

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy and rather hot today with afternoon thunderstorms. Partly cloudy and warm tonight and Tuesday with scattered thunderstorms.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods like cotton, sugar, and other commodities.

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

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8-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.25 SEMI-WEEKLY \$1.00 A YEAR

Senate Votes Reconversion

Coalition Group Succeeds In Passing "States Right" Measure

BENEFITS ARE STATED

With a Republican-Southern Democratic coalition in command, the Senate passed overwhelmingly Friday night a "states rights" postwar reconversion bill after rejecting, 49 to 25, the Murray-Kilgore measure setting up Federal standards of unemployment compensation.

The vote on final passage was 55 to 37.

The approved measure sponsored by Chairman George, Democrat, of Georgia, of the finance committee, sets up an office of War Mobilization and Reconversion under a presidentially-appointed director to co-ordinate planning for the gigantic switchback to a peacetime economy.

The rejection of the Murray-Kilgore bill, setting up a much broader Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, was an indirect vote by President Roosevelt.

In an eleventh-hour effort to overcome opposition, the Murray-Kilgore bill proponents reduced from \$5 to \$3 a week the proposed maximum benefits payable under its terms.

But, with the votes in their pockets and the White House keeping hands off, the opponents of the measure were in no mood for a compromise.

The George bill now goes to President Roosevelt. The director of the new agency would work with an advisory board of 12 members, three each from industry, labor, agriculture and the public.

A joint committee of Congress would maintain a "continuous surveillance" over the demobilization program.

Absent from the bill were AFL-CIO proposals under which workers would be given six months vocational education at government expense with payments for subsistence while going to school.

Also missing were labor-proposed regional and industrial advisory councils which Republicans said would mean "another NRA."

BOARD WILL DISCUSS OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Special Meeting Set For August 17 To Consider Uniform Date.

The State Board of Education will hold a special meeting in Raleigh August 17 to discuss a uniform opening date for the state's public schools because of the current infantile paralysis epidemic.

Controlling Paul Reid announced Saturday.

Reid said the special meeting would be held in connection with a meeting of the board's finance committee, which is studying the 1944-45 teachers' salary schedule and teacher allotments.

Governor Broughton had asked the board to co-operate with recommendations of the State Board of Health that school openings be delayed at least until September 15, and longer if the prevalence of poliomyelitis persists.

War Casualty



PARKS W. COOK

J. EDGAR HOOVER PAYS TRIBUTE TO LOCAL BOY

Parks W. Cook, Who Lost His Life In India Was Employed By FBI.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cook of Benton Heights have recently received a letter from J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, in which Mr. Hoover paid tribute to their son, Parks W. Cook, who lost his life by drowning while in service with the Armed Forces in India, April 23, 1944.

Parks was employed by the FBI and was held in high esteem by other members of the force.

The letter from Mr. Hoover is as follows:

Dear Mr. Cook: It was so considerate of you to take sufficient time in the midst of your distressed thoughts to write me as you recently did concerning Parks, your son. The sad news which you communicated was a shock and I feel so helpless in my desire to say or do something to make your burden of grief easier to bear.

To you Parks will undoubtedly remain "the little fellow" as you characterized him in your letter. But to his associates in the FBI, to his fellow soldiers, and above all, to his country for which he fought and so gallantly died, Parks will forever stand out as a man and a hero. Liberty-loving people and free nations will eternally be indebted to sacrifices such as yours and courageous souls like Parks.

I appreciate your permitting me to see the letter and clipping which you enclosed and as you requested, they are being returned in this letter. I thought you would also be proud to learn that Parks' name will be placed on a plaque in this building as another FBI hero who gave his life for his country.

With best wishes and kind regards, Sincerely, J. EDGAR HOOVER.

Parks was a graduate of the Benton Heights school and had studied in Greensboro, where he took a commercial course. Upon completion of his studies there he went to Washington where he was connected with the FBI until his induction into the armed forces.

Nation Must Be On Watch

President Back From Tour, Warns Of Future Jap Aggressions

RETURNS FROM PACIFIC

President Roosevelt returned to the United States Saturday night on an extended tour of the Pacific to declare this nation must be permanently prepared against future Japanese aggressions for all time.

"That is a simple statement from the military, naval and air point of view," the President declared in a speech broadcast from a destroyer docked in Puget Sound Navy yard, Bremerton, Wash.

"But with the end of a Japanese threat there is an excellent outlook for a permanent peace in the whole of the Pacific area."

Mr. Roosevelt said: "We have no desire to ask for any possession of the United Nations. But the United Nations who are working so well with us in the winning of the war will, I am confident, be glad to join with us in protection against aggression and in machinery to prevent aggressions."

The President docked at Bremerton 30 days after he left Washington for his first war tour of the Pacific. During his war tour of the Pacific, during his absence—during which the Democrats nominated him for a fourth term—the Chief Executive and his military aides visited Pearl Harbor and Alaska military operations.

In Saturday night's address he praised highly the preparations for warfare in both places. He pointed out near the start of his address that, during his absence, he has been in constant daily communication with Washington and with fighting forces in the European and Far Eastern theaters.

Sailors, workers and guests who jammed the docks of the Puget Sound Navy yard waved as the President's ship moved in. The Chief Executive, wearing a fed hat and dark suit, waved back and chatted with those on shipboard as the vessel came in. He puffed easily on a cigarette and conversed with his daughter, Anna Boettiger, who went out to meet the President's ship early Saturday afternoon.

The President revealed that near Juneau, Alaska, "I played hockey for three hours, went fishing and caught one halibut and one flounder."

For the most part, his talk was devoted to a serious discussion of the Pacific war and future military and economic developments in the vast area.

"The self interests of our Allies will be affected by fair and friendly collaboration with us," Mr. Roosevelt said. They too will gain in National security. They will gain economically. The destinies of the peoples of the Pacific will for many years be entwined with our own destiny. Already there are striding among hundreds of millions of them a desire for the right to work out their own destinies, and they show no evidence of seeking to overturn the entire world's map.

"That exception is and has been for many, many years that of Japan and the Japanese people—because whether or not the people of Japan itself know and approve of what their lords have done for nearly a century, the fact remains that they seem to be giving hearty approval to the Japanese policy of acquisition of their neighbors and their neighbors' lands, and a military and economic control of as many other nations as they can lay their hands on."

Mr. Roosevelt said it is "an unfortunate fact" that the world cannot trust Japan, and added: "It is an unfortunate fact that years of proof must pass before we can trust Japan and before we can clearly Japan as a member of the society of nations which we desire permanent peace and whose word we can take."

L.T. COLONEL MITCHELL AT MAIN STREET USO

Retired Army Officer To Direct Club Activities For Two Weeks

Lt. Colonel Franklin B. Mitchell, recently retired after 20 years of service in the U. S. Army has arrived to serve as Acting Director of Main Street USO, while the Director, Mr. E. Sheppard, is away on vacation.

Colonel Mitchell is no stranger to this section and especially Union county, having served here during the maneuvers in 1941. He recalls with interest some of his experiences, when he was here, before the days of Pearl Harbor.

He is a veteran of World War I, having seen service in France with the Cavalry Engineers, 25th Infantry Division. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action and also holds the French Croix de Guerre decoration.

Colonel Mitchell has worked his way up from the enlisted ranks. He has served all grades and ranks to include Lieutenant Colonel. He is a graduate of the Ft. Sargent Infantry School and has served sixteen years in the Infantry. He has also served on the Command and General Staff at Leavenworth, his last assignment being with the Inspector General's Department.

He came to Monroe from the USO Club in Bowling Green, Va., where he has been in command since August 1st. One of his first jobs is to organize his work with the USO club, having been assigned to that position in Washington, D. C. He has now been assigned to this position in Monroe.

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Local Motorists Summoned To Appear Before Board

Notices were mailed today to 12 Union county citizens to appear before the gasoline rationing board of local War Price and Rationing Board and tell how they were able to get to the beach on their gasoline rations.

No names were released by the local board, and it is not yet known whether they will be released later or not.

The names of the local citizens were furnished the board by the District OPA office in Charlotte, which had its representatives check cars at the beach resorts recently.

No indication has been given as to what penalty will be imposed on motorists for using gasoline for pleasure trips.

Union County's Men In Service

Pfc Crane Purser Is Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Purser of R2, Marlville, received a message from the War Department Thursday night stating that their son, Pfc. Crane T. Purser had been seriously wounded in France on July 27. No other information has since been received.

Pfc. Purser is a gunner on a glider. He has been in the service for two years and was sent overseas two months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Purser have another son, S-Sgt. Laney Purser, who is also in France.

Robert F. Hunnicutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hunnicutt, has been promoted to corporal at the Bergerstrom Air Field, Texas, where he is a mechanic and proud of it. He services the big bombers and has them all ready for the pilots to take off, and taxis them up to the starting point. He wrote home that he can now "fix anything."

The newly-created Combat Infantry Brigade, given for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, has been awarded to Sgt. Roy Caudill of Monroe, a member of the Ninth Infantry Division in France.

FPC William W. Kiker, son of R. C. Kiker, R2, Monroe, has graduated as a skilled tank mechanic at Fort Knox, Ky.

Four Marzes Home At Same Time

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Marze of Waxhaw, who have four children in uniform, had the unusual experience of having them all home at the same time and it was a very happy surprise. The list is as follows:

FPC Woodrow D. Marze, Engineer Parts and Supplies, Granite City, Ill. depot; Willie E. Marze, who was wounded in the South Pacific and who was hospitalized for ten months in England, and who is now in England and is ready to report to Camp Butler for reassignment; Petty Officer Oscar Marze of the Jacksonville Naval Air Base; and finally the lady of the family in service, Opl. Dorothy L. Marze, WAC, now stationed at Langley Field, Va.

Staff Sergeant Stokes N. Hunley, 23, of West Lancaster Avenue, Monroe, now with the 15th AAF in Italy, has been awarded the Good Conduct medal for "Exemplary Behavior, Efficiency and Fidelity."

Zealand, an AAF B-17 Flying Fortress, entered the armed forces on September 13, 1940 and began his tour of foreign duty on March 10, 1944.

Opl. Sidney W. Crowley has returned to camp after spending a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Crowley of B1, Waxhaw.

Pvt. Sam Duncan arrived home Monday night after being overseas in Italy for one year and two days. He is spending 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Duncan on R2, Monroe. He served with the Infantry and was in battle 169 days on the Anzio beachhead. He was wounded in the hip by a shell on January 11, and has since been in the hospital. His best friend, Pvt. Joseph Duncanson of B1, Indian Trail, shot and killed, and got to him about 15 minutes afterward. The boys are grandsons of the late John T. Duncan of Goose Creek township. Following his furlough he will leave for Palm Beach, Fla., where he will be stationed.

Capt. Roy L. Walters, of the U. S. Marines has received a transfer from Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., to Elmendorf Field, Oregon. He and Mrs. Walters left Wednesday en route to Oregon.

FPC William R. Strawn recently wrote home that he had arrived in New Guinea and was getting along fine. He writes that he never dreamed of attending church in New Guinea. His wife and baby are making their home with his father, FPC Strawn has been in service about two years.

Pvt. Howard B. Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gordon of R2, Waxhaw, has been transferred from Fort Bragg to Camp Handing, Fla.

Pvt. Olin R. Gordon was inducted into the Army July 21, at Fort Bragg. His address is: Pfc. Olin R. Gordon, 15th AAF, Box 25, A. R. O. Box, Palm Beach, Fla.

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German Forces Badly Mauled

Von Kluge Trying To Pull Army Eastward Under Heavy Fire

ESCAPE ROUTE BLASTED

A German retreat toward the Seine river along a 30-mile front west of the Orne river was in full swing today.

Under terrific punishment from Allied sky armadas, Field Marshal Gen. Guenther von Kluge was trying desperately to pull his armor and troops back through a narrowing gap south of Falaise—thus tacitly conceding the biggest German defeat on the western front since D-Day.

Caught between American and British fire on both flanks, German troops, tanks and trucks were jamming roads headed east in broad daylight as urgency of the crisis heightened hourly.

"Very large enemy movement, including armor, all going east toward the escape hatch south of Falaise has been in progress throughout the morning, said a British staff officer at forward headquarters.

So far it is a fighting retreat covered by screams of tanks and there is no immediate sign of chaos or panic as Von Kluge seeks to extricate the bulk of 20 divisions from the trap.

But with clear, sun-sparkling skies, great fleets of Allied bombers and fighters including rocket-firing Typhoons are inflicting tremendous damage on the long columns of enemy transport and plodding Nazi troops.

Throughout the day there was a constant drone of American and British aircraft shuttling back and forth on their deadly missions.

The thunder of bombs, churning roads into black geyers of earth, blasted vehicles and torn flesh, mixed with the roar of Allied artillery in a mighty crescendo. Clouds of yellow dust billowed over the long German corridor of retreat as if from a giant dust bowl.

Tens of thousands of enemy vehicles estimated to be involved in the mass trek toward the Seine.

The ultimate goal of Von Kluge's retreat—whether to the Seine or before Paris itself—was still a matter of conjecture, but the Nazi Marshal may attempt at least a delaying stand in Falaise, depending of course on what he is able to save from the wreckage.

It was significant, however, that there were no reports of the Germans trying to build a reserve army to cover Paris.

As Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery said in his message to his troops two days ago: "The great bulk of the German forces in northwest Europe are in a bad way. We are behind them in many places, and it is possible some of them will not get away."

Less than 24 hours after Montgomery's official hallmark on the plight of the German armies, Von Kluge was beginning the retreat that may foreshadow the beginning of the end.

The highest optimism reigned British quarters but it was tempered by warnings.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles O. Dempsey's second British Army still is pressing down against the Cote-sur-Meuse, about midway along the northern flank of the German escape corridor, where it last was reported within less than three miles of the objective.

Other British columns striking down toward Falaise in "the Battle of the Rivers" between the Orne and the Laise advanced nearly two miles yesterday for a two-day gain of close to four miles, capturing Cerny and Bois-Halbout.

The Tommies executed this broad thrust to the south over thickly wooded terrain long held by the Germans, who established a series of "washboard" defenses—lines of dug-in guns, tanks and slit trenches spaced at intervals of several thousand yards all the way back to Falaise.

"The Battle of the Rivers is a real infantry war with tanks able to operate only in close support of troops," a headquarters officer said.

Following with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Thomason and family in Benton Heights. He graduated from Benton Heights school with the class of 1937. Before volunteering his service to his country he was connected with the Western Electric Co., of Washington, D. C. He has been fourteen months of action in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunter had had a message from their son, Marine PFC Robert Hunter, saying that he had landed in New York and will be at home in a few days. He has been overseas nine months.

Mr. Amanda H. Presley of R2, Monroe, has received a letter from her son, Pvt. Arthur Presley, who is now stationed in Corsica. He states that he is in the best of health and having a swell time. Of course, he wants to come back home, but not until the job is done. "Over there," Presley writes to write him any get his address from his mother.

Pvt. Johnny Floyd and his brother, Jimmy Floyd, have written their mother that they recently met in France. The boys are the sons of Mr. J. P. Floyd of R2, Marlville. Mrs. Floyd has two other sons in the service.

Sgt. Henry P. Adams who recently spent a furlough here with relatives has been transferred to Tuskegee Army Hospital, near Washington, D. C.

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MRS. HAYNE JOHNSON DIED FRIDAY NIGHT

Funeral Services For Beloved Monroe Woman Held Yesterday.

Mrs. Sarah McColl Johnson, wife of P. Hayne Johnson, and for many years a teacher in the Monroe city schools, died at her home on the Lancaster road, Friday night at 11 o'clock following an illness of 18 months.

Funeral services were held at the Harris-Wells Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 4:30 conducted by Rev. J. H. Armbrust pastor and Rev. Joe Caldwell, assistant pastor of Central Methodist church of which Mrs. Johnson was a member. Burial was in the Monroe cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: W. E. Kirkland, V. V. Sechrist, G. H. Glantz, W. Z. Faulkner, W. G. Gravelly and Frank T. Richardson.

Honorary: A. M. Sechrist, J. D. Simpson, J. Frank Williams, Robert E. Lee, Sam H. Lee, John Sechrist, J. Ed Stewart, Raymond Parker, Henry B. Smith, Roland H. Helms, W. M. Davis, W. B. Love, Rupert Funderburk and Edwin Riven.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband P. Hayne Johnson, Judge of the Recorder's Court; two sons, L. A. (J. P.) P. Hayne Johnson, Jr., now stationed at San Diego, Calif., and Petty Officer H. McColl Johnson, who is somewhere in the Pacific; four brothers, J. B. McColl of McColl, S. C.; W. L. McColl of Albemarle, N. C.; F. M. McColl of Trenton, N. J. and L. T. McColl of Cordele, Ga. One sister, Miss Annie May McColl, who is making her home in Monroe and lives of her mother, Mrs. Johnson during much of her illness.

Mrs. Johnson was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wellington McColl, prominent residents of Marlboro county, S. C. and was the youngest of eleven children, five of whom survive.

She and Mr. Johnson were married on November 4th, 1916 and since that time had made her home here.

Mrs. Johnson was one of the city's most beloved women; a devoted wife and mother and a noble Christian woman. Her influence will be radiated throughout the years in the community through the lives of hundreds of boys and girls whom she taught.

Those attending the funeral from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McColl, Mrs. H. G. McColl, Mrs. Jesse Adams, of McColl, S. C.; Mrs. C. T. McColl, Miss Kate Woodley, Miss Jean Manning, Miss Margaret Manning, Miss Mamie McKinnon, Frank Manning, Jr., of Clio, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McColl, Miss Bette McColl of Albemarle; Mr. and Mrs. Union Reeves and Miss Jessie Reeves of Badin; Mrs. Marvin Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilduff, Mrs. W. B. Love, Mrs. W. B. Love, S. C.; Miss Ada Outhbush and Mrs. Margaret Craig of Waxhaw and Mrs. Raymond Wilson of Blahopville, S. C.

Children, Aged May Get More

State Board Votes To Give Increased Financial Aid To Needy

PLAN POST-WAR HELP

The State Board of Charities and public welfare has voted to increase its financial aid to dependent children and to the aged, and to establish with approval of the General Assembly a state budget to help provide payments for general relief now paid entirely by counties.

In other cash payments to the needy, both the state and federal governments participate with county units with the national treasury footing half the bill.

Figures on the proposed increases and the amount to be provided for general relief were not released by the board pending further study of the items involved, Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of welfare, said.

Increased appropriations were recommended for county welfare administrations, to assist in carrying out statutory responsibilities of cooperating with other state programs such as parole and child labor.

An increased equating fund to aid counties in meeting costs of public assistance grants was approved. The fund operates among the less wealthy counties to ease the cost of providing for many grants.

In order to provide for the expected increase in requests from county welfare units for financial aid, the board voted to ask for a contingency fund as part of the budget for the next fiscal year.

Pvt. Sell Arrives In England

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sell today received six letters from their son, Pvt. Hoyt Sell, dated from August 6th to August 8th. The son, 26, August 8, stated that he had arrived safely "somewhere in England."

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Pvt. Sell was discharged January 10 of this year and returned to his training at Camp Croft, S. C. and was transferred to Camp Croft, S. C. from which place he was transferred to Ft. Belvoir, Ariz. and from there to port of embarkation at New York. Following his arrival he is expected to be sent to England.

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Spotlight Now On Philippines

Determination To Retake Islands Emphasized In FDR Talks

GUAM IS NOW OCCUPIED

The Philippines now stand in the full glare of the Allied invasion spotlight. Guam, likely springboard for an American amphibious strike into the northern end of the archipelago, was completely in American hands, Mandanao, a potential landing spot at the southern end of the Philippines, was under air attack for the first time since the fall of Corregidor.

The American determination to retake the Philippines and to drive Japan to unconditional surrender had been reiterated by President Roosevelt following a conference at Pearl Harbor with General Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and other top-ranking Pacific commanders.

Also significant was the announcement of Vice Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner that headquarters for Pacific fleet and troop amphibious forces had been established on Saipan, deep in Japan's inner island defenses.

Saipan, 125 miles north of Guam in the Marianas, will be headquarters. Turner said aboard his flagship in the Marianas, "until I can move farther west or northward."

West of Saipan are the Philippines and China. To the northwest is Japan.

Guam, the first American insular possession seized by Japan, was retaken at Agaña Bay, Guam, on July 21, 1944, by the 78th Infantry Division, including 1,214 dead, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported. The total was far below that on Saipan, first Marianas island to be conquered in the bloodiest ground campaign in the Pacific. The U. S. casualty list for Saipan was announced August 10, 1944.

Enemy dead on Guam, Nimitz announced Thursday night, had reached 10,971. The total was mounting daily as American Marines and Infantry probed the wooded island for the last scattered groups of a force that once numbered at least 15,000. Organized resistance ended Wednesday.

The raids by American Liberator bombers on Mindanao were announced Friday by MacArthur. The attacks fell on three successive nights, the last starting Tuesday night and extending into Wednesday morning. Reports of these first aerial strikes were not reported.

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LAND BANK TO MAKE LOANS ON WOODLAND

New Timber Loan Plan Will Serve Many Farmers In County.

The Federal Land Bank of Columbia has outlined its loan facilities to include loans on farm woodlands and forest lands according to notice received from Julian H. Scarborough, President of the Bank, by J. I. Purdy, Secretary-Treasurer of the Monroe National Farm Loan Association, which handles Federal land bank loans in this county.

The new timber loan plan is designed to serve all farmers who have timber land in excess of normal farm needs and are following sound forestry practices as well as those engaged in the growing of timber on a large scale. The plan generally requires that farm woodlands constitute a substantial part of the value of farms in the South and the recognition of this value for loan purposes will enable the Bank to extend its long-term credit facilities to more farmers.

Loans on forest lands will be based on the expected normal earnings of the tract under the management of a typical operator following sound forestry practices. Normal values and current market values of growing and marketed timber will be the appraiser where all or a substantial part of the loan is based on timber land. Loans will be made on both marketable pine and hardwood timber and selective cutting will be permitted under standard forestry practices. The loan repayment plan will be made to fit the individual circumstances of the borrower, and loans will usually run from 10 to 40 years. Partial or full repayment will be permitted at any time.

The Federal Land Bank of Columbia is pioneering in the making of loans on timber lands as it is permitted in the making of farm mortgage loans. The interest rates more than 2 1/2 years ago. We are glad to be able to offer a long-term, low interest rate loan on some woodlands in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, which are available to the farmer who has timber land in the South. The only forestry loan program has been made available in the United States and the plan is being pioneered in this county.

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