

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and warm tonight; partly cloudy Friday, with widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms.

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MONROE MARKET

Cotton, short lb... 16 to 16 1/2
Cotton, long lb... 16 to 16 1/2
Cotton Seed, bushel... 79-84
Wheat... 1.20

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1944

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

Allies Tighten Grip On Caen

German Army Held Firmly In Steel Vise By Allied Troops

British and Canadian forces caught the prize inland port of Caen in a steel vise...

The southwestern flank attack has thrown at least three opposing German elite armored divisions into "complete confusion..."

Both infantry and armored forces cracked through the German's Odon river line on a two-mile-wide front...

On the Cherbourg peninsula the Americans seized Maupertuis airfield east of the city of Cherbourg...

The final tally of prisoners was expected to reach 30,000 to 40,000, bringing close to 80,000 the total taken since the invasion began June 6.

ONE CASE INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN COUNTY

Dr. Clem Ham, county health officer, stated this morning that thus far only one case of infantile paralysis has developed in the county...

ITALIANS WILL SEE BASEBALL GAME TODAY

Approximately 500 Italian service unit soldiers from Camp Sutton will add something new to their experience of life in the United States...

Funeral Today



FUNERAL RITES TODAY FOR CHAS. S. MASSEY

Former State Senator, Banker And Businessman Passes.

Funeral services for Charles S. Massey, an outstanding civic and religious leader...

The deceased, son of the late Reese and Elizabeth Henry Massey, was born September 12, 1886 in the Waxhaw community...

In 1897 he was married to Miss Maude Heath, who died in 1938. The survivors are three sons, Henry Heath Massey, William C. Massey of Waxhaw...

Pinch Is Near For Consumers

The civilian is "just beginning to feel the pinch" of wartime shortages and, despite government efforts to fill in the worst gaps in civilian supply...

Civilians Are Warned That Wartime Shortages Are "Just Beginning"

NO RELIEF IS EXPECTED

Germans Make Stand In Italy

Nazis Halt Headlong Flight North Of Rome For Counterblows

German forces have halted their flight in central Italy and are making a bitter stand against the Allied Eighth Army on both sides of Lake Trasimeno...

The Allied communiqué said the Eighth Army could gather itself and strike in force.

ROME—Along a highway littered with enemy dead and abandoned equipment, American troops of the Fifth Army punched forward another five miles along Italy's west coast yesterday...

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

Harold Love, who is a Marine and is stationed at Cherry Point, spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Love.

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THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow—Soviet armies converging on Minsk drove within 57 miles of the White Russian capital today, pushing the Germans swiftly back over the same road to Warsaw and Berlin which Napoleon followed in his disastrous retreat from Moscow.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force—The Germans were reported today to have thrown the bulk of their 15th and 17th Armies into the defense of Caen in an attempt to halt the British flanking thrust south of the inland port.

London—Forward of 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators attacked Germany today, hitting four aircraft production centers, a synthetic oil refinery and a number of other military and industrial targets in the center of the Reich.

Men In Service Union County's

Friends of John B. Gaddy, Jr., Ph. M. 3-c, of Wingate, will be glad to learn that he has now been released from the hospital at Great Lakes, Ill., where he has been seriously ill.

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Staff Sgt. Joseph Deese, Jr., is stationed in New Guinea, and has been spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Long of Indian Trail, J. R. will report back to Camp Maxey, Texas, the 15th of July.

U. S. Invasion Losses Listed

Supreme Command Gives Total Casualties As 24,162 In Two Weeks

The Supreme Command announced yesterday that the first two weeks of the European invasion cost the Allies 40,549 casualties, including 24,162 Americans killed, wounded and missing—figures that still do not include last week's losses in the Cherbourg assault or the start of the present British offensive in the Caen area.

Against these Allied losses German casualties in Normandy through the fall of Cherbourg have been estimated by Supreme Headquarters at not less than 70,000 men.

Some of the missing probably are dead, others are prisoners.

Aviation Cadet Vernon Talmsage Helms, Jr., son of Mrs. V. T. Helms, Sr., RR, Monroe, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces as a Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, Colonel John H. Paibony, Commanding Officer, Turner Field, an Army Air Forces Pilot School, is one of a group of Air Base, which composes the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Center.

James A. Outen, son of J. Otto Outen, of RR, 2, Monroe, has completed his course of studies as an aviation mechanic in the Army Air Forces Technical Training School, Amarillo, Texas. His graduation from this technical school now fits him for airplane maintenance and he will be sent to an air base where he will assist in keeping America's Flying Fortresses in the air for Allied victory.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Helms have returned to Norfolk, Va., after visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Halger announced the birth of a son, Ronald Kay, on June 19, 1944, in New York City. Mrs. Halger is the former state Miss Helms, daughter of Mrs. C. M. Helms, and the late Mr. Helms.

New Pastor

REV. J. T. AKIN ARRIVES TO ASSUME PASTORATE

First Baptist Congregation Will Welcome New Pastor Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack T. Akin and little daughter will arrive in the city today, coming by car from Louisville, Ky. Rev. Mr. Akin, recently accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church here and will assume his new duties, Sunday morning.

Mr. Akin comes to the local church from the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Campbellsburg, Ky., where he has served most effectively for the past three years.

J. HOWARD WILLIAMS IS NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT

At the annual ladies night and installation of officers Tuesday evening, J. Howard Williams was installed as president of the Monroe Rotary Club for the ensuing year, succeeding George Davis, who has served as president during the past year.

ALIENS IN FIGHTING AREA MADE CITIZENS

Becoming a citizen of the United States usually involves a great deal of red tape, but aliens fighting in this country's armed forces against the Japs in the Bougainville area, in the Solomon Islands, are being made citizens by a simple process.

Meat Ration Changes Made

Steaks And Roasts Hiked In Points; Cheese Back On List

Choice lamb cuts and some cheeses go back on the ration list Sunday and current values on beef steaks and roasts go up to two points a pound, a pound, the office of price administration announced last night.

Effective on Sunday

Meat ration changes since most meat was removed from rationing May 4. Price Administrator Chester Bowles said:

CROPS THREATENED BY LONG DRY PERIOD

Many Union County Farmers Have Been Unable To Get Stand Cotton.

Real weather is beginning to present a dry problem to farmers in some sections of the county, according to a number of farmers who were in the Enquirer office today, who announced that unless they get a good rain in the next four or five days many of the crops may be hurt beyond saving.

There are some sections of the county which have had showers, but the majority of the county is in bad shape from the dry spell.