

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and slightly warmer today, not quite so cold tonight; fair and warmer Friday.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, Cotton Seed, Eggs, and other commodities.

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1944

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

U. S. Casualty Total 168,292

Secretary Of War Stimson Makes Report Of Total Losses

SINCE START OF THE WAR

Battle casualties of American Army and Navy forces since the start of the war stand at 168,292.

Secretary of War Stimson said that Army casualties—dead, wounded, missing and prisoners—amounted to 146,185 up to March 7.

The 1,287 increase covers a period in which much of the heavy fighting on the Caspian front was carried on.

The missing total given by Stimson was 10,775, an increase of 352 over the previous figure.

The 126,193 Army casualties since the start of the war were divided as follows: Killed 31,787; wounded 60,363; missing 26,747; and prisoners 27,246.

Of the wounded, Stimson said, 26,458 have been returned to duty. Of the prisoners, 1,674 have been reported by the enemy to have died of disease.

Stimson said "about the same number of the strength of the enemy as well as the delays and hardships which we must be prepared to face in any larger operations against the same enemy."

The War Secretary made his comment during a weekly war review for the Allied attack in the Caspian area has run "into determined and effective German resistance."

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE Business Woman's Circle Meets; Other Items Of Personal Mention.

(Mrs. Benson E. Bivens) Pvt. Shelton C. Hargitte has been transferred from Fort Bragg to Camp Penning, Texas.

Mrs. L. C. Polk has gone to Norfolk, Va., to visit relatives. Sgt. and Mrs. Harris visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks during the week-end.

Last week-end members of WJO sextette were the guests of Miss Gloria Lindsay at her home at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Misses Edith and Jewel Maye and Mrs. Doris Maye Dunn spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Maye, Sr.

NATION'S BEST GOLFERS HERE NEXT MONDAY

Exhibition Sponsored by The Monroe Park And Recreation Committee.

Amos Slack, supervisor of the Soldiers' Recreation Program, sponsored by the Monroe Park and Recreation Commission, announces a golf exhibition by four of the Nation's best golfers.

There will be an informal dance in the ballroom at 3 p. m. with music by the famous Suttons, a fourteen piece orchestra from Camp Sutton.

Remember the date, Monday after-noon, the welcome "It's all free, noon, April 16th, when Monroe meets Camp Sutton at the Monroe County Club.

We hear that our own June Snyder, formerly with Tommy Dorsey's Band, is in town. We will have him play with the Suttons. It's a date.

Lawmakers Get Spring Fever

Congress May Spend Third Summer Of War Back Home

BEATING POLITICAL BUSH

Congress may spend the third summer of war at home, with a majority of its members campaigning for reelection, if leaders can whip major legislation through in time for a June or July recess.

With the Republican national convention set for June 26 and the Democratic meeting July 19, Majority Leader Barkley says he has no reason why a summer recess couldn't be taken if the legislative situation permits.

Something of the same nature may be attempted this year, but most members will want a vacation extending through the November 7 general election.

Plans for a summer adjournment apparently include no provision for action on any major labor draft legislation, such as the national service bill offered by Senator Austin, Republican of Vermont and Representative Wadsworth, Republican of New York.

Some segments of the problem may be attacked, however, in legislation such as that which would put 4-Fs in labor battalions.

Barkley said there seemed little doubt that the troublesome food subsidy issue would be raised in connection with the proposed year's extension in the life of the Office of Price Administration.

Senator Taft, Republican of Ohio, chairman of the minority steering committee, said that group would consider the Easter recess to discuss Republican amendments, but it has not been determined if a subsidy ban will be proposed.

Extension of lend-lease authority is expected to be accomplished without too much bickering and there seemed little opposition in either house to an increase in the statutory debt limit from 210 to 260 billion.

The Senate probably will tie itself into a knot shortly after Easter recess with debate on anti-poll tax legislation. Efforts to take up this bill, already passed by the House, will result in a southern filibuster.

Coal Shortage To Be Drastic

Domestic Consumers In Eastern States May Feel Pinch Next Winter

NO DIVERSION SEEN

A drastic war-caused shortage of "smokeless" bituminous coal from southern Appalachian mines next winter has been forecast by Dr. C. J. Potter, deputy solid fuels administrator.

Domestic consumers in northeastern states cannot expect to receive next winter more than seven tons of all kinds of solid fuels for every eight they got last winter, he said in a speech prepared for delivery to the New England Coal Dealers association in Boston.

These consumers, from Maine to Virginia, who are accustomed to depend on anthracite almost exclusively, are already limited to seven-eighths of their normal supply of anthracite.

Last winter the Solid Fuels administration (SFA) supplemented this with large tonnages of low-volatile (smokeless) bituminous coal, and even then, many eastern homes were chilly.

The smokeless fuel is used widely by householders throughout central and midwestern states. Midwest shipments of smokeless coal will not be halted but they will be curtailed.

He remarked that the people of central and midwest states "are very fortunate in that for the most part, they have alternative high-volatile coals, available to keep themselves warm."

He warned his Boston audience that drastic conservation is necessary but said that if the public does a real job of saving fuel, we can win through next winter without having anything in New England having to eat his New Year's dinner in his overcoat.

Meantime, SFA issued new bituminous distribution regulations providing that domestic consumers shall not receive during the next 12 months a tonnage greater than their annual requirements of bituminous mined in the eastern half of the country (except Michigan and Iowa), or of coke not sold in the northeastern states, or briquettes or packaged fuel.

The regulations emphasized the severely not only of low-volatile but of other bituminous coal produced in districts seven and eight, comprising southern West Virginia, eastern Kentucky, and parts of Virginia and Tennessee, and prohibited consumers from stocking more than 75 per cent of their requirements in those fuels before October 1.

Mrs. Doris Futch had as her week-end guests, Miss Eleanor Smoake and Miss Mary K. Plyler of Charlotte.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia—First-moving Soviets seize rail junction 40 miles northwest of Odessa, drawing tighter noose for 2,000,000 Nazis; other Rumanians fight in streets of Tarnopol; German planes near Skala; Germans report tank battles in Rumania.

Aerial-American bombers from Italy hit railroads in Ploesti, creating great confusion; Nazis put up big fight; American bombers from Britain raid invasion coast while Mustangs attack Berlin and Munich.

Burma-Japanese drive deeper into India, increasing threat to American communication lines; British remain calm, suggest enemy may be over-extending his supply lines and thereby trapping himself.

Pacific—MacArthur's bombers raid Wewak; Nimitz' planes hit at Wake Island, Ponape and in the Marshalls.

Union County's Men In Service

Lieut. (jg) R. H. Gettys, U. S. N. R., who has recently returned to the States from a trip to Italy and other foreign ports, is the guest of his brother, Dr. B. Gettys and family.

Mr. J. D. Baucum has returned to Fort Myers, Florida after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents on R3 Monroe. Pvt. Baucum has had two furloughs since his entrance into the Army in October 1942.

Pvt. Bruce Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther S. Williams of Rt. Monroe has recently been transferred to Camp Grant, Ill. His new address is: Pvt. Bruce Williams, 473 M. P. E. G. Co., Camp Grant, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have another son, Pvt. John H. Williams, who is stationed at Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Cpl. George S. Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crook, of Rt. Monroe, has been transferred from Phoenix, Arizona, to Los Angeles, Calif. His new address is Cpl. George S. Crook, ASN34035677, S. C. U. No. 4910, 5353 West Third St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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April Quotas For Tires Low

No Substantial Increase For Passenger Cars Is Likely

MORE HEAVY TIRES

April quotas of new passenger car tires will remain at virtually the same low level prevailing this month, but the number of tires to be rationed for small trucks and farm tractors and implements will be somewhat larger.

The Office of Price administration, announcing this today, said that 891,825 passenger car tires will be available to eligible motorists, or just 500 more than in March. The new passenger tube quota is 691,325, an increase of 7.2 per cent, but almost 45,000 less than a year ago.

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Sgt. William P. Hawfield A Prisoner Of War, Germany

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hawfield of Wesley Chapel, yesterday morning received a telegram from the Adjutant General's office in Washington, stating that their son, Staff Sergeant William P. Hawfield, Jr., is a prisoner of war in Germany.

The message is as follows: "Reports just received through the International Red Cross states that your son, Staff Sgt. William P. Hawfield, is a prisoner of war of the German government. Letter of information follows from the Provost Marshal General."

A message received by Mr. and Mrs. Hawfield, on March 16 stated that Sgt. Hawfield was missing in action over Germany and that they would be advised of any further information. This is the first they have heard of their son since that time.

William entered the service about 15 months ago from Monroe and was chief engineer on bomber B-24 with a rating of Staff Sergeant and had been in England with the Army Air Forces since December.

He was employed in Monroe, before entering the services and made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Hamp Price and Mr. Price.

Soviets Take Rail Junction

Seal Fate Of 200,000 Germans Grouped Around Odessa

FOURTH NAZI DISASTER

Red infantry and mechanized troops, aided by crack cavalry, captured the Ukraine rail junction of Radezulaya yesterday, cutting the main escape route of an estimated 200,000 Germans still grouped around Odessa, as a fast-moving Soviet crescent sliced farther down towards that great Black sea port.

Marshal Stalin announced capture of Radezulaya in an order of the day, and last night's Soviet communiqué added more than 130 other populated places to the list of liberated towns, including Yanovka and Antonov-Kodintzelo, 33 and 24 miles north and northeast, respectively, of Odessa.

From the east the Russians drove to within 18-air-line miles of Odessa with capture of Stariye-Belyary. The communiqué also listed a Kubanka among captured towns but did not specify its location.

Large-scale maps show a village of that name 14 miles north of Odessa but no other communications in the vicinity were included in the Russian list.

Northwest of Odessa, captured villages included Strassburg and Baden, 32 and 30 miles distant. Radezulaya, 40 miles northwest of Odessa, is astride the railway through Traspol to Rumania, and by taking it the speeding Russians forced the Germans to fall back on Black sea lanes or a combination rail and ferry route for escape from the Odessa region.

Fight by sea was unlikely, with the Soviet Black sea fleet in control of those waters, while the rail-ferry line crosses the wide Dniester river estuary close to the coast, under easy fire of the fleet in addition to any aerial force the Russians might bring to bear on such slow traffic.

A dispatch from Moscow early today said the ferry already was under attack by the Red Air force, implying that the Germans were trying to use it.

For the second straight day the Russians were silent about the Rumanian front, where American soldiers gave the Red army a direct hand by bombing the railway yards at Ploesti, the vital Rumanian oilfield center 190 miles southeast of the Iasi battlefield.

Draft Boards Call Men 18-26

Local Boards Already Sending Out Instructions Under New Order

NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED

All registrants under 26 years of age who have not been examined by the armed forces within the past 90 days will be ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination, announced General J. Van B. Metts, States Director of Selective Service.

The General stated that local boards have just been furnished directives to that effect and that members of his staff are at present conducting a series of regional conferences to discuss this policy as it affects occupational and agricultural deferments.

He pointed out that the directive was for the purpose of accelerating the processes of induction of younger men to meet the urgent needs of the armed services and to provide the Director of Selective Service and employers with information regarding those who are not acceptable for military service.

The State Director advises that a registrant, if found acceptable to the armed forces, might still be granted an occupational deferment, provided a Form 42-A Special, approved by the State Director having jurisdiction over the principal place of employment, is received by the local board prior to the registrant's actual induction.

In view of directives from National Selective Service Headquarters, Metts anticipates that few Forms 42-A Special will be filed, as present indications are that they will be restricted to the following vital war activities: Land-Craft, Tires and Tubes, High Tendency Rayon for War Products, Aircraft, Airborne Radar, Rockets, Submarines, Transportation, and possibly a few others.

Union County Draft Boards, under orders of the State Selective Service headquarters, are issuing blanket orders for every man between 18 and 26 years of age who has not been examined within the past 90 days to report for examination within the next few weeks.

"We were not given any latitude," Local Draft Board officials stated. "It was ordered. We were given the orders at the conference with state selective service leaders in Charlotte Monday. We were asked not to make public the announcement until the story was released from Raleigh." The State headquarters, in a statement by General J. Van B. Metts, state director of selective service, made the announcement last night.

The orders we had were definite, too. They include every man between 18 who has not reached his twenty-sixth birthday. And I mean every body—pre-medicine, pre-theology, pre-everything. There are a very few persons who are subject to deferment but it is up to them to show it and to prove it. We are under instructions to issue blanket calls for examination."

Agricultural Deferments With regard to agriculture, the General stated that it seems to be the prevailing thought that the withdrawal of agricultural activities would liberalize the war unit plan for mobilizing farm deferments. Metts stated this to be an erroneous construction, since the unit system was only a means of measuring the value of the registrant's farming effort in applying the Tydings Amendment, which is still in effect.

The Tydings Amendment, in effect, directs the Selective Training and Service Act provides, in general, only that deferments be granted to those registrants who in the judgment of the local boards are regularly engaged in agricultural occupation or endeavor which is essential to the war effort. The General pointed out that the directives which have been issued to the local boards have stressed the National need for young fighting men for the armed forces, as formerly stated by the President and later reiterated by General Marshall and others responsible for the best utilization of our manpower in the successful prosecution of the war effort.

Metts stated that the directives to the local boards provided that in determining whether a registrant is necessary to an agricultural occupation, the National situation and need for or endeavor they should bear in mind young men in the armed forces. He went on to say that the local boards were instructed that in determining the question of essentiality of the agricultural endeavor, they should not lose sight of the fact that the war effort itself is of paramount importance and that the registrant could hardly be found essential unless his over-all production contributed more to the war effort than his service in the armed forces. He expressed a belief that few young men would be granted agricultural deferments, in view of the need for young men in the armed forces.

The General stated that North Carolina is required to furnish its proportion of young fighting men and that its records of manpower have diminished during the past year's operation under the unit system, as compared with the larger number which were withdrawn at the start of the war from industry. As an illustration, he advised that there are 200,000 men engaged in agriculture in North Carolina as compared with 250,000 men engaged in industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curry and son, Roy, Jr., visited relatives and friends in Aberdeen Sunday.

WILL SING AT MAIN STREET USO ANNIVERSARY



WINGATE JUNIOR COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AT MAIN STREET USO

Gala Program For Week Arranged; Half Million Soldiers Visited Club. Completing one year of service for soldiers at Camp Sutton, Main Street USO has prepared a fine series of programs to commemorate this occasion. It was on Saturday, April 17, 1943 that the Main Street Club was dedicated to the service of soldiers.

Since that day it has been open 14 hours daily, seven days a week and has served 129,292 soldier visitors. Like other USO clubs, the Main Street Club has operated on the policy of providing "A Home Away From Home" for all enlisted personnel. Services at the club have increased with the increase of personnel at Camp Sutton. The Main Street Club is operated by the YMCA and the Jewish Welfare Board, branches of USO.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Leary and daughter, Alice of North Wilkesboro, will spend their week-end with Mrs. O'Leary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Pender, during the first week of the year, the Club has gone through many program changes to meet the increasing leisure time needs of servicemen. The need for basketball prompted the construction of a basketball court at the Club. The need for eating facilities brought about an increase in the Snackbar operation. 376,203 servicemen and their wives visitors have been served at the Snackbar. In each case the Club has been guided by a philosophy of home service for men and women away from home.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR EASTER MORN SERVICES

City-Wide Sunrise Services To Be Held At 6:30 Sunday Morning

Sunday morning at 6:30 at the high school an Easter Sunrise Service will be held under the sponsorship of young people of the city and the Monroe Council of Churches. All of the churches of the city are cooperating in this service. The high school glee club will present two special Easter numbers, and the band will play special music in addition to playing for the group singing.

Several ministers of the city will participate in the program. The service will be under the direction of Rev. Harry Baythorne. The prayer will be led by Rev. J. H. Armstrong. Rev. Robert Turner will read the Scripture, a short talk will be made by Rev. Joe Caldwell, and Rev. F. E. Drane will pronounce the benediction.

The entire community is cordially invited to participate in this service. In case of bad weather the service will be moved indoors to the high school auditorium.

Children Of The Confederacy The Children of the Confederacy who are under 15 years of age, will meet at the home of Mrs. Hoyt Griffin, 225 South College street, with Lily May Wachs as hostess, Saturday afternoon, April 22. Children of Confederate ancestry who wish to become members, please call Mrs. E. C. Whitaker, phone 254-J for information.