

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and cool tonight, with scattered frost; Friday, fair and warmer.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods like cotton, eggs, and wheat.

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1944

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

List Outlines Critical Jobs

Selective Service Tells Draft Boards Which Occupations Rate Deferrals

OFFICIALS ARE RUSHED

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 which industries should have draft deferments of key men under 26 and issued a list of critical occupations for guidance of state draft directors.

McNutt also recommended inclusion of coal mines to be specified in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, eastern Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, southern Wyoming, Washington and the western part of Virginia.

- 1. Under jurisdiction of the Office of the Rubber Director; research, piloting, and production of synthetic rubbers, butadiene and styrene; production of essential raw materials in three government-owned plants operated by the Rubber Reserves company...

10. Board of War Communications: International radio-telegraph, radio telephone and cable carriers outside the continental United States.

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.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE BY SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Present Board Of County Commissioners Seek Re-election

With only two days remaining in which candidates must file for the Democratic Primary, little interest is being shown and the only office in which there promises to be some opposition is for constable of Monroe township.

Poultrymen To Get Increase

Announcement Is Made That Producers Will Benefit By Price Hike

WILL OFFSET COSTS

Representative Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrat of Texas, announced yesterday that Federal price authorities had agreed tentatively to grant poultry producers an average increase of two cents a pound in ceiling prices on broilers during the next two months.

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HELPER IS IN TROUBLE

When Mrs. Felice Ferris found a goat butting on her front door, in Philadelphia, she seized his horns and pushed, but to no avail.

Notice Given To Employers

Social Security Urges Them To File Reports On All Employees

DURING THIS MONTH

During April employers who are subject to the social security act, will make their payroll tax reports for the first quarter of 1944. Each employer concerned is required by law to report the name and account number of every employee, and the wages paid him during the previous calendar quarter.

"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 explained, "in order to keep the wage record straight for each of those Smiths, the board must have the account 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 Clark of Charlotte, who is seriously ill in the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steen and children of South Carolina spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. Steen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Helms.

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FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT MEETS

The Fine Arts department of the Wingate Women's Club met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Robert J. Horne with Mesdames J. I. Orr and Carlton Bivens as joint hostesses.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Burma-India—Allies ease Japanese pressure on Kohima in India; Allied air commands widen operations 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; Nazi communications attacked on long front.

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 Japanese positions.

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 Piedmont, on the day that Allied troops enter Rome.

London—A German communiqué yesterday told of fresh retreats in eastern and northern Crimea, where "German and Rumanian troops disengaged themselves in hard fighting toward positions further south."

Union County's Men In Service

At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, San Antonio, Texas, 63 cadets from North Carolina are receiving pre-flight training to prepare them for aerial instruction as pilots, bombardier, or other duties.

Staff Sgt. James W. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Richardson of R4, Monroe, has been transferred from Fort Sill, Okla., to Camp Chafee, Ark. S-Sgt. Richardson has been in service four years, having left with the old Battery F 113 F. A. N. C. National Guard. He has been engaged as an instructor in the use of 240 heavy field artillery. His wife, the former Miss Doris Rorie is with him. His new address is 259 F A. N., Bat. Co., 305 South Main Street, Monroe.

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Olin W. Stewart, U. S. Marine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Stewart, 324 East Franklin Street, Monroe, was recently promoted to staff sergeant at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Staff Sergeant, a clerk with a unit undergoing combat training, attended Wingate high school and was employed as a transit department clerk by the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va., before joining the Marines in 1940.

Frank W. Crook, formerly of Monroe, who was recently taken into the service, has been sent to the Ordnance Replacement Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he will receive his basic training as an Ordnance soldier. He formerly lived at Monroe. His present address is Co. E, 1st Regiment, O. R. T. C., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Ensign Wade Secrest has completed specialized training at the anti-submarine warfare training center, Charleston, S. C. Ensign Secrest spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Secrest, and left Tuesday for Miami, Fla., where he will report for active sea duty.

Sgt. Vann Thomas has been transferred from Atlanta, Ga., to California. He would be glad to hear from his friends. He is expecting to get a furlough the first of May. His new address is Sgt. Vann Thomas, Edg. Co., M. P. Plat. III Corps, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

Seaman Harold Sells, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Boy's Sells of Wilmington, formerly of 33 1/2 Monroe, is now stationed at Norman, Oklahoma. Seaman Sells was working in the shipyard at Wilmington when he went in.

Pushing Plans For Vets' Jobs

Selective Service Officials To Have Series Of Talks On Problem

PUBLIC OPINION HELPS

State selective service officials, informed that an estimated 75 per cent of returning servicemen and women will want jobs other than those held in former civilian life, are conducting a series of conferences on re-employment of discharged veterans.

The conferences, under the general supervision of Lieut. Col. Thomas H. Upton, will be held April 13 at Edenton, 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 p. m.

Assisting Colonel Upton will be E. B. Page, chief of the veterans' personnel division of the state selective service staff; R. C. Godwin, State employment representative, veterans' employment division, United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission (WMC); and Capt. Frank M. Page of the United States Marine Corps.

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Held By Germans



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

Black Market Seen In Corn

Note Is Taken Of Two-Cent 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 two-cent margin from the farm to Chicago.

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Russians Race 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, Bessow announced today.

The speed of the Soviet advance indicated the German and Romanian forces on the Crimea were withdrawing swiftly toward Sevastopol, perhaps to attempt to duplicate the historic defense which the Russians made under siege earlier in the war.

Russian forces on the mainland, demonstrating their surging power to 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 Paliceni, 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 of Skala lost 26,000 dead and 6,988 captured, while Russian booty included 187 tanks and self-propelled guns, declared the Soviet night communiqué, recorded by the Soviet monitor.

The whirlwind campaign to free the Crimea, which the Germans and Romanians have held since September 1941 consisted of a thrust from the east after an amphibious landing at Kerch, the last in less than 13 miles north of Simferopol and 46 air-line miles northeast of Sevastopol, the greatest of Crimean prizes.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO MEET AT WAXHAW

Three Hundred Delegates Expected To Attend Meeting

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

BROTHERS BELIEVED TO BE OLDEST TWINS

Ohio Men Keep 97th Birthday By Resisting Cool And Calm

Ohio's oldest twins, William and Samuel Kyle, who observed their ninety-seventh birthday recently, believe that they may be the oldest twins living in the United States.