WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy with thundershowers today, not quite so warm; partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Tuesfair to partly cloudy lightly cooler.

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

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Local Boards Will Call 600 Men For Examination During April

Largest Call Yet Received By ODT MOVES TO UTILIZE 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. Clint Williams, chairman of Local Board No. 2. This is by far the largest number of men yet to be called during any one month, three times larger than any call yet received.

Local Board Chairmen today, is as in Asheville, Charlotte, Raleigh, Wins-

"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 tract carriers wil not be registered, members, incidental to filling such a but empty trucks of such carriers must call, will be unusually heavy during be registered and may be leased to the next few weeks. They will neces-sarily have to make their time count ODT District Manager. for all it is worth.

"Therefore, the Chairmen of both boards request that everybody con-cerned, registrants, employers and cerned, 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 of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of contemporate of the necessary personal visits to the common carrier and with other car-page times of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of individual cases, un-common carrier and with other car-page times of the hardest battles. He destroyers shelled jungle-covered Elo-was in the battle of North Africa, que islet in the St. Matthias group, 20 sicily, and also in the Italian invasion. In the Southern Hacket dath or a carrier and has fought in some of the hardest battles. He destroyers shelled jungle-covered Elo-was in the battle of North Africa, que islet in the St. Matthias group, 20 sicily, and also in the Italian invasion. In the Southern Hacket dather and has fought in some of the hardest battles. He destroyers shelled jungle-covered Elo-was in the battle of North Africa, que islet in the St. Matthias group, 20 miles from Emira island, which Matthias group, 20 miles from Emira islan or peculiarities of individual cases, un-

less absolutely necessary.
"In the first place, 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 members of a local board. Just talking to somebody, Chairman, Clerk or anybody else, is a waste of time, unless the information is finally reduced to writing and submitted as a sworn statement

"B. H. GREEN, "Chm. Local Board No. 1 "J. C. WILLIAMS,

"Chm. Local Board No. 2." Colored Selectees Notified

for a preinduction physical examina-tion were mailed to 99 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 LABOR DRAFT TALKED ment of the Armored School at Fort 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 Hailey, William Houser, Jr., Mitchell Wesley, Roy Magee, John Foster, Lemuel Long, Tilro Curtis Smith, Dennis Jones, Curtis Lee Elliot, Bolsy Autry, Curtis James Marsh, L. C. 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 Walk-er, Andrew Huntley, John M. Staton, Martin Luther Funderburk, Robert Luther Rorie, Brice Chambers, Callie Washington Huntley, Bunyan Harvy Sturdivant, John Henry Rivers, Lonnie. Poston, Tero Medlin, Pearl Sylvester White, James Huntley, Claude Hasty, Loyd Edward Swaringer, Joe Maske, Jr., Howard Simpson, John Junior Barrino, Hustus Richardson, Henry Covington, A. C. Covington, Willie Haywood Johnson, T. C. Gilbert, Allen Heath, Tom Massey, Floyd Gabriel Huntley, Edker William Gulledge, Henry Junior Stafford, C. Robinson, Sam Thompson, Jr., Narlie Croutch, Clyde Redfern, Clarence Williams, Julies Woodrow Chambers, Esley Lee program intends to send to the armed Ewing, Julius Caesar Bell, Mack Rob- forces "all the able-bodied men in this ert Rushing, Henry Richardson, Lin-son Robert Robinson, Roscoe Meritt, Julius Blakeney, Clinton Clyde Phillips, Dan Barrino, Ralph Chambers, Jr., Edward Stack, Rufus Barrett, Jr., Winfred Allen, Thearlo Hasty, Kenneth Hailey John Hart Threatt, Lonnie Dewitt Huntley, Charles Franklin Funderburke, George Wesley Horne, Willie Jackson, Wadlow Massey, Sylvester Rogers, Earl Orange McCauley, Troy Lee Richardson, Robert Carelock, Charlie Walter Faulkner, Bill Junior Charile Waiter Failkner, Bill Junior Hamilton, Henry June Cook, Prink June Moser, C. R. Barrett, Willie Jas. Watts, Cleophus Clark, Cecil Brooks, Roy Lee Faulkner, William Thomas Covington, Joseph Massey, L. C. Huntley, Jesse B. Wilson, Arthainel Gainey, Jesse Edmond White, James Rushing, (Transfer).

SHE KILLS MOTHER TO CAST OUT DEVIL

Declaring that she thought her 87rear-old mother was possessed of the
devil, Miss Winifred Fairchild, 64, is
held for the slaying of her parents, a
hedfast invalid, in Loe Angeles.

"I killed mother because I saw the
devil in her, and the Lord told me to
kill her," said the spinster.

First, she said, she tried beating
her mother to drive out the evil
apirit. When that falled, she continued, she wrapped a cloth around
her mother's neck and pulled.

"I pulled and pulled to drive the
devil out, and then I say that mother

HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS

Order Requires Empty Or Partly Load ed Vehicles Register With ODT.

A new program designed to gain full utilization of heavy duty over the road trucks by requiring empty and partially loaded trucks to register with the Office of Defense Transportation in order to get a full load before making a trip has been launched by the

ODT. The new plan goes into effect

today Under the new program, registration facilities will be established at all ODT District offices, of which there are 24 in the southeast and 142 through the statement, as issued by the nation. Five such offices are located ton-Salem, and Wilmington.

Upon registration by a common carrier of an empty or partially loaded truck, the ODT district manager may direct him to accept and transport freight which has been registered with the District Office, or, if the truck is empty, the carrier may be required to lease it to a contract carrier or an other common carrier. Partially loaded trucks operated by private and conother carriers at the direction of the

In order to get full loads, trucks may

Tank trucks, certain truck operations conducted by farmers, and vehicles whose total weight and normal load mbined do not exceed 12,000 pounds are exempt from the order.

Reports may be made by telephone ODT says, and callers have been requested to ask for "Traffic Registra-

Draft Speeded

New Orders Will Mean No Lessening In Inductions Of Men Over 25

Speeded up draft machinery pushed men 25 and under closer to Army service today, but it mean no lessening of the induction pace for eligibles beyond that age.

Local boards were directed to re-

view younger men first, but draft ofsort of occupational deferments will move right along on the selective service assembly line when that deferment expires.

Some of them undoubtedly will be

given new deferments, especially those in agriculture where irreplaceable men are protected by law. But all will be considered anew when their present deferments expire.

Man power Chairman Paul V. Mc-Nutt gave government agencies until March 29 to assemble information on the deferment needs of the industries under their jurisdiction to set in motion the call-up of young workers. The requests will be considered by representatives of the War Production board, Army, Navy, selective service, Office of Defense Transportation and other claimant agencies for man pow-

McNutt told the agencies the new forces "all the able-bodied men in this age group (22 through 25) and to limt deferments only to those who are

"I have confidence that the resourcefulness and ingenuity of American industry will measure up to this new challenge," War Production Board Chairman Donald Nelson said meanwhile in a letter to Representative Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas.

A number of highly essential indus-tries having a high proportion of men in the 18-26 class will be particularly hard hit. Nelson added, including radio, radar, high octane gas and rub ber production units.

Talk of the possibilities in a lim-

ted national service act to assure replacements for young men called away from industry was heard around Congress after Nelson's testimony. However, some members of the House Military committee who favor a national service act expressed doube that the committee will approve such a bill on the basis of present evidence.

The fact that McNutt's new manpower-rationing committee was formed to deal only with the 22-25 group virtually wiped out the chance of youths 18 through 21, who are not farm workers, to keep their occupational deferments. State draft directors have authority to indores key men. 18 to 21, but such indores key men. 18 to 21, but such indores ments not having the sanction of the new interagency committee are certain to be rare. ited national service act to assure re-

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia—Reds reach Prut river frontier of Rumania on 53-mile front; Russians also encircle Ger-man stronghold in old Poland and communications bottleneck in western Ukraine,

Churchill—British Prime Minis-ter says Russia has torn guts from German army and predicts Allied victory over Japan sooner than

Aerial-About 1,700 U. S. bombers and fighters rake French-Netherlands invasion coast; Paris airdromes 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; com-mandos advance 20 miles in north-

Pacific-Three Kurile islands hit by Aleutian-based bombers; Po-nape in Caroline also attacked.

Union County's

Mrs. Safford Goodwin of Charlotte, mrs. Sanord Goodwin of Charlotte, standard tronghold and its alr-band, Pfc. Warren Stafford Godwin field. Three isolated Japanese bases had been slightly injured in action in in the Marshall islands were raided be required to travel a slightly greater Italy on January 31. Pfc Godwin has by Army, Navy, and Marine aircraft. distance than originally contemplated, been overseas a year and has fought common carrier and with other car- he was geting along fine, and hoped riers if he is a private or contract to be home soon. Pfc and Mrs. Godcarrier, for the purpose of acquiring win made their home in Marshville a capacity load or lessing his empty before he entered the Army.

> Pvt. Charles W. Rowell, who voluneered 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. G. E. Rowell of R1, Indian Trail. His address is: Flight A-127, 405th IG AAFTC No. 1, Miami Beach,

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. Selective Service Local Board No. 2

For Young Men 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.

> graduated from the gunnery depart- front, in southwest China 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 ficials said men over 25 who have any is now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas,

The addresses of the two sons Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Helms in the service are as follows: Pvt. Wriston 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. Keels enlisted in the Navy in February, 1942. He is a fighter pilot and par ticipated in the invasion of the Marshalls and other Pacific islands. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Keels 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 rectnly been transferred to San Antonio, Texas. His address is Cpl. George M. Crook, 3435691, care postoffice, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. His wife, the former Miss Jean Clontz, of Monroe, has gone to Texas to be with

Mrs. Lee A. Gaye of Monroe, recently received his silver aerial gunner's wings when he completed the exible gunnery course for radio meen at the 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 exible gunnery, Opl. Gaye graduated from the Radio Operators and Mechanics School, Sioux Palls, 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 rela-Seaman 2-C Archie Beaty, who has

been stationed at Great Lakes, Il., has been transferred to the University of Chicago, Ill., where he is taking train-ing in the Signal Corps. man 2-C Harvey 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.

unprecedented 20-mile advance brought Allied native troops only 32 miles from Myitkyina, Japanese base in north Burma now threatened by a wo-pronged advance.

Continuous fighting was reported in the Indian juncles 32 miles northeast of Imphal, where British troops inicted "heavy casualties" on the northrnmost 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. Other Allied fighters destroyed 13 river craft.

Men In Service Two small Japanese surps were by a Coronado flying boat near Ponape in the Central Pacific Caroline In the Southern Pacific American the War Department:

> day in the attack on the three Kurlle Monroe, North Carolina. islands. Liberators of the Eleventh Dear Mr. Brooks: Air force struck at Paramushiro, priin this volcanic chain. Onnekotan is 29 miles southwest of Paramushiro and that much closer to Tokyo. A solitary Navy search plane bombed Shumushu, northeast of Paramushiro The Allied Burmese and Gurkha troops driving toward Mytikyina from the north have covered half the dis-tance on the road leading from Sumprabum, former enemy outpost occupled a little over a week ago. Their latest position represented a 20-mile advance overenight.

In a second threat at Myitkyina, American and Chinese troops con-tinued 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 north Burma to block this attempt T. Sgt. Thomas H. Outen, son of Other Chinese circles increased agita-Mrs. Raymond Outen, has just been tion for an offensive on the Salween

CHURCHILL SAYS JAP

JUWNIALL CUMING FAST

Prime Minister Churchill Sunday ex-

pressed confidence of victory over all the Axis, over Germany despite admittedly slowly Allied progress in Italy, and sooner than expected over Brooks, was a member and star No. 49 the Japanese, who are signs of great weakness."

In a 45-minute address to America. Britain and the Empire, Churchill Easter Sunday afternoon. Lieut. highly lauded the Russian advance of Brooks was the first from Central more than 900 miles in a year as "the Methodist church to give his life in greatest cause of Hitler's undoing," but paid great tribute, also, to "the He is survived by his parents, Mr. prodigious blows of British and Amer- and Mrs. Jacob C. Brooks of Talley-

the British have accepted American U. S. Navy, stationed in California leadership, has passed to the Allies,

Churchill said. The Japanese are showing signs of great weakness. Attrition of their shipping, especially their tankers, and their air forces has been tankers, and their air forces, has become not merely evident but obvious."

Surveying the British-American blows against Germany, Churchill disclosed that the gigantic Royal Air force now has been "definitely over-taken and outnumbered by the American Air force in Britain alone and that either alone was nearly as num-Cpl. Perry S. Gaye, son of Mr. and the entire German Luftwaffe.

Of the British and American war effort he said, "It would be quite natdid not appreciate the complications crossing-amphibious is the word-

operations on a large scale." The Russians are a land people, he noted, and their tasks and those of the American sand British are different, but in a strongly-worded trib-

"Since I spoke to you last, not only from land they had ravaged, but the largely torn out by Russian valor and Reviewing the African and Mediter- 31 are listed.

Reviewing the Airican and Mediterranean campaigns, he said much still
Most of the old type B, C. E, and
remained to be done in the Balkans R coupons still in circulation represent "There is no doubt," he stated, "that good news has outweighed the bad and that the progress of the United Nations towards their goal has been too holders may exchange them at

DIES IN ACTION



LIEUT, LINWOOD C. BROOKS

LT. LINWOOD C. BROOKS KILLED IN ENGLAND

Prominent Monroe Young Man Dies In

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brooks of Tallyran Avenue, Monroe, Friday afternoon eccived a message from the Adjutant M. Rowell, a taxi driver. General in Washington, stating that their son, Second Lieut. Linwood C. as John H. Brabham, 48. Brabham, movement and probabilities and ad-Brooks, was killed in action in Eng- who told police that he did not see vising the membership and the public land on March 8, 1944. This morning, the elderly man until he had struck they received the following letter from him, had not been arrested late Saturest presentation of the matter. Mr.

Action March 8th.

Washington, D. March 25, 1944

Mr. Jacob C. Brooks 509 Talleyrand Avenue

It is with regret that I am writing mary target in the Kuriles, and Onne-kotan, the fourth island to be raided forming you of the death of your son Lieut. Linwood C. Brooks 0-62922535, 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 con tain only the briefest details as they are prepared under battle conditions and means of transmission are limited know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroit service in defense of his country ever unto death may be sustaining comfort

I extend to you my deepest sym

Sincerely yours A. ULIO, Maj.-Gen. Adjutant General.

most prominent and promising young the county's quota of \$34,000 and only men. He has a host of friends who will regret to learn of his untimely death.

He graduated from the Monroe high British Premier Cites Strides Made By school in 1937 and enlisted in the services 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. "showing on the service ag of the church, states that plans are being made for a memorial service to be held on the present conflict.

prodigious blows of British and control of the production air power" against Germany.

The greatest danger the Allies have however, is the U-boat atheres are blowever, is the U-boat atheres are blowever. acks, he declared. ers, Sam Brooks of Sanford and J. C. The iniative in the Far East, where Brooks, Jr., Electrician 3-C. of the

To Expire Soon

C-1 Coupons Invalid After March 30

DEALERS ARE WARNED

A number of ration coupons which will be invalid after March 31 were office where it was explained that There are metal wardrobes and loungevery effort should be made to avoid confusion about old coupons. The old type B and B-1, and C and C-1 gasoline ration coupons which have not been issued since November 30 will no longer be negotiable.

The old type E and R coupons

which have not been issued since October 1, 1943, also lapse. All strip T coupons which do not bear a quarterly designation and which expire March

expired rations, it was explained. In of types now valid.

All gasoline dealers having these invalidated stamps on hand April 1. must turn them in by April 10 to get credit for them.

G. C. Helms, chairman of committee in charge, requests that all who are interested in cleaning off cemetery and grounds at Hopewell church meet him at the church Saturday, April 1st

Monroe Merchants Discuss Post-War Activities Of Association

SERVICES HELD FOR MAN KILLED BY TRUCK

Durant A. Griffin Fatally Injured Fri day; Funeral Yesterday.

Funeral services for Durant A. Griffin, 72, of 416 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 camp center to a city of peace-time 2:30 o'clock at Oakgrove Baptist church. Interment was in the church

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

lenburg county. The accident occurred, the report the intersection of Kenilworth avenue and Romany 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. The driver of the truck was named

come to the police station later. Police said he was coming from a nearby 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

Lieut. Brooks was one of the city's which is not yet the half-way mark in

ty'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, addi-

tional gifts will be accepted. The need is great and the appeal is urgent, Union county cannot afford to et it's fighting men down at a time like this It never has and it never will fail 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 bloodlest 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.

In a seaside grove the Tarawa garrison lives in tents with wooden offors cots with springs and deep mattresses.

ing chairs.

Four oil drums perched atop a tenlinoleum floor.

Ice cream is a common dessert. There are movies every night on the atoli—and a full-sized pool table for the amusement of the "sharks." But the men on Tarawa aren't loafing. They still are engaged in a noquarter battle against the Japs. It's just that they have some decent com-forts for their idle moments.

TWO ONE-FAMILY ARMIES

Ten children of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. tion holders may exchange them at Coutren, of St. Louis, and nine sons their local ration boards for coupons of Mrs. Annie Jordan, of Boston, are in the armed forces. in the armed forces.

The Coutren one-family army includes three sisters in the WAC, six brothers in the navy, and one in the army. Five of Mrs. Jordan's sons are in the navy, three in the army, and one in the marines.

Two more sons of Mr. and Mrs. Coutren and a tenth son of Mrs. Jordan expect to be inducted soon.

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 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 e able to play in this transaction.

When Camp Sutton is discontinued and when the easy money of the war period has vanished when other towns have airfields and new factories said, in the approximate center of and re-located business, where will Monroe be?

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

to discuss. The members talked earnestly about such matters and resolved ahead, making plans and efforts, keeping up with the trend of business from time to time. After a very earnday night but had been notified to Niven appointed a number of men as a general committee to take up the subject, suggest ideas, make plans and house when they arrived, and told to keep the organization informed. them that he had gone there to notify This committee is composed of the following; O. B. Sikes, 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 hap-pen? Unless there is a change for the better the supply will not only be exhausted then but little or no more obtainable. The newspapers say that the large mercantile estab-lishments 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 UNION'S QUOTA \$34,000 ready to save paper but there is no one to collect it and deliver it in bulk, Union county is far behind in the so the frantic appeals in the news-Red Cross War Fund Drive, according papers and over the air to save paper to figures released today by R. E. Lee, chairman of the drive. To date the total cross over our heads. Monroe will want bags and wrapping paper the total amount received is \$13,328.16 this summer and the merchants feel

Postal Rates Are Increased

New Law Effective Saturday At Midnight Expected To **Boost Revenues**

TAX ALSO ON LUXURIES

The \$2,3000,000,000 third wartime tax act started dipping into the public's pocket yesterday.

Effective Saturday at midnight, postal rates went up to bring an esti-mated 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.

The levy on furs, cosmetics, jewelry cent of the retail price. That on electric light bulbs from 5 to 20 per cent o fthe manufacturers' price. The tax on charges for local telephone service will increase from 10

Next Saturday, taxes will go up on

movie tickets, telephone bills, whiskey

and a score of other items.

to 15 per cent; on toll calls, from 20 to 25 per cent. On whiskey, the tax increase amounts to 75 cents a quart of 100 proof. It will be about 60 cents for the average bottle of lower proof.

The office of Price administration wil be invalid after March 31 were and electric lights and sleeps on iron price of individual drinks 2 to 4 cents, depending on the size and proof, but an OPA spokesman in Washington suggested that many would prefer Four oil drums perched atop a ten-foot platform provide a shower bath. The recreation building has a waxed to absorb the increase rather than deal in odd cents. Bars may legally reduce the size of drinks in order to keep their prices unchanged.

OPA also authorized a one-cent increase in the price of an 8-cunce beer.

These excise taxes are expected to produce \$1,051,000,000 in additional revenue. The rest of the \$2,300,000,000 total in the revenue bill will come from higher taxes on individual incomes and corporation profits.

Among other postal increases is a boost from 6 to 8 cents an ounce for domestic air mail. The rate on air mail to and from the armed forces stationed outside the continental United States stays at 6 cents a half OPA also authorized a one-cent in

stationed outside the continental United States stays at 6 cents a half