streak will come to an end when the Pythons meet Livesville Tuesday, February 1 at 7:30 p. m.

On the starting lineup for Monroe in the girls game was June Ruth Harris, Sarah Shute, and Ruth Sikes as forwards and Johnny Bacon, Frances Drane and Ann Godecock as guards. High scorer for the girls, June Ruth Harris took 7 points while Sarah Shute was runner-up with 6 points.

The starting six for Concord were: forwards, Reading Roberts and Smith and guards, Miller, Williams and Shumate. Reading passed the winners with 15 points and Smith scored second with 9.

All of the close boys games this season the last probably takes the cake with both teams were within 2 or 3 points of each other throughout the leading set for the Purple Pythons.

The Purple Pythons will meet livesville Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. at the gymnasium. This game will be a real test for both teams as they will be meeting a team that is one of the best in the county.

NEW AUTO TAGS MUST BE ON CARS TOMORROW

Motorists Run Risk Of Being Arrested If 1944 Plate Is Not Attached.

Corporal J. B. Boyd of the State Highway Patrol states that today will be the last day that motorists will be permitted to drive with their 1943 license plates, without running the risk of being arrested.

Patrolman Boyd also stated that all old license plates must be removed, and only the 1944 tag should be displayed.

Miss Louise McCray, local manager of the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club where the tags are available, said Saturday, that there are still a large number of motorists in the county who have not purchased their tags but her office would be ready to care for the rush that was expected to develop today, by "last-minute purchasers."

Reds Nearing Estonia Line

One Army Only 20 Miles From Border; Others Drive Closer

NAZI LINE CUT

Three Russian armies strode westward toward Estonia and Latvia yesterday, hunting down smashed German units hiding in the forests of northwestern Russia, and striking toward their distant goal of Pskov, the very heart of remaining Nazi communications on a 250-mile front.

Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad forces were split into three main groups. One was 20 miles or less from Estonia's border in a westward thrust. Moscow dispatches said, and the other two were advancing southward along the Leningrad-Pskov and Leningrad-Vitebsk railways.

The Russian army newspaper, Red Star, said the Germans were trying to cling to these railways, but were not slowing up the Soviet offensive to any great degree.

The Leningrad armies were within 55 and 40 miles, respectively, of Batekaya and Luga, junctions linking the two main north-south lines in the area. The Leningrad-Moscow trunk line far to the east already had been cleared of the enemy.

Below Batekaya and Luga the armies of Gen. K. A. Meretskov had already cut the line to Vitebsk and were threatening the Pskov line. These forces were within 12 miles of Batekaya and 20 miles from Luga.

The closest Russian forces to Pskov were those astride a highway farther south. Having outflanked Shimsk near the southwestern shores of Lake Ilmen, these units were still 85 miles from Pskov, the gateway to southern Estonia and northern Latvia.

A third Russian army of the second Baltic front, under Gen. Markian M. Popov, was striking beyond Novosokolnik, captured Saturday in a surprise attack which put the Soviet victors within 70 miles of Latvia in a drive paralleling the westward thrusts of the other two armies far to the north.

In the western Ukraine Berlin said German tank forces had recaptured several localities west of Polonnoe. This is in the Shepetovka sector near the southwestern border of old Poland. The Germans said that Maj. Gen. Schultz, a Nazi tank leader, had been killed there, "fighting at the head of his division."

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH ITEMS

(Contributed by the Pastor) Seven new members were received Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Broom; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hayward, Miss Georgia Howie, Clyde Medlin, and John H. Williams. Happy to have them all!

The congregation honored John H. Williams, 135 on the Honor Roll, Sunday morning.

While the people stood Sunday morning the names of two members who went to the heavenly home last week were spoken: Mrs. Rose Lytton Funderburk and T. J. Ellis. God's comfort be with the bereaved ones.

As the morning worship service Sunday T. C. Flanagan was the three minute speaker on the Crusade For A New World Order. The choir sang the anthem subjected, "I Hear The Voice Of Jesus Say" by Rathbun. The pastor spoke on, "Our Crusade For A New World Order."

We report to less Aubrey Hayes and his family have moved to our city and church life. They moved to Forsyth, Ga. Monday. Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Kendall went a few weeks ago.

Congratulations to Capt. S. H. Green on the reception of a diamond pin for fifty years of service on the railroad. He also received a letter from the superintendent.

Beginning next Sunday morning the pastor will deliver a series of four sermons on the central theme, "God and Us." The sermons in order will be: "Is God Here?" "Do We Really Know Him?" "Opening Your Life To God?" "Can We Trust God?"

New Synthetic Tires At Hand

Motorists With 'A' And 'B' Cards To Be Eligible This Month

NEW RULING EFFECTIVE

Automobile owners using "A" and "B" gasoline rations will be eligible next month for new synthetic tires for essential driving.

A high government authority said last night that the Office of Price Administration will amend present regulations to assure new tires for low-mileage war drivers but added that the current mileage ration basis will be eliminated and the synthetic allotted only to drivers in these two classes determined to be "most essential."

The Washington Post also reported that the new synthetic tire program will bring about "a more equitable distribution" of existing passenger tire supplies from a national stockpile consisting almost entirely of new synthetics.

The Post said that an OPA official had described the stock of prewar used and recapped tires—all that A and B book holders could get—as reduced to "merely a dribble."

However, the official source said, local board quotas on tires are expected to remain about the same and responsibility of determining the degree of an applicant's essential driving will rest with the rationing panels.

He added that OPA plans call for rationing of about 750,000 of the new synthetics a month in March with future rations depending entirely on war demands.

Presently only motorists in essential jobs or car-sharers who are permitted to drive in excess of 601 miles a month, are entitled to new tires.

SOCIAL NEWS

Meeting of Junior Woman's Club The Junior Woman's club met Thursday with Mrs. Oscar Baconum at her home on Griffith road.

The call to order was made by Mrs. Roy Curry, vice president, for Mrs. Baconum. Mrs. Curry, who is recovering from illness, the club collect was repeated in unison after which the ways and means committee reported from the sale of Christmas cards. Mrs. Curry reported for Mrs. Hanes Dorminy of the defense committee on work done by Mrs. Dorminy during the Fourth War Loan and spoke of the splendid work accomplished.

The following nominating committee was appointed to present a slate of new officers at the next meeting: Mesdames Emmett Guldage, Sidi Stewart, Ralph Elliott, and Hanes Dorminy.

Mrs. R. W. House in charge of the program for the afternoon was assisted by Mr. House in showing slides of Berlin in Peace Times, and also pictures of Monroe high school in action.

Mrs. H. L. Brooks and Mrs. Hoyte Hanes assisted the hostesses in serving refreshments suggestive of St. Valentine's Day.

Present were: Mesdames Baconum, Baconum, Roy Curry, Sidi Stewart, Arthur Miller, Joe Ferguson, W. M. Shumaker, Ralph Elliott, R. W. House, W. T. Wall, K. E. Neese, H. L. Brooks, G. W. Waters, Hoyte Hanes, Lee Griffin, Archie Wallace and Oscar Baconum.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ayscue returned home the last of the week from Henderson where they had been spending a month with their aunt, Miss Dora E. Ayscue, who was quite ill. Miss Ayscue died and Miss Madge Ayscue, Charles and Corone Ayscues joined Mr. and Mrs. Ayscue in Henderson and attended the funeral.

Mrs. Sydney Bareford, who has been spending two months in Richmond, Va., with her husband, came last week for a two week visit with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Coble.

Mr. and Mrs. John Medlin and two children, Betsy and Jackie, of Maxton, spent the week-end here with Mrs. Medlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Caldwell.

Rummage Sale February 5th The John Foster Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold a rummage sale on February the 5th. The sale will be held at the side of the Bowle Motor Company facing Church street.

If the ladies of the town have any rummage they would like to donate, please call Mrs. Hazel H. Davis, phone 241-R.

ROOSTER RUNS AMUCK IN CONCORD HOME

Staling the rooster is quite all right in the barnyard, Walter Brown of Concord, believes, but when the desire invades the home, that is quite a different matter.

Friday Mr. Brown was out in his yard and a Hampshire Red started to stow a long standing reputation with the Concord attorney, Mr. Brown tried to wrest off the feet with his crutch, but to no avail. Finally the police were called and Officer Ramsey made the restraining order permanent with a well-aimed shot.

The rooster had become quite a family pet and the Browns hated to have him shot.

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Aerial—Mighty armadas of U. S. bombers blast Brunswick and Hannover; 31 German planes destroyed at 25; other Allied aircraft attack France and Holland, downing 12 more.

Germany—Hitler in gloomy address warns of the "hardest task imaginable" this year.

Russia—Soviets advance to within 20 miles of Estonian border in drive toward Pskov; more than 50 localities captured.

Italy—Germans divert Rapido river to bog down Fifth Army's assault on Gustav line; 36 Nazi planes shot down over Venetia in greatest Italian air battle; Allied beachhead reinforced heavily.

Pacific—Land-based bombers join carrier forces in assaults against Marshall Islands; Allies also hit Rabaul for 26th time in a month, destroying 30 Japanese planes.

Union County's Men In Service

Cpl. Curtis E. Lindsay of R5, Monroe, has completed his basic training at the Armored Replacement Training Center at Fort Knox, Ky. preparatory for combat duty with an Armored Unit. Cpl. Lindsay has been stationed at Fort Knox for about three years. He is a brother of B. R. Lindsay of the New Hope community.

T/Sgt. Marvin Helms of Nashville, Tenn., arrived Thursday night to spend a 12-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Helms, on Rt. Wingtonate.

Pvt. Howard Walter Helms is with a Field Artillery outfit in England. He has been in service about four years, and overseas 18 months. His brother, Cpl. Aubrey Helms of the U. S. Army, was transferred from Fort Bragg to desert maneuvers in California, and is now stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rich Helms, R5 Monroe.

Pvt. Preston O. Baconum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Baconum of R2, Monroe, is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, New Orleans, La. He entered the service on December 8, 1943. His address is: Pvt. Preston O. Baconum, 34885182, 9th Traffic Reg. Group, Camp Claiborne, New Orleans, (12) La. He would like to hear from all his friends back home.

Ira R. Melton of Monroe has recently been promoted to corporal rank in the service of the War Department. Now a squad leader with the 169th Infantry Regiment, he is stationed at an advanced base in the South Pacific. With more than fifteen months overseas duty in a combat zone, Melton saw service with the 43rd Division throughout the New Georgia campaign in 1942 and 1943. He has been in the front lines for the fight for Munda airfield. Previous to his induction in February of 1942, Melton was employed by the Spring Cotton Mill in Lancaster, as a textile worker. He is the son of J. Melton who lives near Monroe on route 2.

Seaman First Class T. Blair Bivens of the U. S. Navy left Wednesday night for Bermuda, Wash., after spending a leave with his mother, Mrs. E. Blair Bivens.

Oscar Richardson of Carmel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Richardson, has been promoted from seaman second class, to seaman first class in the U. S. Navy. Seaman Richardson is a baker at the Naval base, Bainbridge, Maryland.

Sgt. George B. Browning, son of Mrs. H. D. Browning of Monroe, who was with the coast artillery until wounded in Sicily, has been transferred to a quartermaster depot company in North Africa. In a letter written January 9th to his mother, he says: "Well, I have a new address as you will notice. Like it fine, and am sure will continue to do so. It looks like I will stay here for some time, but I am perfectly satisfied to be left out of the next invasion, although it is the most exciting experience one can have."

Pfc Herman L. Hemby, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hemby of R2, Matthews, has been overseas since about September 1st, and is "somewhere in England." He is with a chemical warfare outfit.

Pvt. James Ray Dr. only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Orr of Indian Trail, has notified his parents of his safe arrival in England. He entered service in November 1942, and was stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn., with the engineers. He married the former Miss Lucy Fay Hemby.

Cpl. Henry C. Keniah, son of Mrs. J. F. Keniah of Charlotte, formerly of Monroe, is spending a few days delay en-route with his wife, and his mother, and visited in Monroe on Wednesday. He received his wings in aerial gunnery at Tyndall Field, Fla., on January 18th, and also wears the airplane mechanics medal. He married the former Miss Loraine Ebers of Charlotte.

Miss Mills Promoted To First Lieut. Second Lieut. C. Lorraine Mills, daughter of J. H. Mills of Monroe and now stationed in Italy, wrote her father on January 6th that she had been promoted to first lieutenant in the Army Nursing Corps on that day. She said that "her percent of all A. R. C. groups which have been overseas for six months or more are becoming Red Crosswomen. She felt, and not too hard to work when were needed most and it only makes the work a

Hitler Makes Gloomy Speech

Fuehrer Tells German People Hard Task Lies Ahead Of Nazis

PERSEVERANCE NEEDED

Adolf Hitler told his bomb-grogy people Saturday they faced "the hardest task imaginable" this year and exhorted them to persevere so that the fight may "end in the biggest victory of the German Reich in spite of all the devilish tricks of our opponents."

"From this fight can emerge only one victor and this will be either Germany or Soviet Russia," he warned in a speech broadcast by Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press.

"German victory means preservation of Europe and a Soviet victory Europe's annihilation."

Hitler's address, made within 24 hours after the Allies' greatest daylight aerial assault upon Germany, was a subdued, gloom filled oration marking the eleventh anniversary of his rule. He scarcely mentioned the military situation and devoted almost all attention to his old theme, that National Socialist Germany stood at Europe's only bulwark against the "Bolshevik colossus," Soviet Russia.

He urged his usual dire imprecations against "international Jewry."

Hitler asserted Britain already has lost her position on the continent and declared after the war the question which would face both Britain and the United States "is not whether they will be able to fight Bolshevism but whether they will be able to defend themselves against Bolshevism in their own countries."

"The attempt of our enemies to bring about the collapse of the German people and the Reich by high explosive and incendiary bombs in the end will solidify their Socialist unity and will create that hard state which has been slated by Providence to shape the centuries," he declared.

DNB, the German news agency, said the speech was relayed from Hitler's headquarters, "for the first time."

Notice of the speech was given to the German people only five hours in advance. Trained monitors who have heard Hitler's voice frequently said it was calm and firm.

Not once did he shout as he once did, nor did he make his customary threats of reprisals for the Allied bomb destruction being visited on Germany. The speech was delivered in a flat, even voice, as if from script. It apparently was made a considerable distance from German transmitters and piped to them.

Although generally gloomy in tone, Hitler did not deprive his people of hopes of victory, but his promises were based on mystical grounds instead of boasts of superior arms.

change to work harder than ever before.

Lt. Coan Promoted Second Lieutenant William Donald Coan, son of Mrs. J. B. Coan of Monroe, has been promoted to first lieutenant, and is stationed on a Flying Fortress field "somewhere in England." He never does anything single-handed, and his duties are varied. Since being stationed overseas he has the distinction of having had two operations, and two promotions. His first promotion to lieutenant was on May 12, 1943, and his second on January 7, 1944.

PFC James Paschal Clontz, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Clontz of Indian Trail, has notified his parents of his safe arrival in Ireland. He entered service in 1940. He was stationed with the field artillery. He married the former Miss Lucille Crowell of Indian Trail.

Private Allen P. Haigler is spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haigler, of Waxhaw.

The job of keeping the palates of several hundred men satisfied at a USAF 8 Eighth Command Station in Northern Ireland is being handled by Staff Sgt. Van Buren Polk, 24 whose wife, Mrs. Mary Cline Polk, resides at Wadesboro. He was formerly a salesman for J. C. Penney Company and entered the Army 17 months ago. A brother, Michael, is in the Navy. Sgt. Polk attended Indian Trail high school. Believing that the term "C. P." has a sour meaning, Sgt. Polk has been the term in his mess hall. They are "cook's helpers" around his station.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Porter of Baltimore, Md., formerly of Monroe, have received a letter from their son, Sgt. J. F. Porter, Jr., stationed somewhere in England saying he had just returned from a furlough which he spent in London and Edinburgh, Scotland. He found Scotland an interesting and beautiful country, the people very friendly and entertained him very graciously during his stay there.

Pvt. John Kiber, son of Rubie Kiber of R-3 Monroe, has won the right to wear the world-famous wings and boots of the United States Army Volunteer Paratrooper at Ft. Benning Parachute School. He made his fifth and qualifying jump, a night tactical leap identical to actual combat work in Sicily, which completed his four weeks of jump training.

Capt. Jeff Sewell of Fort Hill, Okla., came today for several days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sewell.

Pfc. Chester Woodley who is stationed at Camp McPherson, Durham, came out of the week for a furlough over his mother, Mrs. Cora Woodley, David Morgan, Jr. of Port Winton, the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. David Morgan, Jr. and his two children, Mrs. J. E. Woodley and Mrs. M. S. Woodley.

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UNION COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD ELECTS STAFF

Olin B. Sikes Re-elected Chairman Of County Library Board.

At the regular January meeting of the Union County Library Board on January 26, the annual election of officers was held. Olin B. Sikes was re-elected chairman, Mrs. Ward Laney vice-chairman, and Mrs. Charles Laney secretary. Other members of the Board are: Mrs. R. L. McWhirter, Mrs. Taylor Nesbit, Luther Huggins, and John A. Davis.

Mr. Sikes read the semi-annual report of the library. The circulation figures show an increase over those of last year. The bookmobile in six months has already circulated more books than it did in the twelve months of last year. The total circulation of all libraries in the county from July 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943 was 33,716.

The Library Board gave official confirmation to the appointment of Mrs. Charles Napier as trained librarian to head the county libraries. Union county shares in the State Fund for Public Libraries established by the State Legislature. Two of the requirements for receiving this fund are the operation of a bookmobile and the employment of a trained librarian.

Butter Supply Cut For 1944

Per Capita Allocation For Year Will Be Cut One Half Pound

ALLIES GET SUPPLY

The War Food Administration announced last night an allocation of 1944 butter which will give civilians a per capita supply of 12 1/2 pounds for the year, or about half pound less than in 1943.

The allocation compares with a per capita average consumption of 18 1/2 pounds in the 1938-39 prewar period and with 16 pounds in both 1941 and 1942. It is based on estimates of a total production of 1,985,000,000 pounds.

Civilians will get 76 pounds out of every 100 pounds of farm and creamery butter, the military and war services 18 pounds, lend-lease shipments to Russia five pounds, and contingency reserves one pound.

Russia is the only country getting butter under the lend-lease program. Its supplies are used, WPA said, for front-line shock troops and military hospitals.

The food agency said the 1944 supply is expected to total 2,946,000,000 pounds—an estimated production of 1,985,000,000 pounds and a reserve of 81,000,000 from 1943.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AT ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Installation Services Held At The Sunday Morning Worship Hour.

An impressive part of the morning service yesterday at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran church, this city, was the installation of the officers of various church organizations for 1944. The pastor, the Rev. Harry D. Hawthorne, installed the following:

Church Councilmen: William C. Wherry, Roy Curry, A. M. Curlee, Stacey Helms, and R. A. Laill. Secretary of the Church: A. M. Curlee. Church Treasurer: Roy Curry. Stewardship Secretary: Mrs. R. A. Laill. Sunday School Superintendent: H. L. Lentz. Assistant S. S. Superintendent: R. A. Laill.

Secretary-Treasurer: W. C. Wherry. Assistant Sec.-Treas: Luke Nash. Organist: Miss Barbara Winchester. Assistant Organist: Mrs. John C. Sikes. Teachers: Mrs. John C. Sikes, Roy Curry and Mrs. Harry D. Hawthorne. Luther League: Pres., Mrs. A. G. Montgomery.

Women's Missionary Society: Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Adams; Treasurer, Mrs. John Sides. Ladies Aid Society: President, Mrs. D. B. Harrington; Vice-President, Mrs. A. G. Montgomery; Secretary, Mrs. Walter Simpson; Treasurer, Mrs. John C. Sikes.

Other officers who were not present are: Mrs. Roy Curry, President Women's Missionary Society; Mrs. A. M. Curlee, Secretary Women's Missionary Society, and Mrs. Eugene Charles Hampton, Secretary-Treasurer of the Luther League.

The Church Council will meet in the Pastor's study Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

spend an eight day leave with his father, W. T. Ballentine. Bill has seen service in all the war zones except the Pacific and is now serving on a destroyer.

Walker L. Bryant, socialist 3-0, who has completed boot training returned to Jacksonville, Fla., this morning after spending a week's leave with his wife and two children.

First Class Seaman E. Blair Bivens has been spending several days furlough here with his mother, Mrs. E. Blair Bivens, left last week for Seattle, Washington, where he will take up his duties again.

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30 To 42 Nippon Planes Downed

New Raid On Rabaul Costly To Japs; Huge Force Hits Enemy

U. S. LOSSES LIGHT

In co-ordinated air strikes 1,400 miles apart, American bombers showed their dominance of the Pacific skies with another one-sided victory over Rabaul and in a series of pre-invasion blows on the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands.

Thirty to 42 fighters were shot out of the New Britain skies from the defending force of 70 in the Southwest Pacific campaign reported today. Another 20 probably were demolished on the ground. This brought to more than 600 the number of Japanese planes definitely or probably destroyed this month in the aerial battle to eliminate Rabaul as the keystone of Japan's southern defenses.

Tokyo radio, which the day before had said no hope could be held for Rabaul, yesterday referred to the invincibility of Japanese defense of the crumbling fortress. It claimed more American planes were shot down in a single raid than the 71 that have been accounted by the Americans as lost