WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy and rather warm today, tonight and Friday, with widely scattered thundershowers this afternoon.

Sunset today, 8:08; sunrise Friday 6:45.

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MONROE MARKET

Cotton, short, lb. .. .. 21½c to 22c
Cotton, long, lb. .. .. .. 26c to 30c
Cotton Seed, bushel 75½c
Eggs, dozen 25c
Corn, bushel $1.50
Wheat, bushel $1.55

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61,000 Needed To Fill Jobs

State Employment Ceilings Call For That Many This Month

HITS AT JOB SHOPPERS

Employment ceilings set by the Manpower Priorities committee of the War Manpower commission in Raleigh will call for 61,000 North Carolina workers in essential industry in the period from July 1 through August 31, Dr. J. S. Doorton, State WMC director, said.

In a report issued after the meeting, Dr. Dorton said that Selective Service withdrawals and referrals to out-of-state plants on the national "must" list would account for 11,000 workers. The remaining 50,000 will be allotted to essential industry within the State.

Approximately 80 per cent of the needed workers have already been referred to high urgency and essential producers in the State, he said.

"There is an adequate number of workers in the State to meet the demand," Dr. Dorton said. "Our main difficulty springs from a paradox: In many localities we have a surplus and a shortage within the same labor market area. If all available workers were of the right type for job openings, or could be persuaded to move or accept less attractive wages than they had been led to believe are available, we would have a total labor shortage of about 5,000. This would not seriously impede production for the armed services or necessary civilian use."

An effort will be made to stop workers from "job shopping," he said. "If the needed workers cannot be obtained by other means, it will be necessary to refer workers from non-essential establishments and to further cut ceilings on essential firms whose production is not immediately urgent. Our actions will be geared to the needs of the armed services and their needs must and will be supplied."

SGT. RUSHING WRITES FROM GERMAN PRISON

Missing In Action Since March 23; Parents Receive First Letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Rushing of R3, Monroe, received Monday, a letter from their son Sgt. Joe Rushing, who is a prisoner of war of the German Government. The letter was the first they had received from him since he was reported missing in action over enemy territory on March 23. On May 13 they were notified by the War Department that he was a prisoner of war.

Sgt. Rushing has been in the service since February 1943 and was a gunner on a B-17 and it was while in the performance of his duty that his plane was downed over enemy territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushing have spent many anxious hours since the news was first received of their son's misfortune and during the interval they have corresponded with parents and relatives of nine of the ten crew members of Sgt. Rushing's crew, who were with him on the fateful mission. Five of the crewmen are prisoners of war, while nothing has been heard of the others.

Sgt. Rushing's letter is as follows:

"Dear Family:

"Hope everyone is well and getting along fine. I am well and doing fine, just lying around playing games and reading, not doing much work.

"Guess it will be several days before I get any news from you all but I pray that you are getting along fine.

"This is the second time I have written, so you can get the news around to my friends that I am as happy as could be expected under conditions.

"We get a Red Cross package every week and they sure are nice too. I owe a lot of thanks to them.

"Dad you and mom keep your chin up and don't worry about me, for I am all right. Hope Vance and Nancy are getting along fine. Give my love to all and keep smiling. We will all be home soon.

"Your son,

"JOE."

Mr. and Mrs. Rushing also have two other sons in the service. They are Pvt. Vance Rushing, who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Pvt. Tracy Rushing at Fort Knox, Ky.

TWENTY-THREE NEGROES ORDERED TO REPORT

Selective Service Local Board No. 2 has announced that orders to report for a pre-induction physical examination were mailed to 23 of its Negro registrants on August 16, 1944.

Transportation will be furnished to an army post where their fitness for military service will be determined. Not all of the men have yet been classified in A-1. However, that will be done in due time unless positive proof is presented showing reason for some other classification. Notice has been mailed to the following notifying them to report on August 28th at 7:30 a. m.

A. J. Redfearn, E. K. White, Alexander Roland, Henry Rogers, Lee Roy Taylor, Cleveland Thomas, George Bloom, Lewis Junior Rushing, Kinston Lee Grand Gulledge[illegible], Raney Slaton, Jr., Oscar Whitlo, Grady J. Van Gillispie, Kemp Hough, Fred Gum Killian, Harrison Bailey, Raymond Ellis Harrell, Jr., Junior Albert Thomas, Jr., Willie Allen, Frank [illegible], John Henry Gaither, Hurley Thomas Horne, Jr., James Hardy Thomas, Avant Artis Lolis.

Bailey Admit To Infirmary

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Wounded In Action

PVT. HENRY L. M'MANUS

Mr. and Mrs. Stoy McManus of R2, Pageland, S. C., have received a message from the War Department, stating that their son, Pvt. Henry L. McManus, had been wounded in action, "somewhere in France." No further information has been received.

Reds Stymied Near Warsaw

Giant Tank And Infantry Assault Force Russians To Vacate Ossow

NAZI LOSSES HEAVY

The Germans went all out yesterday to hold Warsaw, throwing gigantic tank and infantry forces into counter-attacks northeast of the old Polish capital and forcing the Russians out of the town of Ossow, seven miles from Warsaw's continuous suburb of Praga.

Loss of Ossow was acknowledged in the midnight Soviet communique, the first announced loss of any importance since the vast victory parade of the Russian summer offensive began June 23.

The Russians never had announced capture of Ossow, marking their closest approach to Warsaw since they began the suburban siege of the capital July 31 after seizing Wolomin, 10 miles northeast.

This was the second day that the Russians had reported German counterattacks before Warsaw, but they made clear that the price the Nazis paid for this fractional success was exorbitant.

The communique reported that on all fronts Tuesday the Germans lost 118 tanks, raising the two-day total of German armor losses to 232 and implying that a great percentage of these were in front of Warsaw.

The German high command's communique omitted mention of Warsaw.

Elsewhere on the 1,000-mile active front the Russians reported continuing successes.

On the Estonoian front they announced advances that swept up 70 more towns, and in Lithuania, where the Russians have been bearing down toward Memelland, they announced repulse of German counterattacks.

On the southern Polish front, Soviet troops broke into the city of Sandomiers and engaged the Germans in street fighting. The city had been by-passed closely for two weeks by the extended Russian bridgehead across the Vistula.

WEDDINGTON NEWS

Miss Betsy Hunter of Baltimore, Md., is spending a two weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Hunter.

Miss Gertrude Moore is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. N. Crenshaw at Van Wyck.

Mr. Harper, Mrs. Vinters and Mrs. Sherrard of Norfolk, Va., have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Cox.

R. S. Morris, U. S. Air Force, is at home for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morris.

Mrs. Coble of Durham is spending a week with her brother, M. J. Harkey and Mrs. Harkey and other relatives here.

Weddington church is getting a new coat of paint on the inside. Rev. Harold Robinson will conduct the meeting beginning at the evening service August 27.

There will be no meeting of the home demonstration club in August.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the church for the August meeting. Mrs. J. L. Redwine presided in the absence of the president. Mrs. S. D. Belk gave the Bible Study and Mrs. C. M. Deal presented the leaflet.

BULLETIN

LT. THOMAS PERRY LANEY IS MISSING IN ACTION

Word was received here today by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laney, Sr., that their son, Lieut. Thomas Perry Laney is missing in action.

No details were available at The Enquirer went to press, but the message received by Mrs. Laney yesterday came as a surprise this morning from his wife, who is stationed in Washington, D. C.

Tobacco Allotment

Farmers of North Carolina may earn a tobacco allotment of 2,000 lbs. for next year, the 1945 AAA farm program for tobacco, it was stated here Monday. Only 100 of wheat, oats, barley, rye, or mixtures of these grains.

Patton Genius Wins Tribute

Slashing U. S. General Accredited With Leadership That Routed Nazis

WINS GREAT BATTLE

Fiery Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., is the tactical genius who drove the rampant Third U. S. Army across Brittany, through Le Mans and then northward through Alencon and Argentan, completing the southern jaw of the trap on the Nazi Seventh Army.

The controversial gravel-voiced Patton, has been leading an army literally "born in battle" August. It has been on the offensive since the day it was created and never has let up a minute.

Living down the soldier-slapping incident in Sicily which put him under a cloud last fall, Patton justified the conviction of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that "Old Blood and Guts" was one of America's finest field commanders The Supreme Commander, revealing today that Patton was on the marching wing of the Third Army, said it was "where he belongs."

(In Washington the Senate Tuesday confirmed Patton's promotion to the permanent rank of major general. The Senate military affairs committee had withheld approval of the nomination since last October over the soldier-slapping incident, but indorsed it unanimously after disclosure of his new role. Reprimanded by Eisenhower, Patton publicly apologized to his troops.

(Senator Chandler, Democrat of Kentucky, said the committee agreed Patton was "a great soldier" who had been "sufficiently disciplined.")

The American drive across France, fastest ever made by any army, resulted from a combination of methodical strategy evolved by Lt. Gen. Omar U. Bradley, American overall commander in France, and the driving energy of the volatile, pistol-packing Patton.

Bradley launched the break-out offensive July 25 when all his forces were parts of the U. S. First Army. When the campaign hit its stride August 1, a small portion was taken from the First and placed under Patton as the Third Army.

Backed by new forces pouring into the beaches at the rear, Patton drove through Coutances, then Avranches, then fanned out into Brittany. His front grew from a few miles to hundreds of miles overnight.

The situation was delicate. Patton's front was being fed through the narrow coastal corridor. His entire army would have been stranded if the Germans could cut the corridor.

Bradley took the responsibility and Patton plunged on, often riding at the head of his tank columns. The risk was converted to solid victory.

Many military men were amazed at Patton's audacity. His armored forces slashed through disorganized Germans on all sides and had to send out tanks to escort their supplies. Fast mechanized calvary detachments cut the German pockets into smaller units and spread confusion.

French underground forces rose up to help corral the Germans and soon the Brest peninsula was held firmly. As late as two days ago one could drive for 60 or 70 miles in Brittany without seeing an American soldier.

Bradley then turned the American First Army east to guard Patton's flank and stopped a German breakthrough drive on Avranches.

Although mopping up of the Brittany ports still was incomplete, Patton turned fresh forces north toward Le Mans and Paris. His 1944-model blitskrieg still is going on.

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

(By Mrs. B. R. Bivens)

Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Smith and son Edgar Williams of Charlotte, visited Mrs. Julia Williams during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chaney have returned to Wilmington after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chaney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill and daughter of Kannapolis, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilmore during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Braswell of Charlotte recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Presson.

Mrs. Wilton Sinclair and daughter, Janet, from Marshville, recently visited Mrs. Bruce Bivens.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hahn of Mt. Pleasant, recently visited Mrs. C. M. Bivens and family.

Mrs. Seagraves of Apex, has come to visit her daughter, Mrs. Baron D. Smith.

Mrs. Oren Strait and daughter Elsie who have been visiting Mr. Straits parents in Rock Hill, S. C. and have returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Floy Hallman. Herman Hinson, Jr., and Celia Jane Hinson children of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hinson of Charlotte, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Helms. Mr. and Mrs. Hinson announce the birth of a son.

Mrs. Floy Hallman spent last week-end with Mrs. Ben Pope and family in Charlotte.

NO SERVICES AT CENTRAL METHODIST FOR SUNDAY

Next Sunday morning there will be no morning service because of the services at Pleasant Grove camp meeting. Last Sunday evening a memorial service in honor of W. D. Hasty, recently killed in action, will be held at five o'clock at the First Baptist church, of which Mr. Hasty was a member. The memorial service will be participated in by all the churches of the city and all churches take the place of the Union Service for that Sunday night.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt returned to Washington today from a 15,000 mile war trip into the Pacific to declare that Allied armies will drive in and occupy Germany and Japan even should resistance collapse short of enemy borders.

It was the first definite assertion that Germany and Japan will not be able to use the Allies' own war goal—unconditional surrender—to keep our forces out of their homelands.

ROME—St. Tropez, St. Arsein, St. Raphael have been occupied by Allied forces in Southern France and the beachhead embraces some 500 square miles, Allied Headquarters announced today in a special communique. Allied troops are within ten miles of Toulon and ten miles from Cannes, the communique added.

All elements of beachhead forces have now been linked, and a junction with strong air-borne units inland has been effected.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS—Driving with 40 miles of Paris, U. S. Third Army troops captured Chartres and reached Dreux, it was officially announced today. The German High Command communique said Dreux, 40 miles due west of Paris and only 35 from its suburb of Versailles, has been evacuated after hard fighting. This deep-lunging eastward drive 60 miles beyond Le Mans carried a double threat—to Paris, and to enemy divisions in danger of being bottled up along the Seine River. Fall of Chartres was announced officially in the field.

LONDON — Nearly 1,200 RAF heavy bombers dumped about 5,500 tons of explosives before dawn today on the German ports of Kiel and Stettin and lighted great fires, partly among supplies believed destined for the Nazi troops stranded in the Baltic states and in Finland.

Union County's Men In Service

Tom Young Is Transferred

Sp. (A) 2-C Tom B. Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Young, Sr., of Monroe, former athletic coach at the U. N. C., has been transferred from Pier 92, New York City to Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., where he will assist in the V-12 program. His present work is with college boys, giving them exercises and road work. He wil ialso assist Coach Carl Snavely in the football program at Cornell. He likes his new assignment and considers himself fortunate in being placed in a V-12 program which is headed by another former University of North Carolina coach. Tom's present address is 304 Bryant Ave., Cornell University V-12, Cornell, N. Y.

Cpl. and Mrs. Marvin Crook left Wednesday morning for San Antonio, Texas, after spending a 20-day furlough with his paretns, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Crook of Monroe.

Mrs. Mattie Thomas Jenkins, formerly of Monroe but now of Charlotte has recently received word that her son, Pvt. Haryr Bryan Thomas has arrived safely in England. No further word has been received about her other son, T-Sgt. John Hurley Thomas, Jr., who has been missing in action since April 27th, 1944.

Seaman 2-C Walter Stokely of Camp Peary, Va., spent the week-end here with Mrs. Stokely and son, Walter, Jr., at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Bell.

S-Sgt. Keith Moore Awarded DFC

S-Sgt. Keith W. Moore, son of Mrs. Henry H. Moore, of R1, Monroe, and the late Mr. Moore, is stationed in England. He has won the air medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement over enemy occupied territory, and has just recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. S-Sgt Moore is a tail-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

Letter From France

Cpl. Jas. H. Hinson, "Stoy" to his friends, is stationed with a field artillery unit in France. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hinson of R2, Marshville. In a letter written July 26 to his parents he said: "I received your two letters last night, written July 8th and 12, and I surely was glad to hear from you. Hope all of you are getting along fine, as for myself—O. K.

"I am in France now and liking it all right. It is much better than England in some ways. Too bad I can't speak French. The people seem glad to see us. The money here was easy to learn to count too, much easier than English money. Seems to be a mild climate here and I hope it doesn't rain like in England."

"Stoy" has been overseas about a year. His brother, Pvt. Hovis Hinson, left July 30th for Fort Bragg, and is receiving his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Five Austin Boys In Service

Pvt. Robert L. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Austin of R1, Wingate, is now training with the Infantry at Camp Croft. He makes the fifth from the family to enter the service. His brothers are: Sgt. J. D. Austin, Jr., of Fort Custer, Mich., who with his wife makes his home in Kalamazoo; Seaman 1-C James Bayne Austin of the navy, who has been over seas several years; Seaman 1-C Edward D. Austin, of the Navy, stationed in Miami, and Floyd W. Austin, an M. P. stationed with the air corps at Tyndall Field, Fla. The latter two are at home now on 11-day furloughs. Floyd is spending the time with his wife and

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Debacle Faces Fleeing Nazis

11 German Divisions Trapped By Allies As Advance Continues

ESCAPE ROUTE IS CUT

The German Seventh army in northwest France was reported in chaotic flight under the threat of a new encirclement last night, while in the south of France the American Seventh army thrust inland as much as eight miles from a firmly-established 70-mile beachhead.

The day of swiftly-developing Allied successes enhanced the possibility that the Battle of France might be decided in a matter of weeks or even days, with a chance that the grand-scale pincers movement might quickly dominate all the country from the Mediterranean to the Seine.

On the western front Nazi Marshal Guenther von Kluge was conceded to have achieved some success in evtricating much of his armor from the snapping jaws of the Ralaise-Argentan trap, but only at the sacrifice of his infantry, some 50,000 of whom were estimated to remain in the pocket.

A field dispatch said it was officially disclosed that elements of 11 German divisions and in the trap but that many, if not all of the units, now are far below normal strength.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's forces have hemmed in enemy troops sufficient in number, along with those already dead or captured, to make another Stalingrad in Normandy, Associated Press Correspondent William Smith White wrote from the front.

The Allied bag of prisoners was expected to be large from an army which has lost close to 100,000 men in two weeks and 300,000 since June 6.

Those Germans who got out of the trap were in a difficult position, and German broadcasts said American armor was racing eastward in a new move that brought confused fighting around Chartres and Dreux, some 40 miles west of Paris. While the Allies gave no confirmation of this report, the Germans intimated that the Allied aim apparently was to construct a new and larger trap against the south banks of the Seine river.

In the south the largest breach in Hitler's European fortress was disclosed to be led by Major Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commanding the U. S. Seventh Army, of which the French Army of Maj. Gen. De Lettre de Tassigny was a part.

The southern front was under an all-American command on land, sea and in the air. The invasion was declared officially to be progressing smoothly, with "all initial objectives" taken and casualties "exceptionally light."

The beachheads, constantly being reinforced, were firm along a 70-mile stretch between Cannes and Toulon. The Germans said the American aim was to take the latter point, an important naval base, by the same landward encirclement tactics that won Cherbourg in Normandy.

The Allies were pouring ashore by sea and air a steady stream of new fighters and equipment. British and American airborne troops, landed on a big scale behind the lines, were effectively blocking German attempts to rush reinforcements to the invasion scene.

The Americans used flame-throwers to burn Germans out of stone emplacements.

FARMERS ENTITLED TO LUMBER CERTIFICATES

County AAA Committee Is Authorized To Aid Local Farmers.

Farmers of Union county are entitled to rated orders for lumber if they use it for essential maintenance and repair of implements and farm service buildings, according to J. Hoyle Biggers, chairman of the county AAA committtee.

A "Farmers' Lumber Certificate" is a rated order, he said. A dealer who fills a farmer's order supported by a certificate may extend the rating and place a "certified and rated" order with his supplier for replacement of his stock. "During this titme of lumber shortage," Mr. Biggers said, "the use of Farmers' Lumber Certificates is the only way we can be sure of keeping enough lumber in the yards to meet essential farm needs."

Farmers who need lumber should apply to the county AAA office in Monroe for certificates. The county AAA Committee is authorized to issue certificates when the lumber will be used to maintain or repair farm buildings, other than dwellings, or maintain and repair farm implements or for other approved uses essential to food production, or to construct necessary buildings, other than residences, when the cost will not exceed $1,000 during the calendar yeay for any particular farm. The committee also may issue certificates for lumber needed for emergencies. For construction which must be approved by the War Production Board, the committee also receives farmers' applications and makes recommendations, but does not issue certificates.

Farmers' Lumber Certificates cannot be issued for lumber to be used for dwellings. Dealers are expected to have small amounts of lumber to sell to civilians in general for the maintenance of dwellings and for other uses for which no rated orders are issued.

Baptist Missionary Society

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the church.

This circle will all met at the church at 3:00 just prior to the meeting of the Society.

Walter Henderson, Jr. Is Now A Prisoner Of War

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henderson of West Franklin street, Tuesday morning received information, stating that their son T-Sgt. Walter Henderson, Jr., is a prisoner of war of the German Government. He had been missing in action over Roumania since June 24, and much anxiety had been felt for his safety.

The message from the War Department came to his wife, Mrs. Nell Liles Henderson at her home on Lamar Ave., Charlotte, and she telephoned immediately his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henderson here. None of the returning flyers on the mission with Sgt. Henderson had reported seeing the plane go down, but they had reported that his plane had radioed that it was badly shot up with two motors gone, and as nothing more was heard it was hoped that they were down safely somewhere.

Babies Shield Jap Soldiers

Borrow Youngsters To Use As Surrender Shields On Battlefront

PRISONERS ARE JOVIAL

Hunched behind a gray limestone rock, two Japanese soldiers watched an American Marine officer drive his jeep into no-man's land, park it, and nonchalantly climb out to look around.

The Japanese grinned. This was their chance.

A minute later they appeared before the officer, smiled and bowed. Each soldier was hugging a solemn little Japanese baby.

The babies they carried with faked fatherly tenderness were borrowed from Japanese civilians hiding nearby. But their surrender was genuine. Tinian's defenses already had crumbled and they had decided it was foolish, under the circumstances to insist on dying for the Emperor.

By walking out with babies in their arms, the soldiers made certain they would establish their peaceable intentions and run no danger of being shot as snipers.

The Marine officer was Capt. Lyford Hutchins of Boston, Mass., who had got so interested in studying the terrain that he had unwittingly driven between his lines and enemy troops.

Before he got away from the spot fifty genuine Japanese civilians of all ages had surrendered, coming out of ground holes and from behind trees.

More than 4,000 civilians have been interned on Tinian. On nearby Saipan 14,600 Japanese and Korean civilians and natives are being cared for. The number on Guam already has grown into the thousands.

Greatest problem on each island has been in getting the civilians to disregard Japanese military propaganda and come into collection centers

On Tinian, and before that, on Saipan, Japanese civilians were told by Japanese mi litary authorities that the Americans were barbarians.

"In truth," they were told, "the Marines are the worst. Each Marine recruit, before his enlistment is accepted, must prove he has murdered either his father or his mother."

An American soldier who speaks Japanese, Sergeant Hoichi Kuro, of Lahaina, Maui, talked three Japanese soldiers on Saipan into surrender. But to do it, he had to walk unarmed into their cave. He ate rice with them, discussed the progress of the war, and in 30 minutes sold them on the idea of giving up.

All three were privates, Kubo discovered when he entered the cave.

"I felt a little better when I found that out," the sergeant said. "At least I outranked them."

The difference in rank made them more respectful, and the sergeant was glad because during his visit the Japanese, referring to the American treatment in the camps on Saipan, told an Army interpreter:

"It is like finding paradise in hell."

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH ITEMS

Sunday night the congregation of Central Church worshipped with the other churches of the city at the union service held at the First Baptist church. Rev. C. C. Burris, President of Wingate Junior College was the preacher for the service. Special music was furnished by the Baptist choir and the church pastor, Rev. J. T. Akin, who sang an offertory solo.

During the service Pvt. Bill Lee, one of Central's men in the Service, home for the week-end on a furlough, was recognized and welcomed. It's always good to see our boys when they are home!

The congregation stood in honor of Donald Brandon Harris, who left week before last for the Army Air Corps. Don is man number 174 on the Church Service Roster. Our interest and best wishes follow Don as he enters the service of his country.

We extend our cordial congratulations to Philip Gravely, another of of Central's boys in the Service, who recently received his "wings" and a commission in the Army Air Corps. We congratulate you, Lieut. Gravely!

Mrs. Grady Doster and Mrs. Glenn Benton, recently selected by the Woman's Society of Christian Service to receive the honor of Life Membership in the Woman's Society, were awarded Life Membership sPins in the Service Sunday morning. These awards are made on the basis of loyal and faithful service to the Woman's Society, as Mrs. Doster and Mrs. Benton are graduate Pins by being from honored.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert [illegible], of 607 Davis Street, announce the birth of a daughter, Brenda, at the Elm Fitzgerald hospital, Friday, August 11.

Murder Cases Are Scheduled

Two Weeks Term Superior Court Will Convene Monday

PHILLIPS WILL PRESIDE

A two weeks term of Union County Superior Court for the trial of criminal and civil cases will convene here Monday morning with Judge F. Donald Phillips of Rockingham as the presiding judge and E. H. Gibson of Laurinburg as prosecutor.

On the criminal docket, two murder cases and one case of manslaughter are scheduled for trial. Cletus Howell, will be tried for the murder of his uncle, Zeb Davis Benton, which took place on Saturday afternoon, June 24 in Benton Heights, and Robert L. Robinson, colored for the murder of his wife on the afternoon of June 24. James C. Ashcraft colored, will be tried on a manslaughter charge. A large number of other criminal cases are on the docket for the criminal term.

On the civil docket numerous divorce cases will again claim the attention of the court, most of which are scheduled for the first day of the second week of the session.

The complete docket for the term follows. Criminal:

S. I. Belk, carnal knowledge of female under 16.

Lucile White, Ida May Steele and Susie P. Cowan, colored, larceny and receiving.

Julia Watts, colored, forgery, 2 cases.

Olin Marse, larceny.

Ethel Covington, colored, forgery.

Richard A. Reams; driving drunk.

Grover Newsome; incest.

Robert L. Robinson, colored; murder.

Cletus Rowell; murder.

Ambrose Crosby, colored; robbery.

Winfred Mullis, abandonment and non-support.

Raymond Tadlock, larceny and receiving.

W. F. Simpson, reckless driving.

James C. Ashcraft, colored, manslaughter.

Ellie Starnes, colored, possession of whiskey for sale.

Cutlow Mitchell, colored, breaking and entering and larceny.

Heath Huntley, colored, assault with deadly weapon.

Second week, civil cases follow:

Monday, August 28th—Helen L. Keziah vs W. L. Keziah; William M. Starnes vs Mary H. Starnes; Lucille Griffin vs Walter J. Griffin; H. Clegg Rape vs Hallie D. Rape; Bertha Kelly vs Wm. A. Kelly; Julian Barker vs Sadie Parker; Clyde Funderburk vs Helen B. Funderburk; Thelma C. Lee vs Thomas C. Lee, Jr.; Colt Baker vs Lavinia Baker; P. A. Johnson vs Louise Johnson; Pearl B. Hyatt vs Herman Hyatt; Lex Pressley vs Lou H. Pressley; Ellard A. Greene vs Roberta W. Greene; Troy M. Masks vs Mildred Masks; Roy Tarlton vs Ethel E. Tarlton; Ellis S. Davis vs Faye C. Davis; Josephine Maness et al vs L. C. Polk et al; J. S. Rogers et al vs Russ W. Rogers; C. H. Phillips vs Lilly B. Tadlock; S. P. Broome vs J. B. Parker et al; S. A. Alexander vs W. F. Simpson; T. H. Starnes vs Ruby L. Starnes.

Tuesday, August 29th—J. S. Dean vs J. L. Helms; G. V. Griffin et al vs Theron Griffin et al; N. Baumrind vs W. Bright Funderburk; E. C. Robinson vs Thomas J. McWhinney et al; Maude E. Nance vs J. H. Nance; Willie Philmon vs N. W. Philmon et al.

PVT. JOE M. HARGETT IS KILLED IN ITALY

Memorial Services To Be Held Sunday Afternoon In Charlotte.

Pvt. Joe M. Hargette has been killed in action in Italy according to a notification from the War Department received this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Hargette of 2129 Edison street, Charlotte. He was with the Infantry and had been serving overseas three months. Surviving him are his parents and one brother, Morris Hargette.

Pvt. Hargette was a native of Union county and was reared in the Watson community. His parents are well known here and have a large number of relatives in this section.

Memorial services for Pvt. Hargette will be held at Hutchenson Avenue Baptist church in Charlotte, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A letter was received this week by Pvt. Hargette's parents which was written the day before he was killed in battle. It reads as follows:

"Dear Mother and Dad, I trust that these few lines will find you well and putting all your trust in the Lord. These days I am running into things I never expected, but God has a purpose. If the Lord takes me away, I will have a good home in glory. But the way I have it pictured in that my faith in God is being tested right now. Some day after this war, I hope and pray that I might be able to spread the gospel of love, and teach men the way to God. I know I have some one with me that I can put my cares and trust on, and can cliner up on life's way. I Peter, 5:7. Casting all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you. Philippians, 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians, 4:19 But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. May the blessing of God rest upon you always."

Prosperity Club Meet

Prosperity Club will meet with [illegible] on the [illegible] Friday afternoon, August 18, at 3:00 o'clock. Members are asked to be present and visitors are invited to be present.

Bridge Club

Mrs. [illegible] entertained her bridge club last Friday afternoon at her home on Hayes Avenue. Refreshments were served to the following members and guests: [illegible]