

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy to cloudy and little temperature change today with intermittent rains. Warmer Tuesday. Sunset today, 7:55 p. m.; sunrise Tuesday, 6:33 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, long, short, and other commodities.

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1944

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

75,000 Pounds Waste Paper Collected In Drive Yesterday

Campaign Sponsored By The Lions Club Nets Large Amount Of Paper

Members of the Monroe Lions Club were out in full force yesterday, in spite of a drizzling rain and low temperatures and collected 75,000 pounds of waste paper in a drive, which took them through the city and outlying areas.

W. T. Wall, president of the Lions club, who sponsored the campaign, said that excellent cooperation was received from all sections of the county, with large quantities being collected at Marshville and Wingate.

Another drive is planned for the near future at which time Mr. Wall says it is hoped to raise a goal of 100,000 pounds. He believes that this could have been attained yesterday had it not been for the inclement weather and the failure of many to have their bundles of waste paper ready for the collectors when they called.

In event collectors failed to call for bundles yesterday, local residents are requested to store them until the next collection or take them to the Quality Chevrolet Co., where storage will be made.

Proceeds derived from the sale of the paper will be used in civic projects undertaken by the club. At a recent meeting of the Club a check for \$100 was presented to the Red Cross to be used in buying supplies for packing overseas kits, which are presented to the boys at the port of embarkation.

The initiative and energy of Lions Club, plus the cooperation and patriotism of the people both urban and rural, in the waste paper crusade, have borne rich and rare fruitage.

By the same token, the civilians of the community are entitled to a resounding salute for the response they made to the campaign and for having so heartily lent themselves to this important patriotic enterprise.

It was a dramatic exhibition of teaming up for the essential war effort on the part of both the Lions club and the public.

REDS SAY ROMANIANS MUST FIGHT AXIS FOE

Russia has officially informed Romania she must earn an armistice with the Allies by ordering her troops to fight "hand in hand with the Red Army" during the remaining days of the war.

WINGATE JR. COLLEGE OPENING IS POSTPONED

Term Will Begin Sept. 19th; Plan Deft. Payment Celebration

At the suggestion of the State Board of Health and the Board of Health of Union county, the opening date for Wingate Junior College has been postponed from September 5, until September 19. Although, there is no Polio around Wingate, College authorities are anxious to cooperate with the Health Departments in every possible way.

The College has recently leased a large building in town for a boys' dormitory and the rooms are rapidly filling up. A hot air system is being installed and the boys will have the very best accommodations for the school year. The girls' dormitories are being renovated and the sanitary fixtures are being over-hauled.

On the afternoon of September 22, a celebration will be held in the College auditorium due to the fact that the College debt has been paid in its entirety. An excellent program is being arranged. Dr. Luther Little, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, will be the principal speaker of the occasion.

Big Reduction In Tire Quotas

Total For September Much Less Than Number For August

Drastic reduction of passenger tire quotas from the 19,762 allowed for August to 18,112 for September was announced yesterday by the Charlotte district OPA office where officials appealed to motorists in western North Carolina to refrain from applying for new tires unless the need is for extremely essential purposes.

When the August quotas became effective, there were 14,000 automobiles registered in the various rationing offices throughout the district, and next week when the September quotas become available the boards will still be approximately 14,000 applications, behind according to Sam E. Knowles, regional rationing officer for the district.

Henry Massey, chairman of the Tire Panel of the Union County War Price and Rationing Board, today stated, that unless a motorist is engaged in highly essential work or he is unable to drive his car at all, due to the lack of tires, the Tire Panel will not be in a position to consider the application.

Under present OPA regulations holders of these type ration books however, far outnumber the tires available for distribution by the ration boards.

The OPA authorities have placed on the rationing boards the responsibility for picking out the most essential users from the mass of applications. The job is a difficult one, and considerable agitation has resulted from the fact that every motorist feels his need is the most essential.

Union County's Men In Service

T-Sgt. Clegg Sell Decorated With Air Medal

Mrs. Clegg Sell is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Love on West Franklin street for the duration, she received the following letter from Sgt. Sell's commanding officer, telling of the awarding of the Air Medal to her husband.

"Recently your husband, Technical Sergeant Clegg B. Sell, was awarded with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service by his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home, and to you.

"He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in the Southwest Pacific Area from February 15 to April 12, 1944.

"Your husband took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and added considerably in the recent successes at this theater.

"Almost every hour of every day your husband, and the husbands of other American women, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

"Their is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory to be made.

"I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your husband in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

"You, Mrs. Sell, have every reason to share that pride and gratification."

Sgt. Long In Mediterranean Area Staff Sergeant Samuel Long, Jr., son of Rev. Sam Long and the late Mrs. Long of Monroe, is a member of the 8th Bombardment Group which has set the all-time record of 500 combat missions over German occupied territory.

Five hundred is the largest number of attacks flown by any bombardment group, medium or heavy, in the Mediterranean Theater of operations.

FOOD PROSPECTS FOR 1945 APPEAR GOOD

Civilians Will Have Ample Supply; Very Few Shortages

There's no food pinch in the offing for well-fed Americans. Civilian food prospects for 1945 look "mighty good" to Lee Marshall, of Washington, director of distribution for the War Food Administration.

Mr. Marshall said civilians will have as much to eat in 1945 as they've enjoyed this year—or maybe more. "We'll have very few shortages," he predicted. "It looks like butter and some other fats will be short, but that's about all."

All of which means that the United States is about the luckiest country in the world, the rotund director noted. "We've had eight uninterrupted years of good crops, especially the last three. Our farmers have done a remarkable job in the face of many difficulties. God has truly been good to us."

"And Mr. Marshall feels there is little reason for citizens to worry about our food shipments to Europe. He doesn't think this country is likely to go hungry because of them. "We'll probably have to help them until they get one crop raised, but that's about all," he said. "Most of them are resourceful people who are not as dependent on mechanization as we are."

Mr. Marshall promises there will be no food dumping after this war, such as followed World War I, much to the chagrin of farmers and merchants. WFA is safeguarding against this, he said, by buying no more food than is actually necessary and by "learning how to dispose of food in an orderly, business-like manner."

Agriculture should also be benefited by another aspect of World War II. Apparently farmers will be able to convert to peacetime production levels in easy stages, far more gradually than after the last war. "If Japan fights on after Germany is defeated, as is now expected, farmers will be able to reduce production in accordance with reduced war demands," he explained.

WACs In Italy Returning from a year's service as director of WAC operations in the Mediterranean area, Lieut.-Col. Westray Battle Boyce reports that most of the 1900 WACs who originally went to Africa have crossed the Mediterranean since the Italian campaign started and are now serving in Italy. He says that many of them wish to stay after the war to serve in rehabilitation work with the Army.

Ups Price As Aid To Parity Government Announces Increase Of Half Cent On Controlled Cotton ACTION TAKEN BY WFA

The government announced yesterday that the selling price of cotton owned or controlled by the War Food Administration is to be increased 50 points—or one-half cent—a move to help to bring market prices nearer the parity—price goal sought by Congress.

The new selling price is 50 points above parity prices. The parity price for 15-16-inch middling cotton of standard density stored in the southeast mill area is 22.85 cents a pound.

Monroe Is Included On Route No. 7 Of Proposed New Airline

13 COMPLETE COURSE NURSES AIDE TRAINING Capping Exercises Held Friday Evening At Hospital

The third class composed of thirteen members taking Red Cross Nurses Aide training, has completed the course. Capping exercises took place Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital. The exercises were presided over by Mrs. Zell M. Coleman, superintendent of the hospital. Rev. Harry D. Hawthorne, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church, gave the invocation and an appropriate talk was made to the class by Mrs. Coleman. Mrs. George S. Lee capped the members and presented a certificate to Mrs. Clarence Marsh for 160 hours of volunteer work completed.

Mrs. Marsh was a member of the second class to complete the 80 hours class room and training work. Following received their caps: Mrs. Vann E. Baucom, Mrs. John Neal Clark, Mrs. S. A. Hatley, Mrs. John Hearn, Mrs. Blaney Helms, Mrs. Henry Hinson, Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Mrs. Frank Lander, Mrs. Bruce Liles, Mrs. Hoyte Maness, Mrs. Ira Tucker, Mrs. Reece Williams, and Mrs. Byron Williams.

A gift was presented by Mrs. Coleman to each member at the conclusion of the exercises. Refreshments were served and an informal hour was enjoyed by the class and their friends.

U. S. Columns Cross Marne American Forces Sweeping Northward To Cut Off Nazi Escape

THREE DRIVES STARTED After virtually clearing all Germans from the Seine between Paris and Troyes, U. S. armored spearheads wheeled northward yesterday in a move taking shape as a flanking drive against the retreat route of the battered German Fifteenth army from the channel coast to Belgium and the Reich.

One of the probing spearheads reached the Marne in the vicinity of Laury, 15 miles east of Paris and with 10 miles of Meaux, where the Kaiser's armies were halted 30 years ago.

Far to the southeast, forces which reached Troyes last week, thrust a column northward 12 miles toward Arcis-sur-Aube, encountering stiffened Nazi resistance in the armored battle.

The British Second Army and Canadian First Army poured into four bridgeheads over the lower Seine, where Nazi resistance evaporated under a tremendous artillery barrage, and struck out in a mighty pursuit aimed at the rocket coast.

Rouen and Le Havre were in danger of being enveloped, and the Germans already were reported evacuating the great port of Le Havre except for a few rearguards and demolition troops.

German resistance was broken at Melun, 25 miles southeast of Paris, where heavy fighting forced only rearward. American armor crossed through the Wally lines and overran Meaux and Paris in a 24-hour blitz to the southeast.

RUSSIAN-POLISH RIFT IS STILL UNSETTLED The Russian-Polish rift is continuing to grow in spite of a recent agreement between the two nations...