

WEATHER FORECAST
Partly cloudy and moderately hot today and tomorrow; fair and mild tonight.
Sunset today, 8:24 p. m.; sunrise Friday, 6:38 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET
Cotton, short, B. . . . 21 1/2 to 22
Cotton, long, B. . . . 20 to 21
Cotton, good, washed 20 1/2
Rice, down, 18 1/2
Corn, bushel 65
Wheat, bushel 41 1/2

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1944 3-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.20 WEEKLY, \$2.00 A YEAR

Navy To Boost Rocket Output

Tremendous Expansion In New Type Projectiles Included In Program
WAR NEEDS INCREASING
A tremendous expansion in the Navy's rocket projectile program is indicated in a recent announcement that ammunition procurement would be doubled, with rockets apparently accounting for almost the entire increase.

The Navy said in a statement announcing a step-up in munitions making that it "needs rockets—rockets to fire from planes and ships—and it is impossible to get too many of them."

It reported that the service now procures about \$100,000,000 worth of ammunition a month and added that "when the rocket program reaches its peak it will amount to an additional \$100,000,000 per month."

The announcement came in the wake of accounts from battleships showing that rockets are becoming more and more important in reducing enemy strong points, straining airfields, clearing invasion beachheads and dealing with surface and underwater craft. Rocket firing planes and rocket launchers mounted on surface vessels are being employed extensively against the Japanese in the Pacific.

At least one report has been received of an attack by rocket-firing Navy planes on a U-boat in the Atlantic. German defenders of the European invasion coasts and the Mediterranean have been under rocket fire.

Noting that this war requires unprecedented amounts of heavy ammunition, the Navy said that production schedules of bombardment ammunition had been increased more than 3,000 per cent since 1942 and still "we are barely keeping our nose above water."

As an example of the ammunition expenditure, the Navy reported it has fired more than 41,000 tons of shells into Japanese and German shore fortifications since the start of the war.

Another item of ordnance, 40 millimeter guns, was listed among the critically needed weapons. Used mainly for anti-aircraft purposes, the 40's are needed aboard everything from landing craft to battleships.

MONROE TO GET BRANCH OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT

Full-Time Office To Open With John G. Edwards In Charge
The establishment of a new, full-time United States Employment Service in Monroe to serve residents of Union county was announced yesterday by George Everett, manager of the Charlotte office.

John G. Edwards, of Wilmington, has been transferred to Monroe and will be in charge of the office, which will be located in the courthouse, until quarters are available in the old Health center, Mr. Everett stated.

The office will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and on other days from 8:30 a. m. until 12 noon.

Previously until the opening of the full-time office here, residents of the county have been served by interviewers working out of the Charlotte office, two days a week.

Cancels Truck Tire Permits

OPA Takes Action To Conserve Existing Supply Of Rubber
EXCLUDE SMALL TRUCKS
In one of the most drastic conservation measures yet taken by OPA all outstanding tire rationing certificates in the category of new applications for tires size 4.25 or larger were declared invalid as of July 30, according to an announcement Wednesday from Sam E. Knowles, Charlotte rationing officer.

The order voids thousands of certificates throughout the area, and throws holders of the old certificates into a category of new applicants if they wish to reapply to their rationing boards under the newly announced strict regulations.

The action came as the critical shortage of truck and bus tires threatened to paralyze motor transport systems throughout the country, Mr. Knowles said.

East Prussia Is In New Danger

Soviets Tighten Noose On Warsaw As Vast Army Advances
300,000 NAZIS TRAPPED
The Third White Russian army thrust within eight miles of East Prussia's pre-1939 border yesterday in the foremost of twin drives aimed at the heart of the Junker's homeland.

Other Soviet armies on the long thundering front tightened their violent siege of Warsaw, pushed a quadruple annihilation drive against possibly 300,000 Germans isolated in Estonia and Latvia, and launched a new offensive in the south toward Krakow, Poland's second city.

The closest approach to East Prussia came with the capture of Dydvish in a steady advance westward. The fall of this town, which is eight miles southeast of the junction town of Schirwindt on the frontier, was confirmed by the Soviet radio monitors' reception of the Moscow midnight communiqué.

The broadcast as heard earlier in London had listed the town of Viatyts, which is directly on the East Prussian border, as among the towns captured, but this was not confirmed in subsequent broadcasts.

The Russians further solidified their positions threatening East Prussia by capturing the railway station of Vilkaviskis, nine miles from the border, and the city of Vilkaviskis, two miles farther distant.

Konigsberg, East Prussia's principal city, lay 98 miles due west. The Soviet midnight communiqué, which disclosed the advance, also reported a Red army spearhead driving 100 miles due north from captured Kaunas and another north of Daugavpils (Dvinsk), further squeezing the Germans isolated in the North Baltic area, and told of a break through on the southern Polish front west of Jaroslavl in a new push toward Krakow.

The Russian war bulletin did not mention directly either the fiery siege of Warsaw or the progress of the great Baltic encirclement of up to 300,000 Germans in Estonia and northeast Latvia.

German acknowledgments and other sources made it clear, however, that four Russian armies methodically were proceeding with drives on Riga and the slicing up of the two isolated armies, while Polish Patriots rose inside Warsaw to aid the Soviet and Polish troops prosecuting the all-out battle along a 20-mile suburban arc east of the capital.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

London—The Evening News said today the German radio had broadcast a report that Russian troops had crossed the East Prussian frontier. Associated Press, British Broadcasting Corp. and other listening posts heard no such report. Moscow had reported the Russians three miles from the boundary.

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor—Tough and almost tireless Americans have blasted the Japanese from another island and three more villages on Guam, and have captured nearly two-thirds of the former U. S. possession. As American soldiers and Marines carved out gains of more than a mile all across the island, the doomed enemy force of perhaps 10,000 men today was falling back into the jungle-covered steams of Guam's northern third.

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force—Columns of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's armor opened a wedge 30 miles deep and 35 miles broad in the heart of Brittany today while Canadian forces opened a new attack below Caen. Frontline reports said Bradley's armor had reached Rennes and the outskirts of Dinan in Brittany after drives of 45 and 25 miles respectively from Avranches. These distances had been covered in approximately two days since the armor had breakthroughed through the corner of the Bay of St. Michael into Brittany.

Rome—The Fifth Army has broken German efforts to send counter-attacking forces across the Arno River on both sides of besieged Pisa near Italy's west coast he named him for the commanding general. The army appeared attempting to take the initiative also near the inland wing of the American forces by sending 200 troops to the south bank of the Arno River northeast of Pontedera, but mortar fire dispersed this force.

Sen. Like Father, Is Wounded
Ph. M. First Class, James Pershing Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Presley of the Lake Lee section, was among the six hundred wounded men landed at Portsmouth, Va., Sunday. He is in the naval hospital here and is expected home soon. He was wounded on D-Day and has since been in a hospital in England.

You notice that Mate Presley's given name is James Pershing. The young man's father, like him, was wounded in France during World War One. The elder Presley was wounded on the Hindenburg Line. And when he came home his son was born, he named him for the commanding general. "Black Jack Pershing." The first world war soldier was wounded on the 20th of September, 1918, and was brought through the various hospitals in France and England and arrived in America on the 16th day of December, after the Armistice on November 11. The young soldier was wounded on D-Day, June 6th, came through the hospital route in England and arrived at Portsmouth on July 28.

Pvt. Julian K. Baucum, who entered service in January, is now in Italy. Mrs. Baucum has received word that he has landed safely, "somewhere in Italy."

Second Lt. Max F. Parker has been awarded the silver star "for exceptional meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied continental Europe." He is in the Eighth AAF operating out of England, and is bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress. When Max went in he said that he wanted to drop a lot of scrap iron on the Japs, but he is now satisfied with hitting the Germans, for he is doing a good job.

Mr. Churchill Is Optimistic

Prime Minister Predicts Early End To War In Speech Yesterday
PRaises RUSSIAN LEADER
Prime Minister Churchill declared in a comprehensive review of the war yesterday that "I fear greatly of raising false hopes, but I no longer feel bound to deny that victory may come perhaps soon."

With caution tempering his optimism, Churchill said that the latest news from the Allied beachhead in France "seems to me extremely good," that the Red Army was "tearing the guts out of the German army," and that "the interval between the defeat of Hitler and the defeat of Japan will be shorter—perhaps much shorter—than I had at one time supposed."

The war, he said, "approaches perhaps its closing stage."

Of the revolt of the army generals in Germany, Churchill said that "potent as may be these manifestations of internal disease, decisive as even they may be one of these days, it is not in them that we should put our trust, but in our own strong arm and the justice of our cause."

Speaking for an hour and 40 minutes before a House of Commons which laughed frequently at typical Churchillian barbs dug into the enemy, the Prime Minister declared that he had, "upon the whole a good report to make to the House this afternoon."

"On every battlefield all over the world," he said, "the armies of Germany and Japan are receding. In the air, on the sea, and under the sea, our well-established supremacy increases with steady strides."

Churchill stressed particularly the American victories in the Pacific, "opening to us the prospect of a more—much more—speedy climax in the war with Japan, and the 'splendid and spectacular victories' won by the Americans in France, who, he said, are now proceeding at 'almost a gallop' in their southward plunge.

He praised, too, the "parade of the nations" northward through Italy, but declared emphatically that "it is the Russian Army which has done the most work in tearing the guts out of the German army."

T-SGT. HOMER E. MILLS DIES IN NEW GUINEA

Son Of Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Mills Of The Unionville Church
Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Mills, of Monroe, R-3, have been notified by the War Department that their son, T-Sgt. Homer E. Mills, died on July 19th, as a result of wounds received in New Guinea. The message was received last Saturday.

Sgt. Mills was 24 years of age and had been in the service since October 16, 1941, entering a short while before Pearl Harbor. He had been overseas since last January and was in the medical corps of the infantry.

He is survived by his wife and a little son, Harry, who make their home in Kannapolis; his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Mills, four brothers and five sisters. They are Elizabeth, Frances, Samuel, Charles, Ralph and James Mills, all of the home; Mrs. Maybelle Kennerly, Mrs. Catherine Hunicutt and Mrs. Mary Alice McCrellan, of Mooresville, N. C.

Says Tar Heel State For FDR

Bob Doughton Satisfied That North Carolina Will Give Vote To Democrats
TRUMAN LIKED IN N. C.
Congressman Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth North Carolina district declared yesterday that the Democratic ticket of Roosevelt and Truman will carry in North Carolina by a comfortable majority and that he did not class North Carolina in any sense, among the doubtful states.

The veteran North Carolinian said that his first choice for vice president was Gov. J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina but asserted since "we could not get Broughton I think Senator Truman will come nearer giving general satisfaction in the state than any other nominee outside the Tar Heel governor."

"Under the present conditions I think it would have been very unwise to have nominated any one else than President Roosevelt," said Mr. Doughton. "It is not a question of whether any man is indispensable but a question of who is the best man we have to win the war in the shortest time and to make the most enduring peace. I am sure when we view the situation as to war and peace that President Roosevelt is away out in front with his knowledge of the problems and conduct of the war," he added.

"I do not think this is any time to make a change in our commander-in-chief and I am sure that when the vote is cast in November we will find that most of the people of the country feel the same way."

No Change In Polio Situation

Dr. Ham States That No New Cases Have Been Reported In County
CITES RECENT RULING
Dr. Clem Ham, county health officer, said this morning there had been no change in the infantile paralysis situation in the county this week and no new cases had been reported.

Resolutions passed Monday by the County Board of Health, concerning the quarantining of children under 16 years of age, who come into the county or who enter infected areas and return, are being enforced.

Dr. Ham expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the public in general, and called attention to that part of the resolution as passed by the Board which states:

"Be it further resolved that all churches, theaters, swimming pools, playgrounds, nurseries, or other places where children might congregate or assemble on the streets or in private homes, Scout camps, family reunions, camp meetings, or any other assemblies, be closed to all children sixteen years of age and under, until such time as the Board of Health of Union county deems it advisable that these restrictions be lifted.

This action taken under authority vested in the County Board of Health under Section 7055, Article 3, Public Health Laws of North Carolina, and any person or persons who violate the above regulation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding \$50.00 or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

"This action in no way alters or affects the resolution of the Union County Board of Health, dated July 26, 1944, which requires that any child under sixteen years of age coming into Union county from an infected area be placed in quarantine for a period of twenty-one days."

Thus far, only two cases of Polio have been reported in Union county, one of which was released from quarantine seven weeks ago and listed as inactive, while the last case reported, in the Indian Trail section, has been hospitalized in a Charlotte hospital.

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE
Church Circuit Meet; Home Of Personal Meeting.

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