WEATHER FORECAST

and continued rather cold with light to heavy frost ta-Priday, partly cloudy and tonight, with light to heavy from night; Friday, partly cloudy Warmer. Sunset today, 7:25 p. m.; sunrise Friday, 7:41 a. m.



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MONROE MARKET con Section 270 to 300 ton Section 310 ton, bushel \$1.50 ton, bushel \$1.70 Eggs, dozen

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1944

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

Nazis Coiled For New Blow

Germans Regroup Before The Beachhead For What May Be Major Assault

WEATHER SLOWS DRIVE

German forces opposing the Allied beachhead below Rome were reported yesterday to be regrouping their strong resources of men and armor, possibly in preparation for a fourth major drive against a selected point in the drive against a

A headquarters spokesman said the A headquarters spokesman said the Germans "appear to be on the watch for any opening in our forward positions." It was two weeks ago yesterday that the Nazis launched their third costly assault on the beachhead and saw their total casualties in that

area mount to 24,000. Lowland mud and mountain snows held ground fighting to a minimum throughout Italy Tuesday while Al-lied heavy and medium bombers blasted the Toulon naval base in southern France and railroad yards and airdromes at Florence and Rome.

Photographs showed hits on a munitions factory at Toulon, and several warships anchored there were thought planes while destroying an equal number of enemy craft.

While no change in ground positions was registeded either around the beachhead or in the Cassino sector opposing trops engaged in many flerce machine gun and mortar duels. It was disclosed that New Zealand ar tillery had gone into action south of

An Allied headquarters communique stressing the stalemate in ground fighting, said "heavy snow in the mountains and deep mud in the val-leys have made all movements diffi-

FSA FAMILIES HOLD ANNUAL MEETING HERE

Recognition Given For Highest Production Of Food Items On Farms.

Union county farm families who are buying their farms through the Farm Security Administration loans held their annual meeting in Monroe on the required amount of money, and up to \$2.50 in amount, to 37 cents or

percentage of food wasted by the Army has been lowered rapidly in the past two years and can no longer serve as an excuse for the farmer who is "looking for excuses" not to increase Intyre stated.

1943 was a record year in production of food for market by this group of mitted complete records produced and marketed during the year a total of 55,000 dozen eggs; 15,500 pounds poul-try; 12,500 gallons milk; 25,000 pounds Wage-earner pork; 30,525 pounds beef. Recognition Monroe by several persons, qualified to was given for highest production of fill out tax forms, and these persons

38 925 dozen eggs. James A. York, R3 Monroe, 6,260 pounds poultry. Lee B. Davis, R1, Waxhaw, 3,450

A. Marvin Moser, R1, Marshville, 3,-\$40 pounds pork. 3.225 beef.

A movie depicting the value of good livestock management in saving feed and increasing production and a Walt Disney picture on saving versus spending were shown to the group. James W. Atkinson, County FSA Supervisor, and Miss Izola F. Wilns, Associate FSA Supervisor, led chased by this group was \$270.00 for the past year. This represents 170 percent of the annual fixed was a school will begin at 10.00 in the capped for the school will begin at 10.00 in the capped for the school will begin at 10.00 in the capped for the school will begin at 10.00 in the capped for the capped for the school will begin at 10.00 in the capped for the

Plans for increased food production in 1944 by these farmers have been approved by the Union County FSA local FSA personnel. Members of this committee are: W. J. McAteer, R5, and some of the specialists will give Monroe; Z. K. Simpson, R3 Monroe; them an esuggested.

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A comparison of the accomplishments of the Union County FSA group with the averages of similar groups in the State was drawn by N. B. Stevens, FSA State Farm Ownership Specialist. It was noted that Union county group compared favorably with the State average in food production and in total payment on farm loans.

COL. BAIN ADDRESSES LOCAL ROTARY CLUB

Tells Of Activities Of His Organization To Clean-Up State Beer Industry.

At the regular weekly meeting he Monroe Rotary Club Tuesda folonel Edgar H. Bain, State Direct f the Brewing Industry Foundation touch Carolina Committee, was

HERE TOMORROW

MAX MEISEL

Max Meisel, field director of the merican Red Cross, who has just returned from the Southwest Pacific war theatre, will speak in the Union county court house, Friday evening, March 10th, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to hear Mr. Meisel, who will give first hand information as to what the Red Cross is doing on the battlefields throughout the world.

warships anchored there were thought to have been damaged. The Allies fiew 1,300 sorties in all and lost five Before Deadline

Hours As Many Delay Filing Of Returns

WEDNESDAY LAST DAY

With only six days remaining before the deadline for the mailing of income tax returns, Monroe and Union county served through army post offices. citizens are engaging in a frenzied rush to fill in forms and attach the United States to its island posses. checks or money orders that will repof government. As usual many have them in making out their returns.

The majority of citizens, however have filled in their forms, attached Lt. Col. S. C. McIntyre, Jr., Director paying time, that is, unless their forms of the Supply and Service Division of the Supply and Service Division of the food needs of the U. S. Army and the reduction of food waste. The percentage of food wasted by the can now rest easy until the next tax-There has been a brisk demand for

liberally to furnish tax monies to Mail for wh state and federal governments. The that collected in any previous year,

Wage-earners have been assisted in have been hard at work since the T. Gaye, R3, Marshville, first of the year. After March 15th they will be able to take a rest from these labors and refresh brains that have schedules, exemptions and deductions and look forward to a restful period until tax-paying times rolls around

POULTRYMEN WILL MEET IN CHARLOTTE MONDAY

All Day School To Be Conducted For Benefit Of Growers.

The North Carolina Poultry Division discussion of poultry disease and production problems. Any person that feed and keeping a constant supply of ase problems is invited to bring them an explanation and treatments

There is also a one dozen exhibit

school. Poultrymen, feed men, hatch-erymen and all people interested in poultry, especially large and small flock owners, are urged to make every effort possible to attend this meeting. ltrymen, feed men, hatch-

Farmers Are Urged To File Report Of Sales

Announce New Postage Rates

Postmaster Sam H. Lee Explains Postal Increases Local Rates Higher

EFFECTIVE MARCH 26th

Postmaster Sam H. Lee announced today he had received an official bul-letin from the postoffice department listing increases in various postal rates effective March 26 under the 1944 revenue bill recently passed by Congress over President Roosevelt's veto. One of the principal changes is the

advance in local first class mail rates to three cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, while airmail rates will jump from six to eight cents for each No arrangements will be made at this time to accept for redemption

unused two cent stamps and stamped envelopes, and six-cent air mail stamps, and stamped envelopes, which may be in the hands of Monroe and Union county patrons on March 26, Mr. Lee said. Instructions will be sent soon to all postmasters concerned regarding the

adjustments to be made wih respect to unused impressions remaining in meters when the three-cent class local rate becomes effective, Mr.

The present rate of three cents for mail destined beyond the city limits

will remain unchanged. The new rate of eight cents on Tax Accountants Work Long air mail will be effect from one post office to another in Mainland United States, or between islands which are American territory, but not between the United States and any of these

> The rate of six cents for each half ounce will continue to apply to air mail sent to or by the armed forces of the United States overseas and served through army post offices. air mail rates to and from continental will continue unchanged.

The postage on all mail matter of fourth class will be increased three waited for the final week to attend to per cent, fractions of one-half cent this matter, thus placing the mountain or more being computed as one cent, of work upon those qualified to assist but in no case shall the increase per parcel be less than one cent.

The new fees for issuing money orders will range from 10 cents on orders orders from \$80.01 to \$100. New registry books on the last tax-paying period. ceipts, for restricted delievry, for services in connection with domestic

> in connection with insured mail treat- M. M. Co., Camp Maxey, Texas. ed as registered mail

will depend on how willing patrons

DEMONSTRATION GIVEN

Women Of County Attend Meeting Held Here Tuesday.

Women neighborhood leaders reprecounty attended a demonstration in mest canning at the Home Agent's laboratory on Tuesday, March 7.

ers Company, demonstrated improved Co. A, 17th Base Post Office, Fort methods of canning poultry, beef and Dix, N. J. Miss Myrom Clinard, of Ball Broth of State College under the direction ers Company, demonstrated improved of C. F. Parrish, has arranged an all methods of canning poultry, beef and use of home canned foods in the daily The school will begin at 10:00 in the menu. Recipes for the varied ues of morning and will recess from 12:00 to canned meats were given. Especial 1:00 for lunch and will begin at 1:00 emphasis was given to canning poulin the afternoon with a round table try, both fryers and hens culled from the laying flock as a means of saving

> poultry for home use. Miss Clinard came to the county under the joint sponsorship of Miss Izola F. Williams, FSA Home Manage ment Supervisor, and Miss Ruth Clapp county home demonstration agent. The following women attended the

> demonstration: Mrs. Mott Walters Mrs. Clyde Rollins, Mrs. G. T. Little, Mrs. C. M. Simpson, Mrs. W. T. Collins, Mrs. Glennie G. Miller, Mrs. A.
> J. Stegall, Mrs. Lester Winchester,
> Mrs. Claude Baucom, Mrs. Solori
> Braswell, Mrs. George W. Grant, Mrs.
> J. Hoyte Martin, Mrs. John H. Price,
> Mrs. Clyde Harrey, Mrs. G. F. Phi-Mrs. Clyde Harrey, Mrs. G. F. Phi fer, Mrs. Cyrus Huggins, Miss Myrti Simpson, Teacherof HomeTeonomics Waxhaw. These women are prepare to assist housewives in their commu-nities in solving problems in meat canning and will give such assistance

Oyster shell, or ground limestone, plus a supply of vitamin D, will prevent agg losses due to cracking and breaking, says C. F. Parrish, in charge of Extension poulity work at State

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Aerial—U. 8. armada of from 1,600 to 2,000 planes strikes Berlin for third time in five days, losing only 38 bombers and 16 fighters; accompanying fighters get 83 enemy aircraft and full total not yet compiled; results of terrific raid called "good."

Italy—Mud and snew stalemate front; belated story released by censors on fate of two lost Ameri-can battalions; Rome radio claims Eternal City again bombed.

London-Moscow announced day that a furious battle was raging in the town of Stare-Kenstantinov, a "vital enemy base" in the southwestern Ukraine, after the Red army yesterday battled its way into the suburbs and, 30 miles to the southeast, captured the district center of Cherni-Ostrov on

Stockholm.—Finland has for mally replied to Russia's peace terms, it was reliably reported last night, and Swedish circles specu-lated that the answer probably asked for an opportunity to nego-tiate such ticklish points as the within Finnish borders.

New Delhi-Centers of Japanese resistance in the town of Walawbum still were holding out against the American juncle forces last night, but Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell reported a wide flanking the trapped enemy. The town of tured Monday when the presence of Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's American Marauders in the North Burma jungle first was disclosed. Stilwell mentioned the still-resisting knots of Japanese in

Union County's Men In Service

Mrs. S. L. Godfrey of Monroe. He made his home with Mrs. Godfrey andPvt. Stephen L. Godfrey, who has entering the armed forces.

the British Isles.

rom Camp Van Dorn, Miss., to Camp closer." money orders and checking accounts at the local banks, have been used time of mailing.

he was unable to go on with his outfit.

Mail matter without intrinsic value

J. B. says he's very lonesome at this

Stuttgart in the production of ball wants all his friends value of taxes going from Union be registered at the minimum fee of to write him at his new address. PFC The Germans again attempted a county this year, is far in excess of their capital and

effective. Whether the total receipts and Mrs. L. A. Helms of Wingate and tried up until the last minute to give Monroe by several persons, qualified to will scale upward in the ratio in- his wife, formerly Miss Elaine Thomas the impression that they were not volved in the increased postal rates of Wingate and Charlotte, who is recuperating from a major operation at course several times. are to send their mail by air at eight the home of her parents. He has just cents, and their local letters at three returned from a trip to South Ameri-

> Field, Charlote, are spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. MEAT CANNING METHODS and Mrs. Brady Helms of R2, Monroe

Cpl. Harry M. Ballentine who has been stationed at San Bernardino Calif., has recently been transferred to Fort Francis Warren, Wyo.

Pfc. Rowland Lomax, who has bee stationed at N. Y. C., has recently been transferred to Fort Dix. His addres now is: Pfc. Rowland Lomax,

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Presson of R4. donroe, have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Henry Presson, stating that he has arrived safely "somewhere in England." He also has a twin brother who is in Italy. They would addresses may be secured from their

Lieut. Charles Napler of Monroe, who is stationed at Camp Pickett, Va. has recently been promoted to captain. His promotion to the rank captain was announced today.

Pvt. Arthur C. Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Starnes of R2, Wax-haw, has landed safely overseas and is stationed somewhere in the British Isles, according to a letter received by his wife, the former Miss Ellie Mullis.

Ben H. Wolfe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wolfe of Monroe, arrived in on, S. C., this week from a hospital in Charleston. He called his mother yesterday, and told her that he was getting along nicely and hoped to come home in a few days on fur-

Pvt. John Hearn, Jr., of Keesler Field, Miss, spent the week-end with on Lancaster road.

Mrs. P. P. W. Piyler has had a nessage from her son, 8gt. Pete Piyler tating that he had landed safely in he British Isles. His address may be

Super-Armada **Blasts Berlin**

Mighty U. S. Air Force Blows Have Destroyed 259 Nazi Planes

0,000 BOMBS DROPPED

U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators with a tremendous fighter escort, which made up an armada estimated at between 1,6000 and 2,000 planes, struck at Berlin yesterday for the third time in five days with what a conservatively-worded American com-

unique called "good results." Out of the huge fleet 38 bombers and 16 fighters were lost, but the escorting planes alone knocked down 83 enemy aircraft; gunners aboard the bombers destroyed others yet un-

tabulated. The communique named the Arkner pall-bearing factory in an eastern Berin suburb as one of the primary targets for "a concentrated attack by tivisions of B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Liberators of the Eighth Air Force," and said that other industrial and military targets in the capital area also were bombed

Ten thousand high explosives, bombs and350,000 incendiaries were cascaded down upon the ruined capital, the ommunique disclosed, and this devastating load was estimated at approximately 2,000 tons.

In plunging 600 miles into the heart of the Reich again, the American air fleet proved its ability to bound back within two days from the savage batle it fought along the same Monday, when a record of 68 United States bombers were lost and a record of 179 enemy aircraft were shot down. fact that today's losses were educed almost half-38 bombers out of a force of probably 800 to 1,100ndicated the strain that the repeated Allied attacks have placed on Ger-

many's air defenses.

The two great American punches at Berlin this week have destroyed at least 259 planes badly needed by the Germans, not counting the toll taken by the bombers themselves in yester-Pvt. William C. Godfrey of Camp day's raid. Headquarters said this Bowie, Texas, is spending a fifteen-day furlough with his sister-in-law, credited to fighters yesterday was exactly the same as on Monday.

An RAF commentator indicated last night that the attacks by both the been overseas for quite a while, before U. S. AAF and RAF were part of a master plan designed to crush the waived state registration requirements enemy's power to fight. "The actions of the R. A. F. and

Waxhaw, have received word that American air forces are most closely their son, Cpl. Everette Griffin, has interlocked." he stated. "The targets landed safely overseas, somewhere in are selected according to a plan worked out in conjunction with the Ministry of Economic Warfare. Coordina-PFC J. B. Long has been transferred tion of the two forces colud not be The Erkner factory, it was said,

groups of Nazi fighters ganged up on individual bombers, but the communipaid by so many people who are filling out income tax returns for the first time in 1944.

Postmaster Lee declined to estimate the increase in stamp sales expected to occur when the new rates become five-day leave with his parents, Mr. Individual bombers, but the communication of the first to occur when the new rates become five-day leave with his parents, Mr. The Berlin radio said the Americans aiming at Berlin, changing their

CAUDLE RE-NOMINATED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

U. S. Attorney's Name Submitted To Senate By FDR For New Term.

Theron Lamar Caudle was nominated by President Roosevelt Tuesday for reappointment as United States ference asserting: attorney for Western North Carolina. Charles H. Cox was nominated for reappointment as marshal for north-

ern Georgia. United States District Attorney T. Lamar Caudle of Wadesboro, was appointed to the attorneyship in the Western district of North Carolina for his first four-year term February 9. that the test of a possible veto would recently announced 12-point school 1940. He has been indorsed by Sena- be whether additional soldier voting improvement program, Major Cherry tors J. W. Bailey and Robert R. Reynolds for reappointment. When he took office originally, at the age of 35. he was the youngest United States district attorney in the country.

He was responsible for establishment of a district attorney's office in Charways been without such an office. First Assistant District Attorney W. M. Nicholson is in charge of the Char-lotte office. Mr. Caudle has official neadquarters in Asheville, chief seat of the court, which is headed by Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby. McKinney of Asheville is second district attorney. Members of the Charlotte office staff are Mrs. T. C. Guthie, Jr., and Mrs. Harry Garrison. High officials of the Department of

Justice have given Mr. Caudle's office a very high rating. Almost But Not Quite Home Williamsport, Pa.—Although Private Howard C. Coles had not been home for over a year, he spent a full hour in his home town recently. It brought him no happiness, however, because the time was spent in a railroad yard

aboard a troop train and he couldn't get in touch with his parents. Cat Solves Problem
Grand Coulee, Wash.—Fuzzled as to how to string 500 feet of cable through a 25-inch winding drane pipe at Grand Coulee Dam, someone thought of the solution. They tied a string to an alley cat used a blast of air for a tail wind and the cat pulled the string, the string pulled a rope and the rope pulled the cable.

PROGRAM LAST NIGHT HONORS FRANK SUTTON

Special Services At Lutheran Center With General Miller As Speaker.

A special program was given at the Lutheran Church Center last night, honoring Frank Sutton, pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force, who lost his life while flying at Tobruk, on December 7, 1941, the day the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor and was the first Union county boy to lose his life MOMOTE AIRFIELD READY in the present conflict

The program opened with the singing of "America," followed by a brief address by Brig. General Lehman W Miller, commanding officer at Camp Sutton. Mrs. Frank Sutton, mother of Pilot Sutton unveiled a photograph of her son, presented by her to the Lutheran Center. Mayor V. D. Sikes spoke briefly on the life of Frank

Sutton. The Rev. Harry D. Hawthorne, pas tor of St. Luke's Lutheran church and Service Pastor for Camp Sutton, acted as master of ceremonies. Mrs. John C. Sikes was the plano accompanist Punch and chocolate creams served during the evening. The honored guests and visitors were received by Mrs. Stacey Helms, hostess of the

Service Vote Row Rages On

Senate And House Split As Conferees Finish Work On Compromise

THE MEASURE IS REVISED

Senate and House advocates of Federal War ballot split yesterday as conferees completed work on a compromise service vote bill which Representative Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, termed a victory for state ballot advocates.

Chairman Green, Rhode Island, of the Senate elections committee told reporters he would take the floor in opposition Senator Connally, Democrat of Texas, brings it up in the Senate today. "If I were the President." told reporters, "I would veto it. Fewer

men will be able to vote under it than may vote under the 1942 law which and the poll tax collections of some Only Senator Hatch Democrat of

New Mexico, joined with Green in opposition to the conference report. Chairman Worley, Democrat of Texas of the House elections committee, and NEEDS SCHOOL PROGRAM Representative Bonner, Democrat of North Carolina, House Federal ballot advocates, added their support to the As finally revised, the measure leaves

the states under a procedure by which the Army, Navy, and Maritime commission will provide facilities for transporting state ballots to the soldiers and back.
Use of a Federal ballot would be

denied in this country except to servicemen from two states-New Mexico and Kentucky-which have no ab sentee ballot laws, and would be allowed to overseas men and onlyif they can not get a state ballot by October 1 and their governor certify by July 15 that a state ballot will be recognized.

The final conference contest came on an unavailing effort by Green to remove the requirement for gubernatorial approval on domestic use of the Federal ballots by servicemen from

Kentucky and New Mexico. Rankin emerged from the final con-"The House will take it because we got what we wanted."

Senator Lucas, Democrat of Illinois

co-author of the original Green-Lucas war ballot bill, denounced the comto overseas voters President Roosevelt has indicated

finally adopted by Congress. the conference report at the request of North Carolina's school system. of Green, who refused to do so, expressed the view that "a great many 12-point platform of school improvemore armed service people will be able ment which he advocates, declaring: to vote under this bill than under the "I will favor and recommend an in-

Representative Halleck, Rpublican of the base pay of the salaries o fteach-Indiana, chairman of th Republican ers and school employees of at least congressional campaign committee, the amount of the present war bonus, charged in a statement that communists and other radical elements "want to pack the ballot box in a new Euro- justified in paying to meet the inpean way while pretending that they creased costs of living du are helping the soldier to vote."

Elsie-What kind of husband would you advise me to get, Grandma? Grandma—You just leave husbands done and get yourself a single man.

WAC Recruiting Office Moving To Camp Sutton

Headquarters for the Camp Sut-

S. Smashes Jap Assault

Enemy Fails In Attempt To Land On Los Negros In The Admiralties

American troops smashed a minor Japanese attempt to land on Los Ne-gros island in the Admiralties, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced yester-

Marines who landed on Williaume peninsula on the north coast of New Britain are consolidating their beachhead near Talasea in the face of

counting opposition. The Marines, who moved 110 miles eastward from Cape Gloucester to make the Willaumez landing Monday, met light opposition at first, but a strong force of the enemy faced them

before evening. Americans are preparing Los Negros island as a base, it was reported. The Momote air field is now in use by Allied planes, the announcement

"Several hundred additional enemy dead have been found," the communi-

Allied forces now control the Rai ast of New Guinea to a point 35 miles west of Saidor, it was disclosed, and elements of the ground forces from Yalau have reached Kumisanger on the west flank and Minriri in the east, where large quantities of enemy supplies were captured.

An air strip has been completed on the Green islands, from which Allied planes now are operating, it was dis-

closed. Japanese also sent planes against Momote airdrome on Los Ne-gros island in a light raid which failed to stop the use of the field by Allied aircraft. Navy Seabees put the field into operation a few days after it was captured by the Americans when they landed February 29.

the Japanese lines on the northeastern New Guinea coast west of Saldor have gained three more miles and with the main force to the east now control the coastline for 35 miles west of American warships aiding

American troops who landed behind

ground troops on Los Negros island shelled islets northward of Los Negros as the soldiers extended their holdings and beat off a few bargeloads of enemy troops who attempted to land

CHERRY SAYS STATE

Emphasizes Importance Of Schools In

Future Development Of N. C. A declaration that North Carolina set-that of its children who will be the future citizens and leaders of North Carolina-through a school program which will offer to every child the greatest opoprtunity it is possible for the State to give, featured an address delivered Tuesday night at Carthage to the teachers of Moore county by Major R. Gregg Cherry of Gas-

tonia, a candidate Asserting that the school through its teachers probably exerts a greater influence on the growing child than any other institution except the home. Major Cherry declared: "It is obvious that among the paramount duties of the State in the operation of its school system is that of providing

competent teachers."

"A State with any concern for its own future," declared Major Cherry, cannot sit idly by and see its children, who must carry the burden of civilization during the years ahead, deprived of their rightful heritage of good teaching. To provide such teaching is the all-important duty of each generation to the next-the debt eternal of maturity to youth."

Emphasizing the point made in his would be possible under the legislation reiterated his belief that an increase in the salaries of teachers must be Senator Connally, who will present the beginning factor in improvement He re-stated his No. 1 plank in the

ent war emergency; and I am of the opinion that the beginning salary of any teacher holding an 'A' certificat should be at least \$125 a month."

should be at least \$125 a month."

Anticipating that the school system, which has aided through school-connected programs in the training of war workers, will find a new field of service when returning veterans come home after the war, Major Cherry said: "It seems very probable that the school system of the State can be of tremendous help in aiding returning veterans to readjust them-

erated in much the tive manner as war-tra have been operated."
"Not only for this the reason that the fi