

WEATHER FORECAST
Partly cloudy and warmer today and Tuesday.
Sunset today, 8:37 p. m.; sunrise Tuesday, 6:38 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

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| Cotton, short lb | 21 1/2 |
| Cotton, long lb | 22 1/2 |
| Cotton Seed, bushel | 19 1/2 |
| Wheat, bushel | 1.75 |

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1944 3-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.00; YEARLY, \$2.00 A YEAR

War Veterans Bill Approved

Measure Embodies A Broad Program Of Benefits For Soldiers

PROVISIONS OF NEW BILL

A joint congressional committee set up last week and which has unanimously approved a broad legislative program of benefits for the veterans of this war.

Expected ratification of the compromise next week will send the legislation to the White House for presidential action. Arrangements have been made to lay it before the Senate today and the House Tuesday or Wednesday.

Under the bill, men and women returning from the war will be entitled to hospitalization, educational assistance, aid in getting jobs and unemployment compensation. The cost has been estimated at \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000 but an accurate calculation is impossible.

Only one provision, dealing with job placement, was in dispute when the Senate-House conferees got together. Fearing a deadlock over that, American Legion representatives had sent an "SOS" to Representative Gibson, Democrat of Georgia, one of the year's returned veterans from the war, to cast what might be the deciding vote.

Gibson arrived by plane early Saturday morning. But evidently there wasn't the stalemate the Legion had thought, for the first ballot was 13 to 1 to accept the Senate's idea of putting job placement under the U. S. Employment Service to avoid setting up a whole new agency in the Veterans Administration.

To obtain Senate provisions on job placement, the conferees had to accept a House proposal that any benefit a veteran gets under the "G. I. bill of rights" be deducted from any bonus granted him after the war.

Here are some of the major things the bill would cover:

1. If the veteran should be out of a job during the first two years after his discharge, he could draw \$30 a week unemployment compensation for 52 weeks.
2. If his education was interrupted when he put on a uniform—and the bill establishes a presumption of interruption if he entered service before the age of 25—he could get a year's schooling, and in some instances a complete college education. The government would pay \$500 for the year's tuition, laboratory fees, books and similar expenses, and \$50 a month for subsistence, plus \$25 for dependents.
3. If he needed a job, he could enlist the help of the Federal Employment Service.
4. If he needed hospitalization, he would get it through the Veterans Administration.

COLLEGE GIRLS ASKED TO JOIN NURSES AIDE

Urged To Contact Local Red Cross Office For Information.

Girls home from college and others interested in taking a day time nurses aide training course are urged to call the local Red Cross office at once. The need is urgent and officials are anxious that the class be organized and started as soon as possible. The class will be taught by nurses from the County Public Health Department.

Mrs. Charles Napier, chairman of the Nurses Aide, spoke today of the great need for more nurses aides and urges those who are able to give time to this patriotic work to do so.

Members of the new class will take an accelerated course in which they will complete their training in four weeks and will then have several weeks of the summer to serve before school begins in the fall. Girls who go away to college next fall will likely find time to do some nurses aide work in the cities in which they will be located.

Troops' Wives Families Aided

Camp Sutton Branch Of Personal Affairs Division Helps

MANY PROBLEMS SOLVED

Wives and families of local Carolinians now serving with the Army Ground and Service Forces were reminded this week that the Army has set up a special agency to help them with problems arising from their breadwinners' absence on the nation's business.

Lt. Shirley M. Phillips, W. A. C., leads the Camp Sutton branch of this Personal Affairs Division, whose motto is "Nothing too small—or too great" and whose announced purpose is to provide family men in the Service with a "fifth freedom"—freedom from work over their dependents.

Many civilian dependents of servicemen, Lt. Phillips points out, and many servicemen themselves—know they are entitled to government help in emergencies, but don't know how to apply for it. A short-cut to such assistance is furnished by the Personal Affairs Branch, which not only refers problems to the proper agencies, but keeps on their track afterwards.

To handle such assorted matters as compensation, maternity air, allotments, pensions, employment, civil service preference, hospitalization and legal assistance, the Personal Affairs Branch maintains close contact with the American Red Cross, the Veterans Administration, the Office of Dependency Benefits, other Federal and state agencies and such military branches as Army Emergency Relief.

In addition to this, Personal Affairs Branch personnel themselves handle problems which fall under no other agencies' jurisdiction. On occasion they have organized day-nurseries and hunted down missing allotment checks, all in accord with the theory that a soldier cannot give his best efforts to fighting the enemy when his mind is half-occupied by anxiety over the trouble of his family at home.

Every Army post has its Personal Affairs Office. Its services are available not only to soldiers on the post, but to civilians in the neighboring areas, whether their servicemen relatives are stationed locally or in distant areas, whether they are serving actively or are captive, discharged or dead.

LATEST INVASION NEWS

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force—American troops have captured German main stronghold guarding the narrow neck of Cherbourg Peninsula, the German High Command conceded today, and British forces have battered nine miles east of Cherbourg, threatening encirclement of that eastern hinge of the Normandy battlefield.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force—Allied aircraft of various types, including a force of between 100 and 150 U. S. heavy bombers, roared out toward the continent today after the RAF had hit four more key rail centers in France last night and given Berlin its third bombing in as many nights.

For some hours after dawn, the noise of aircraft was heard over the English south coast as planes headed out to give direct support to Allied troops on the Normandy battlefield. The formation of heavy bombers winged its way over London.

London—Advisers from Spain said today that Vichy authority in Southern France is disintegrating, except where it is close to German protection, and that French underground forces are cutting communications between enemy garrisons. Meanwhile, in the harshness of a series of German steps aimed at subduing the increasing resistance behind Nazi lines, Field Marshal Gen. Karl Gerd von Rundstedt proclaimed last night that Frenchmen resisting the Germans would be executed when captured.

Rome—Fifth Army troops have occupied Montefiascone, an important road junction near the shores of Lake Bracciano, and other columns pushing along the Italian west coast are approaching Orbetello, 11 miles northwest of the Allied Headquarters announced today.

Broughton Off To Good Start

Our Governor Announces His Candidacy For Vice President

PREDICTS FDR VICTORY

Governor J. Melville Broughton, announcing his candidacy for the Democratic vice presidential nomination, told a press conference in New York Saturday that "the American public mind in its present state will overwhelmingly re-elect President Roosevelt."

Broughton, who said his name would be placed in nomination for the second place on the Democratic ticket, declared that "the issue in the coming national campaign will resolve itself into the question of the conduct of the war and negotiations at the peace table. All other problems will be forgotten."

He predicted that a general plank in the Democratic national platform against federal encroachment of states' rights would appease South Democrats now threatening to bolt the New Deal.

The so-called southern revolt roughed out by the "border states"—Oklahoma, Kentucky and West Virginia—going Democratic.

The principal questions at issue between Southern exponents of states' rights and the Administration, roughly added, were "the poll tax and the racial problem."

"I can agree with leaders of the movement that these questions and many others are exclusively state perogatives," Broughton said.

He expressed the opinion that President Roosevelt would be renominated, with the "border states"—Oklahoma, Kentucky and West Virginia—going Democratic.

Col. Ellman Leaves Sutton For New York Assignment

Col. Paul M. Ellman, C. E., who assumed command of Camp Sutton on May 1, will leave this week on assignment as engineer officer in Eastern Defense Command Headquarters, New York, N. Y., and again in New York University, where he taught military science for two years.

From this latter assignment he was relieved to train a combat-amphibious Engineer Regiment which he later led overseas in the North African landing.

War Bond Drive Opened Today

Union County's Quota In Fifth War Bond Drive Is \$817,000.00

GOES THROUGH JULY 8th

The Fifth War Loan Drive opened here this morning with considerable interest as officials and workers manned their posts, in a campaign to raise the largest quota yet assigned the county in any of the four previous campaigns.

In the drive, which is now on, Union County citizens are being asked to purchase \$817,000.00 in bonds, or approximately \$194,000.00 more than the fourth campaign in which sales totaled more than a million dollars, of a quota set at \$623,000.00. The county's quota in "E" bonds has been set at \$372,000.00 in the current campaign.

Extensive plans have been completed by Claude Eubanks, chairman of the Union County War Finance Committee and other officials and every effort will be made to reach the goal set for the county in this campaign, which will end July 8th.

Booths will be open daily at Belk's, Penney's and Woolworth's for the convenience of uptown shoppers and the Bond Booth in the Main Street Branch of the American Bank and Trust Company will remain open daily during the drive until 5 o'clock in the afternoon for the sale of bonds.

In connection with the campaign, the Union County War Finance Committee is asking all ministers of the county to assist and stress the necessity of purchasing bonds during the drive.

Assisting also in the campaign will be all the Home Demonstration Clubs of the county under the direction of Miss Ruth Clapp, Home Demonstration Agent, and Mrs. E. H. Dornay, Jr. These organizations will make a thorough canvass of their respective communities.

While the quota is considerably larger than the quota assigned the county in the fourth campaign, it is believed that the loyal and patriotic citizens will not let our boys down, now that the deadline hour has arrived and the invasion has at last been launched.

In this drive as in previous campaigns, the Treasury Department does not allot any money for newspaper advertising to support the bond sales in the communities, but instead relies upon the patriotic business firms and citizens to sponsor the advertising. In today's issue of The Enquirer, sponsors for the page are from Washburn Bank and Trust Co., Union-Price Co., A. W. Heath Co., Farmers Ginning & Trading Co., L. B. Baker, and T. R. Nesbit.

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH ITEMS

A new name was added to the Cradle Roll Sunday: William Joseph Stewart, II, son of Sgt. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart. Mrs. Frank Barrett, who has been visiting his baby's parents in Lubbock, Texas, will come home Friday and the mother and baby came along.

The congregation stood Sunday in memory and appreciation of M. C. Howie, who passed away during the week. A good workman; noble Christian was he. Peace be with his family.

The senior choir sang the offertory Sunday morning, using "Prayer," by Gulon. The pastor spoke on "Will We Know Our Loved Ones In Heaven?" He affirmed that we will, because the instinct of man decides it; the persistence of personality, love, an attribute of the soul, must have an object to love; and the Word of God teaches it.

The Weaver Wesley Bible Class will hold its monthly business and social meeting on Monday, 8 p. m., at the church.

The Woman's Society will hold its general session on Monday at 8:30 p. m. at the church.

The Spiritual Life Group will meet on Tuesday, 3:30 p. m. in the young people's rooms. Miss Frances Fyler will lead.

We were happy to announce the Fifth War Loan Drive beginning Monday. The public is called upon for the largest fund in the nation's history. A good personal investment and a backing of our boys over there.

The Union County Youth Fellowship will meet at Central Methodist church Monday 8:30 p. m. Rev. Armstrong will bring the message. A social hour will be held in White Hall after the business and religious service.

The Upper Room devotional hours for July, August and September are on sale in the church entrance. A good daily reading for these times. Take a copy and leave it in the hands of the Lord.

The President of the United States called on the nation to be in continuous prayer during the invasion. We are called to the service of our God Wednesday, 8 p. m. We cannot go to war but we can go to prayer meeting.

The city-wide Yvonne Chubbuck School opened its second session today. The public is invited to attend. The school is in session from 9 through 12 years are meeting at the Presbyterian church; and ages 4 through 8 at the Methodist church. The school will meet daily through June 23, hours 9 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.

Wanted: Every woman who attended any of the Centennial parties to register in a book provided for that purpose to be preserved in the historical cabinet. The book is at the church.

The Centennial books are here for those who ordered a copy. We have a few extra copies of the new edition of the book before the new one is ready. The price is \$1.00.

William Lee, who is home on furlough was presented to the congregation Sunday morning. Glad to see him.

Fix Ceilings On Used Cars

Announce New Ruling By OPA Effective Next Month

THE PRICES WILL VARY

Price ceilings for all used passenger automobiles, under consideration by the Office of Price Administration for over a year, go into effect July 10 at levels generally of January, 1944.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles, announcing the new regulation at a news conference yesterday, said the ceilings would roll-back prevailing prices an average of 10 per cent. The measure covers sales by private owners as well as dealers.

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For older cars, the price is held to that established for the nearest comparable 1937 model.

Prices for 1943 cars, they have done in normal times, as they have done in the summer of 1943, are the same as the lowest in region A, which includes all states east of the Mississippi river, highest in region C, comprising Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona, and about half-way between the two levels in region B, covering the rest of the country.

Typical prices are \$650 for a 1942 Ford V-8 deluxe four door sedan sold "as is" in region A, \$1,025 in region B, and \$1,085 in region C. For warranted cars, the ceilings in respective areas are \$1,238, \$1,281 and \$1,331.

The Chevrolet master deluxe four door sedan will be \$340 "as is" in region A, \$400 in region B, and \$470 in region C. Warranted prices are \$440, \$500 and \$588.

The regulation permits additions to ceiling prices for extra equipment, such as \$10 for extra heater and \$30 for radio.

Says Cotton Crisis Ahead

Official Predicts Economic Revolution In South; Urges Action

PRODUCTION COST IS HIT

Oscar Johnston, president of the National Cotton Council, has warned of an economic revolution in southern agriculture if steps are not taken to make American cotton competitive with foreign cotton and synthetic fibers.

Speaking before a meeting of the council attended by members of Congress, Johnston declared that land now used to grow cotton will be put to other agricultural uses if effective markets for the fiber crop are not found.

Cotton lands will enter competition with lands in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and other states in the production of dairy products. They will enter into competition with Kansas and the West in the production of wheat, oats, barley and rye.

Johnston said these predictions were in no sense a threat, but a "calm and deliberate statement of fact."

"Other sections," he declared, "have a stake in the future of cotton. It is to their interest to keep the cotton industry flourishing and strong."

The council chief said there were three ways for making cotton competitive with foreign and synthetic fibers—improvement of quality, reduction of price, and improvement of cotton sales efforts.

The reduction in price must come, he said, not through lowering the farmer's income but through reducing the costs of production.

Johnston said cotton producers will not necessarily insist upon any set price.

"If they can make money out of a price that will enable them to undersell their competitors, provided, of course, that it gives them a decent return for their efforts, they will accept that price gladly."

Johnston said cotton producers must depend upon the government not only to help work out a "reasonable long term program," but to help it through the "difficult years" that lie immediately ahead.

Chattanooga Book Club

A book club meeting of the Chattanooga Book Club was held Friday afternoon with the president, Mrs. W. R. Love. The members voted unanimously to continue with their war activities and have no regular meetings for the duration. Eight hundred and forty-eight copies of the book "The War in England" have been given to surplus stores. A number of the books and other books were given to the U. S. O. advisory council, chairman of women's division of War Services, O. P. A. community work, hostesses, USO department, assisted with the book "The War in England" and War Loan drive. The book club members will meet on Friday, June 17, at 8:00 p. m. at the Chattanooga Book Club.

Mrs. John O'Dahale of Charlotte, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Joe Hunt.

Union County's Men In Service

Advanced Echelon, 5th AAF, Somewhere in New Guinea—Sgt. Roy C. Hamilton, aerial gunner on a Liberator bomber in the "Red Raider" outfit of the Fifth Air Force in New Guinea, was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant. He is the son of Mrs. A. E. Hamilton, R. S. Monroe, S-Sgt. Hamilton has been overseas more than 12 months and has completed nine combat missions over New Guinea targets.

He is a graduate of Benton Heights high school, and the army gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Calif., and Wiley Field, Colo.

T-5 Cpl. George M. Flows, formerly of Monroe and son of the late Michael Flows and now stationed in New Guinea, has been awarded the good conduct ribbon. He is serving in the amphibious forces. Cpl. Flows took his basic training at Fort Devins, Mass., and Camp Edwards, Mass. He has also awarded a diploma from a technical school in Boston, Mass. He received his boot training at Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.

Pvt. Joe P. Witmore, who was inducted April 4, 1944, is stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, with the Signal Corps. His address is Pvt. Joe P. Witmore, A. B. N. 34988514, Co. B, 46th Sig. Light Cos. Bn. Camp Swift, Tex.

Leut. (jg) Francis F. Lee who has been spending a few days here with his people, left Sunday morning for Ocean View, Va., where he is stationed.

Pvt. William M. Presson who has been at Tyndall Field, Fla., has recently been transferred to Panama City, Fla. Pvt. Presson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Presson of Monroe.

Leut. Warren Stack who has been stationed at Station Island, N. Y., spent four days here with his mother, Mrs. Pattie Stack, and left this morning for Orlando, Fla., where he will attend an Intelligence School.

Aviation Cadet James O. Icenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Icenour, Monroe, is enrolled in the class of cadets currently taking basic flight instruction at the Independence Army Air Field, Kansas. A member of the newly-arrived cadet class, he has successfully completed both the pre-flight and primary phases of the aviation cadet training program. After ten weeks there, he will move on to an advanced training school. His record will determine which of the two final stages of instruction—single engine advanced for fighter pilots or twin engine advanced for bomber pilots—he is better adapted for.

S-Sgt. J. W. McClellan spent Wednesday night with his mother in Monroe. He is a member of the 488th Central Postal Directory at Fort Benning, he brought a party to Charlotte Wednesday and came down for a brief visit to his mother. Another son of Mrs. McClellan, Tech. Sgt. Call McClellan, may be in the invasion. He had been in a hospital in England some time suffering with a broken ankle, but was able to leave the hospital on May 3. That is the last his mother has heard from him.

Cpl. Thurman Helms has been transferred from the office of the Medical Hospital, Camp Blending, Fla., to the 488th Central Postal Directory at Fort Benning, Ga. He will be in charge of the Reception Center, Camp Shelby, Miss.

La. Melvin Patey, former athletic coach of Monroe high school, is with

H. D. CLUBS TO FEATURE FOOD CONSERVATION

Miss Clapp Announces Series Of Meetings For Month.

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Union County will be giving "Food Conservation" demonstrations during the month of June. These meetings will begin promptly at 2:30 p. m.

The meeting schedule for the first half of the month is as listed:

Tuesday, June 13—Fairfield, Fairfield Club House.

Thursday, June 15—Lanes Creek, at home of Mrs. John Marze.

Thursday, June 15, Gilboa, Gilboa Club Room.

Friday, June 16—Prospect, Prospect School.

The dates for the other meetings will appear in later issues of The Enquirer.

Topics for discussion at this meeting will be on care of pressure cookers, canning equipment, and jar closures.

The above demonstrations will be given by Miss Ruth Clapp, Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Ada Braswell, War Emergency Food Preservation Assistant.

Yanks Drive On To Cherbourg

Allied Forces Only 14 Miles From Prized French Port

MAKE FIVE MILE GAIN

American troops, making news which Headquarters declared today was "excellent—it could not be better," plunged to the outskirts of Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of the prize port of Cherbourg, slashed halfway across the Cherbourg peninsula, and drove deeply southeast toward St. Lo Sunday in furious battle with the Germans.

Quickly following the midnight communique No. 12 which announced these gains and heavy fighting on the British wing of the Normandy front below liberated Tilly-sur-Seuille, Headquarters said the American progress on the right wing towards Cherbourg was "extremely good news."

The Americans also won high official praise for an advance on their left wing, in the center of the 50-mile Allied front headquarters disclosed that they had liberated the town of Lisson, 10 miles south of the coast below Lisigny, and, in a continuing push on a broad front, had moved several miles farther south and east to the forest of Cerisy.

So encouraging were these gains of five miles or more that headquarters announced: "The phase of securing the bridgehead is nearing a successful end."

The situation around Carentan, big town in the neck of the Cherbourg peninsula, was described as "obscure." The Germans still held the town but Americans were advancing deep along each side of it.

West of St. Mere Eglise, on the road to Cherbourg, Americans who have crossed the main peninsula railway in several places still are fighting stiffly, beating off repeated German counterattacks.

The Germans said there were massive new landings of troops and equipment Sunday on the eastern coast of the peninsula, and the Allies announced that rail yards, junctions, bridges and the airfield at the city of Cherbourg itself were bombed and strafed during the day.

The Germans conceded that it was obvious that the Allies intended to take Cherbourg and the top of the peninsula and "make it a platform for the second phase of the invasion."

The Allied communique announced that in the vicinity of Tilly-sur-Seuille the Germans had thrown in heavy armored forces and were stubbornly resisting the British advance along the Seulles river. Tilly-sur-Seuille is a dozen miles inland, southeast of Bayeux. Its capture by the British with the aid of heavy naval artillery, plus the American surge past Lisson, put most of the beaches out of range of German guns.

There was a strong indication that the German defense command of Field Marshals Rommel and Von Rundstedt was committing its armor and reserve troops piecemeal along the entire deepening beachhead in a desperate effort to contain the Allied drive generally rather than stopping it in detail by overwhelming concentration of forces.

The rolling American offensive unleashed by Gen. Omar N. Bradley, which won such high and rare praise from conservative staff officers at headquarters, was spearheaded by the 82nd and 101st airborne divisions and the First and 29th infantry divisions.

It coincided with crushing aerial blows which saw more than 1,000 bombers go out on a single mission, while British and American warships pounded enemy defenses to bits deep inland and broke up repeated attacks by German motor torpedo boats.

Shadow Army Awaits Signal

100,000 Frenchmen Ready To Pounce On Germans When Ordered

ARMED WITH TANKS, GUN

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The hard core of the French patriots is the Maquis group, bearing a name originally applied to the thick undergrowth in Corsican hills which were a favorite hideout. The Maquis even have a few tanks and 75 mm. guns belonging to the former French army. Berlin has told of finding equipment hidden in caves and buried in pastures during the last few months of intensive German counterespionage.

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Frank-Birmingham

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Miss Amy Riser Harrington who is a member of the school faculty in Kannapolis and who has been conducting several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Harrington since the closing of school, will return to Kannapolis Friday where she will be connected with the daily paper for the summer.

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