

WEATHER FORECAST

Rainy and cool tonight; partly cloudy and slightly warmer, with light rains Tuesday.

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MONROE MARKET table with columns for Cotton, Sugar, Corn, and Wheat prices.

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1944

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

Large Cotton Crop Expected

Prospect For 710,000 Bales In State Is Far Above Average 19 PER CENT INCREASE

North Carolina's cotton crop held its own during August and production prospects point to 710,000 bales.

Over the state as a whole, plants are not as large as usual, but are fairly well loaded with bolls.

Several of the 5 & 10 stores, drug, and department stores and shoe repair shops will arrange special counters containing suitable articles for overseas mailing.

Among the suggested items suitable for mailing are the following: Tooth powder, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shaving soap, shaving cream, razor blades, safety razor, etc.

Use of blue ration tokens will be discontinued October 1 in line with the sharp reduction of the amount of processed food under rationing.

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes has announced that effective September 17 practically all canned and bottled vegetables and fruit products will be returned from rationing.

The club will then adjourn to meet that evening at 8 o'clock in the Thursday School building of the First Presbyterian church, to attend a movie and watermelon cutting which is part of the program planned by Mr. Henderson.

Dies In France



John Hayne Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis of 83, Monroe, was killed in action in France on Friday, July 26, 1944.

John Hayne is survived by his parents and three sisters, Misses Nell Deane and Annie Lee Davis, and Mrs. Bruce Simpson of Unionville; one brother, Heath, of the U. S. Army at Camp Croft, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Baucum, and a number of uncles and aunts.

When Germany quits the collapse of Germany will be the signal for eliminating most of the existing rigid controls over utilization of labor forces.

Philie the precise policy WMC will put into effect when Germany falls is still being formulated, spokesmen for the agency emphasized that machinery for handling emergency situations will be retained.

Rotary Club to have interesting program Double Feature Program Planned For Tuesday, Rotary Annex Guests.

The Monroe Rotary Club will hold its regular weekly meeting Tuesday at 8:00 at the Monroe Hotel dining room, with Vaght Henderson in charge of the program.

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Japanese Lose Big Tank Ship

Flying Boats, Planes Blast Japs From Banda Sea To Philippines

Airfields are targets Roaming unchallenged in a 1,200 mile bombing arc from the Banda Sea to the Philippines, Allied aircraft sank a 10,000 ton tanker and smashed airfields in strikes reported by headquarters yesterday.

Four successive sweeps over Halmahera Island and a record assault on Dutch Celebes were among the aerial forays which continued the war of attrition against Japanese aircraft and air facilities in this area.

A Navy Catalina flying boat on patrol near Zamboanga, Mindanao Island, sank the tanker Friday, with direct hits. This was the largest vessel the Allies have destroyed in Philippine waters.

Strong forces also continued their neutralization of Halmahera island, southern stepping stone to the Philippines, Friday.

Local Gridders Drill For Opening Game First Game Of Season With Mount Airy, To Be Played There Friday.

Monroe High's football warriors have been drilling hard for the past three weeks under the direction of Coach Hump Snyder and today looked forward to opening their schedule, which is one of the toughest in the history of Monroe High football.

Commenting on his squad, Coach Snyder said, "Most of the boys are very young and inexperienced, but they are hard workers and anxious to learn."

Sept. 22—Statesville, 3:00 p. m., there. Sept. 23—Kannapolis, 8:00 p. m., there. Sept. 24—Wadesboro, 3:30 p. m., there.

26 Selectees Leave For Military Duty Men Go From Local Board No. 1; 16 Enter The Navy.

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The Latest War News In Brief

London—American First Army troops captured the city of Luxembourg, the capital of the Duchy of the same name, today and it was reported unofficially that American artillery 70 miles to the had brought the German Siegfried Line city of Aachen under heavy fire.

Rome—Taking advantage of the enemy's preoccupation with large scale bloody fighting on the Adriatic coast south of Rimini, U. S. Fifth Army Forces followed up a German withdrawal north and northwest of Florence and reached the Gothic Line defenses, Allied Headquarters disclosed today.

Moscow—The Red Army by frontal land flank assaults was driving German and Hungarian troops today from their strongholds in the eastern Carpathians, after crushing enemy resistance in the Transylvania Alps.

Union County's Men In Service Resolves Purple Heart Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Presson of R4, Monroe, have received the Purple Heart and also the soldier's medal, recently awarded their son, Pfc James P. Presson, who is with the Engineers Combat Regiment, "somewhere in Italy."

Mrs. G. S. Myers of R2, Monroe, received two letters, Thursday from her son, Pvt. Troy W. Myers, stating he had landed safely in England, Pvt. Myers entered the service last November and is with the Ordnance Dept. Mrs. Myers has two other sons in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Richardson of R4, Monroe, have received notice that their son,MSGT James W. Richardson, has received the Purple Heart and also the soldier's medal, recently awarded their son, Pfc James P. Presson, who is with the Engineers Combat Regiment, "somewhere in Italy."

Major Geo. W. Tucker of Camp Gordon, Ga., is now following illness in station hospital, Augusta, Georgia.

Pvt. George T. Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Helms of Monroe, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, Fla.

Service Will Be Held Thursday Afternoon At 4 O'clock A memorial service for Lt. Thomas Perry Bayne who was killed in action in France on August 17 will be conducted in Central Methodist church on Thursday of this week at 4 p. m.

Memorial Service For Lieut. Percy Laney Service Will Be Held Thursday Afternoon At 4 O'clock

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Helms of R2, Monroe, have just received a letter from their son, PFC Howard Helms, in the army overseas, saying that he had been in Paris and that he had his personal life. He says they expect to go from Paris to Berlin and then return to the garden spot of the world—North Carolina.

Pvt. Eddie was inducted into the armed forces on August 19, 1944. He received his training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Camp Livingston, La. He is now en route to camp Cook, Calif.

Allied Armies Move Eastward

American And British Push Into Luxembourg On Wide Front

Artillerymen of the American First Army in Belgium fired their first shots on German soil near Aachen at 3:30 p. m., Sunday as other First Army units formed a juncture with the British Second Army on the Albert Canal above Hasselt.

It was another day of swift-moving advances for the First Army, commanded by Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, which up until midnight Saturday had taken 168,047 prisoners since D-Day. From no single sector of the wide advance was there any indication of a serious check to First Army forces, which are rapidly closing in to deliver the Allies' first massive blow against the Reich's western defense lines.

The British Second Army captured 12,135 prisoners in three days. A field dispatch from Third Army headquarters reported without confirmation the entry into the city of Luxembourg, lying in the southern section of the tiny duchy overrun by the Germans in 1940, but it followed closely an official announcement that Americans had crossed the Luxembourg border.

The Germans declared the Americans had launched a great drive all along a 60-mile front from east of Liege to the front from east of Liege to the southern border of Luxembourg, aimed at piercing the heart of the industrial Rhineland.

On the northern reaches of the front both Americans and British were on the march toward the Dutch frontier. Lt. Gen. Hodges' First Army tanks and infantry were 8 1/2 miles from the border and the British were 10 miles, or less, away.

The U. S. Third Army, attacking along the Moselle river on the southern front facing the Saar basin, was putting armor and infantry across the stream as the battle raged with mounting intensity around Toul.

Whether the First Army or the Third entered Luxembourg was not disclosed for security reasons, nor was the point of entry.

In northern Belgium, the British gouged out gains across the Albert canal at two bridgeheads and two other American armies were engaged in heavy slugging matches, which ended in a six-mile advance around Hethel after a four-mile push east of Boulogne.

The First Army's drive toward Aachen cut through fresh German forces under orders from Adolf Hitler to stand or die, and it was adding to its total bag of prisoners, which now stands at 165,068.

On slight patrol at Camp Carson, Colo., Harry Paul Tracy, of San Pedro Valley, said a moving shadow.

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American Legion To Have Program at USO

Ward Threat Will Be Guest Speaker, Thursday Evening. On Thursday, September 14th, at 8 p. m. the Melvin Deese Post of the American Legion will put on a special program at the Main Street USO.

Each Legionnaire is urged to be present and to bring a prospective member with him. Refreshments will be served by the Main Street USO Junior Hostess group with Miss Doris Futch as chairman.

Fuel Coupons To Stay Valid

Period Four And Five Stamps Used Last Winter Are Still Good DELIVERY IS PROBLEM

The fuel oil coupons issued for the heating period of last winter and known as period four and five coupons will be valid throughout the coming heating year instead of becoming invalid September 30, according to announcement yesterday by L. DeWoolf, director of the Charlotte OPA office.

The shortage of storage space for fuel oil in this territory is acute, Mr. DeWoolf said, and he urged that every user of the oil lose no time in filling his tanks so that every storage tank may be put to the fullest use.

In addition to the necessity of using all the storage space to avoid lack of oil for essential users, the delivery problem will be important again this year. Persons who wait too long in ordering their oil supplies may be without oil because of the shortage of delivery facilities.

The OPA authorities yesterday were without information on any possible change in the fuel oil supply situation. The requirements as the winter draws nearer are the same as they were last year. Consumers are to be allowed the same rations they got last year, according to regulations under which the program is now being administered.

Richardson Is Urged For House Speaker

Local Bar Association Unanimously Endorses Richardson's Candidacy. The Union County Bar Association has unanimously endorsed Representative Oscar L. Richardson, this county's four-time representative, for speaker at the coming session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Richardson is a candidate for the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives in the next General Assembly, the members of this Bar desire to go on record with a whole-hearted endorsement of his candidacy. Mr. Richardson has represented this county in the House for the past three sessions and has had no opposition in the last primary.

Mr. Richardson was born on a farm in Union county, February 25, 1898, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Richardson. He is a grandson of the late Capt. B. E. Richardson, who served throughout the War Between the States, and many of his forebears were distinguished in the military.

Polio Ban Is Lifted Today

County Board Of Health In Special Session This Morning REMOVES RESTRICTIONS

In a special session of the Union County Board of Health held this morning, the polio restrictions which have been in effect in the county since July 31, were lifted as of today. All children under sixteen years of age are now free to resume their regular activities.

The action of the Board this morning, came as a result of the decline in the number of cases of polio in the county and throughout the state and it was felt by the Board that the ban is no longer necessary.

WHEREAS, on July 31, 1944, the Union County Board of Health adopted a resolution which placed a ban on all children under sixteen years of age as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis in Union county, and

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Chairman, Board of Health, R. H. Broomie, Secretary, Board of Health.

Memorial Held For Capt. James Morgan

Many Attend Impressive Services At Methodist Church. A memorial service for Capt. James Morgan, who died in France of a heart attack July 19, was held Sunday afternoon at five o'clock in Central Methodist Church.

The War Production Board has announced a decision to scrap virtually all controls over production of civilian goods once the war against Germany has been won.

War production can be scaled down about 40 per cent, according to the War Production Board, and enough controls will be maintained to assure output of materials to defeat Japan, but industry will be permitted to take what is left and make "whatever people want."

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