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

Russians Race

Selective Service Tells Draft **Boards Which Occupations** Rate Deferments

Critical Jobs

A handful of the preprofessional students and some coal miners were added at the last minute Tuesday as selective service wound up a study of filed for re-election, with the an-which industries should have draft de-nouncements today of J. Ray Shute which industries should have draft dewhich industries should have a supervised and account number of fermetns of key men under 26 and and Ben F. Price, completing the list every employee, and the wages paid is used a list of critical occupations for O. L. Richardson who has served him during the previous calendar. issued a list of critical occupations for

Paul V. McNutt although an interagency government committee omitted them and coal miners in preparing its proposed list.

Sound F. H. Johnson of the Recorder's wage data shown thereon is transmitted by the agency to the social setup. The social s

McNutt also recommended inclusion

Hershey did not put them formally on the list but announced that state directors in certain coal-producing areas were being given special au-thority to defer individuals whose in-

ment in coal production.

State directers were authorized by telegram to recommend men under 26 for deferment when special forms are filed (forms 42 A-special) and when they are engaged in the following to dustrial activities:

1. Under jurisdiction of the Office of the Rubber Director; research, pi-loting, and production of synthetic rubbers, butadene and styrene; pro-duction of essential raw materials in three government-owned plants oper-ated by the Rubber Reserves company (at Memphis, Tenn., Naugatuck, Conn., and Philadelphia); manufacture of reclaimed rubber; manufacture of essential rubber goods permitted under rubber order R-1; manufacture of rub-

ber processing machinery.

2. Army service forces: ducks, (amphibious "ducks"), rockets, radar, cri-tical components for trucks, heavy and light-heavy (2 1-2 ton and heavier), including truck trailers and class one and two tractors; research and development work specifically assigned technical services (Army to

supply list).

3. Army Air forces; group 1-A air-craft—only specified Items (covering certain craft not otherwise publicly

4. Navy department: landing craft, rockets, submarines aircraft carriers, high capacity ammunition, radar, aircraft in group 1-4, ships and air-craft maintenance including modifi-

cation centers. 5. War Production board: component ficials. 5. War Production board: compared programs parts of approved critical programs when such production is not under when such production is not under when such production of the armed April the amount charged for storage The funeral of Mrs. E. C. Robinson The funeral of Mrs. E. C. Robinson 6. aMritime commission: combat-loaded transport, combat-loaded cargo

7. Petroleum administration for war: aviation gasoline program and synthetic rubber components, technical services vital to aviation gasoline program and synthetic rubber compo-nents, special technical services essential to production of crude petroleum

8. Office of Defense Transportation Great Lakes and inland waterways— (A) only captains and chief engineers; licensed officers for 1944 navigation season;

Airlines-flight personnel, ground personnel only outside the continental

Railroads and for hire truckingpersonnel engaged in railway and motor transport service directly related to the movement of war freight necessary to support the immediate war objectives, the withdrawal of which would decrease the safety speed and volume of movement so as to adversely affect such war objectives, also (A) railway personnel engaged in assembly line haul, and break-up of railway freight trains, and (B) key personn of those trucking companies whose equipment is more than 16,000 tons

weight of vehicles. 9. War Shipping administration: Pharmacist mates, off-shore shipping (active sea-going personnel and men in training for service in the merchant-marine-no more men under 26 are being recruited for training).

10. Board of War Communications international radio-telegraph, radio telephone and cable carriers outside

he continental United States.

11. War Food administration: special technical services essential to wet corn milling.

12. Co-ordinator of Fisheries: operation of commercial fishing vessels of 20 gross tons or over—captains only.

WEDDINGTON NEWS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met with Mrs. J. O. Cox for the April meeting. The special collection taken up during the business session amounted to \$5.84. Mrs. J. O. Cox was appointed to have charge of the Bible study at the next meeting. All are asked to read and study the lesson. The leaflet on the work among the people of China and in the schools was given by Mrs. Fred Deal. Mrs. W. B. Thomas had charge of the devotional.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE Notice Given

Present Board Of County Commission ers Seek Beelection.

With only two days remaining in which candidates may file for the Social Security Urges Them Democratic Primary, little interest is being shown and the only office in which there promises to be some op-position is for constable of Monroe OFFICIALS ARE RUSHED township. Already three have announced, including Chatham J. Smith DURING the present constable, Houston "Slim" Privette and W. J. Whitle... and there

may still be others who will announce. All members of the present Board of County Commissioners have now

Issued a list of critical occupations for guidance of state draft directors.

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey included the students on recommendation of Man-Power Chairman Judge P. H. Johnson of the Recorder's wage data shown thereon is transmit-

McNutt also recommended inclusion of coal mines to be specified in Dnion County Board of Elections Stated today, that the deadline for candidates to file, will be Saturday, ern Wyoming, Washington and the western part of Virginia. dates who will enter the race for various offices in the county, political wiseacres, predict one of the quietest county elections in recent years. Voters can register on April 29

Poultrymen To

Announcement Is Made That **Producers Will Benefit** By Price Hike

OFFSET

Representative Lyndon B. Johnson emocrat of Texas, announced yesterday that Federal price authorities had agreed tentatively to grant poultry producers an average increase ents a pound in ceiling prices on broilers during the next two months. The increase is expected to go into effect next week, and will be passed on to the consumer. Poultry raisers

feed costs. Details were disclosed by Johnso after conferences with Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, War Food Administrator Marvin Jones. and Office of Price Administration of

of broilers in that month, 1.8 cents a pound. The storage fees for May are fixed at 2.2 cents, and producers would

ceilings by that amount in May. Federal authorities hope by that time to have worked out a new price ceiling arrangement on a zone basis to allow producers a sufficient amount to cover their increased feed costs, Johnson said.

The Texan said the new price regulations woudl permit producers to enadditional increase averaging cents a pound between now and June 1, eveen though they did not actually sell their broilers direct to

SGT. JOE RUSHING MISSING IN ACTION

Had Been In Service 14 Months; In England Since January.

Sgt. Joe Rushing, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Rushing of R3, Monroe, a gunner on a Flying Fortress is reported "missing in action." A telegram received by his parents Wednesday, April 5th, read: "The Secretary of War desires me to

xpress his deep regret that your son, Sgt. Joe Rushing, has been reported missing in action since twenty-three March over Germany. Letter follows.

Newspaper dispatches show that on March 23rd, 1,500 allied planes parby German air fighters. Our losses of the church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 or cluded 27 bombers and six fighters.

Set Problems and six fighters.

HELPER IS IN TROPBLE

To Employers

To File Reports On All Employees

THIS MONTH

During April employers who are subject to the social security act, will make their pay roll tax reports for the first quarter of 1944. Each employer the name and account number of

re-election to their present positions.

J. David Simpson, chairman of the which will be paid in later years to the insured worker or to his survivors will be based upon his wage record. An emeployer who fails to include in his tax return, the name and account number as well as the wages of each employee may unwittingly cause the loss of the benefits, later on, to an

employee or to his family. In this connection, Lone T. Proctor, manager of the Cahrlotte office of the Social Security board said, also that both the name and the account number of every wage earner covered by the old-age and survivor insurance system is necessary for identification

"On the books of the social security board there are thousands of Smiths; there are hundreds of John Smiths; and scores of John Arthur Smith," he Get Increase explained, "so in order to keep the wage record straight for each of those Smiths, the board must have the ac count number as well as the right name of each. The same is true of other names, such as Jones, Johnson, Brown, and Jackson. Many persons have the same family name; and a surprising number have the same first, middle, and last name. That is why the board must have the name and the account number of the worker in order to identify his wage record."

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. E. C Robinson Monday Afternoon.

(By Mrs. Benson E. Bivens) Mrs. Floy Hallman recently visited her sister Mrs. Ben Polk of Charlotte, who is seriously ill in the hosyital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steen at children of South Carolina spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Steen's par ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Helms.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Tesh and family visited friends and relatives in was held in the Baptist church on Monday afternoon and was conducted 305 South Main Street, Monroe. fixed at 2.2 cents, and producers would be allowed to increase their present O. Pickler. Interment was in the

Wingate cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hahn and Benson E. Bivens during the week. Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Smith of Char-Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith during the as an instructor in the use of 240

Easter holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Smith and Salie spent the holidays in Concord His new addres is 259 F A Bn., Bat. C. with Mr. and Mrs. Shive. Mrs. Morris Chaney visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith during the week-end. Miss Lura Williams who is serving

with the WACs recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thornburg and the first word received from him since Miss Mildred Griffin of Dallas, N. C., January 11th at which time he was in

visited Mrs. J. B. Griffin. Sgt. Hazel L. Giles, of Fort Jackson S. C., spent the Easter holidays with him and was glad to get it. He said

Mrs. Giles.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thayer of High Poin, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. a week. He also stated he had seen the volcano before it went on its ram-Miss Bessle Gaddy, who teaches in

the Greensboro schools, has returned to resume her duties after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gaddy. Miss Kate McIntyre has returned to Southern Pines. She visited her par- 324 East Franklin Street, Monroe, was ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McIntyre recently promoted to staff sergeant at

Dunlop acting, Adj. General."

Sgt. Rushing, in service about 14 months, had been overseas since January, and was stationed in England.

Newspaper dispatches show that on Rivens on Saturday afternoon. All The Cradle Roll department of the hunt at the home of Mrs. John A. high school and was employed as members of the department were in-

ticipated in the raid over enemy ter-ritory and it was then for the first time they met their stiffest opposition held its regular monthly meeting at held its regular monthly meeting at The W. M. U. of the Baptist church

cluded 27 bombers and six fighters.

Sgt. Rushing has two brothers in serevice, Pvt. Vance Rushing and Pvt.

Trancy Otto Rushing. They left Tuesday, April 4th and at present are stationed at Fort Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushing have ten children: Mr. Theodore Rushing, Pvt. Vance Rushing, J. C. Rushing, Pvt. Vance Rushing, Ray Rushing, Mrs. Gertrude Connell. Sgt. Joe Rushing, Mrs. Gertrude Connell. Sgt. Joe Rushing, Mrs. Carlton Bivens as joint hostesses.

Mrs. Carlton Bivens had charge of the program. Miss Dina Domingues rendered a beautiful plane solo.

Miss Carolyn Caldwell gave a most The Arts Department Meets

The Fine Arts department of the Wingate Woman's Club met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Robert
J. Horne with Mesdames J. I. Orr and Ensign Wade Secrest has completed the complete of the Robert School of the the program. Miss Dina Domingues ton, S. C. Ensign Secrest spent the rendered a beautiful piano solo.

week-end with his parents, Mr. and Miss Carolyn Caldwell gave a most mrs. C E. Secrest and left Tuesday neteresting talk on World Wide War for Miami, Fia, where he will report News and illustrated it with maps.

A short business session was presided over by Mrs. Floyd Braswell, the Sgt. Vann Thomas has been trans-

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Burma-India—Allies ease Japa-nese pressure on Kohima in India; llied air commandos widen oper-ations in central Burma.

Pacific-Liberators hit Kurile islands less than 1,000 miles from Tokyo; Truk atoll and other Japanese points also raided.

Yugoslav-Vital German base of Gradina falls to Partisans; Naiz communications attacked on long

Pearl Harbor.-United States sovereignty has been established over five more land clusters in the Marshall Islands and American airmen have stepped up their assault on remaining, isolated Japa-nese positions, Adm. Chester W. Mimitz announced yesterday. Al-luk, Rongelap, Likiep and Utirik atells and Mejit island, all in the northern Marshalls within less than 145 nautical miles of Japanese-held Wotie, have been reconnoitered and incorporated into the list of American holdings.

Italy.-Tired and bereft of empire, King Vittorio Emanuele III proclaimed to his people and the world today that he would turn over the power of the throne to his six-foot son, Umberto, 39, the Prince of Piedment, on the day that Allied troops enter Rome. The 74-year-old monarch declared he would appoint his son "lieutenantgeneral of the Realm," would retire entirely from public affairs, and that his deceision was "final and irrevocable.

que yesterday told of fresh retreats eastern and norther Crimea, "German and Rumanian disengaged themselves in hard fighting toward positions fur-ther south." Some 250 miles to the northwest the Russians said they had fought into the streets of Tiraspol, Dneister river port and railway junction, while on the mid-Dniester Germans crashed through ring of Bussians around remnants of 15 trapped Nazi di-

Union County's Men In Service

At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. San Antonio, Texas, 63 cadets rom North Carolina are receiving preflight training to prepare them for aerial instruction as pilots, bombardiers and navigators. During ten weeks of intensive training the cadets study mathematics, physics, naval and aircraft identification and other subjects as wel las undergoing physical and military training. Upon completion of the courses the cadets will progress to advanced training schools. The present classes include one from Monroe, Pilot Dwight M. Cook, Jr.

Staff Sgt. James W. Richardson son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Richardson of R4, Monroe, has been transbeen in service four years, having left with the old Battery F 113 F. A., N. C. lotte, visited Mrs. Julia Williams and National Guard. He has been engaged heavy field artillery. His wife, the former Miss Doris Rorie is with him. 20409670. Camp Chafee. Ark.

> W. T. Ballentine received word last veek from his son, S-Sgt. George B. the front in Italy. This letter was Africa. He stated he was fine and had just received a box his sister had sent he had been too busy to write but hoped now that he could write once page and had been to Naples and

Olin W. Stewart, U. S. Marine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Stewart Camp Pendleton, Calif. Staff Ser geant, a clerk with a unit undergoing ombat All transit department clerk by the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve ing the Marines in 1940.

> Frank W. Crook, formerly of Monroe, who was recently taken into the service, has been sent to the Ordnanc deen Proving Ground, Md., where he will receive his basic training as an Ordnance soldier. He formerly lived at Monroe. His present address is Co.

Ensign Wade Secrest has complete specialied training at the anti-subma-rine warfare training center, Charles

ferred from Atlanta, Ga., to California

Pushing Plans For Vets' Jobs

Have Series Of Talks On Problem

PUBLIC OPINION HELPS

series of conferences on re-employ nent of discharged veterans.

Upton, will be held April 13 at Eden on, April 14 at Rocky Mount, April 17 at Winston-Salem, April 18 at North Wilkesboro, April 19 at Hickory, April 20 at Asheville, April 21 at Charlotte, and April 24 at Durham The conferences will be at 2 o'clock

Assisting Colonel Upton will be E B. Page, chief of the veterans' personnel division of the state selective service staff; R. C. Godwin, State oloyment representative, veterans' employment division, United States Em-ployment service of the War Manpower commission (WMC): and Capt. Frank M. Page of the United States

act of 1940 directs that a personnel division be established to protect the re-employment rights of veterans," Colonel Upton said, "thus making the director of selective service responsible. The act also gives selective service authority to utilize existing facilities of the several departments and agencies of the Federal and State govern-

He added that "because of its recognized facility and experience the United Sates Employment service has Note Is Taken Of Two-Cent been selected to assist veterans in ob-taining new jobs and placing physi-

cally rehabilitated veterans." the WMC there is a local veteran emloyment representative.

gation and the responsibility of oranizing and supervising the veterans' of each local draft board, will unite with civic, patriotic and other agencies job finding plan and advise employers of their responsibility, and will promote fairness and just decisions

YOUTH FOOLED NAVY

Donald Curtis had the navy fooled until officials at the air base at Ottum-wa, Iowa, wrote to his parents, Mr. Feed dealers said that if the Bowles' been discharged from service.

The youngster got an early start on would be hard-pressed for feed about a military career. At 13 he joined the May 1. state guard in Ohio. He used ihs dis-

with them to allow him to continue. When the request came for the birth Senate agriculture subcommittee no longer continue the deception.

REV. CHESTER ALEXANDER

day, April 23, Lasting For Week.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT

Selective Service Officials To

State selective service officials, inormed that an estimated 75 per cent f returning servicemen and women will want jobs other than those held n former civilian life, are conducting

The conferences, under the general upervision of Lieut. Col. Thomas H.

Marine corps.
The selective service and training

At every local employment office of

From the selective service angle, said Colonel Upton, the state director, through the Governor, has the obli-

replacement program with the state.
Throughout the state local clearing ouse committees, working in conjunction with the reemployment committee to make this official plan of placing veterans a success. Colonel Upton said. They will seek to bring the organ-ized weight of public opinion to bear upon placements, will offer construc-tive criticism, will channel all public effort into one plan, fully explain the

Will Conduct Revival Services Here

Held By Germans

SGT. WILLIAM R. HAWFIELD

According to a message received der siege earlier in the war. from the Adjutant General by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hawfield, Wesley Chapel, S-Sgt. William R. Hawfield is a prisoner of war of the

William entered the service about 15 months ago from Monoroe and was chief engineer on a bomber B-24 with the rating of staff sergeant, and had been in England with the Army Air

Forces since December. He was employed in Monroe before entering the service and made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Hamp Price

Black Market Seen In Corn

Chicago Differential By Officials

FEED SHORTAGE SEEN

The Department of Agriculture's mid-month price report has recognized what appears to be a vast "black market" in corn, the nation's No. 1 feed grain. The report showed that as of March

15, the average price received by farmers for corn was \$1.14 per bushel, compared with the OPA ceiling of \$1.16, Chicago basis. Department officials readily admitted that it would be impossible to handle corn on a twocent margin from the farm to Chicago. They were inclined to believe that farmers had not correctly reported the higher-than-ceiling prices they re-

age would not have prevailed of a formal anonuncement earlier in dispatches said as recently as this week the week by OPA Administrator Chesthe week by OPA Administrator Chesthe week by OPA Administrator Chesthey had flown in twi more divisions BUT NOW HE'S HOME ter Bowles that "no increase in the price of corn is contemplated by the

wa, Iowa, wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Curtis, of Delaware.
O., for his birth certificate. Then his deception was exposed and be ber children, George II and Elizabeth, of ferred from Fort Sill, Okla., to Camp deception was exposed, and he has ment figures indicate, frimers in the Mt. Pleasant, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chafee. Ark. S-Sgt Richardson has been discharged from service. Carolinas and other feed-deficit areas

> Agricultural sources said the Bowles' charge papers from that organization announcement was made primarily to to convince the navy he was old enough when he enlisted last August. dent Philip Raymond O'Brien, of the The parents always felt Donald was Chicago Board of Trade, that the too young, they explained, but they corn ceiling should be increased to kept his secret because he pleaded \$1.45 per bushel. O'Brien first made his \$1.45 recommendmation before a Ballentine who is now somewhere on certificate, however, the parents could March 1. He has since repeated it in a number of talks in the Chicago area.

> > REV. L M. ELLIS

The Rev. I. M. Ellis, pastor of the

will be in charge of the music. Mr. Ellis is a well-known leader of congre-

gational singing. He is also widely

power and ability.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH First Presbyterian church of Gastonia

There is to be a series of revival known for his playing on the ma-

services at the Pirst Presbyterian church in Monroe beginning with the evening service on Sunday, April 23. The services will begin with a song service each evening at 7:45. There will also be services each morning at tage prayer meetings will be nounced shortly. It is hoped

The Charlotte District Conference of he Methodist Church will be held at Waxhaw on May 16th. The pastor,

tendent, now residing in the district parsonage on Queens Road, will preside. A morning and afternoon with lunch between, will be Splendid reports are expected from the various charges, not only as to financial but as to membership

Dr. Craven preached through last week in Morganton. Returning to Charlotte he has a house party veek at the parsonage. Guests are Rev. Claude H. Moser, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, Gastonia; Rev. Edgar H. Nease, pastor of West Market Street Methodist church of Greensboro; Rev. Frank B. Jordan, pastor of Central Methodist church, Concord; and Rev. K. Kenneth Good-son, pastor of Muir's Methodist chapel

just out of Greensboro.

Ohio's oldest twins, William as Samuel Kyle, who observed the ninety-seventh birthday recently, hileve that they may be the olde twins living in the United States. Their formula for long life is ve simple: "Don't get nervous or excitabout anything. Try to keep calm That rule seems to have worked with the them.

To Sevastopol Kerch Is Cleared Of Nazis; Other Soviet Triumphs Announced GERMANS IN RETREAT

The Red army in its swift offensive to recapture the Crimea has raced 46 miles down the central Crimea railway in a single day to within 13 miles of Simferopol and only 46 miles from the great naval base of Sevastopol, and has cleared the entire Kerch peninsula of the enemy, Boscow announc-

ed today. The speed of the Soviet advance indicated the German and Romanian forces on the Crimea were withdrawing swiftly toward Sevastopol, perhaps attempt to duplicate the historic defense which the Russians made un-

Russian forces on the mainland, demonstrating their surging power to maintain multiple offensives maintain multiple offensives, seized by storm the Ukraine city of Tiraspol, 53 miles northwest of Odessa, pushed deeper towards the north Romanian oil fields with the capture of Falticeni, hastened the encirclement maneuver against Chisinau in Bessarabia, and squeezed the Skala pocket on the First Ukraine front to a ragged remnant of

10,000 Germans. From April 1 to 10 the Germans west o fSkala lost 26.000 dead and 6.988 captured, while Russian booty included 187 tanks and self-propelled guns, declared the Soviet night communique, recorded by the Soviet mon-

The whirlwind campaign to free the Crimea, which the Germans and Romanians have held since Septembed 1941 consisted of a thrust from the east after an amphibious landing at Kerch, and two drives from the north. Gen. Feeodor I. Tolbukhin, in charge of both northern drives, freed more than 150 towns yesterday in his rapid strides toward the big central Cri-mean city of Simferopol, including the large railway towns of Kurman Memelchi, Blyuk Onlar and Karacha Kandil. The last is less than 13 miles north of Simferopol and 46 air-line miles northeast of Sevastopol, the greatest of Crimean prizes.

Simultaneously, Gen. Andreei I. Yeremenko's amphibious army an-nounced freeing of the entire Kerch peninsula, the eastern neck of the Crimea, liberating more than 140 towns, killing 3,000 of the enemy, capturing more than 2,000, and thrusting to within 18 miles of Feodosiya, biggest

East Crimean port. The German and Romanian garris sons of the Crimea had been virtually isolated in that large peninsular exhigher-than-ceiling prices they received or, if anything, had scaled
them down. Otherwise, the \$1.14 average would not have prevailed. ge would not have prevalled.

This revelation came on the heels Russian Black sea coast. Russian

for the defense.

The Russian offensive, begun five days ago, scarcely could have caught the Axis by surprise, yet the Red armies quickly cut hrough the longprepared defensive system and raced climaxed by the expected capture of Sevastopol.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO MEET AT WAXHAW

Three Hundred Delegates Expected To Attend Meeting.

Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald and the Waxhaw church will be hosts to some 300 delegates who are expected to assemble from the 41 pastoral charges in the district in Mecklenburg, Union and Anson counties. Dr. J. B. Craven, district superin-

BROTHERS BELIEVED TO BE OLDEST TWINS

Ohio Men Reach 97th Birthday By Keeeping Cool And Calm.

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for these services.

Plans and preparations for this meeting have been in progress for some time. Times and places for cotsome time. Times and places for cotsome time. The same will be annually meetings will be annually in hoped the shurches.