SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1944

County Politics Lack Interest

O. L. Richardson Will Again Be Candidate For House Seat

MAY GET SPEAKERSHIP

It's a "presidential year" to be sure, and maybe by next November, Union county folks will get all stirred up over politics, but right now, they don't seem to care which way the political direction of W. O. Gerald M. Clapper, rabbit jumps and are concerned only will furnish martial music for the with the nation's war effort.

nocrats haven't announced plans for any sort of a convention and are likely to until the State parley date has been set, nor has the Republican organization announced any

Meanwhile, Democrats are sitting tight, pretty certain President Roose-velt will run again, and it will be time enough to get all excited, when the primary battles really open.

All county officers with the exception of Clefk of Court, Sheriff and the Register of Deeds will again face a bevy of voters. These officers are elected for a four year tenure in office, the Clerk of Court J. Emmett Griffin and Shereiff B. Frank Niven, having been re-elected to their respective offices in 1942.

As to the Board of County Commissioners, political wise-acres would make no predictions as to the contest, but every indication is that, the citizens as a whole, are satisfied with the record of the present board, but in this case as in others of a silimar nature, there is bound to be some competition, if and when, hats start flying into the ring.

From reliable sources it was learned today, that O. L. Richardson will again be a candidate for the House of again be a candidate for the House of Representatives to succeed himself, in Representative to succeed himself, in Repre which capacity he has served most acceptably for the past several years. In addition to serving on a number the most important committees of the House, Mr. Richardson has taken a leading part in all legislation per-taining to the best interest of the county and state. Reports from Raleigh say he will also be a candidate for Speaker of the House and already, plans are being formulated by his friends and suporters throughout the state and in the Legislature to place him in that important position. Sena-Coble Funderburk will not be eligible for re-election to his post this year due to the rotation plan of electing senators from the district composed of Union, Anson and Stanly Army as "psychoneurotic."

chance for action on their part until been doing down here, I don't doubt purple Tornado struck hard and swift. Hoey, Morrison, Cherry, McDonald and at all they belong in that class." the other hopefuls start their cam-

Tire Shortage Is Explained

Official Tells Congress Lack Of Labor And Bottleneck Cause Delay

A bottleneck in rayon and cotton Tabrics output and a shortage of labor personality. in the tire factories partly explain why Rover, said his board was ignoring the synthetic rubber tires are not gen- 60-day deferment order because it erally available now, Congress learned violated the law against blanket de-

This testimony was given a House appropriations committee by Stanley T. Crossland, vice paresident of the Rubber Reserve company, an RFC subsidiary, during hearings just made

Crossland said, however, the synthetic plants, in which \$750,000,000 told the House group that a "point

producing this prime base. Under normal peacetime conditions, he said, synthetic rubber could com-

pete in price with crude rubber. Now, he added, costs run about like this:
"If we use alcohol at 90 cents a gallon, synthetic rubber will cost somewhere between 40 and 45 cents a pound; if we use the butylenes in outadiene, at 9 cents a gallon, we would be able to make synthetic rubber for somewhere between 20 and

26 cents a pound." Adding the charge for amortizing the plants over a five-year period in-creases the rubber cost another six did not elaborate.

WACS TO GIVE DRILL **EXHIBITION SATURDAY**

340th Army Band Will Furnish Martial Music For Event.

(Camp Sutton Public Relations Office) The Camp Sutton Women's Army Corps detachment, nearly 100 strong will give a drill exhibition on the courthouse square, Monroe at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, February 19. After its conclusion members of the unit will serve as hostesses at a tea in USO's recently reopened Franklin Street Club, to which civilian women

in the neighborhood are invited. The 340th Army Band, under the marching and play selected concert numbers afterward.

These activities mark the beginning of the second week of the Camp Sutton WAC recruiting drive, conducted from an office in the county courthouse under the direction of Lt. Elizabeth J. Rodgers, recruiting officer.

If the weather is inauspicious, the drilling may be deferred until another day, but the tea will take place regardless.

Sgt. Donis Conn, of Morgantown, W. Va., a soprano who has sung widely in concert and operetta, will sing for guests at the tea, accompanied at the piano by T-5 Helen A. Fraley, pianistorganist of the detachment, whose reputation is already well established locally.

Camp Sutton's drive to enlist volunteers for the Corps, explained Lt. Rodgers, is directed primarily at filling some 70 assignments on the post it-A recent Army ruling permits WAC-prospects to apply for specific jobs at specific camps, when qualified. There are openings at Sutton for clerks, typists, stenographers, medical and laboratory technicians, pharmacists and supply-workers.

By Deferments

ployes Reported Rejected For Service

POINT SYSTEM IS URGED

A House committee heard yesterday that men in "high government places" are being rejected by the

counties. Union county will not vote on candidate for this office in the primary as the senators must come from two service board, prompted Representative Stanly counties this year. Anson and Stanly counties this year. sentative Harness, Republican of In-Politicians may get warmed up diana, to remark that "from a lot of over the primary, but there's little things some of these bureaucrats have diana, to remark that "from a lot of by a score of 34 to 13.

in Federal service. They contended it had resulted in drafting privatelyemployed fathers ahead of schedule. Fraser said rejections in his board

are running about one of every seven registrants and that he found it "difficult to understand how men can be employed in high government places" all of the rejections were based on

Another local chairman, Stephen ACTION MAY BE TAKEN James of Montgomery county, Md., said he also was "disturbed" by the large number of rejections for psychoneurosis or, as he put it, "inadequate

Another district chairman, Leo A. ferments. The deferments expiring March 31, were ordered to give gov-The deferments expiring ernment agencies time to determine which of their employes should be listed as essential.

Edgar Puryear, chairman of a committee created to pass on applications for deferment of government workers, have been invested, will have a capa-city of 850,000 tons by the end of qualifications for deferment was intended only as a guide and emphasized He said also that there is a short-age of butadiene and facilities for merits. Committee members had complained the "points system" gave heavy consideration to a registrant's age and the number of children, a con-sideration they said was not given to prewar fathers in non-government ser-

A. J. Driscoll, District of Columbia Board No. 2, said his experience had been that the board invariably was overruled on appeals in refusing to

defer a government worker. Harness told Driscoll he believed many appeals were decided by the director of selective service "through influence from the White House," but

cents a pound.

Rubber being brought in from South and Central America, is costing the government over 45 cents a pound, ignoring the cost of delevopment.

If the development costs are spread over a 5-year period, the cost would amount to about 65 cents.

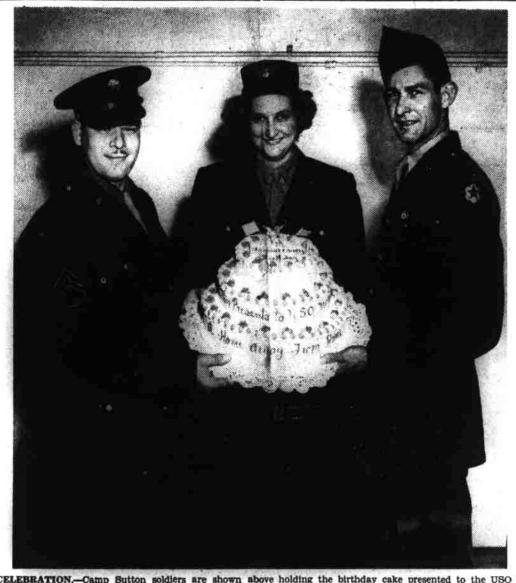
The possibility of radio in connection with education is to be discussed in a pamphlet about to be issued by the Office of Education, "F-M for Education." One F-M station in Cleveland over a 5-year period, the cost would amount to about 65 cents.

daily papers are carrying a continuous for two soldiers with the bombned Cross flag that flew above a y-marked American evacuation at in Raly. The bomb was dropy a German filer and caused merican catualities, most of whom under treatment in the hospital of the soldiers examining the flag harshall Floyd, of Marahville.

Civilians will get about half of the 1944 pack of canned orange juice and blended orange and grapefruit juice according to the OPA. Last year, the armed forces took the entire supply.

Postal revenues during 1943 exceeded in any calendar year, according to preliminary figures of the Department.

ANNIVERSARY CAKE FOR THE USO



CELEBRATION.—Camp Sutton soldiers are shown above holding the birthday cake presented to the USO clubs in Monroe on the occasion of the third anniversary of the USO.

(By Vernon Wall)

The Monroe Purple Pythons bagged their seventh victory of the season last Tuesday night by defeating the scrappy and game Lilesville five 31 to 22. This was the second victory over the Lilesville boys but it was also the second triumph for the Lilesville girls

Again showing their metal, the Fraser was one of several local draft board officials who protested to a military subcommittee against a blanket 60-day deferment for fathers in Edgral service. The page 1 leaving Lilesville reeling from the impact. At the end of the first quarter, the Purple quints were ahead 9 to 5, holding the lead the remainder of the game, although Lilesville gamely made. a bld for victory during the second quarter to set the score at the half, 13 to 15. Repeating past performance, Monroe ran away in the third period to score 11 points and in the last quarter the second team held against the best that Lilesville could send.

Co-starring for the Pythons was despite their classification as psycho-neurotic. He added, however, that not Milton Trull at guard and Milton Dur-Captain Hunter Presson, also at guard became runner-up with four points, while Co-Captain Richard Edgeworth and Billy English, alternating as forwards, took two points each. maining point was taken by Haigler, an untiring and dependable forward Vaughn Lemmon, Sonny English, Eugene Derick, Don Usher, and Joe Ross came in during the final period. The Monroe girls lost the decision but put up a game fight all the way

Sikes, Lee, and Harris as forwards and his address from his mother. Baucom, Hunter and Drane as guards.

lowed up with the remaining nine Completing the lineup was

WEDDINGTON NEWS

The P. T. A. met at the school Monday night, February 7. There was good attendance. In the roll call Mrs Ennis' class was the most successful in getting their parents and friends

The program was given on "Being Good Neighbors With Our South American Priends." The devotional

PURPLE PYTHONS BAG SEVENTH VICTORY, 31-22 Here's The Lowdown On Those NEW PROPOSITION MADE Local Girls Lose To Lilesville As Boys Red And Blue Tokens By OPA

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Pacific—American planes attack Ponape, deep in Jap territory, in first big flight from Kwajalein atoll: drop 55 tons on enemy land ship. All planes return.

Aerial-Berlin suffers greatest aerial blow in history as British bombers drop 2,800 tons explosives; British lose 43 bombers.

Mediterranean - Allies sma railroad yards to halt flow of Nazi troops and supplies from Rome. Only portion of Mt. Cassino mon wall left. Anzio beachhead still held by Americans and Brit-

Russia—Reds punch toward com-munications center of Pskov at gateway to Baltics; capture two score towns and hamlets. Moscow dispatches chill hope of Finnish-Russian peace.

Union County's

against an excellent opponent. A Tuesday received a letter from her may be used with brown stamps after hard loss for the girls was the absence of Sarah Shute at forward. Playing now in England. This is the first he OREEN STAMPS: K. L and M.

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Pfc. John Futch, Jr., returned to

and Mrs. Fred Greene of R3 Monroe,

Locau Housewives Will Start Getting Them First Of The Week

NO EXPIRATION DATE February 27, will be a "red and

blue" token day for the housewives proposals for the integration. in Union county and throughout the will begin using the new OPA one-

These tokens are slightly smaller Stamped on each token is "OPA 1 change from her grocer and butchertokens in change from her new red stamps and blue tokens in change from her new blue stamps. Thereafter she can use these tokens, at 1point value, on the same purchase on which she uses stamps of similar or equivalent color.

To aid the housewife in switching over to the revised food rationing naver" system, OPA has prepared the folow calendar:

BROWN STAMPS: Y and Z. (Book Mrs. Joe Phillips of R1, Monroe, in the past. RED TOKENS, however, the same, if this can be done. GREEN STAMPS: K. L and M

of Sarah Shute at forward. Playing now in England. This is the first ne outstandingly, June Ruth Harris dropped 10 points while Bitsy Lee, the tiny but scrappy center, took the remaining nicely and is enjoying England. His face value, as in the past. BLUE friends who wish to write him can get TOKENS may be used with green stamps after February 27. RED STAMPS: Three red stamps-

Cook alternated during the latter part of the game.

Diggs, with 25 of the 34 points scored for Lilesville, was the outstanding tion ceremonies held for Service girl of the game, while Charles followed up with the remainder of the part of Boiler rate of Boiler was granted to Bluefacket Erwin Moran Medlin, 21, Medlin road, Monroe, during gradautor value of 10 each or a total value of 30 points. They will be good through the game, while Charles followed up with the remainder of the game with the remainder of the game. Naval Training Station at Great more red stamps will become valid Lakes, Ill. Selected for his specialized March 12 and others successively dur-

his new Navy trade. The petty officer total value of 50 points or 10 points is now awaiting active duty orders to sea or to some shore station.

total value of 50 points or 10 points each. They will be good through May and they cannot be replaced. 30, 1944, and may be used with BLUE (3) Red and blue stamps will TOKENS for buying processed foods. future, expire together on the same Camp Polk, La., Monday after a two weeks furlough here with his partents, Mr. and Mrs. John Futch.

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In the business meeting several matters were brought up for described as a soin. Several volunteers are running the lunchroom one day each week. The proceeds are to go to the FTA treasury. A special collection with the state which amounted to \$2.96.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met with Mrs. J. O. Cox Weekness with Mrs. J. O. C

PROGRAM IN MARCH

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

County-Wide Fight Will Be Made Against Destructive Rodents,

PLAN RAT CONTROL

(By T. M. Mayfield, Ass't Co. Agent) A county-wide Rat Control Program wil lbe put on in Union county on March 23 and 24, as a joint undertaking between all agricultural agencies of the county and the County Health

Department The Union County Council of Agricultural Workers met at the agricul-ture building in Monroe, Monday, February 14th and made plans for the

rat control campaign.

L. O. Whitehead, U. S. Fish and wild Life Service, Washington, D. C., white Service, Washington, D. C., will be in Union county on March 23 Britain has opposed loosening the and 24 to assist with the rat control continental blockade. work. Figures released by the Department of Agriculture in Washington, show that a rat will consume 50 pounds of food in one year and the and hungry countries where the need waste plus his food cost \$4.00 per rat is now the most acute." per year. Reports from farmers in this county indicate that we have a

large population of rats. The bait to be used in this campaign will consist of fish and cereal prepared with Red Squil. This bait will not kill any other animal and is a sure kill for rats. The bait will be put up in \$1.00 packages and one package is sufficient to bait the average Union county farm.

How To Secure The Balt Farm Security will also take your carry out the purpose. order. The people living in town may

Small Incomes

Proposal To Exempt Them From Taxes Is Brushed

Proposals to drop from the Federal tax polls approximately 9,000,000 small taxpayers was brushed aside yesterday by the House ways and means committee in its quest for ways to sim-plify income tax returns.

The committee, however, took one step in the direction of simplification by voting to attempt a consolidation of the Victory, normal, and surtaxes without changing substantially the ex-

nation. Because on that day, they carlson, Republican of Kansas, that with a box supper, the Jamboree prowill begin using the new OPA one-point tokens in connection with their those who pay the Victory tax, but tests, and stunts with Scouts and

Red (or Blue) Point." To begin with, Treasury and probably some labor man of Scout Activities and Ralph she will get some of these tokens as groups to oppose the merger of the Mullinax, Assistant Scout Executive Victory tax into the permanent tax of the Central North Carolina Counstructure. Some groups contend the cil, were in charge of the Jamboree. Victory levy is a temporary war-time

tax only. Chairman Doughton, Democrat of were high scorers by troops. North Carolina, said the ways and contests were directed by Mr. Mullinax. means group decided "to get as far as Following the stunts and contests a practicable as near the same amount Court of Honor was conducted, with as by the present law from each tax- Rev. F. B. Drane in charge.

Significantly, he emphasized that Badge, the highest award in Scouting, this did not mean Congress would to Charles Trull of Troop 5, Benton consider this year no new proposals Heights. The awarding of the Eagle Men In Service 3) will continue valid for meats, for larger warting revenue, but that rank to Scout Trull was an impressive cheese, etc., until March 20 at their so far as simplification is concerned ceremony, as the Badge was pinned on

> Meanwhile, congressional Democratic leaders were reported to have coun- Honor included that of Star rank to seled President Roosevelt at a White Don Usher of Troop 6, Monroe, and House conference against vetoing the Jimmy Tucker, Troop 5, Benton \$2,315,000,000 new revenue measure. Heights. Albert Stone of with the admonition that no new Hal Key of Fairview and Reece Belk revenue measure would be forthcoming of Fairview received First Class Rank, this year. The bill, which was sent to the President last week, contains to the President last week, contains only about one-fifth the \$10,500,000,000 not present to receive the award. A requested by the administration.

Baptist Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at

(3) Red and blue stamps will, in the OPA gave this example of shopping dates and will be valid for about 12

not in up-and-down strips as here-

Senate Favors Relief Effort

Body Adopts Advisory Resolution Urging Relief For Europe's Hungry

GETS BELATED ACTION

Relief for hungry peoples of Europe was urged by the Senate yesterday in approval of a resolution held up for a

The purely advisory resolution asks that the government try to work out a system of relief "for all stricken

It calls for consultation with Great Britain, Switzerland and Sweden in establishing a plan for feeding people in Belgium, Norway, Poland, the Netherlands, Greece, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. Senator Taft, Republican of Ohio, observed that since introduction of the resolution, "The French situation has become such that feeding is also possible there." He did

not explain that. How To Secure The Balt
Place your order for bait with the dled European relief in the last war, vocational agriculture teachers in the supported the resolution. Witnesses at different schools, or with the county hearings said that food and ships of agent's office before March 10, 1944 neutral countries would be available Workers with Soil Conservation or without expense to this government to

Britain has taken the position that relaxation of the blockade would be of advantage to the Germans.

Taft said no shipments would be

made until guarantees are obtained fro mhte German government that the food will reach only the children Get No Relief for whom it is intended, that no food will be shipped out of the country involved for German use, and that the Germans shall not reduce the amount of food they have been supplying those countries.

Taft added that if the guarantee was broken, "shipments will cease, and the amount which could possibly be seized by the Germans at any one

Senator Gillette, Democrat of Iowa, told a reporter he felt sure that "such a concrete expression of the hope of the Senate will spur the State department to renewed activity."

BOY SCOUTS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY WEEK

Jamboree Held Friday Evening; Court Of Honor Conducted.

isting overall payments.

The committee's staff of experts Scout Anniversary Week Scouts, Scout was given the task of drawing up leaders and fathers of Scouts of Union proposals for the integration. county staged a Father-Son Scout
The action lays aside, at least temcome under the regular income levies. hundred Scouts, representing ten Boy and thinner than a dime and are A similar proposal was made by the Scout troops from Union district, with made of a light but durable plastic. Treasury last fall. the fathers present, took part in the Congressional sources expect the Jamboree. Oscar W. Broome, Chair-

> In the contests and stunts Benton Heights, Fairview and Mineral Springs, Following the stunts and contests a Court of Honor awarded the Eagle

> Other awards made by the Court of number of merit badges were con-

> ferred. David Whitener, of Troop 6 Monroe, and Richard Steele of Troop 5. Benton Heights, were given the Order of the Arrow Sash. The Bronze Palm, given to the Scout earning five merit badges over and above Eagle requirements, was awarded Albert Orr, Jr., but he was not present for the award.

FOURTH LOAN DRIVE TOPS GOAL LAST DAY

Big Bond Campaign Exceeds Objective By \$191,000,000 Before Deadline,

from ration books from left to rightnot in up-and-down strips as heretofore.

(5) Brown and green stamps will

The \$14,000,000,000 fourth war loan
went over the top by \$191,000,000 Tuesday night a few hours before the midnight deadline for the campaign. continue to be removed in vertical strips until they run out.

(6) OPA urges shoppers to use their green and brown stamps first, before going into their red and blue stamps.

No confusion is anticipated in this change to stamp-and-token plan btu, if some does occur in the beginning, it will be well worth while because there are many positive advantages to than \$120,000.000 that is the bounted toward the final total to be announced by Treasurer Morgenithau on March 2.

The Treasury announcement gave no breakdown between individual and corporate subscriptions, but individual burchases Monday still were more longer validity more in the beginning.