

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy with little change in temperature today; cooler tonight; Tuesday, partly cloudy and mild.
Sunset today, 7:29 p. m.; sunrise Tuesday, 7:35 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

Cotton, short, lb21c to 22c
Cotton, long, lb27c to 30c
Cotton Seed, bushel75c
Eggs, dozen31c
Corn, bushel1.50
Wheat, bushel1.70

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1944

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

Gifts Received By Red Cross

Approximately \$4400 Listed Today As Drive Enters Second Week

COUNTY'S QUOTA \$34000

Approximately \$4,400 had been received today in special contributions to the Red Cross drive, as the campaign entered its second week, according to figures released this afternoon by R. E. Lee, chairman of the drive in Union County.

Every effort will be made during the coming week to greatly increase the total already received and every one who has not been approached by a representative of the Red Cross, should make a contribution at once, either by calling at the Red Cross office or by mailing a check to the organization in Monroe.

In accordance with its custom, the Red Cross appeals to the people of the nation and Union county, for financial support that will enable it to operate. Last year the organization asked for \$125,000,000 but this year, enlarged demands require a goal of \$300,000,000. This is a comparatively small amount for the people of this country to contribute in behalf of our fighting men, who are giving their all on the fields of battle.

In connection with the present conflict, we should remember that the Red Cross represents our only opportunity to give something to our fighting men.

The goal set for Union county, figured on a per capita basis, is a relatively small amount but will require substantial gifts from those who enjoy substantial incomes, as well as those of the lower bracket. Every person in the county should take pride in becoming a member of the Red Cross and make his or her contribution as large as possible.

There is little enough that we can do for those who face death at the hands of our enemies. Talking about their bravery and expressing verbal appreciation of their deeds provides no comforts, gives no services and heals no wounds. The agency attempting these things is the Red Cross and it must have some of your money in order to do the job. Give and give generously!

The following special contributions were announced today by R. E. Lee:

I. B. Moore	\$50.00
A. P. Store	5.00
Roberts Jewelry	25.00
F. W. Woolworth	10.00
Ruth Armfield	5.00
Mrs. Mary Holzer	100.00
Sam Phillips	50.00
R. F. Funderburk Furniture Co.	50.00
Plyer's Food Store	5.00
Star Market	10.00
Farmer's Hardware	25.00
J. Howard Williams Co.	25.00
Gift Shop	10.00
Haney's Store	5.00
Victory Shoe Shop	5.00
Dixie Studio	10.00
W. B. Secrest	10.00
Dixie Home Store	5.00
H. H. Wilson	100.00
Brass Rail	150.00
McEwen Funeral Home	100.00
Monroe Telephone Co.	50.00
Southern Merchandising Co.	100.00
Smart Shop	25.00
Dr. J. W. Ormrod	2.00
Mrs. Frances Leichter	2.00
W. H. Spittle	1.00
James T. Broom	1.00
Met. Zion Baptist Church	15.00
E. E. O'Neill	3.00
Monroe Military Shop	100.00
Mrs. J. D. Bundy	25.00
W. H. Rooker	25.00
Miscellaneous	4.00
Royal Cafe	35.00
James Marrone	125.00
A. Cohen	10.00
Barbee Lunch	25.00
New York Cafe	100.00
D. C. Clemen	101.00
D. C. Clemen	101.00
Dr. A. R. Kistler	50.00
Dr. A. N. Smith	2.00
Dr. W. M. Love	2.00
Dr. E. J. Williams	10.00
Dr. H. L. Brooks	5.00
Dr. G. M. Smith	5.00
Dr. J. A. Goudreau	100.00
Don Marrone	25.00
Chesterfield Lumber Co.	100.00
Quality Beer Bottlers, Inc.	125.00
American Bank & Trust Co.	300.00
Monroe Wholesale Grocery Co.	50.00
Oasis	50.00
Huntley Tire Co.	75.00
Newberry's	10.00
L. E. Markham	10.00
C. G. Mitchell	10.00
J. W. Lathan	5.00
Robt's Barber Shop	5.00
G. C. Stegall	10.00
Q. & G. Store	10.00
Ferguson & Whinn	25.00
Langdon Jewelry Co.	25.00
Exotic Dept. Store	50.00
White Oak Acres	50.00
Victory Cafe	50.00
Seacrest Feed & Seed Co.	50.00
Baumom & Prealar	50.00
J. C. Penney Co.	200.00
Belk Brothers	200.00
Seacrest Drug Co.	50.00
Wilson Drug Co.	50.00
James Drug Co., Inc.	50.00
Gamble Drug Co.	100.00
R. O. Lane	25.00
I. P. Pyle	25.00
G. B. McCallan	10.00
Charles Sell	25.00
S. C. Duncan	25.00
Dale Lunch	25.00
City Cafe	25.00
Monroe Coca-Cola Bottling	100.00
W. Harvey Morrison	100.00
Cull & Walters	50.00
L. B. Moore	100.00
Quick Finish Studio	50.00
TOTAL	\$44,170

Miss Margaret Lee who is teaching in Rockingham, sent the week-end at her home here.

WILL GIVE ARMY-NAVY QUALIFYING TEST HERE

To Be Administered At Walter Bickett School Wednesday Morning

The third Army-Navy College Qualifying Test for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Program V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Wednesday, March 15, at 9:00 a. m., will be administered at the Walter Bickett high school, Miss Annie Lee announced today. A leaflet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained from Miss Lee at the school the morning of the test. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are high school graduates or who will be graduated by July 1, 1944.

The same examination will be taken by both Army and Navy candidates. The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge required for the program of college training and all qualified students are urged to take the test. At the time of the test each candidate will be given a choice of service preference, but taking the test does not obligate the candidate to enlist in the service.

John M. Stalnaker, general director of these Army-Navy qualifying tests says: "In spite of same publicity which may have seemed to indicate the contrary, both the Army and the Navy plan to use the result of the test of March 15th to earmark certain men for further consideration as candidates for the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy College Program. Both programs are to be continued."

Pay Roll Taxes May Be Hiked

Senator Says An Increase Is Necessary To Meet Social Security Needs

EXPECT CHANGE IN LAW

Expansion by Congress of social security coverage and an increase in pay roll taxes on employers and employees was called inevitable last night by Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, a member of the Senate finance committee.

Vandenberg, who is the one legislator most responsible for Congress' action in three times postponing an otherwise automatic increase in pay roll taxes from 1 to 2 per cent each on employers and employees, told a reporter he thought extensive changes soon must be made in the act. President Roosevelt asked in a January message to Congress for the enactment of measures to provide a "second bill of rights" which, among other things, would extend social security coverage but Congress has shown no immediate disposition to attack the problem.

Nevertheless, Vandenberg said he believed that before the year is out Congress must consider the formula enacted into law in 1939 under which the reserve fund must contain at all times sufficient money to meet payments three times the highest amount expected in any one of the next five years.

"That reserve fund formula isn't going to be sufficient when the real load of social security payments falls due, as it soon will," Vandenberg said. For that reason, he is going to have 1 per cent payroll tax is added to have to be increased.

Congress has stopped this tax increase for the last three years, each time on Vandenberg's initiative. President Roosevelt cited the prospective revenue of more than \$1,100,000,000 annually in vetoing the new tax bill, which contained a freeze provision.

Enactment of the bill over a veto kept the levy at 1 per cent until next January 1.

LOCAL BOARD SEEKS 9 NEGRO DELINQUENTS

Will Be Referred To District Attorney If They Fail To Report

Union County Selective Service Local Board No. 2 has announced that it has mailed an Order to Report for induction to nine colored men, all residents of Local Board No. 2, who have become delinquent recently because of failure to respond to notices or otherwise comply with Selective Service regulations. The Orders To Report for induction were mailed to their latest known address on March 10, 1944, instructing them to report to the local board office on March 21, 1944.

Inasmuch as they are already delinquent, if they fail to respond to this call, their cases will be referred to the United States District Attorney for prosecution in the Federal Courts.

The following delinquents are being sent Orders To Report for Induction: Robert Garcia, Monroe; William Franklin Davis, Marshville; Julius Harmon Thomas, Matthews; Spencer Thompson, Jr., New York City; Hurley Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cletus Alger White, Washington, D. C.; Charles Holt, Florence, S. C.; Wallace Warren, Gaston, N. C.; Bonnie Elvira, Norfolk, Va.

Stillwell Says Victory Is Sure

2000 Japs Killed In Burma Drive; Promises Defeat Of Enemy

OPEN ROUTE TO CHINA

Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, bubbling with enthusiasm, declared today "the entire Hukawng valley will soon be ours" as columns of tanks manned by Chinese and American soldiers cut a wide swath through Japanese ranks in the northern Burma sector, killing 500 to 700 of the enemy.

"The fight for Manikwan and Walawbum is won and only isolated mopping up operations remain," Stilwell said in a statement released here. "I believe we have killed 2,000 Japanese in this operation alone, which should be good news in any language except Japanese."

"I wish to stress the fact that Chinese and Americans fought and died side by side. They fraternized, shared their food, their comforts, and their hardships."

"Military elements of two Chinese divisions, a unit of tanks, operated by Chinese and commanded by an American, and American combat troops worked smoothly together in the happy job of exterminating the common enemy."

"Although I have often been wrong I am willing to hazard a guess that the entire Hukawng valley will soon be ours."

Stilwell's press bulletin yesterday was the first mention permissible that tanks had ambled down close on the heels of bulldozers, and plowed into the bands of fleeing Japanese already upset by the sudden appearance of American soldiers far in their rear. The armored weapons were only one more tool of war thrown by the British, Americans, and Chinese against the Japanese in Burma to force them out and open the way to pour more supplies into China.

The tanks were accompanied by bulldozers which themselves carried machine guns so they could blast away at the enemy even while chewing through the bamboo thickets.

Other fronts meanwhile are becoming increasingly active.

A communiqué from Admiral Lord Mountbatten's command said British troops had advanced on the coastal plain south of Maungmye and in the foothills leading toward Akyab.

Added to Stilwell's statement was a press summary of the results of operations in the Hukawng valley during the past few days.

"Of 2,000 Japanese estimated to have been killed, 800 were credited to the American infantry force headed by Gen. Frank Merrill, while a tank column under Col. Rowell H. Brown wiped out about 500 and the remaining 700 enemy dead were accounted for by the Chinese 22nd division and the 38 division," it said.

Coal Shortage Crisis Is Ended

Lift Emergency Restrictions In Seven Southeastern States By SFA

N. C. IN AFFECTED AREA

The end of a coal shortage for households in the seven southeastern states was foreseen by the Solid Fuels administration yesterday as it lifted emergency restrictions and permitted resumption of normal sales and deliveries of bituminous coal.

Interior Secretary Harold I. Ickes as solid fuel administrator also canceled his orders to mine operators in the country's largest soft coal producing region to withhold five percent of their weekly output for delivery upon instructions from the government.

"It is apparent that the shortages have been largely ended and that it is time for us to resume the normal movement," Ickes said in announcing revocation of an order issued January 26.

"An adequate flow is now moving from the mines to dealers to permit larger deliveries to consumers."

Within three weeks after the order went into effect, about 400,000 tons of coal were directed into the distressed area from mines in West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

It has been necessary to send only about 10,000 additional tons since February 17 to augment that extraordinary flow, Ickes said.

Ickes' action removed the sharp limitation on dealers' deliveries to homes and put an end to the restrictions on dealers' reserves.

The area which was given the special emergency aid included all or parts of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Refunds About 16,000,000 taxpayers will be entitled to a refund from the Government after filing their income tax return on March 15, according to the estimates of internal revenue officials. Most of the refunds were collected with the withholding tax, which, in some cases, collected more than the individual was due to pay.

THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia—Four Soviet Ukraine armies sever Proskurov-Gumyatin railway leading to Romania and Hungary, and get within 22 miles of Kherson on lower Dnieper in mile-an-hour drive.

Aerial—Unassorted U. S. Liberators strike at Pas-de-Calais sector of France for second straight day; no losses reported.

Germany—German naval commander, snubbing for Hitler at annual observance, says "pitiful" war would assure either existence or annihilation of Reich.

Italy—Pope appears to belligerents to speak Rome and to drive for a "peace of liberation"; 1,700 air sorties made against Axis targets amid quiet battlefronts.

Pacific—Small U. S. amphibious force occupies Wotho atoll in Marshall Islands without resistance; Allies cut two main escape routes from Hukawng valley in Burma.

Prepare your next meat loaf in layers. Put two cups of chopped vegetables between two layers of meat, pour gravy over all, and bake.

Union County's Men In Service

Cpl. Murray T. Hartis has arrived safely "Somewhere in the British Isles." Mrs. Hartis, the former Miss Frankie Hill, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hill on the Morgan Mill road.

Ray W. Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Crook, R4, Monroe, who is in England has been promoted to sergeant. Sgt. Crook has been in the service about two years and has been stationed in England since November.

Durant Horne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otha Horne, of Route 1, Indian Trail, has arrived at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he will receive his 17 weeks basic training. Private Durant H. Horne has been attached to Battery B, 20th Battalion, 7th Training Regiment. He was inducted into the Army at Camp Croft, S. C., January 19, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Belk, of R-5, Monroe, have received word that their son, Private Eugene Belk, has landed safely somewhere in New Guinea. He would like to hear from his friends, and his address may be obtained from his parents.

Private John W. Beachum, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Beachum of R-1, Monroe, has arrived safely in England. He would like to hear from his friends. His parents will gladly furnish his address.

Pfc. William C. Horton of the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point has returned to his base after spending a five-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Horton.

James C. Smith, formerly of Monroe, now in service at a camp in Texas, has been promoted to sergeant. He is expecting a furlough home soon to visit his mother, Mrs. D. F. Snyder of Marshville.

S/Sgt. Walter A. Heath of Tyndall Field, Fla., is spending a leave with his mother, Mrs. Ernest Heath.

Mrs. B. J. Griffin, Jr., has received word from her husband, Pfc. B. J. Griffin, Jr., that he has recently been transferred from Camp Luna, New Mexico to Nashville, Tenn.

Smith Eugene Helms M M 3-C, has been returned to his ship after spending a five-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Helms of Wingate and his wife, formerly Miss Elaine Thomas of Wingate and Charlotte, who is recuperating from a major operation at the home of her parents. He had just returned from a trip to South America.

There are now two staff sergeants in the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Williams of Indian Trail, Ellerbe H. Williams has just received that promotion out in California where he is in the air service. His brother, Staff Sgt. V. E. Williams, has had the title some time. He belongs to an ordinance company and is just now going overseas.

PFC Sidney M. Crowley of the Las Vegas, Nevada, has just spent a 12-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Crowley of R1, Wingate.

Sgt. Crownover Presley of Camp Davis is spending a furlough with his wife, who makes her home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jordan at R2, Monroe. He will report to Fort Fisher on March 15th. Pvt. Chad F. Jordan, also home on furlough, has returned to Camp Van Dorn, Miss. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan's other son, Maurice F. Jordan, seaman first class, when last heard from was in New York.

PFC Fred Griffin and Pvt. J. V. Griffin, Jr. sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Griffin of R4, Monroe, who were inducted into the service last December would like to hear from their friends back home. PFC Fred Griffin is in the Marines and took his boot training at Parris Island, after a ten-day furlough at home with his wife and children he was transferred to New River, N. C. Since being there he has been in the hospital and has had one operation. He is in the hospital again now for another operation. Any of his friends wishing to cheer him up may send him a card to this address.

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Ask Bids For Health Center

Proposals Will Be Received By County Commissioners On March 28th

TO GET FEDERAL AID

Announcement was made today by J. Ray Shute, chairman of the Union County Board of Commissioners and Dr. Clem Ham, County Health Officer, that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the County Auditor, on Tuesday, March 28 at 2:30 p. m., for the construction of the Health Center to be erected on the property on South Hayne street, which was recently purchased by the county for that purpose.

Plans and specifications are now open for inspection at Dr. Ham's office on East Franklin street.

East proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, drawn on some bank or trust company, authorized to do business in North Carolina, drawn to the order of the Board of Commissioners of Union County, of an amount equal to not less than two per cent of the proposal. The deposit is to be retained, in event of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract within thirty days after the award and to give satisfactory surety as required.

As first announced in The Enquirer on September 16th, plans for the erection of the building have been under study for some time and following a visit to Richmond, Va., by Mr. Shute and Dr. Clem Ham, with officials of the Federal Works Administration, in that city the early part of September, the building was practically assured at that time.

The county will assume one-third of the cost of the erection of the building with the federal government assuming the remaining two-thirds.

According to information available, a substantial grant has been made for the building by the Federal Works Administration, with the county supplementing the grant by furnishing the land on which to erect the building.

A preliminary drawing by the architect, gives the proposed building a frontage of 160 feet and a depth of 34 feet, on one of the city's leading streets.

When the building is finished it will become the property of the county and the title will be made in the name of the County Board of Commissioners.

The building will be of brick construction and modern in every respect. It will contain administrative offices, nurses and sanitarian's offices, laboratory of Agriculture, and other offices pertaining to the operation of the health department. A steam heating system will also be installed.

State's Truck And Fruit Safe

Severe Cold Wave Last Week Appears Not To Have Hurt Them Seriously

REPORT LITTLE DAMAGE

The severe cold wave which struck North Carolina early last week apparently has not seriously affected early fruit crops in the State, the Department of Agriculture said.

Although reports from some eastern areas told of some damage to truck crops already damaged by frosts and severe cold, the department said that most sections had delayed planting in the winter, where a low of 32 degrees in temperature was forecast recently, agricultural officials reported a 25 per cent loss in crops in the New Hanover county area. They did not elaborate, however.

Generally, the weather has not affected the maturity of fruit crops. From marketing specialists here said the peach trees in the sandhills area of lower North Carolina were now in the budding and early blooming stage and that cold weather did not affect the blooms until full grown.

W. B. Pace, Durham county farm agent, said that cold weather probably would be beneficial to fruit, tending to hold back blossoming until warmer weather. He said little damage had been done to crops.

In Mecklenburg, County Agent Oscar Phillips, reported little damage to peach and apple trees because few of them are in bloom.

Generally, temperatures ranged from lows of 40 to 25 throughout the State but Mount Mitchell in extreme western North Carolina recorded a minimum of zero. The low in most mountain areas, however, was around 25 degrees.

In the east, the minimum low was 36 to 40 with Rocky Mount reporting a low of 38 and Elizabeth City 39. In Charlotte the low was only 38, but remained there only two or three hours. Raleigh had a low of 25.

Post-War Aviation

Representatives of the United States Great Britain and Canada are expected to begin exploratory discussions of post-war aviation in the near future.

Lord Beaverbrook, British Minister for Civil Aviation, says that his country demands no prescriptive rights to exclusive use of air bases under its control, that it is willing to enter a conference on the world future of civil flying, and that it accepts the principle, advocated by President Roosevelt, of innocent passage over all countries.

26 Jap Planes Are Shot Down

Allied Raid On Nip Bases Nets Another High Score In The Pacific

MARINES CONSOLIDATING

Allied planes shot down 26 Japanese planes in a raid on Wewak enemy base on the northeastern coast of New Guinea, Allied headquarters announced yesterday.

The attacking bombers, with escort, smashed enemy gun positions, supply and ammunition dumps and parked planes in the assault on the base.

Meanwhile, American Marines have consolidated their positions at Talasea, on the Williams peninsula, north coast of New Britain, and American cavalrymen at Los Negros Island in the Admiralties also have tightened their hold there. The Americans are meeting no opposition.

Australian Beaufighter pilots sank two Japanese troop-laden barges near Talasea, which the Marines captured last Thursday after a five-mile push across the peninsula from the west coast, where they landed last Monday.

American bombers and destroyers pounded enemy positions around the perimeter of the Allied beachhead at Empress Augusta bay, on the west coast of Bougainville Island in the Solomons. Their targets were Japanese guns which are continuing a harassing fire against the beachhead and the two Allied airdromes located there.

Solomons-based bombers and fighters attacked Rabaul, the heavily pounded Japanese base in New Britain, in a raid on the town and harbor Saturday. Three small craft were sunk in the harbor.

The Rabaul attackers dropped 91 tons of bombs, causing heavy damage to the township, airdromes, and waterfront. New Zealand-manned Warhawk fighters participated with American heavy bombers, torpedo planes, and fighters in the attack.

The blow at Wewak was the heaviest in several weeks. Thunderbolt fighters led the attack, with heavy and medium bombers and attack planes following. The enemy plane loss was 65 per cent of the 40 interceptors they put into the air. Two American planes failed to return and others were damaged, the communiqué said.

Allied aircraft continued to hammer the Japanese in the Admiralties, heavy and medium bombers with escort attacking enemy installations at Lorengau, on Manus Island just west of the American ground forces on Los Negros.

In the selection of its member on the county board the state welfare board considers suggestions from socially-minded business and civic leaders of the community, the commissioner stated.

"The development and progress of the State's welfare program depends largely on the leadership, direction and active participation of the local boards. Through interpretation of problems and needs, local board members stimulate the community understanding and support," she said.

In Union county, the term of Miss Lura Heath is expiring as an appointee of the state board as is also that of T. R. Nisbet of Waxhaw as the third member.

CIVILIANS TO REPLACE MILITARY PERSONNEL

Several Hundred To Be Employed At Camp Sutton By Civil Service

The Civil Service Commission has received orders from Camp Sutton, to replace several hundred of their military personnel with civilian employees. This offers an excellent opportunity for people in this area to help their country in this critical time by replacing a soldier for duty on our fighting fronts.

Many of these positions are clerical positions, and in order to qualify for them a person must have passed a