

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1944

# BEVENTY-FIRST YEAR



Enemy Attempts Escape By The Sea

AXIS

LOSSES HEAVY

Soviet high command an The Soviet high command an-nounced last night that masses of Russian planes were attacking Sevas-topol's evacuation docks where thou-sands of trapped Germans and Roma-mians were trying desperately to escape to sea, and dispatches said the fall of the Orimean fortress was only a matter of hours as Russian artillery also hurled shells into the city.

also hurled shells into the city. Yalta, a port 30 miles to the east on Yalta, a port 30 miles to the east of the south coast, and 40 other villages fell quickly to Gen. Andrei I. Yere-menko's independent maritime army pushing along the coast below Sevasto-pushing along the coast below Sevasto-

793 enemy troops between March 6 and Although Moscow did not announce April 15. the latest results of the land drive into the suburbs of Sevastopol on the

north and east, front dispatches said Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin's fourth Ukraine army was within two miles of the stronghold which the Germans have held since July, 1942.

Sevastopol might be captured before

dawn, a dispatch predicted. On the mainland the Third Ukraine army under Gen. Rodio Y. Melinovsky, liberator of Odessa forced new crossings of the lower Dnestr river and out-anked Chisinaug, capital of the pre-war Romanian province of Bessarabia, the bulletin disclosed.

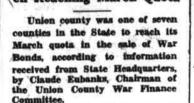
One of the crossings occurred south of Tiraspol, 37 miles southeast of Marshal Koney's army attacking in the the Orhei region 20 miles to porth.

Shisinau is only 11 miles west of the curving Dnestra at one point. This new Russian strike is aimed at collaps-This ing a strong German east-west line from Chisinau to Iasi in Romania proper, and releasing Soviet troops in multitude surges toward the Galati gap protecting the Ploesti oil fields. Galati is 125 miles southwest of Shicinau and the crossing of the Destr put the Russians within 30 miles of the Axis rail lifeline between the two cities.

The special announcement concern ing Marshal Konev's army said his ns had killed 118-000 enemy soland captured 27.393 in less than weeks. That period covered i60-mile march from Uraine pois near Vinnitsa across the Bug, Dnestr, Prut and Siret rivers to Fal-

ticeni, deep inside northern Romania. Konev's trdops also destroyed 688 tanks, 142 planes, 1,474 guns, 1,838

mortars, 3,660 machine-guns, 356 armored troop carriers and armed trac-tors, 25,111 trucks, 248 tractors, 6,453 horses, and 63 ammunition



Union County One Of Sev-

Committee. For the month of March Union county was assigned a quota of \$97,011.00. A final tabulation of such as announced this morning by Mr. Eubanks, shows that a total of \$107,009.00 was purchased during the month. This is considered an excellent record for the county in view of the fact that during the last drive, Union county citizens bought more than a million dollars in head

in bonds. The county's quota for April has been set at \$97,011.00, the same as quota for the month of March.

A special announcement also said Marshal Ivan 8. Konev's second Uk-raine army had killed or captured 145,-

Draft Head Tells Farmers Their "First Duty" Is To **Release All Possible** 

FOR ARMED Selective Seervice Director Lewis B. Hershey told farmers Sunday their anese penetration of India. "first duty" is to make available for In the Pacific air actio Army or Navy service every possible draft-deferred man under 26. the nation's "largest group of this type

quirements" of the Tydings amendment to the selective service ast, pro-viding for the occupational deferment of men essential to food production.

"Their necessity to the production of food must be weighed against the need of men of their age and physical qualifications to reinforce your sons and their brothers who have marched against the enemy," the draft director aid. "The essentiality of the food which

they grow must be considered in the light of the fact that young men for the services are now more necessary than the production of most of the weapons with which the war is fought. "Our farmers of this nation will do road their part. Their first duty is to make

available every possible man from the 350,000 to 400,000 under 26. Every ma. man engaged in farming who is found physically unfit for military service should remain on the farm

LIST OF SELECTEES TO

**Bombers Lash** en Reaching March Quota **Japanese** Base

Allied Headquarters Reveals Aitape On New Guinea **Coast Bombed** 

### RAIDED TRUK ALSO

A record bomb load of 284 tons have een unloaded on the Japanese base of Aitape on the north coast of New Guinea, while other bombers returned to hit Truk in the Caroline group to the north, it was announced today. Aitape is midway between Wewak

and Hollandia, both of which have caught a terrific pounding during April, Altape has one airdrome. American bombers in their newes raid on Truk unloaded their bombs despite an unusual amount of interception, and in a raid on Puluwat atoll 200 miles to the west damaged a Japa-

nese vessel. American air raiders struck at both ends of the 3,000 mile Pacific front carrying their raids against the northern Kurile islanlds into the fifth straight day and renewing their attacks on equatorial Naura after

month's layoff. Simultaneously, Admr. Lord Louis Mountbatten moved his southeast Asia headquarters from New Delhi to Cey-

FORCES Ion, indicating the long expected ammay be drawing near, despite the Jap-

In the Pacific air action reported by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz yesterday (Sunday), the heaviest blow was Deferments in agriculture cover struck at Ponape, easter bulwark of 350,000 to 400,000 physically fit youths, Truk and other Caroline island fortresses Army Mitchell medium bomso urgently needed by the Army and bers attacked the island, sank a small the Navy," Hershey said in a broadonto the coral reefs of nearby Ant

> March. Aleutianlbased Army liberators flev o within 500 miles of the main islands of Japan to loose their loads on Matuwa in the northern Kuriles, volcani

stepping stones to Tokyo. In his first communique after mov ing to Ceylon, Lord Mountbatten gave renewed assurance that British troops were in control of Imphal, main Allied

base in East India, and were making "satisfactory progress" in clearing the enemy from the Kohima-Dimapur where it threatens the railway carrying supplies for China and Lieut Gen. Stilwell's offensive in North Bur

But Beerlin radio reported the Allie were flying two divisions of troops into the Imphal area. One of them was the British-India Fifth division withdrawn from the southwest Burma

theater. Berlin said. CAREFUL PILOT BAGS THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian-Soviet dispatches pre-dict fall of Sevastopol in a few hours as Russians hurl bombs and shells on thousands of Germans and Romanians trapped in the Crimean fortress.

Burma—Allied glider - borne troops strike at Japanese lines within 60 miles of Mandalay; Mountbatten transfers headquar ters from New Delhi of Ceylon in possible hint of early amphibious mpaign for Singapore.

Aerial-American bombers from Mediterran pound Belgrade, cap-ital of Yugoslava, and other cities southeastern Europe

Southwest Pacific-Altape, Japanese base on north coast of New Guinea, battered by record 284 tons of bombs; American bombers also renew their assault on Truk

Central Pacific - Far-ranging American planes hit Ponape is-lands and other Japanese positions from Nauru on the equator to Matsuwa in the Kurile islands north of Japan.

Political-Mussolini is reported gravely ill, "waiting for death to strike," by Fascist newspaper in first confirmation of long-current

# Union County's Men In Service

The promotion of Erwin B. Gordon from corporal to sergeant has been announced by Brig. Gen. Edmund W. commanding general of Hill Eighth AAF Composite Command in Northern Ireland. Sgt. Gordon is the He declared farm deferments should island." Navy search planes hit nearby Ant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gordon, 504 not be continued except when the Pakin. Croluk, halfway to Truk, and ing the service in August, 1942. Sgt. Ulul, northwest of Truk. They also Gordon was appleaded to 1942. Sgt. son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gordon, 504 reached below the equator to strike at Monroe. At this base he works in the the phosphate-producing island of flying control tower as a radio opera-Nairu for the first time since early tor and was trained for this highly tor and was trained for this highly specialized field at the AAF's radio school at Madison, Wisconsin. He has been aoverseas in the European Theater of Operations since last May

Seaman 2-C Harvey Morrison, Jr. has been made instructor in a seamanship school in Bainbridge, Maryland

Pvt. Robert N. Crook, son of Mr and Mrs. Pink Crook of R4, is now stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Marfa, Texas. He has been transferred from Camp Bowie, Texas, where he has been for several months. His new address is: Pvt. Robt. N. Crook, 34433078, 400th M. P. E. G., Fort D. A. Russell, Marfa, Texas.

Cole Blease McManus A-S, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fairley McManus, re- J. M. Tdwards, R. P. Stegall and W. B. turned to Bainbridge, Md., April 14th will be the opening of registration after spending a nine day leave with

his wife and family of R1, Wingate.

No Candidate For Offce Of **Cotton Weigher At** Monroe

# SEVERAL **NEWCOMERS**

Union county's placid political waters were slightly ruffled Saturday afternoon as the deadline for candidates to file in the Democratic primary was reached, with several new candidates filing for the County Board of Education and two for the County Board of Commissioners.

In what has heretofore been one of the choicest and most contested political races in the county, candidates for cotton weigher at Monroe went begging, with no one announcing for the office. Sam D. Helms, the present cotton weigher, did not announce for another term. For the first time in many years, the cotton weigher's office is uncontested in the Democratic Primary and what the outcome will

This afternoon J. David Simp-son, chairman of the Union County Board of Elections; C. O. Howard and Henry Baucom, issued the

following statements: "The following persons having filed for candidates for different offices and not having any opposi-tion, have been declared and nominated by the County Board of Elections: J. L. Brooks, Cotton Weigher, at Marshville; P. H. John-son, Recorder; O. L. Richardson, House of Representatives; Clara Laney, Register of Deeds; H. B. Smith, Prosecuting Attorney; L. Simpson, Cotton Weigher, Wax-haw; Ralph W. Elliott, Surveyor; A. S. Purser, Constable, Goose Creek; A. W. Lemmonds, Consta-ble, Sandy Ridge."

All the present members of the County Board of Commissioners have iled for re-election. They are: J. Ray Shute, J. Vernon Griffin, B. F. Price, C. M. Rogers and Fred C. Staton. New candidates for the board are Henry Myers and S. W. Harkey. In the race for places on the County Board of Education, six new candidates filed. They are: Edwin L. Low-ery, Allen Collins, John Thomas

W. Lesley Starnes; old members seek-ing re-election are H. Grady Hawfield, Three candidates filed for Constable of Monroe township, including the

canners, packers, shippers and ham P mith, W



instantly killed Saturday night about 11:50, in the Seaboard yards here, when he was struck by a passenger train. No details of the accident were

available this afternoon, but it is understood that Train No. 11 from Hamlet, was entering the yards and nearing the passenger station, when the accident occurred.

The victim's body is reported to have been severed about the center and it was not immediately ascertained whether the train passed over the body or the impact of the train thrust the body against a switch pole, causing the fatal injury.

Farm Products Go To Market **ODT** Is Working On Plans Which Will Cover Union

And Other Counties CALL MEETINGS

The Charlotte District Office of Defense Transportation yesterday announced the procedure for organizing Transportation Advisory Committees

in the Charlotte ODT district to aid in planning for the transportation by motor truck of perishable or seasonal farm products this year. The War Food Administration has

listed motor transportation as one of the most important farm problems of 1944, the ODT pointed out. The Charlotte District ODT office is now obtaining preliminary informa-tion o nthe production of the various perishable and seasonal farm crops in the Charlotte area, and their transpor-

tation requirements, according to L. F. Manneschmidt, District Manager at Charlotte. After obtaining this information, the District ODT office will call meetings of the producers, haulers, dealers and

of the producers, natters, dealers and receivers concerned to elect Transpor-tation Advisory Committees. Upon approval by the Director of the ODT's Division of Motor Transport, the committees will ascertain the motor truck equipment necessary to move the perishable or seasonal crops. Mr. Manneschmidt said.

He explained that the committee elected within a district may make recommendations concerning the recommendations concerning the transportation of all perishable or seasonal crops grown there, or, if it is desired, a separate committee may chosen for each crop.

The committees may obtain the Helms, J. V. Brooks, Page Price and necessary information from the War Food Administration's County Farm Transportation Committees, local representatives of National Farm Organizations, local representatives of the WFA. State Departments of Agricul-

Tornado Strikes South Carolina And Georgia

MONROE MARKET

21%c to 22%c

Cotton, short, Ib .

**Report Over 500 Injured** By Twister

# HOSPITAL IS DEMOLISHED

At least 40 persons were killed and more than 500 others were injured by a night tornado that cut a 100-mile path of destruction across northeast Georgia and western South Carolina yesterday. Property damage, unesti-mated, was considered high.

Georgia was hit hardest. The Asso-ciated Press and the Red Cross tabulated 21 deaths in Georgia-12 in the Royston area and nine in Hart county, where eight of them died in the Nuburg community.

Nineteen persons were reported killed South Carolina.

The twister moving erratically in advance of severe rain squalls and elec-trical disturbances, apparently struck first near Gainesville, Ga. That is the scene of another spring tornado in 1936 that killed 183 persons. Two homes were demolished near Gaines-

ville, but only four persons were hurt. About 100 injuries were reported in the vicinity of Royston. More than a score of houses were destroyed, one

killing a family of five. Eight died and 150 others were injured at Greenwood, S. C., and its vicinity, Greenwood's two-story city hospital was virtually demolished but no patients were hurt.

Four were killed and a score more injured at Abbeville, S. C. Two died at Iva, S. C. The Red Cross reported four deaths and 12 others injured at Prosperity, S. C., and Sligh's, in Newberry county, S. C. About 12 homes and buildings were leveled there. One was killed at Little Mountain, S. C.

In Royston, the Methodist church was taken over by the Red Cross as an emergency hospital ward for 10 injured, while 25 others were treated at two private hospitals. Many seriously injured were taken by ambulance to Athens, Ga., Elberton, Ga., and Anderson, S. C., because electric lights were unavailable in Royston.

Newly-plowed fields in the vicinity of Royston were strewn with bits of lumber, shreds of tin roofs, and shat-tered tree trunks. Along the Athens-Royston highway, where the vortex and recrossed the road, century-old trees had been tossed like kindling.

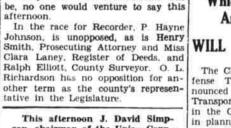
Edward Hill, Franklin county farmer whose house was stripped of its roof and siding, said he had on to the living room door white one arm while the other gripped his wife, who in turn held their small daughter. The wind, he related, dragged them into a straight line. The top hinge of the door broke, but the bottom hinge held. and they escaped with minor injuries. Damage along the tornado's route was unestimated, but indications were that property loss would be severe

The adjoining nurses' home was un-

SCOUT TROUP ACTIVE

Waste Paper; Buying Bonds.

were spending the night there.



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

and supply dumps, said the announce ment broadcast by Moscow and recorded by the Soviet monitor.

# **CAMPAIGN IN ITALY IS "BLEEDING SORE"**

## Stalemate Is Bleeding Germans; Als Bleeding Allies; 50-50 Dead.

The Italian campaign, which began with an avalanche of Allied troops swarming over southern Italy in less than a month, has become but a bleeding sore. Some Allied generals are calling it

that, saying it is bleeding the Ger-mans. But in its present stage it is bleeding the Allies also, balked as they are at Cassino, on the Garigliano and on the Anzio beachhead. However, some of the generals are opeful the campaign still will play a hopeful the campaign still will play a part in the defeat of Hitler similar to that of the peninsular campaign in the downfall of Napoleon, when Wel-lington landed in Spain and drained the French military strength for the final blow at Waterloo.

Last fall, when the Sangro and Volturno rivers were reached, two sound vin Klutz McManus, George Clinton courses were open to the Allies; a big Parker, J. D. Love, Jr., Broadus Edscale drive up the peninsular, or con-tentment with southern Italy from which to dominate the central Mediterranean and bomb the Germans.

The first was discarded because any The first was discarded because any campaign up the Italian peninsula led only to the Alps and it was better to hold a big Allied force for the western front. Washington and London decided on Washington and London decided on

a third course.

The conquest of Rome was desired for political, moral and religious pres-tige at home and abroad. Allied ces in Italy were ordered to advance

men on April 19: James Staton Simpson, Buren Van Price, Clarence Poe Earnhardt, Roy Hazel Helms, Espie Eligah Rushing, Oharlie Buren Rushing, Billie Russell Clonts, Grover Newsome, Devey Washington Morgan, Roy Little, Wil-liam Thomas Keziah, James Boggar Witmore, James Tilroe Nash, Julice Oullgeper Brewer, Archie Dewitt Hough, Erastus Green, Benjamin Franklin Helms, James Massrice Trull, Boyce Lee Price, Clarence Herbert Derrick, Marshall Boyce Godwin, Ja-son Albert Barbee, Theron Eugene Eiker, John Elder Philer, John Kell Rodgers, Floyd Hasty, Milton Stewart Robinson, John Wilson Nance, Her-man Alexander Edwards, Lanson Theodore Philer, James Marshall Rorie, Junior Mullis, Charles Lane Griffin, William Mack Brooks, Hovis In doing so the Fifth and Eighth miss ran into the real southern bas-on of the Fortress of Europe which e Germans had built with the ad-ntage of some of the best defensive the adall of the most rugged mountains

stretching from the Tyrrha the Adriatic sea. Some critics of the campai this line could have been broke troops available if they had been "erently and if the situation exploited more skillfully

available if they had been used available if they had been used exploited more skillfully and y in certain instances when the ans ware disrupted. wever, there were other factors, an resistance and sabotage proved effective than had been promised whether air support proved less James Marshall James Marshall n. William Mack Brooks, Hovis Hinson, Hubert Onla Guin, B. Gaddy, Andrew Jackson D Garrol Edward Taylor, Boston D weler. sport proved less expected in some teady serial bates, it has

res Pass Up Forth

REPORT FROM BOARD Seventy-Seven More Ordered To Re-

port For Preinduction Examination Selective service Local Board No. 2

has announced that orders to report for a preinduction physical examination were mailed to 38 of its white registrants on April 13, 1944. Trans-

portation wil be furnished to an Army post where their fitness for military seervice will be determined. Not all of the men have yet been classified in 1-A. However that will be done in

due time unless positive proof is preented showing reason for some other classification. Notices have been mailed to the following, notifying them to report on April 15, 1944, at 6:45 a. m.:

Nathan Greene' Hathcock, Floyd Wilson Stack, Jr., Nathan Rufus Blackmon, Gradon Henry Helms, Thomas Paul Bong, Jessie Craven Herring, James Richard Huntley, Henry Tyler Gaddy, Jr., Edwards Jean Aldridge, Edward Wilson Broom, Edgar L. Hilton, Tom Pascal Lowery, Robert Zenamon McManus, George Lee Price

Samuel Hardin Aldridge, John Reec Turner, Homer Wilson Tarleton, Marvin Klutz McManus, George Clinton ward Horne, J. C. Rushing, Johnnie Dewitte Faulkenbury, Benjamin Franklin Brewer, Joe Herman Baker, James Coyte Helms, Vann William Hilton, Spencer Alexander Simpson, Jr., Norman Augst Kiker, Henry Keith

Eugene Medlin. Orders were mailed to the following

men on April 14: James Staton Simpson, Buren Van

States, Bong had 21 planes to his credit. A week ago, with 25 victories, he commented that Japanese fighter-pilots "are not as good as they used to be," that they are "dumb, or some-thing, for we can get a bead on them pretty easy."

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is glad it was a good stiff blow. torpedo bomber attacked his ship torpedo bomber statute inuck a fr tank. Hannon was blown into it air, just far enough to clear 40 9 of burning oil surrounding the sh

Fran Up Forth H. Y.-When Mag which two you and grabbed from thead, they dis-used, they dis-used, they dis-used in state in the state m his

27 JAPANESE PLANES

New Ace In South Pacific Wins Congressional Medal For Achievement. along nicely but had something to say

An Army Air Force pilot in the said in part: "We get very little recent news here, but I see the politicians are considerably worried about the the next development Southwest Pacific, who is "taking no unnecessary chances" because he wants to get back," Captain Richard absentee voting. They're afraid they'll Bong of Poplar, Wis., is America's miss a few votes; also I see they are one of the quietest in recent years. new ace of al wars, with a record of trying to buy votes through the ser- wil be the opening of registration

new ace of al wars, with a record of the vice men's discharge pay. Boys over vice men's discharge pay. Boys over here don't even think of politics. A special headquarters announce- Mighty few know who the candidates ment said he got two enemy planes are-we are worrying more about when last Wednesday over Hollandia, Dutch we can come home. If the politicians New Guinea, to surpass by one Captain would go to work, instead of worrying Eddie Rickenbacker's World War One about themselves, we would be better

record of 26 aircraft. off.' Army Captain Don Gentile of Piqua

Ohio, recently has been hailed for his Former Aviation Cadet Roland C. feat of destroying 30 enemy planes in the Turopean theater, but his record Williams, Jr., of 305 Houston street, by default Monroe, was recently graduated from included seven demolished on the the Army Air Forces Pilot School a Moody Field, Ga., and commissioned a second lieutenant with the rating of groundn. Those don't count in compiling records in the Southwest Pa-Army Pilot. The new flying officers will pilot all types of multi-engine You have to get 'em in the air clfic. Nor does it count down here-on the record—when a pilot gets an enemy aircraft; heavy, medium and light blimp. Rickenbacker's total of 26 bombers; transport and cargo planes; Rickenbacker's record has been tied tors with the Army Air Forces Trainby several American pilots. One of ing Command's vast network of Tech-them, Marine Gregory Boyington of nical and Flying Schools, training Okanokan, Wash., has been missing ships such as they have flown at since a flight in January over Rabaul. Moody Field.

Recently he was awarded the Con-gressional Medal of Honor. Another in this theatre credited with 26 is Sgt. W. H. Harris who has been in in this theatre credited with 26 is Africa 18 months was transferred to Major Joe Foss of Sioux Falls, S. D., England in December and another

"I am delighted," commented Rickbrother, Cpl. John Harris, who has been in England since last spring met enbacker when notified in New York the 10th of March for three days for of the new record. He said he ex- the first time since Sgt Harris arrived pected to see his own achievement broken many times in this war and in England. Both are from Lancas-

ter county, S. C. he didn't care whether "the boys"

ground, or how, just so they get them. "In order to bring this dastardly war to an earlier end.") Captain "Beat Pvt. Billy K. Baucom returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., last Saturday morning, after spending a seven-days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vann H. Baucom, 1009 Wadesboro

to an earlier end.") Captain Bong, who is flying his-seventh Lightning since goinb to New Guinea, got his wings at Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz. Orders to active duty in this area in September, 1942, he shot down his first Nipponese plane towing December 28. When he returned in Pebruary from a leave that took him to the United States, Bong had 21 planes to his credit. A week ago, with 25 victories. Introlugh with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vann H. Baucom, 1009 Wadesboro Ave., Monroe. This was Prvt. Bau-om's first furlough. He entered the service on September 3, 1943. Pvt. Billy F. Pollock returned to Camp Breckeenridge, Ky., Saturday night after spending a ten-day fur-lock and sisters at their home, 1301 Ansonville road. Monroe.

Cpl. George D. Long has arrived safely in England. Hits parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Long, of Morganton received the cablegram. He is a grand-son of M. C. Long of Moonroe.

William Howard Broome, A-5, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Broome, of R4 Monroe, who is stationed at Bain-bridge, Md., would be glad to hear from all his friends. His address is: bridge, Md., woont of His address is: from all his friends. His address is: William E. Bronme, A-S. Co. 4168. Barracks, 412 Upper, U. S. Naval Training Station, Bainbridge, Md.

Opl. Chas. J. Hartis, nd Mrs. C. J. Hartis

W. Hoyle Hinson, son of Mr. and F. Whitley and Houston "Slim'

Mrs. Jeff Hinson of R1, Monroe, is Privett. Other constables having no now somewhere in the South Pacific. opposition are A. S. Purser, Goose Last week his parents received a letter Creek township, and A. W. Lemmond, from him stating that he was getting along nicely but had something to say J. L. Brooks is a candidate for cot-

concerning the "Soldier Vote Bill." He ton weigher at Marshville and B. L. Now that the filing period is ended, the next development in the current election year, which promises to be

books April 29, through May 13, with May 20 being challenge day.

The first primary will be May 27 the second primary will be June 24. The general election is of course November 7.

The election: this year, will be unusual in that a number of local offices will be without contests, the incumbents being allowed to return to office

THE FAMILY

A lot of business al line day, A lot of business all the day,

That's father. A happy face and sunny hair,

The best and sweetest smiles to spare; The one you know is always there-That's mother. bunch of lace and ruffly frocks, A teddy-bear, a rattle-box.

To squal, some very wee pink socks-That's baby.

A lot of noise, a suit awry; A love for sweets and cake and pie. The grammar may be wrong, but my-

that's me!

First Taxes Refunded

First taxpayer to get a refund on his 1944 return is Staff Sgt. Stanley A Sweet, of Shamokin, Pa. The Treasury The King's declaration to his peo-Department sent him a check for \$15 ple recently formalizing what he al-the first of some \$400,000,000 in re-ready had indicated he intended to funds expected to be necessary due do, opened the way for formation to over-payments under the pay-as- soon of a new war government by you-go tax plan.

has been overseas about two years. At bly all of Italy's six political parties. has been overseas about two years. At bly all of Italy's six pointeral parameters present he is a patient in a hospital in Australia with fever. He says he is getting good attention, and good food, and not to worry about him. His brother, PFC Thos. E. Hartis, is in Station Hospital, Fort Monmouth, N. J., and has had several operations for lide renventatives.

would lead to a more stable ment of a more stable ment of a more democratic ci and to increased unity among which would tend to increase t and to increase unity among which would tend to increase and to increase the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McOorkie of B2, Monroe. He would like to hear from his friends in Union country

Red Cross disaster workers came from near-by towns and from Atlanta, and In areas where motor transportation ambulances were sent to the Royston facilities are inadequate, the ODT will act to remedy this situation insofar area from the U.S. Navy Preflight as possible, Mr. Manneschmidt said.

school at Athens, Ga. The Greenwood, S. C., City hospital The following counties are in the Charlotte ODT District: Alexander, was so severely damaged that all patients able to be moved were evacu-Anson, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Caated to the National Guard armory tawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Linshortly after dawn. However, attendcoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore ing physicians said none was injured Richmond, Rowan, Stanly, and Union. the hospital as a result of the

### ITALIAN KING TO TURN roofed, seriously injuring two Red Cross nurses' aides, Mrs. Charles Tay-POWERS OVER TO SON

lor of Greenville, S. C., and Miss Florence Manley of Ware Shoals, who Announces That He Has Decided Withdraw From Public Life.

Fifteen homes adjoining the Connie Maxwell Baptist orphanage were dam-King Vittorio Emmanuel III, has nnounced that he has decided to aged and eight destroyed. Although the orphanage was damaged no chil-"irrevocably" withdraw from public life and trun his kingly powers over to dren were seriously hurt.

storm.

his son Umberto "on the day on which the Allied troops enter Rome." The slight, 74-year reign has cov-**BENTON HEIGHTS GIRL** ered the rise and fall of Fascism in Italy, appointed his tall son "lieutenant general of the realm" effective on Aiding War Effort By Collecting the uncertain date of the Allied entry into the capital. Allied representa-tives expressed approval of the decisioncision.

The Girl Scouts of Benton Heights Troop II are blending with their sister When Crown Prince Umberto re-Scouts all over the world in helping ceives royal powers from his father he the war effort. Some of the many wil lin effect be his father's regent. The King is said to have no idea of things we are doing for the war effort are: Gathering waste paper, boxes and abdicating.

The King has been opposed by the magazines and buying leading Italian political parties mainly and bonds. on the contention that he had been This summer we have planned to

on the contention that he had been first summer we have planned to too closely tied up with Fascism, and a few months ago many of these problem by working on farms. parties had favored abdication in favor of his seven-year-old grandson, the trip. We have much fun in such a

-Pacific Methodist. Prince of Naples, under a regency. The political leaders insisted then manner as parties, hikes, and other entertainment. But at the same time, we have work to do. that the 39-year-old Umberto was

tarred with the Fascist brush as much At our meetings one of the patrols either the Daisy or Red Rose, usually has a program. We repeat the laws, slogan, rpomise and the laws, slogan, rpomise and motio. We also try to live up to the laws. Some reasons I like scouting are because it helps make everyone become a loyal American citizen. Tm sure if we carry out the laws and promise as it should be we will become better Marshal Uletro Badoglio with the par-ticipation of at least three and probaas it should be we will become better American citizens. That is what we all like and want.-Polly Terry, Troop 2, Benton Heights.

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Batton Hospital, Fort momentations for regresserve velocity of the state of the step is t

Two great, strong arms, a merry way,