MONROE MARKET Cotton, long, 1b. 27c to 31c Cotton Seed, bushel 79%c Wheat, bushel \$1.70

EVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1944

Draft Boards Rush Program

Quick Induction For Non-deferables Under 26 Is Now In Progress

OLDSTERS WILL WAIT

With most of the older men temporarily sidetracked, the nation's 6.488 porarily sidetracked, the nation's 6.455 store for the duration, Mr. Holloway draft boards will hustle this week to said, "I am unable to find words to get men under 25 years old into combat training to replace coming battle

Hershey said the Army and Navy told him they need young men now, even if it means failure to meet quotas

on haste in April, it was obvious that if any substantial number of key men under 26 in vital industries were going to be deferred, selective service must get advice from other government man power agencies, and get it quickly

Man Power Chairman Paul V. Mc-Nutt, who also heads the committee of man power claimants, an interagency group, was reported yesterday to be ready to hand General Hershey a list of 13 activities in which some deferments are recommended

younger men. McNutt's list was understood to include coal mining and premedical and predental students, activities which the claimant committee had refused to support. But this does not mean a large number of coal miners will be kept out of the draft. McNutt was

The Hershey order concerning men 26 and older has confused many men. scheduled to report for induction or physical examinations, and some boards themselves were unclear on their exact procedure. These general rules were laid down by a draft head-quarters officer yesterday:

1. If an individual is in doubt about local board for instructions.

should contact the state director. State directors were busy interpreting the order for local boards. Conditions varied. Some states, with comparatively few men under 26 still eligible, planned to postpone processing of older men only a few days. Others said it might take two months to get machinery.

Some state directors ordered a stay of induction for all men 26 and older, until local boards can determine which men are making a contribution to th war effort.

The new order did not interrupt the current effort to persuade 4-F's to get into essential jobs.

MONROE PTA HOLDS MEETING FOR 1943-44

Only Three Meetings Of Ass Will Be Held Next Year.

The last meeting for the year 1943-1944 of the Parent-Teacher Association was held Wednesday, April 5th with Monroe Penegar presiding. Mrs. Orowell's third grade pupils gave the devotional and program. The children 81.5; Elliott's Canteen, Monroe, 81.5; sang a prayer for our men in service by the national anthsms of Mexico, Great Britain, China, Russia with the entire assembly joining in Brass Rail, Monroe, 80.; Godwin's singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Sandwich Shop, Marshville, 80. Juanaita Efird and Barbara Murray Grade C-Commando Grill, Monroe Springtime. The children then all 75.5; Royal Garden, Monroe, 75; Red 'The Birds' Return" and "Don't Pig, Monroe, 73.5; Klondike Cafe, Win-Kill The Birds." David House was the gate, 73; Victory Cafe, Monroe, 72. announces and at the close of the program invited the PTA members to e to an exhibit of relics from several foreign countries, in Mrs. Crowell's derburk's Market, Monroe, 90. room. Many pictures, books, drawings, venirs, and handwork from Mexico China, Holland, France and other Allied Nations were on display there. The convention of the North Caroent-Teacher Association will Union Cold Sto

be held in Durham April 18th and duty for the recreation program for discrete dis cons from 3:15 to 6:15. Town Club, frs. Olin Sikes Mrs. Jada Williams, fiss Offic Alexander, Mrs. Dewey begins. Offic Alexander, Mrs. Dewey begins. Methodist Center, Monday, fiss Mary Waters, Tuesday Mrs. H. Smith, Wednesday Mrs. H. E. Cople, Jr., Thursday Mrs. Monroe Pensar, Priday Mrs. Prank Hinson. There are no dances last week because it ms. Holy Week and the recreation untern were closed Priday afternoon or the same reason.

The Nominating Committee was unble to report. The suggestion was unde that only three meetings be held ext year and the nominating committee agreed to try again to fill a

CLa ring: No. pril 25, 11 by J. T.

Thirty-two years ago, on April 15, J. T. Holloway of Monroe, received the first carload of merchandise for Holloway's Music Store in Monroe. Today, after faithfully serving a large trade for these many years, this pop-ular business concern is announcing elsewhere in The Enquirer, the discon-tinuance of business until after the

announcing the closing of his express my appreciation to you, my oustomers and friends. We have always tried to give our customers the best in high class merchandise and have built our business on such a This r

Then came Saturday's order from best on the market. I would like to Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey to postpone all draft procedure for men postpone all draft procedure for men in jobs making a contribution to the war.

Terminal and Market an

ven if it means failure to meet quotas older registrants. With this new and urgent emphasis Markets, Cafes

Local Health Department Announces Ratings Of Local **Eating Places**

ONE CAFE IS CLOSED

The Union County Health Depart nent announces the sanitary ratings

Respt out of the draft. McNuit was reported insisting only on a few miners in certain highly-productive mines.

Transportation was on the list, but the Office of Defense Transportation acknowledged that only a "small number" of transportation men under 26 such as train dispatchers, will be recommended for deferment.

The Hershey order concerning men

During this survey thirty-four cafes twenty-four meat markets, and two hotels were graded. Neither of the hotels is serving food, and their rat-ings are based on regulations governing the sanitation of lodging places. One market and two cafes were requested to discontinue operations be-

cause of failure to meet the minimum R5 Monroe; W. T. Robertson, R1 Mon-If an individual is in doubt, about cause of failure to meet the minimum R5 Monroe; W. T. Robertson, R1 Monroe; to do, he should contact his requirements until items violated could roe; Buford A. Price, R2 Monroe; doubt, it cafe have been reinspected and are Martin, R3 Monroe; J. R. Laney, R2 with his brother. Shelly Griffin of Draft officials commenting on this now operating with their grades posted. The other cafe remains closed. These ratings were made by local inspector L. T. Bragg, assisted during the end of the quarter by Frank Dil-

lon. Mr. Dillon has just recently completed a course in Public Health at the University of North Carolina, younger men through the draft and has been assigned to the Union County Health Department. The ratings in percentage are as follows:

Grade A-Gamble's Drug Store unch, Monroe, 91; Royal Cafe, Monroe, 90; USO Snack Bar, Monroe, 90; Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital, Monroe, 90.

Lunch, Monroe, 87; Swing's Cafe, Monroe, 86.5; City Cafe, Monroe, 86; Pive Monroe; Jos. H. Armbrust. Monroe Points Lunch, Monroe 86; Star Cafe, Marshville, 86; Monroe Sandwich J. R. Hunter, R1 Monroe; John San Shop, Monroe, 85; Fitzgerald Cafe, Monroe, 84.5; Soda Shop, Monroe, 84.5; imericana Grill, Monroe 84; Montcomery's Lunch, Monroe, 84; Baucom's Lunch, Monroe, 83; Manetta Lunch, Manetta Mills, Monroe, 82.5; New York Cafe, Monroe, 82.5; Center Lunch, Monroe 82.0; Barbee's Lunch, Monroe, Minute Grill, Monroe, 81; Hill Top, Monroe, 81; Belmont Cafe, Monroe 80.5; Black's Lunch, Monroe, 80.5;

Grade A-Little Star, Monroe, 90.5; Baucom & Preslar, Monroe, 90.5; Fun-Grade B-Helms Grocery, Benton Heights, 88.5; Star Market, Monroe 86.5; A & P. Monroe, 85.5; Five Points Food Store, Monroe, 85.5; Hancoth, Monroe, 85.5; Fitzgerald & Co., 85.5; wards Market, Marshville, 82; Nisbe Market, Waxhaw, 81.5; Baker's Market, Waxhaw, 81; Central Food Store, Marshville, 81; Shaw's Market, Monroe

Clifford Clinton Howie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howie, will leave to-morrow for Jacksonville, Pla., where he will take his "boot training" in the

The War department Thursday announced the promotion of Chaptain Doy Muckle, 224 North Long street Charlotte, from the rank of first lieu-

Directions For Mailing Given

Be Sure Packages For Overseas Delivery Are Well Wrapped

POSTAL OFFICIALS WARN

Damage is resulting to many parcels mailed to members of armed forces overseas due to the fact that these parcels are not packed or wrapped with sufficient care to withstand the handling necessary in transporting

casualties.

The War department, in annotating that the Army has reached its planned strangth of 1700,000, said last steek this "peak" will be exceeded in April in order to begin at once the training of young men so they will be ready when needed to replace men falling in battle. Basic training takes three months.

Saturday's order from to begin at once the training of this war is over with the market. I would like to serve you for thirty-two more years!

Saturday's order from all and transported great distances besides undergoing much rehandling. Obviously, Mr. Lee points out, the contents of such parcels must be very tightly packed and the outside containers must be considerably stronger than containers used for parcels which do not leave this country. While serve you for thirty-two more years! desirable that all boxes for overseas shipment be wrapped in heavy paper, as experience has shown that boxes without an outer wrapper often become crushed or split, thus allowing

the contents to escape. When such articles as hard candies, Are Inspected nuts and caramels (including those covered with chocolate), fruit cakes, chocolate bars individually wrapped in waxed paper, are included in a parcel they should be inclosed in inner boxes of tin, wood or cardboard. Soft candies, whether home-made or comnercial, do not carry well.

The postal department is asking all postmasters to refuse to accept parcels for overseas unless they are properly prepared for mailing, so the public may save time and trouble by properly preparing the boxes before submitt them for shipment.

PERMITS ARE GRANTED BY RATIONING BOARD

At the regular meeting of the Union County War Price and Rationing Board, Monday afternoon, April 3, the following applications were approved: Passenger tires—George A. Kiker, R1 Indian Trail; K. A. Helms, R1 Monroe; H. L. Richardson, R4 Monroe; H. H. Taylor, R1 Marshville; Rudolph Piyler, R4 Monroe; A. R. Parker, R1 Hawaii. Adwell served eleven months at Hilo, Monroe; W. T. McCain, R5 Monroe; in North Aprica and now in Italy. PFC Walter B. Stegall, R1 Monroe; B. S. Carriker, R2 Monroe; Dillard Massey, R5 Monroe; Warren S. Starnes, R4 Monroe: Clarence Helms, R2 Monroe: 13 of Mr. Rogers' grandsons in service
G. A. Stikleather, R2 Monroe: Sam and the family is proud of them all. Rollins, R4 Monroe; J. H. Richardson, Monroe; Jesse Griffin, R1 Monroe; D. J. Griffin, R4 Monroe; J. B. Bailey R2 Marshville; Charles W. Ayscue, Jr., Monroe; W. H. Hammond, Monroe; Cyrus McRorie R3 Monroe; City of fonroe: J. W. Rowell, R3 Monroe: G. W. Little R2 Marshvile; Joe N. Helms, Monroe; Milton S. Robinson, RL1 Monroe; Horace Pressly R3 Monroe; S. Reeder, R1 Indian Trail; Henry Mullis, R3 Monroe; W. T. Hill, Jr. R1 Monroe; Alfredo A. Clements, Monroe; W. Amzie Fincher, R1 Waxhaw; Glen Winchester, R2 Monroe; H. W. Purser, R3 Monroe; Ellis M Boswell, R1 Monroe: R. T. Rowland

George W. Simpson, R2 Monroe; John Grade B—Crow's Sandwich Shop, R2 Waxhaw; A. J. Melton, R4 Mon-Monroe, 88; Oasis, Monroe, 87; Dal's roe; Zeb Benton, R1 Monroe; Billy D. Vickers, Camp Sutton; M. R. Broome Rev. Clyde Preslar, R3 Marshville; timauro, Marshville; Mrs. Emily J. Lee R1 Waxhaw; Cromwell F. Chambers

R1 Marshville. Passenger Tubes-Karl J. Newman Monroe; George L. Hart, Monroe; H. A. McCorkle, R5 Monroe! H. J. Phifer, F1 Monroe; Jos. H. Armbrust Monroe; H. L. Richardson, R4 Monroe; J. H. Richardson, R5 Monroe Charles R. Price R5 Monroe: Clarence Helms, R2 Monroe; M. R. Broom Monroe: Billy D. Vickers: Camp Sut-W. Clontz, R1 Indian Trail; Hertha J. reeman, R3 Monroe; Martin Helms, R3 Monroe; Rudolph Plyler, R4 Monroe; Blanch Waddell, R1 Waxhaw; T.

R. Nisbet Waxhaw. Truck Tires-Henderson Roller Mills Co., Monroe; Steve Gordon, Mineral Springs: Norman Barbee, R1 Monroe; Mrs. Clyde Collins, Waxhaw; Jesse Richardson, R1 Indian Trail; B. W. Richardson, R1 Indian Trail; B. W. Todd, R5 Monroe; J. A. Nance R2 Haigler arrived last Friday from Passadena, Calif., to spend a 15-day furbulan their home on Bentom

Truck Tubes-J. A. Nance. Marshville; R. B. Tyler, Monroe.

BARRICADES HOLD BOTH SIDES AT ANZIO AREA

ents And Buried Ex-With both sides barricaded behind arbed-wire entanglements and buried hhead south of Rome has settled own into a steady artillery duel and Japs first attacked.

poradic patrol activity.

The big gun duel definitely has de-Allied guns at least four or five miles, and sometimes more than 10 miles, The Fifth Army forces, however, outthe enemy both in artillery and a half years.

German front-line forces are much heavier fire than Allied but Allied rear units at the line are suffering more shelling by an inne-day furiough with his parents, line are suffering more shelling by an inne-day furiough with his parents, line are suffering more shelling by an inne-day furiough with his parents, line are suffering more shelling by an inne-day furiough with his parents.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian—Role cut railway 195 miles northeast of Bucharest, start slege of Odessa by breaking thru suburbs and bidicate crossing of Czech-Stovakian border in Tartar

Aerial—U. 8, bombers, some out-flying range of fighter escerts, hammer five aircraft plants in Pe-land, East Prusia and northeast Germany, 39 of 1,500 to 1,750 planes fall to returnd.

Italian-Artillery duels on beachhead, patrois clash on Adri-atic end of main front, naval forces pound Dalmatian coast.

Giraud's post as commander of French army, Giraud rejects lesser job in open breach.

French - De Kaulle abolishes

India-Burma-Japanese pene-trate outskirts of British base of Kohima, claimed captured by Tokyo; plain of Imphal goes under virtual slege. Australian-Washington military

experts express concern over Australian plans to reduce its army.

-Liberators give Truk 16th lashing in 11 days to "soften up" Carolines stronghold; Allied

Union County's Men In Service

Fincher of R4 Monroe, has been trans- in essential work.

ferred from Camp Maxey. Texas to, Geenral Hershey has said that the Camp Bowie. Before he Conduct medal of the Army for exemplary behavior efficiency, and fidelity, forced to work in son He would like to hear from all his will help win the war. friends. His new address is: ASN The Costello committee expressed 34433077, 466 M. P. E. G. Co., Camp belief in a statement that man-power Bowie, Texas.

Cpl. Charles L. Haywood, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Haywood of Waxhaw. s home on a ten-days furlough. Chas. is stationed at Camp Hale, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Haywood have three sons in service and are proud of them. PFC Wiley E. Haywood is somewhere in England. Cpl. Adwell M. Haywood is somewhere in Italy. Charles served eleven months at Hilo in North Aprica and now in Italy. PFC Wiley has been in England four months. The boys are grandsons of a memorandum sent by mail. the late John H. Rogers. There are

with his brother, Shelly Griffin of Icemorlee.

Bob Dobson, aviator student at the University of North Dakota, things such cold weather as we have had draft boards will consider them: here would be balmly spring if he were here. Out there he has been in thirty below zero, and referring to the cold and Mrs. R. R. Dobson, that "Bob

Pvt. Claude Tuttle Icenhour, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Icenhour, R2, Monroe, has reported at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss, for medical and psychological processing, classification and training to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet Upor uccessful completion of this phase of his processing, he will be sent to a college or university for five months further study or directly to a preflight center for cadet training, depending upon his previous academic

Cpl. C. T. Winchester, Jr., has finished radio school at Scott Field, Ill., and has been transferred to Yuma Ariz., in the Majova Desert. He writes his parents that the days are hot, the nights cold, and the wind blows all the the time. His address is: ASN 34273617 Sqdn, 7 class 44-20 Army Flexible Gunnery School, Y. A. A. F., Yuma

Harold G. Haigler A-S, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Haigler, has finished his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. and came last Friday to spend a nine day furlough with his wife and par

Heights and with their parents. Mr. and with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Haigler and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. been transferred to Fort McArthur

SiSgt. Harold Crook, who is stationed oversess, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crook and relatives and friends. This is his first visit home Mrs. Roberts, left yesterday morning since he volunteered for service four for Millidgeville, Ga., where he is stand a half years ago. He was at Pearl tioned for the present. Harbor, Dec ember 7, 1941 when the

S-Sgt. Holland Crook, of Port Jack-The big guin duet definitely has de-eloped these opposing assets:

The Germans' artiletry outranges the
pass to be with his brother, S-Sgt. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrison, and attilled guns at least four or five miles
—and sometimes more than 10 miles.

Mrs. Walter Crook. This is the first

daughter. Marian Nisbet Morrison at Harold Crook, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crook. This is the first time they have seen each other in four and a half years.

Draft Age Men In 3 Groups Lt. Col. Thomas H. Wright Of Temple, Texas, Assumes New Dutles.

Jobs Vital To Nation's War Effort

Man Power Chairman Paul V. Mc-Nutt and Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey have requested 4-F's who are not already so employed to seek jobs in service in Temple and was in private essential activities or those designated by the WMC as "locally needed."

A similar separate appeal also was 1940. A member of the Medical Corps nade by Chairman Costello, Democrat reserve since 1937, he comemneed of California, of a House military sub- his present tour of duty as a first lieucommittee who said he had "no desire tenant. to establish some sort of labor conscription." This group has been coninto a work corps if they do not vol-utnarily take essential employment. chest surgery, his specialty, at Mayo Costello made clear this idea has not Brothers' clinic, in Rochester, Minn.

As the appeals to 4-F's went out, selective service regulations into three ganied the surgical service. age groups and local boards were instructed to go easier on those in the

McNutt and Hershey urged all 4-F's who are in doubt about their employwho are in doubt about their employment to consult their local U. S. Employment Service office. They estiployment Seervice office. They esti-mated that over 2,000,000 of the 3,600,-000 4-F's are already in essential or ocally needed work. The announcement said the present

essential list, including 35 general effort, is to be used in determining Pvt. Worth Griffin, son of Mrs. John which 4-F's will be considered to be

left camp others—those not working or those Maxey he was awarded the Good in nonessential jobs, who refuse to get essential jobs-will be inducted work in some activity that

needs could be met "on a purelyvolun-tary basis provided we receive the cooperation of every patriotic citizen within the nation. It reminded 4-F's that when they

were called for military service and rejected, their places in the fighting forces were taken by someone else. "The least that such a disqualified person can do to make sure that the one who is fighting in his stead is supplied with al the necessities for carrying on the fight," it added. The 6,400 local boards got their latest instructions on job deferments in

Although dependency as a test for deferment has long since yielded to job esentiality and age, the boards Whiteford N. Griffin, Seaman First over, in cases where all other factors were told that prewar fathers 26 ano Class, has come home for a five-day are equal, will normally be accorded

Draft officials, commenting on this provision, said cases where all other factors are exactly equal may be few and far between. The three age brackets and how

18 through 25-Whether fathers not, these men get no job deferments unless they are indorsed as key men and deep snow, wrote his parents, Mr. by a state draft director or unless they are in farming, merchant marine or Army transport corps. Former regulations also excepted certain technical students, but the new order forces all students to take their chances of being individually indorsed by a state direct

26 through 29-Job deferments for 'necessary men" in war production or in support of the war effort, bu this requirement will be "strictly applied." Fathers have the edge on nonfathers, other things being equal. 30 and over-The necessary-man re quirement "will be applied less strictly with the increased age of the regi strant." Other things being equa fatherfs wil be given more liberal consideration than non-fathers or fath ers 26 through 29.

500 Crowell Street, Monroe, N. C., has been promoted to technical sergeant. He is a platoon sergeant with an in fantry unit of the Fifth Army in Italy

Tom Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stewart, formerly of Wingate but who are now living in Charlotte, left a few days ago for the Navy. Mr. Stewart is a grandson of Mrs. T. C. Schachner of Monroe.

Capt. George Laney and Lieut. Percy Laney, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Laney, who have both landed somewhere in England, have contacted each other on the telephone, and made plans for an early meeting. They had not seen each other in three years.

Pyt. Philip Sewell, son of Mr. and rooks. PFC Haigler has recently Mrs. J. W. Sewell, who has recently been transferred to Fort McArthur, beeen inducted into the Army, has been sent to Los Angeles, Calif. He will go to his new base Wednesday.

> Chief Pharmacist J. O. Roberts who and has been spending several days with ome Mrs. Roberts, left yesterday morning

Seaman 2-C Harvey Morrison, Jr. in Bainbridge, Md., spent the week-end

er, Macon, Gs., will come tomorrow for a seven-days furlough with hi parents, Mr. and Mrs. John English

dy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. I Monroe, R-1, who was in-to the Navy several weeks completed his "boot training"

NEW POST SURGEON ARRIVES AT SUTTON

Lt. Col. Thomas R. Wright, M. C., 4-Fs Are Urged To Take of Temple, Texas, has assumed the duties of post surgeon and director of the camp's medical division at Camp Sutton. He succeeds Lt. Col. Jackson B. Dismukes, of Geneva, Ala., who has left for another station to form a McNUTT MAKES APPEAL general hospital unit for overseas duty. The new commander of Camp Sutton's large station hospital is a graduate of Texas A. & M. and of the medical school of the University of service in Temple and was in private practice in Gonales, Texas, when call-

ed to active Army duty in November,

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

Lieut. Col. Wright's changes of station have carried him across the considering legislation for a draft of 4-P's tinent from Ariona to North Carolina, in 1942. His last stop before Camp Sutton was Northington General hosmen of draft age were divided by new pital, Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he or-

Mrs. Wright is in residence with the colonel in Monroe, together with their eight-year-old son Tommy.

Remain Tight

fields of activity important to the war Pipe Lines Carry More Oil **But Civilians Need Expect** No Increase

STATES FACTS ICKES

Secretary Ickes has announced that contrary to the impression held in some quarters," there is no possibility at this time of increasing civilian gasoline rations in any section of the conutry.

"Despite any statements made by so-called 'informed sources,' stocks of over the country," said Ickes, who is that Rumanaian rail center to cut petroleum administrator for war, in a the city's link with Pascanai, 43 miles statement.

"Stocks of total crude petroleum and products in the United States nauti-Mucharest trung line 157 miles are at the lowest level they have been northwest of the rich Ploesti oil wells. in the last 20 years. The allocations a prime objective of the big Soviet for the second quarter of 1944 have push, and Ploesti is only 30 miles been made to the Office of Price Administration. It is not expected that these will be changed."

in a supplementary statement, said that east coast petroleum supplies are coastal gap leading around the moungenerally in a better position than tains into central Romania, while his they were last year, but; "This does middle force and northern wing-alnot mean that there is an abundance in a better working position in this out Axis troops pinned between the area now, and thus may be able to avoid the serious shortages that con-

stantly plagued us all last summer." Davies said PAW does not foresee any substantial easing of the situation, for military demands continue to increase, and "the more we supply to the military, the less is available for civilians"

Davies said that with two big pipe lines now operating from Texas to the East, the transportation problem has eased somewhat, but the current problem is "primarily one of supply.

U. S. AIR LOSSES ARE REPORTED VERY SMALL

American air losses in bombing Germany are smaller than expected, Major General Frank O. D. Hunter has reported.

Speaking before the National Aeronautics dinner meeting of the Society sa, the last big Russian city still held of Automotive engineers, General Hun- by the Germans, also was seized by ter said overall losses of all aircraft dispatched over Germany has been only 3.1 per cent since August, 1942. In recent weeks bomber losses have been 2.2 per cent and fighter only .8 per cent, despite the large number of deep penetration missions. Asserting that "mastery of the skies. prerequisite to the invasion of Europe, encirceis west of Skala, just north of tions," General Hunter said, "It is apparent taht the time for the kill is at

The commander of the First American Air Force, who recently returned from combat zones, said that the present air offensive to the heart of ing blow struck at the Nazis, "and German industry is the most damagcontributes to the Russian ground ad-

General Hunter reported that the United States is now first in air power among nations, with an Army air force of 2,400,000 officers and men and with plane production increased 12,100 per cent compared with 1939, when the force numbered 1,300 officers and 18,000 men, with about 1,600

planes of all types. He estimated that the curve of German air power slanted downward beginning last February, and that present enemy production is not sufficient to keep pace with plane losses. A feature of the aeron was the award of the Wright brothers medal to Costas Ernest Pappas, chief of aerodynamics at the Republic Aviation corporation.

ers' training. He was unable to gunners' training. He was unable to get home for Easter, but got leave long enough to come to Charlotte yesterday where he was met by wife, two children and his parents and spent about three hours visiting with them. He arrived about five o'clock yesterday afternoon and left last night. Mr. and Mrs. Eudy have two other sons in the service, Corporal John Endy, who is stationed in England with the Airforce, and Seymore K. Endy, who has been in the Navy fo rithe past 15 years. He is now somewhere at sea.

Soviet Forces Starting Siege

Rumania And Burst Into Odessa

NAZIS ARE FALLING BACK

The Red army rolling through Rumania captured 200 more vilalges yesterday, cutting the Iasi-Pascani railway 195 miles northeast of the capital at Bucharest, and began the siege of Odessa by bursting into its suburbs three miles north of the Black sea port, Moscow announced last night. Front dispatches also indicated that

the Tatar pass area, but the Soviet bulletin was silent on that sector after Saturday's announcement that the Hungarian-held frontier had been attained on a broad front. The German High Command also announced that another Russian army, presumably Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin's

Russian troops had fought their way

across the Czecho-Slovakian border in

Fourth Ukraine forces, was hammering fiercely at the Perekop and Sivash London.—Odessa, greatest port on the Black Sea and first major prize of Hitler's invasion of Russia, has fallen to the striding Red Army rapidly planting its banners along the Russian state frontiers, Beerlin announced today. Evacua-tion of the port and naval base was acknowledged by the German Command, which also declared the Russians were striking out in ap-parent full-blown offensive to clear the Crimea. The communique broadcast from Berlin said heavy fighting was in progress on a broad front from the Sivash to the Perekop sectors on the north side of the Crimea Isthmus and the Russians were penetrating the garri-

bridgeheads at the top of the Crimeian peninsula ,where more than 100,000 German and Romanian troops have

been sealed off for months. Zagorna, only 7½ miles north west of Isai, fell to Marshal Ivan S. Konev's gasoline for civilian use are tight all Second army, which also swept around to the west.

Pascanai is a junction on the Cernorth of Bucharest.

Thus the lower wing of Konev's arm was wheeling southward parallel with Deputy PAW Chief Ralph K. Davies, the Carpathian mountain barrier towready 40 miles in gasoline supplies. We are merely mania—were hitting westward to clean

Siret river and the mountains. The cutting of the railway to Pascani left the Axis garrison at Iasi a single rail supply or escape route. It leads southward from a point just west of Iasi, Romania's fourth largest peacetime city with a population of 104,000 and temporary capital during

the first World war. Twenty-one villages fell to Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Third Ukraine army attacking around Odessa, said the broadcast-communique recorded

by the Soviet monitor. These included Sortirovochnava, a rail station three miles north of the city near the Odessa cemetery, and in the mile-wide coastal gap formed by the Kuyalntski lagoon and the Black sea. The imperilled German-Romanian troops had hoped to hold this bottleneck, which is so vital to the defense of the former Soviet Black sea

naval base. Malinovsky's veterans many of whom fought for two months in the unsuccessful 1941 battle there against the Jermans. The Moscow communique also

fighting annihilation battles against the middle Dnestr river in the southwestern corner of the Ukraine. But the German High Command said that "a fairly strong German force" in that area finally had "avoid-

nounced that Soviet troops still were

ed encirclement in 14 days of fighting a numerically vastly superior enemy. PLAY AT WINGATE JR.

COLLEGE FRIDAY NIGHT Masque And Wig Club Will Preser "Tish," A Three-Act Comedy. The Masque and Wig Club of Win-gate Junior College will present "Tish," comedy in three acts, Priday April 14, at eight o'clock in the coleign auditorium. Tish, a middle-aged spin-ster, and her two companions, Aggie and Lizzie, get into plenty of trouble when they buy a second-hand car are leave to get closer to nature and "leave the simpler life." Mary Roberts Rome bart is the author of the play. "Tisk has brought her most enduring popularity and has been acciaimed as the same the same accident.

most humorous character to has ever created. Following is the cast of che Letitia Carberry, "Tish"—Su