

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy and cooler today; fair to partly cloudy and colder to night; Tuesday, fair and continued rather cold.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, Long, 1b, Cotton, Long, 2b, etc.

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1944

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

Finnish Peace Before Easter

Return Of Finn's Emissary From Moscow Leads To Peace Prospect

THE FINNS WANT TO QUIT

Peace with Russia, perhaps before Easter, appeared to be within Finland's grasp last night on the eve of a momentous extraordinary session of Parliament called to hear the government report on Juhio Paasikivi's new two-day visit to Moscow.

County Far Behind In Red Cross War Fund Drive

E. E. Lee, Chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive for Union county, stated this morning that from all indications, Union county will fall short of its quota for the current campaign to raise \$24,000, by approximately \$2,000.

4-F Work Law Bill Opposed

Stimson Objects To Measure To Form Work Battalions For Men

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

Vigorous objections have been voiced by Secretary of War Stimson to the idea of establishing Army work battalions for 4-F's who do not voluntarily seek employment in essential work.

Change Date Of Tax Report

Senate Committee Sets Revised Estimate Date To January 15

MORE TIME TO FILE

Because some 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 taxpayers must now guess at their income before they get it, the House Ways and Means committee has voted to change from December 15 to the following January 15 the final day for filing revised estimates of income.

DECORATED



LIEUT. WALTER BERGER

LT. BERGER DECORATED FOR HIS COMBAT FLIGHTS

At a 13th AAF base somewhere in the South Pacific on March 2 First Lieutenant Walter R. H. Berger, of Oakboro, first pilot of a medium bombardment squadron of the 13th AAF was presented three Oak Clusters, New Zealand commander for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial combat flights of a hazardous nature over enemy territory where enemy anti-aircraft and enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered."

Hershey Drops Unit System

Local Draft Boards To Decide Hereafter On All Deferments

QUOTAS MUST BE MET

Selective Service yesterday scrapped its system of judging farm workers by units of production, but at the same time took steps to draft as many of these registrants as possible under existing local restrictions.

S-Sgt. Francis Stewart Is War Prisoner In Germany

Staff Sergeant Francis "Boots" Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stewart, of Lancaster Avenue, Monroe, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to information received late Saturday afternoon by Sgt. Stewart's parents from his wife, who is residing in Marshville for the duration.

Soviets Fight On Axis Soil

Cross Prut River Into Rumania Advancing On Wide Front

NAZIS ABOUT TRAPPED

The Red Army has crossed the Prut river into Rumania at several points in the first Russian invasion of Axis territory, and also is within 19 miles of the prize port of pillaged Odessa, where thousands of Germans and Rumanians are being pinned against the Black sea, Moscow announced last night.

Rainfall Near Eight Inches

Report Shows Precipitation Has Been Far Above Normal For March

NORMAL TEMPERATURE

March following its traditional role, went out like a lamb Friday, after displaying lion-like characteristics for most of the month.

MONROE CHURCH GIVES \$1,675.10 TO WINGATE

Junior College Campaign Is Making Excellent Progress

Wingate Junior College has just received a check in the amount of \$1,675.10 from the First Baptist church of Monroe. This is a fine gift and the college appreciates the fine cooperation that the First Church has always given.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

- Russian-Soviets leap Prut river into Rumania at several points in first invasion of Axis territory; German pushes back within 19 miles of prize port of Odessa.

RAT CONTROL PROGRAM PROVING SUCCESSFUL

Two Days Of Campaign Estimated To Have Netted 30 Thousand Rodents

The Rat Control Program of March 23rd and 24th, was very successful, according to Assistant County Agent, T. M. Mayfield. Reports from farmers over the county show that we had a heavy infestation of rats and a large number were killed.

Union County's Men In Service

T-4 Sgt. Horace N. Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Moser of RA, Monroe has recently been promoted to staff sergeant and has been transferred from Camp Swift, Texas to Camp Polk, La. His new address is S-Sgt Horace N. Moser, 7005888, Co. C, 95 Cml. Bn., Camp Polk, La. Mr. and Mrs. Moser have received a letter from their other son John H. Moser.



Franklin Street

There will be no dances at the Franklin Street USO Tuesday and Thursday night due to the fact that this is Holy week.

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MILITARY FUNERAL HELD FOR CPL. JAKE PARKER

Union County Boy Dies In Veterans Hospital After Long Illness

Cpl. Jake C. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Parker of the Lanes Creek community, died in the Veterans Hospital in Columbia, S. C., Thursday, March 23, after a long period of illness contracted while in service in Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands.

BOARD ONE CALLS 51 COLORED SELECTEES

Will Report For Pre-Induction Physical Examination During April

Fifty-one colored selectees will leave for pre-induction physical examination from Local Board No. 1 during the month of April. They are as follows: Alexander Albrooks, Manuel Hammond, Walter Edgar Robinson, Luther Blakeney Watts, Edward Nelson Walker, James Eivens, Earnest Lowrey, Erskine Pierce, Willie Heath, Roosevelt Jones, John A. McDonald, Roosevelt McKinney, Robert Davis, John Allen Thomas, Willis James Robinson, Edward Lee Winchester, Allen Massey, Joseph Lockhart, Duta Walker, Edson David Norwood, Lonnie Garris, Frank Miller, Wesley McCaulley, Reddy James English, King Lee Ardrey, Fero Henry Clarence Deese, Eugene Barnes, Everett Witherspoon, Keith Lee, Boswell Blakeney, Paul Jones, Randolph Caldwell, Robert Stewart, Henry McGill, Jr., Blease English, L. T. Barrett, William Howard Jordan, Ben Laney, William Crawford, Hunter Benjamin Hennighan, James Hunter, Robert Lee Robinson, Tom Butler, Cornelius Sanders, William Mason Grier, Charlie Adams, Pink Morgan, Jr., Curtis Cecil Evey, Oliver Sebrott Massey, Thomas Erskine Vinson.

CAST IS ANNOUNCED FOR "BUBBLING OVER"

"Bubbling Over," an exceedingly clever college comedy, will be presented in the Walter Bickett high school auditorium, in Monroe, April 6th at 8:15 o'clock under the sponsorship of the local Business and Professional Women's club. Mrs. Hazel Locke Greene of Wabaska, Ar., experienced dramatist is in the city and rehearsals are going in a fine way.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN

Rev. Harry D. Hawthorne, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church announces the following services for Holy Week and Easter at St. Luke's church, each evening this week at 8 o'clock: Monday, "Who Is This Jesus?"; Tuesday, "What Is Truth?"; Wednesday, "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"; Thursday, Vespers with Holy Communion; Friday, Union Service at St. Paul's Episcopal church; Sunday morning, 7:15, Union Service; Sunday afternoon, 3:00, "Come See, Go Tell." The 11 o'clock service will consist of Holy Communion and a brief Easter program by the Junior congregation.