

WEATHER FORECAST

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thundershowers tonight. Friday, partly cloudy and continued mild. Sunset today, 7:59 p. m.; sunrise Friday, 6:43 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, Eggs, Corn, and Wheat.

SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1944

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

County Lags In Red Cross Drive; \$5800 Is Needed To Reach Quota

Will Continue To Receive Gifts Throughout The Month Of April

OUR QUOTA WAS \$34,000

Union county has thus far failed to reach its Red Cross War Fund Quota by approximately \$5,800. It was stated this morning by R. E. Lee, chairman of the drive.

Yesterday Mr. Lee dispatched a letter to Allen J. Carter, Regional Director of the Southeastern Area in Atlanta, Ga., in which he said in part: "I regret very much to tell you that Union county will not reach its quota in the 1944 War Fund Drive. It now looks as if we will be about \$5,800 short of our goal and to raise this amount of money in addition to what we have, would be next to impossible at this time, and after talking with many of the leading citizens I have decided not to put on another drive at this time."

The quota for Union county in the current campaign was \$34,000 or twice as large as the quota for last year. During the drive, an intensive canvass has been made by officials and canvassers and Mr. Lee is of the opinion that practically every person in the county has been given an opportunity to make a contribution, not just one time but several times and they have responded cheerfully but the goal is far from being attained. In order that others who may desire to make additional gifts may have the opportunity to do so, the drive will remain open until the end of the month.

Mr. Lee stated this morning that if there are any in the county who have been overlooked or who would like to make an additional gift, if they will call him he will be glad to come for it.

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Stores Start Observing Half-Holiday On May 3

Beginning Wednesday, May 3 and continuing through the month of August, local stores will start observing the half-holiday period which was inaugurated here several years ago and has been very effective. This announcement was made today by officials of the Monroe Merchants Association.

This year, however, the closing period will extend over a four-month period, whereas last year only three months were included in the half-holiday program. The Merchants Association today expressed its appreciation for the excellent cooperation it has received from not only members of the organization but from the public in general in observing this half-holiday.

Further announcements, concerning the early closing, will be made at an early date.

Stimson Backs Draft Program

Secretary Says If Error Is Made In Selections It Is Very Small

CITES NEEDS OF ARMY

Secretary of War Stimson, said Tuesday that Army's requisitions for men have been consistent with the job it has to do, in replying to "implied criticism" of selective service uncertainties.

Stimson, commenting in a statement on the Army's changing manpower requirements, said that the method of calling men into the service is such that a complicated estimate of needed manpower, based on only one certain figure, must stand up after a time lag of seven months.

Yet despite this lag, he said, the average error between estimates and actual strength of the Army was only 2 per cent.

"While a variation of 100,000 between estimated and subsequent actual strength appears very large in a newspaper headline, it is less than 2 per cent of the total strength of the Army," he said.

"Under the circumstances, 2 per cent is not an unreasonable margin for error in estimates."

The secretary added that one basic fact must be considered in connection with the continued emphasis on the need for men under 26.

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

Meeting Of Woman's Society Of Christian Service; Personal Mention.

(By Mrs. Benson E. Bivens) Mr. and Mrs. Harold Northcutt and children have returned to Fayetteville after visiting with relatives here.

Miss Bill Braswell has come to be with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Braswell to make her home for the duration. Mr. Braswell is on the west coast awaiting orders.

Members of H. K. Helms' Sunday school class, and their wives enjoyed a fine barbecue at the home of Mr. Helms on last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce P. Bivens spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pinyatello in Goldsboro.

Mrs. Wilton Sinclair and daughter Janet, of Marshville, visited Mrs. Bruce Bivens last week.

Benson E. Bivens, S2-C, has returned to Bainbridge, Md., after spending a few days with his wife and son here.

Miss Edith and Jewel Maye, who work in Charlotte, visited Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Maye, Sr., last week-end.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Link, Jr., are spending the week in Hickory where they are attending an associational B. T. U. campaign at Brown Memorial Baptist church.

Mrs. Seagraves, mother of Mrs. Baron Smith, has returned to her home in Raleigh after spending some time here with her daughter.

Mrs. L. C. Polk has returned from Virginia where she has been visiting relatives.

Friends of Earl Williams will be glad to hear that his condition is much improved. He recently underwent an operation on his wrist in Memorial hospital, Charlotte.

Miss Jean Braswell recently visited in the home of S. J. Little's parents in Standfield.

Miss Joy Howard has returned to Coker College after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howard.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Allier air invasion of Germany builds terrific birthday bonfire for Hitler with 2,000 planes smashing at vital plants near Kassel and Hamm at cost of only six bombers and two fighters; Goebbels admits Der Fuehrer's path is thorny.

Russian-Sevastopol battle takes on appearance of siege as trapped Nais fight desperately; Germans open major attack in Poland to stem Soviet drive toward Lwow.

Italian-RAF bombers mine stretch of Danube river, putting new crimp in German supply lines.

Ceylon-A British relief expedition from Dimpapur has cracked the Kohliar siege lines and tank-supported British and Indian troops have blasted Japanese invasion forces from three positions northeast of Imphal, 60 miles south of Kohliar. It was announced yesterday.

London-Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels addressed an unusual appeal to the German people last night to rally behind Adolf Hitler, who celebrates his 55th birthday today, reminding them that "even the greatest leaders of history will be faced with occasional setbacks and defeats."

London-The Germans, lashing out fiercely to save their big base at Lwow, have launched a large-scale attack in the southeastern corner of old Poland, and some towns have changed hands south and east of Stanislawow, the Russians announced last night, but declared the enemy was repulsed.

Southwest Pacific-American bombers have bombed Nomi and Woleai atolls in the Caroline Islands without opposition. Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported yesterday. Woleai is 460 nautical miles west of Truk, and the strike represented a long haul from Solomons base. Nomi is 150 miles southeast of Truk. The day before a strong bomber force neutralized the Satavuan island airdrome there. Two American planes were lost in day and night raids on Rabaul, the shattered enemy base on New Britain.

Awarded Medal Sgt. Charles L. Memory has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity during a year in service. Sgt. Memory is stationed at the Fourth Ferrying Group in Memphis, Tenn., where he is assigned to duty as Non-Com in charge of laboratory. Prior to entering military service on September 7, 1942, he was employed by Vop Funeral home as assistant funeral director. He is the son of Mrs. Lee Griffin, Monroe. His wife, the former Helen Lucie Zolton, lives at Wrightsville Beach.

Pvt. Joe Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Campbell of R. Indian Trail, who has been stationed for about a year at Fort Bragg, has been transferred to Camp Stewart, Ga. His brother, Cpl. Hurley W. Campbell, and other relatives. He has been in service over two years, was stationed in Bermuda, and has just returned to the states. Harold would like to hear from his friends everywhere, and his address is: 34172875, Btry. E. 240th C. A., Peaks Island, Maine.

Capt. Thomas Jackson Fowler, son of H. D. Fowler of Benton Heights, has been promoted to the rank of major. He is administrative officer of the inspection unit of the Second Tactical Air Division, Army Air Forces, and is stationed at Barkdale Field, Shreveport, La. Mrs. Fowler is the first daughter, Mary Ann, are with him.

Staff Sgt. Allen White of Camp Pickett, Va., came Friday night to spend an eight days furlough with Mrs. White at the home of her father, H. D. Fowler, in Benton Heights.

Staff Sgt. James C. Smith, son of Mrs. D. F. Snyder of R3 Marshville, has landed overseas and his mother has received the following cablegram: "All well and safe. Letters sent." He is engineer on a B-17C, "Flying Fortress," and says, "We'll Keep 'em Dropping."

Cpl. Max W. Chaney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chaney of Wingate, has been transferred from Kearns, Utah, to Fresno, Calif. His new address is: Cpl. Max W. Chaney, ASN 34599651, title: AAFPU, Conf. T. 42, Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif.

Lee Broome Promoted Lee R. Broome, son of J. H. Broome of Wingate, has been promoted to sergeant in a quartermaster truck company, his commanding officer has announced.

After attending Wingate high school, Sgt. Broome worked as a musician on the stage and radio. He entered the army in August, 1942, at Camp Lee, Va., and received his basic training in quartermaster corps there. He was ordered to foreign service, and arrived there in January, 1943, and has been stationed there since.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL TO BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Chester Alexander Will Preach And Rev. I. M. Ellis Lead the Music.

Revival services will begin at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:45. The evening services will begin each evening with a song service at 7:45. The other congregations of the uptown churches will join the Presbyterians for the service Sunday evening. There will be no evening services in those churches.

The preachers for these services will be the Rev. Chester Alexander of the First Presbyterian church, Gastonia, N. C. The Rev. I. M. Ellis of the First Presbyterian church, Gastonia, will be in charge of the music. Mr. Ellis will bring his marimba which will be used as an added attraction in the music. These two men are outstanding in their denomination for the particular tasks which will be theirs.

During this week cottage prayer services have been held in various homes throughout the community. Much planning has been done in anticipation of a real spiritual awakening in this church and the community. There will be services daily (excepting Saturday) at ten a. m. and seven forty-five p. m. It is hoped the members of all churches will join in these services and that those with no church affiliation will come out and hear the Gospel presented in word and song. Service men and women are urged to attend whenever possible. A cordial welcome awaits everyone attending.

SOCIAL NEWS

Hudson-West Marriage A wedding of special interest to relatives and friends in Monroe, was the wedding of Miss Marjorie West of Greenville, N. C. and William John Hudson, 3rd, of Raleigh, which took place at the First Presbyterian church in Raleigh Saturday morning, April 15, 1944. Rev. Mr. Sommers, pastor of the church officiated.

The altar was formed of green with white flowers and tapers and a program of music was presented. The bride's father, C. B. West gave her in marriage to the groom, Miss Peggy West was maid of honor.

W. J. Hudson, Jr., father of the groom, was best man. The bride's dress was of gold gaberdine with brown accessories and her corsage was of brown orchids.

The bridegroom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hudson, Jr., who are former residents of Monroe, but have lived in Raleigh for a number of years. He is the grandson of the late Mr. W. J. Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Sikes of Monroe.

Among relatives from a distance who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Olin B. Sikes of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Gray Hunter of Anniston, Ala.; Mrs. Foll Brinkley of Lexington, and son, Walter Brinkley, who is in training with the Navy at Chapel Hill; Walter Baucum of Chapel Hill; and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sikes of Burlington.

A number of prenuptial affairs were given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson.

Mrs. John Fullenwidder left last week for Fayetteville, where she has been visiting her son, Dr. John Fullenwidder and Mrs. Fullenwidder. Mrs. Fullenwidder and her daughter-in-law returned to Monroe the first of the week. Mrs. Fullenwidder, Jr., will be here for several days.

Ladies Attend U. D. C. Meeting Among the members of the local U. D. C. chapter who will attend the district meeting in Wadesboro tomorrow will be Mrs. John Welsh, district director, who will preside at the meeting. Mrs. J. S. Stearns, vice president of the local chapter, Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Mrs. R. H. Hargett, Mrs. E. C. Schachner, Mrs. W. S. Blaney, Mrs. Jeff Sewell, Mrs. Glenn Wolfe, Mrs. James Griffith, Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Mrs. E. C. Winchester, Mrs. H. McEldon and Mrs. Annie B. Ashcraft will respond to the address of welcome.

Mrs. Stearns will give the report from the local chapter.

50 caliber machine gun, the 30 caliber rifle, and the small bore rifle. Continuing his interest in entertainment work, Sgt. Broome occasionally plays and sings for the soldiers at company parties and holiday dinners.

Camp Sutton Boys Give Newsmen Close Up Of Training Program

Five Pupils Are Injured In Bus-Truck Accident

Five school children received injuries, Wednesday morning about 8:30 o'clock when the school bus in which they were riding was struck from the rear by an army truck on the Pageland highway, driven by a colored soldier from Camp Sutton.

The injured, all students of the Union school, were listed as: Wade Plyler, age 7, broken collar bone; Bonnie Rae Griffin, age 7, bruised hip and abrasions on right hand; Doris Moser, age 8, sprained back and bruised legs; Ruby Moser, age 10, skin abrasion on calf of right leg; Arlene Gulon, age 11, sprained right elbow. The injured were treated by local physicians and none of their injuries, although painful were regarded as serious.

Corporal J. B. Boyd of the State Highway Department, who investigated the accident, stated that both vehicles were going in the same direction, and approaching an intersection, where the school bus was to make a turn, when the Army truck crashed into the load-laden bus, containing thirty-two children.

Joel Lawson Griffin, was the driver of the school bus. A warrant has been issued by Corporal Boyd, charging the colored soldier with reckless driving. Both vehicles were badly damaged.

Solons Oppose Drafting 4-Fs

House Tosses Problem Into Lap Of Executive Agencies As Need Lessens

LAW IS NOT NECESSARY

Congress tossed the 4-F problem back into the laps of executive agencies yesterday.

At a closed meeting climaxing weeks of study of how best to utilize the services of draft-age men rejected for military duty because of disabilities, the House military committee decided against pushing 4-F legislation.

The committee, Chairman May, Democrat of Kentucky, announced that government agencies already have ample power to deal with the situation.

The action, which May said was unanimous, followed a verbal report by Representative Costello, Democrat of California, who heads a subcommittee that has been studying the 4-F situation. Costello said a formal report, embodying the group's views that legislation now is not needed, would be filed today (Thursday).

The California earl had indicated that the need for legislation to force 4-Fs into essential jobs with the alternative of induction into Army or Navy labor battalions had lessened since Congress began showing interest in it.

Many of the estimated 3,000,000 4-Fs of draft age are already in war or essential civilian jobs, and many others have indicated a desire to get into such jobs once they find them.

The remaining few who would have been affected by legislation, he explained, can be dealt with through selective service mechanisms which permits the recalling of rejected men for induction examination and their assignment, if necessary, to limited service duty.

The War department, through Secretary Stimson, had told the committee it opposed legislation as such except as a last resort. Selective service officials, on the other hand, had suggested that something be done to force 4-Fs to take their places in the war effort, complaining that many of them felt they could do as they wished after their rejection for military service.

Group Spent Tuesday In City Visiting Engineers; See Activities

ALSO VISIT OTHER CAMPS

Newspapermen and radiomen on tour in North Carolina with the Army Fourth Service Command, were guests Tuesday at Camp Sutton. The group is out for the purpose of learning about army camps located in the State and are guests of Major General Frederick H. Uhl, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command in Atlanta.

The party spent Monday in Charlotte inspecting the Charlotte Quartermaster's Depot, seeing supply mess, stock control, warehousing, the food testing laboratories, clothing and supply inspection, dehydrated foods, packing for overseas shipment and the myriad of other quartermaster supply duties.

The group arrived in the city late Monday evening and spent the night at Camp Sutton and immediately after breakfast, were taken in a tour over the Camp Sutton area.

At Camp Sutton, R. F. Beasley, editor of The Journal and Z. Bright Tucker, editor of The Enquirer joined the party which included F. J. Strahler, Daily Free Press, Kinston; H. G. Trotter, The Observer, Charlotte; J. A. Daly, The News, Charlotte; John W. Cannon, The Daily Star, Shelby; Gowan H. Caldwell, The Journal, Winston-Salem; John A. Sharpe, The Robesonian, Lumberton; Sam Barber, News and Record, Greensboro; Mrs. Mary Belle Long, The Daily Statesville; W. A. Wynne, Station WEED, Rock Mount; George D. Walker, WAIR, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Susan Hill, Walker, WAIR, Winston-Salem; E. Z. Jones, WBBB, Burlington; Jonas E. Wetland, WFTO, Kinston; W. E. Nelson, WTGO, Concord; Jack Knell, WBT, Charlotte; G. O. Shephard, WAYS, Charlotte; Eddon R. Lindsey, Christian Science Monitor, Atlanta, Ga.; Major Harold A. Tyler, Public Relations Officer, Headquarters Fourth Service Command, Atlanta; W. E. Pool, Public Relations, Headquarters Fourth Service Command, Atlanta; P. E. Gorman, Division Engineers, Atlanta.

Lieut. Col. John U. Allen, acting commander of Camp Sutton, in the absence of Lieut. Col. Lehman W. Miller; Lieut. Col. Allen W. Dunn, director of training at Camp Sutton, and Capt. Richard B. Light, public relations officer of Camp Sutton, as well as other Camp Sutton officers in charge of various training programs.

The visitors learned that Army Engineers have to be more than hewers of wood and drawers of water.

"They can do these things, too, but it is at bridge and road construction, maintenance and operation of heavy equipment that they excel. They also like to go in for new-type sleds, such as camouflaging and trenching traps. And nothing gives them greater pleasure than throwing up a tank trap in a matter of minutes strong enough to stop a General Grant tank colt.

Nothing unless it is clearing a lane through a mine field by swinging their detectors across the area, and then, with all mines removed, the lane clearly marked, standing back and watching motorized equipment go rolling through the sector unscathed.

Newspapermen and radio men spent 10 hours at the engineering training base Tuesday night over the training area on a 12-ton trailer, which someone named "The Sutton Survey" with-out the "Pringe on Top," watching men being trained and inspecting demonstration areas.

They saw men hewing wooden beams out of pine logs, others operating all kinds of heavy equipment, such as shovels, graders, bulldozers, scrapers, rock crushers and pneumatic drills. Their eyes popped as they watched men throw bridges over small streams and then a big bridge across the Catawba river on pontoons. They went through a camouflage demonstration area, led by a lieutenant dressed in fatigues suit painted in such a way that it blended in with the background. They tripped over wires and heard firecrackers go off. Or light charges, set an axe and set off tanks-and liked it.

Camp Sutton's engineering training began last July. It is under the supervision of Lieut. Col. Allen W. Dunn, director of training. Many of the instructors have seen service on battle fronts overseas.

When it comes to minefields the engineers have another expert with combat experience, Lieut. Lytle Reeb, who was a member of the 34th division in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He helped take up the mines and anti-tank engineers that Rommel's Afrika Korps laid down in Tunisia. Combat engineers have a high mortality rate as witnessed by the fact that out of Lieutenant Reeb's outfit of 54 men who landed in North Africa, only six were left at the end of the campaign.

Lieutenant Reeb was wounded in action, recovered, and then was sent home by a stomach ailment.



MAIN STREET CLUB HI-LITES Anniversary Week

The first anniversary celebration at Main Street USO started off with a bang last Wednesday night with huge Nite Club Party and floor show. Over 1,000 Suttonites and girls from Concord, Kannapolis, Waxhaw, Marshville and Monroe thoroughly enjoyed the lively music furnished by the Sutton WAC Synopsators and the floor show with Sammy Popalardo as master of ceremonies. The huge auditorium was gaily lighted by war-colored lanterns strung from the rafters; tables decorated with candles and flowers were arranged around the sides of a dance floor surrounded by a flower festooned picket fence. The huge throng attending the event voted it the finest affair ever held in the Club.

Basketball Game This event was followed by a double header basketball game on Thursday. In the first game the WACC, led by the clever Sgt. Sarah Hammons, outplayed the fast and scrappy girls team from Monroe high school. In the second game, which was fast and furious throughout, the 324th M. P.'s posed out 1944 by a score of 27-24. Both games were fast and were played before a highly enthusiastic crowd.

Amateur Night An amateur night followed on Friday night. First prize was a telephone call home and the following prizes were credit slips at the "Swanks".

What was perhaps the highlight of the week's festival was the visit of the "Swanks," a beautiful array of fourteen girls from Winthrop College at Rock Hill, S. C. These girls have organized one of the finest dance bands ever to visit Main Street USO.

The Swanks played for a formal dance at the Club on Saturday night. Beautifully gowned dance hostesses from Monroe, Charlotte, Waxhaw and Marshville presented an inspiring sight as the several hundred service men eagerly claimed them as dance partners for the affair.

During the event M. E. Shepard, director of the building, paid high tribute to the 30 or more employees of the building who have worked so hard and faithfully to make Main Street USO a home away from home. Each employee was presented a USO pin. As a climax to the presentation, the six shoe shine boys, all of whom have been with USO since its dedication a year ago, were presented with USO arm bands.

Sunday was perhaps the busiest day of the entire celebration. At 1 o'clock a championship ping pong tournament was held. Pfc. Donald E. Palmer and Cpl. Eugene Aquilina rather easily winning all of their games to meet in the finals. The finals, however, were a different story. Pfc. Palmer finally winning on a long drawn out game which went to deuce five times. The final score was 21-17, 13-21 and 26-24.

At two o'clock Kenneth Whitsett, well-known Charlotte artist, whose paintings are now on exhibit in the

building, gave a demonstration of the art and caricatures in the lobby. Several hundred men and their wives derived much pleasure as well as amusement from his demonstration and especially humorous was the sketch labelled "section 8" which Mr. Whitsett drew of a notorious prankster who frequents the club on his off hours.

At four o'clock Mrs. Sadie Beason, prominent Carolina artist from Pageland, whose paintings have been on exhibit at the Club, presented a beautiful picture of the Club to Mr. Shepard, the director. Mrs. Beason has been very enthusiastic over the work of the Club and expressed a desire to contribute something that might be a permanent fixture in the building. Her large painting of the Club has already excited the enthusiasm of the hundreds who have seen it. It has also drawn applause from several well-known artists who have come to the Club to view the picture. We are indeed grateful to Mrs. Beason for this fine picture.

Glee Club Concert At 4:35 o'clock the Wingate Junior College Glee Club gave one of the finest concerts ever heard at the Club. Under the capable leadership of Rommie Pierce with the skillful Dina Domingues at the piano the club gave a 30 minute concert that brought forth much applause from the large appreciative audience.

At five o'clock a glowing tribute was paid the many senior and junior hostesses who have given so generously of their time and efforts throughout the past year at Main Street USO. Mr. Shepard pointed out the many, many important duties successfully carried out by this group of hostesses and how much they had contributed to the broad program of the building. Each of the hostesses was presented with a USO pin. Mrs. M. W. Williams and Mrs. Bivens were co-chairmen of the hostesses. Hostesses group last year and Mrs. Clyde Bunting and Mrs. Myrtle Grayson for this year.

At six o'clock Kenneth Whitsett, well-known Charlotte artist, whose paintings are now on exhibit in the