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WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy with thunderstorms today, not quite so warm; partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Tuesday, fair to partly cloudy and slightly cooler.

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MONROE MARKET

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

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1944

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

Local Boards Will Call 600 Men For Examination During April

Largest Call Yet Received By Selective Service To Face Induction

COLORED MEN NOTIFIED

Approximately 600 men from Union county will be called for physical examinations for induction into military service during the month of April, according to a statement issued today by S. H. Green, chairman of Local Board No. 1 and J. C. Williams, chairman of Board No. 2. This is by far the largest number of men yet to be called during any one month, or three times larger than any call yet received.

The statement, as issued by the Local Board Chairmen today, is as follows: "Union County Selective Service Local Boards have received official calls which will require the forwarding of a total of 600 men, white and colored, to Army Posts for taking their pre-induction physical examinations during the month of April.

"Needless to say, everybody recognizes that this is a heavy call. Moreover, the routine work which will have to be done by the clerks and boards members, incidental to filling such a call, will be unusually heavy during the next few weeks. They will necessarily have to make their time count for all it is worth.

"Therefore, the Chairmen of both boards request that everybody concerned, registrants, employers and friends, please refrain from making unnecessary personal visits to the local board offices for the purpose of talking to someone about the merits or peculiarities of individual cases, unless absolutely necessary, now as always heretofore, all information pertaining to the ultimate classification of any and all registrants must be reduced to a written, sworn statement before it can be considered as proper evidence before a local board.

"Chm. Local Board No. 1 "J. C. WILLIAMS, "Chm. Local Board No. 2"

Colored Selectees Notified

Selective Service Local Board No. 3 has announced that orders to report for a preinduction physical examination were mailed to 49 of its colored registrants on Thursday, March 23, 1944. Transportation will be furnished to an Army post where their fitness for military service will be determined. Not all of the men have yet been classified in 1-A. However, that will be done in due time unless positive proof is presented showing reason for some other classification. Notices have been mailed to the following, notifying them to report on April 3, 1944 at 7:00 a. m.: James Chambers, Hoyt Carelock, James Davis, Homer Lee Allen, Lewis Halley, William Houser, Jr., Mitchell Wesley, Roy Magee, John Foster, Lemuel Long, Thero Curtis Smith, Dennis Jones, Curtis Lee Elliot, Boley Autry, Curtis James Marsh, L. O. Bennett, Edgar Lewis Gatewood, Tyler Harris, Henry Moore, Jr., Walter Belk, Elbert Lackey, Gus Barnes, Melvin Burch, Marckes Joseph Hasty, Luther Kennedy, David Allen, Boyce Henry Walker, Andrew Huntley, John M. Statton, Martin Luther Funderburk, Robert Luther Rorie, Bruce Chambers, Callie Washington Huntley, Bunyan Harry Sturdivant, John Henry Rivers, Lonnie Poston, Tero Medlin, Pearl Sweeney White, James Huntley, Claude Hasty, Loyd Edward Swaringer, Joe Manke, Jr., Howard Simpson, John Junior Barrino, Huston Richardson, Henry Covington, A. C. Covington, Willie Haywood Johnson, T. C. Gilbert, Allen Heath, Tom Massey, Floyd Gabriel Huntley, Edker William Gulleude, Henry Junior Stafford, C. Robinson, Sam Thompson, Jr., Narlie Crouch, Clyde Redfern, Tarrence Williams, Julius Woodrow Chambers, Esley Lee Ewing, Julius Caesar Bell, Mack Robert Rushing, Henry Richardson, Linson Robert Robinson, Roscoe Merritt, Julius Blakeney, Clinton Clyde Phillips, Dan Barrino, Ralph Chambers, Jr., James Edward Slack, Rufus Barrett, Jr., Winfred Allen, Theodor Easley, Kenneth Halley John Hart Threast, Lonnie Dewitt Huntley, Charles Franklin Funderburk, George Wesley Horne, Willie Jackson, Wadlow Massey, Sylvester Rogers, Earl Orange McCaulley, Troy Lee Richardson, Robert Carelock, Charles Walker Funderburk, Bill Junior Hamilton, Henry James Cook, Frank June Moser, C. R. Barrett, Willie Jas. Watt, Cleophas Clark, Cecil Brooks, Roy Lee Faulkner, William Thomas Covington, Joseph Massey, L. C. Huntley, Jesse B. Wilson, Arthelaine Gathney, Jesse Edmond White, James Rushing, (Transfer).

SHE KILLS MOTHER TO CAST OUT DEVIL

Declaring that she thought her 87-year-old mother was possessed of the devil, Miss Winifred Fairchild, 64, is held for the slaying of her parents, a bedfast invalid, in Los Angeles. "I killed mother because I saw the devil in her, and the Lord told me to kill her," she said the spinner. First, she said, she tried beating her mother to drive out the evil spirit. When that failed, she continued, she wrapped a cloth around her mother's neck and pulled. "I pulled and pulled to drive the devil out, and I saw that mother was dead," she said. Miss Fairchild was charged with murder but will be given a sanity examination before being taken to court.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and especially the nurses of the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital, the doctors, and Mrs. W. H. Morrison for the many kindnesses shown during the illness and death of our baby, Peter Morrison, March 22, 1944.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia—Eeds reach Prut river frontier of Rumania on 53-mile front; Russians also encircle German stronghold in old Poland and command bridge bottleneck in western Ukraine. Churchill—British Prime Minister says Russia has torn guts from German army and predicts Allied victory over Japan sooner than expected. Aerial—About 1,700 U. S. bombers and fighters raze French Netherlands invasion coast; Paris aerodromes attacked without drawing fighter opposition. Italy—Artillery duels continue; brief Nazi tank sortie repelled at Cassino; Germans regrouping. Burma—Bloody jungle battle raging northeast of Imphal; commandos advance 20 miles in northern Burma. Pacific—Three Kurile islands hit by Aleutian-based bombers; Ponape in Caroline also attacked.

Union County's Men In Service

Mrs. Safford Goodwin of Charlotte, received word last week that her husband, Pfc. Warren Stafford Goodwin had been slightly injured in action in Italy on January 31. Pfc. Goodwin has been overseas a year and has fought in some of the hardest battles. He was in the battle of North Africa, Sicily, and also in the Italian invasion. Mrs. Goodwin has received several letters from him since his injury saying he was getting along fine, and hoped to be home soon. Pfc. and Mrs. Goodwin made their home in Marshville before he entered the Army.

Pvt. Charles W. Rowell, who volunteered for service in January, has been stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., with the Army Air Forces. He graduated with the class of '42 at Indian Trail high school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rowell of R.I. Indian Trail. His address is: Flight A-127, 405th IG AAFPC No. 1, Miami Beach, Florida.

The two Brantley boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brantley of Marshville, Route 2, who are in Italy, certainly are having good luck in meeting each other. A letter from PFC Roy W. Brantley just received by his parents, states that he has met his brother, Cpl. James L. Brantley, for the fourth time since they have been over there.

T. Sgt. Thomas H. Outen, son of Mrs. Raymond Outen, has just been graduated from the gunnery department of the Armored School at Fort Knox, Ky. Students in this school are trained to keep guns in action in combat, and putting them back in action when parts wear out or are disabled by enemy fire.

Having served two years overseas Cpl. James H. Thomas returned home in January for a 23-day furlough. He is now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The addresses of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Helms in the service are as follows: Pvt. Winston A. Helms, 34778530, Co. C. Enlisted Bn., School Regiment, Qm. School, Camp Lee, Va., and Jesse Helms, USNR, Naval Recruiting Station, Wilmington, N. C.

On March first Ensign I. W. Kells Jr., U. S. N. R., somewhere in the Central Pacific, was promoted to Lieutenant, junior grade. Lt. Kells enlisted in the Navy in February, 1942. He is a fighter pilot and participated in the invasion of the Marshalls and other Pacific islands. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Kells of Monroe Route 5.

Cpl. George Marvin Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Crook of Monroe, who has been stationed at the Air Base in New Orleans, La., has recently been transferred to San Antonio, Texas. His address is Cpl. George M. Crook, 3458691, care postoffice, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. His wife, the former Miss Jean Clontz, of Monroe, has gone to Texas to be with him.

Cpl. Perry S. Gaye, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gaye of Monroe, recently received his silver aerial gunner's wings when he completed the extble gunnery course for radio men at the Yuma Army Air Field, Yuma, Ariz. Cpl. Gaye was one of the ten highest scoring students of his entire class in Air-to-Air and Ground-to-Ground firing. Prior to his training in extble gunnery, Cpl. Gaye graduated from the Radio Operators and Mechanics School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is a graduate of Prospect high school.

Lt. Claude Morrison has landed somewhere in England, says a recent message to his wife and other relatives.

Seaman 2-C Archie Beatty, who has been stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., has been transferred to the University of Chicago, Ill., where he is taking training in the Signal Corps.

Seaman 2-C Harvey Morrison, Jr., who is stationed at Bainbridge, Md., spent the week-end here with Mrs. Morrison and children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrison.

Bombers Move Nearer Tokyo

Aleutian-Based Planes Hit Onekotan, Bring War Closer To Japs

ALLIES CONTINUE PUSH

Three major Kurile islands on the northern road to Tokyo were bombed by Aleutian-based planes that put one of them, Onnekotan, under American bombsights for the first time, the Navy announced yesterday. An unprecedented 20-mile advance brought Allied native troops only 32 miles from Myitkyina, Japanese base in north Burma now threatened by a two-pronged advance. Continuous fighting was reported in the Indian Juncos 32 miles northeast of Imphal, where British troops inflicted "heavy casualties" on the northernmost of threatening Japanese columns penetrating India for Burma. Outnumbered three to one, Allied planes shot down at least seven enemy fighters in dogfights over a Nipponese airport in central Burma and destroyed two more on the ground after Allied fighters destroyed 13 river craft.

Two small Japanese ships were sunk by a Coronado flying boat near Ponape in the Central Pacific Caroline Islands. Army Mitchells hit the Ponape island stronghold and its airfield. Three isolated Japanese bases in the Marshall Islands were raided by Army, Navy and Marine aircraft.

In the Southern Pacific American destroyers shelled jungle-covered Eloque islet in the St. Matthias group, 20 miles from Emirau island, which Marines occupied a week ago. One U. S. bomber was lost Saturday in the attack on the three Kurile islands. Liberators of Paramushiro, Air force struck at Paramushiro, primary target in the Kuriles, and Onnekotan, the fourth island to be raided in this volcanic chain. Onnekotan is 29 miles southwest of Paramushiro and that much closer to Tokyo. A solitary Navy search plane bombed Buntom, a base of Paramushiro.

The Allied Burmeses and Gurkha troops driving toward Myitkyina from the north have covered half the distance on the road leading from Sumprabum, former enemy outpost occupied a little over a week ago. Their latest position represented a 20-mile advance overnight.

In a second thrust at Myitkyina, American and Chinese troops continued to push down Mogaung valley, opening the way for the new Ledo supply route to China. Chinese army sources estimated between six or seven Japanese divisions were concentrated in the area to block this attempt. Other Chinese circles increased agitation for an offensive on the Salween front, in southwest China.

CHURCHILL SAYS JAP 'OWN-FALL COMING FAST'

British Premier Cites Strides Made By Allies; Lauds Russians

Prime Minister Churchill Sunday expressed confidence of victory over all the Axis, over Germany despite admitted slowly Allied progress in Italy, and sooner than expected over the Japanese, who are "showing signs of great weakness."

In a 45-minute address to America, Britain and the Empire, Churchill highly lauded the Russian advance of more than 900 miles in a year as "the greatest cause of Hitler's undoing," but paid great tribute also to "the prodigious blows of British and American air power" against Germany.

The greatest danger the Allies have overcome, however, is the U-boat attacks, he declared. "The initiative in the Far East, where the British have accepted American leadership, has passed to the Allies," Churchill said.

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DIES IN ACTION



Lt. LINWOOD C. BROOKS KILLED IN ENGLAND

Prominent Monroe Young Man Dies In Action March 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brooks of Tallyrand Avenue, Monroe, Friday afternoon received a message from the Adjutant General in Washington, stating that their son, Second Lieut. Linwood C. Brooks, was killed in action in England on March 8, 1944. This morning, they received the following letter from the War Department:

Washington, D. C. March 25, 1944

Mr. Jacob C. Brooks, 509 Talleyrand Avenue, Monroe, North Carolina. Dear Mr. Brooks:

It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Second Lieut. Linwood C. Brooks, O-6922538, Air Corps, who was killed in action on the 8th of March, 1944, in England.

I fully understand your desire to learn as much as possible regarding the circumstances leading to his death and I wish that there were more information available to give you. Unfortunately, reports of this nature contain only the briefest details as they are prepared under battle conditions and means of transmission are limited. I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic service in defense of his country even to death may be sustaining comfort to you.

I extend to you my deepest sympathy. Sincerely yours, J. A. ULIO, Maj.-Gen. Adjutant General.

Lieut. Brooks was one of the city's most prominent and promising young men. He has a host of friends who will regret to learn of his untimely death.

He graduated from the Monroe high school in 1937 and enlisted in the service the early part of June 1942 and received his training at Brooks Field, Texas. He was awarded his pilot wings last October.

Rev. J. H. Armbrust, pastor of Central Methodist church of which Lieut. Brooks was a member and star No. 49 on the service age of the church, states that plans are being made for a memorial service to be held on Easter Sunday afternoon. Lieut. Brooks was the first from Central Methodist church to give his life in the present conflict.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Brooks of Talleyrand Ave., two sisters, Mrs. Herman Gulleude of Farmington, Mo. and Miss Martha Brooks of Monroe; two brothers, Sam Brooks of Sanford and J. C. Brooks, Jr., Electrician 3-C of the U. S. Navy, stationed in California.

Gasoline Tabs To Expire Soon

Old Type B And B-1, C And C-1 Coupons Invalid After March 30

DEALERS ARE WARNED

A number of ration coupons which will be invalid after March 31 were explained, it was explained. In the few cases in which they are part of currently valid ration with the expiration date later than March 31, ration holders may exchange them at their local ration boards for coupons of types now valid.

Monroe Merchants Discuss Post-War Activities Of Association

SERVICES HELD FOR MAN KILLED BY TRUCK

Durant A. Griffin Fatally Injured Friday; Funeral Yesterday.

Funeral services for Durant A. Griffin, 72, of 418 Mercury street, Charlotte, who died in Memorial hospital Friday night at 11:50 o'clock from injuries received, according to police records, when he was hit by a dairy truck belonging to the H. G. Ashcraft dairy, were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Oakgrove Baptist church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Griffin are one daughter, Mrs. W. P. Montjoy of Charlotte; nine grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Mary Helms of Union county; and one brother, George Griffin of Mecklenburg county.

The accident occurred, the report said, in the approximate center of the intersection of Kenilworth avenue and Romney road, near the hospital. Mr. Griffin was partly identified, when taken to the hospital, by two cards in his pocket, each bearing a different address. Later, police found his residence to be on Mercury street.

He was taken to the hospital by G. M. Rowell, a taxi driver. The driver of the truck was named as John H. Brabham, 48. Brabham, who told police that he did not see the elderly man until he had struck him, had not been arrested late Saturday night but had been notified to come to the police station later. Police said he was coming from a nearby house when they arrived, and told them that he had gone there to notify the police. They said he gave all assistance possible.

Police report that Mr. Griffin was struck by the right side of the truck, and a part of the windshield was smashed when his head struck the windshield post.

County Lags In Red Cross Drive

Only \$13,328.16 Reported In Campaign Which Ends This Week

UNION'S QUOTA \$34,000

Union county is far behind in the Red Cross War Fund Drive, according to figures released today by R. E. Lee, chairman of the drive. By date the total amount received is \$13,328.16 which is not yet the half-way mark in the county's quota of \$34,000 and only four days remain in which the county's quota is to be raised.

This report, however, does not include contributions from Camp Sutton, Marshville, Waxhaw and Wingate and only six of the high schools of the county have reported.

The reports from these places will in all probability boost the total amount already received, considerably, but not enough to make the remaining balance a play-game to raise. Mr. Lee, issued an urgent appeal this morning to all citizens of the county to make their contributions at once, and if they have already made one and feel disposed to do so, additional gifts will be accepted.

The need is great and the appeal is urgent. Union county cannot afford to let its fighting men down at a time like this. It never has and it never will fall those who are offering their lives for the defense of our country, on the far-flung battle fields of the world. Give and give now!

TARAWA MAY ENJOY COMFORTS OF HOME

Tarawa atoll, in the Marshall Islands, scene not so long ago of the bloodiest fighting in marine corps history, today has almost all the comforts of home—and some that can't be found at home right now.

Center of the atoll is an immense airfield, with its array of machine shops and supply houses. The mess headquarters is equipped with electric refrigerators, gasoline ranges, tin sinks, and shining work boards for the cooks.

President Niven Appoints General Committee To Study Plans

LARGE NUMBER PRESENT

At a meeting of the Monroe Merchants Association, Thursday afternoon, in the office of the Association, steps were taken by the organization to formulate post-war plans and the reconversion of Monroe from an army camp center to a city of peace-time activities, when the war is over.

The question uppermost in the minds of the business men seemed to center around the reshuffle of business and just what part the city will be able to play in this transition.

When Camp Sutton is discontinued and when the easy money of the war has passed, many of the towns have airfields and new factories and re-located business, where will Monroe be?

That is what the merchants talked about and that is what President Edw. Niven of the Association told members they had been called together to discuss.

The members talked earnestly about such matters and resolved to go ahead, making plans and efforts, keeping up with the trend of business movement and probabilities and advising the membership and the public from time to time. After a very earnest presentation of the matter, Mr. Niven appointed a number of men as a general committee to take up the subject, suggest ideas, make plans and to keep the organization informed.

This committee is composed of the following: O. B. Skles, W. A. Henderson, Frank DeBay, Sam H. Lee, George B. McClellan, V. V. Secrest, O. L. Richardson, R. A. Willis, O. H. Moore, E. R. Presson, and J. E. Williams.

Another subject of vital interest to the merchants and also to the customers, which was discussed at length, was what are the merchants going to do along in mid-summer when the supply of paper bags and wrapping paper gives out as is expected to happen? Unless there is a change for the better the supply will not only be exhausted then but little or no more will be obtainable. The newspapers say that the large mercantile establishments in New York are planning to cease wrapping most goods.

The Monroe Merchants Association is going to try to find a means for handling waste paper in Monroe. People here are generally willing and ready to save paper but there is no one to collect it and deliver it in bulk. So the frantic appeals in the newspapers and over the air to save paper have to pass over our heads. Monroe will want bags and wrapping paper this summer and the merchants feel that we should do our part in saving it.

Postal Rates Are Increased

New Law Effective Saturday At Midnight Expected To Boost Revenues

TAX ALSO ON LUXURIES

The \$2,300,000,000 third wartime tax act started dipping into the public's pocket yesterday.

Effective Saturday at midnight, postal rates went up to bring an estimated additional \$96,000,000 a year into the Federal Treasury. Biggest change is an advance from 2 to 3 cents in the charge for local letters. The 3-cent rate is continued for letters going out of town.

Next Saturday, merchants will go up on movie tickets, telephone bills, whiskey and a score of other items.

The levy on furs, cosmetics, jewelry and luggage will go from 10 to 20 percent of the retail price. That on electric light bulbs from 5 to 20 percent of the manufacturers' price.