

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and warmer today; clear to partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with moderate temperatures.

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MONROE MARKET

Table with market prices for Cotton, Corn, Wheat, etc.

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1944

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

Parity Prices Are Announced

Commodity Credit Corporation Sets Prices For Cotton Purchases

PRICES NOW EFFECTIVE

The Commodity Credit corporation, under its program of buying 1944 cotton from farmers at parity will pay 21.90 cents a pound for middling 15-16 inch staple in October, it was announced yesterday, and beginning October 2 will offer its own and pooled stocks for sale at 22.40 cents a pound.

November 21.85 cents a pound, December 22, January 22.65, February 22.10, March 22.15, April 22.20, May 22.25 and June 22.25.

WFA said this schedule of sales prices for CCO cotton will stand unless the price of cotton on spot markets should "average above parity for a period of time sufficient to raise a question as to the adequacy of manufacturing margins under ceiling prices.

Parity to the Act of Congress, the War Food Administration will, effective as soon as necessary arrangements can be made and until June 30, 1945, offer to purchase through the Commodity Credit Corporation, from farmers, producers, at parity prices, all cotton of the 1944 crop for which a loan schedule has been announced and which may be placed in acceptable storage and tendered to it.

that are being computed for major cotton bales on the basis of parity prices for cotton in the market.

TWO U. S. HOSPITALS OPERATE IN FRANCE

Large, Newly-Opened Institutions Saving Wounded Trip Back To England

American boys wounded in European combat need no longer be ferried back to England by air for complete medical treatment, thanks to the new large "general" hospitals now operating in two sections of France.

When Lt. Col. Walter Maddock and his staff of doctors and nurses, mainly from the University of Michigan, moved into the buildings they had to spend hours getting the place clean.

Los Angeles - While entertaining guests in the living room of her home, Mrs. O. L. Lutz heard a noise in her kitchen.

Two Sons Lost In Week - Los Angeles - Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Oakland received two telegrams within 30 hours from the War Department notifying them of the death of their two sons in France.

TUESDAY IS CHILDREN'S DAY AT FAIR FESTIVAL

Program Opens Tonight And Will Continue Throughout Week

With tomorrow, (Tuesday) designated as "Children's Day" the Union County Fair Association's Fall Festival will get underway here tonight at six o'clock.

Coming direct from the Stanly County Fair in Albemarle, Marks Shows, Inc., will present their entire "Mile Long Pleasure Trail," consisting of 20 shows, rides, attractions and free acts, featuring "Daredevil Bruffy," the man who cannot hang.

Other features will be Art "Speedy" Spencer and his "Fit of Death"; "Jump and Jive" Colored Revue; "Obes Parade"; "Wild Life" show; "Funny Old House"; "Wonders Fair Oddities" and other entertaining shows while the "Thrill Zone" will feature such riding devices as The Flyplane, Moon Rocket, Giant Twin Ferris Wheels, Merry-go-round, Auto Speedway, The Whip, and others.

Byrnes Knocks Coffee Scare

Says Supply Is Plentiful And Rationing Will Not Be Necessary

RUMORS ARE UNFOUNDED

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes said yesterday that there is no necessity of rationing coffee now.

Ample replacement stocks for retailers are available from wholesalers and coffee roasters, Byrnes said. His statement took cognizance of reports that coffee rationing was imminent, causing runs on grocery stores in some parts of the country.

"With four months' supply of coffee now available to civilians, and on basis of assurances received yesterday by the Department of State from Brazil that the filling of orders for United States coffee imports would be resumed today rationing of coffee is unnecessary."

"Stocks of coffee in this country available to civilians September 1 totaled 670,000,000 pounds, compared with 201,000,000 pounds when coffee rationing began in November, 1942, and 487,000,000 pounds on July 29, 1943 when coffee rationing ended."

Byrnes said that coffee stocks now in this country amount to about three and one-half months' supply which is more than a normal supply.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS N. C. NEWSPAPER WEEK

Governor Brantley last Thursday proclaimed October 1-4 as Newspaper Week in North Carolina and called upon the press including daily, weekly and monthly publications in every section of the state, and upon the people generally, to give full observance to this week, to the end that the cause of a free press in a free world may be given the fullest emphasis and consideration.

"The press of this nation and of the Allied Nations have rendered the most complete service in all the history of the press, notwithstanding innumerable difficulties of with censorship. It is now being strongly favored by a movement sponsored in the United States and unanimously approved by the United States Congress looking towards the complete freedom of the press throughout the world and the incorporation of such provisions in any peace agreement that is made following victory in this war, a movement which will be strengthened by the observance of Newspaper Week."

The press of the United States possesses and exercises the greatest freedom of any similar agency anywhere in the world, and it is desirable that such complete freedom of the press should be enhanced and protected in all respects."

William Dillon Laney, Rd. M. 1-2, L. C. B. L. Crew 78, L. C. O. School, A. T. E. Little Creek, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ward Laney, at their home near Allan. He was accompanied by his wife the former Miss Lela Cox of this county, who has been residing two weeks with him at Little Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Laney, have another son, James Archie, who is in the U. S. Navy, "somewhere in the Pacific."

Shipboard Helmsmen Air Freight Totalled \$100,000 in Six Week Period.

Make Plans For Salvage Drive

Arrangements Completed For Collection Of Rags And Waste Paper

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Plans have been practically completed for the second scrap paper drive to be conducted by the Monroe Lions Club, W. T. Wall, president of the club stated this morning.

Local residents are urged to prepare their scrap paper in the same manner as in the first drive and to place rags in bundles, separate from paper.

Beginning Sunday afternoon, October 2, at two o'clock the city trucks, accompanied by members of the Lions Club, will cover the city in a city-wide collection of scrap paper, while in various sections of the county, collections will also be made or collection stations will be set up.

In the rural sections where no collections have been scheduled, residents are requested to take their scrap paper to the nearest collection station, where it will be collected and brought to the central collection station in Monroe.

People are asked to leave the bundles of waste paper, including newspapers, magazines, paper bags, etc., on the sidewalks, in front of their residences so that the truck can pick it up.

In Monroe, a large tent will be erected on the vacant lot in front of the Quality Chevrolet Co., and people in the county are asked to bring their bundles there any time on Saturday.

Local residents who expect to be out of the city on the day the collection is made, can leave their bundles at the Quality Chevrolet Company this week, and it will be turned over to the proper authorities.

At Marshville, trucks furnished by R. P. Stegall and manned by Boy Scouts, will cover the town beginning at 2 o'clock. Folks from the country are asked to bring their waste paper on Saturday to the Stegall warehouse in Marshville and the T. R. Wickett warehouse at Waxhaw.

In Wingate, the collection station will be at the Perry Mill Company under the direction of Sam R. Gaddy. At Mineral Springs, the collection station is located at Conner's Store.

People living in these communities are requested to leave their bundles at the above named places.

The first drive conducted on August 27th, netted more than 75,000 pounds of scrap paper and those sponsoring the drive this time are especially anxious that this amount be greatly exceeded and with the continued cooperation of the public, feel confident that they will not have any difficulty in reaching the goal.

Creamery butter was raised to the highest ration value yet—30 points a pound—as an argument continued today on the question whether a card holders should get more gasoline.

The Office of Price Administration, announcing the 4-point increase for butter effective Sunday, said it was required by short supply. The intent, OPA said, is to provide more butter for "more people everywhere."

All other rationed foods will retain current point values through October. Production of creamery butter has declined 12 per cent from last year, OPA said, adding that in many areas the process already is selling only a quarter or half pound to a customer.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

WESTERN FRONT—The British broke heavy German counterattack in Arnhem-Nijmegen sector; Americans seize Nazi stronghold 30 miles southeast of Nancy; Berlin reports Allied bombing for great offensive; Canadian capture Calais Austrians held to prepare for the arrival of the Allies.

EASTERN FRONT—Russians captured into Yugoslavia in a drive toward lower Balkans; East-Prussians and Soviet Bombarment troops have pushed 22 miles inside Hungary.

SOUTHERN FRONT—British capture Savignas, 10 miles inland from the Adriatic on the Rimini-Bologna highway; Americans shatter German counterblow aimed at recapture of Mount Battaglia.

PACIFIC FRONT—Yanks nearly complete victorious battle of southern Palau Islands; only isolated enemy remnants left; Admiral Nimitz dispatches 10,000 Japanese killed; American flyers sink or damage three Japanese ships off the Philippines and Celebes.

ASIATIC FRONT—Japanese drive into southern China forces American Air force to evacuate advance base at Tanchu.

Union County's Men In Service

Lt. Phifer Laney Back In The States - First Lt. Wm. Phifer Laney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Walter Laney, who was stationed with the army air force in Italy has finished his missions and is arriving on leave.

He landed in New York Thursday and phoned his parents, stating that he would report to Camp Bragg and from there to Monroe. He arrived here during the week-end. He had been overseas since January.

His brothers, Capt. George W. Laney, with the ground crew of the army air force, and Sp. 3-C Robert N. Laney, U. S. Navy, are now in France.

Lloyd Sutton, son of Mrs. Lloyd Sutton of Monroe, was among the group of selectees from Local Bard No. 2, who left here Friday, September 15th for an army induction station. Lloyd is now stationed with the U. S. Army at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Sgt. Roy H. Garrison, son of Mrs. Grace H. Garrison of R2, Monroe was recently awarded the expert Infantry Badge for having successfully passed a series of comprehensive field tests on Infantry training. He is at Camp Can Luis Obispo, Calif.

Pvt. Wriston Helms and Mrs. Helms of Newburg, Va., came Wednesday to spend a few days furlough with Pvt. Helms' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Helms on North Hayne street.

F. H. Deese, son of Parce Deese of R2, Matthews, in the Navy at Norfolk, N. C., has been promoted to the grade of Petty Officer.

Home For First Time - Phillip Deese, son of Joe Deese of R2, Matthews, is at home on furlough for the first time in two and a half years. He is stationed now at a camp in California. He is one of the five brothers in service.

The others who are all overseas are S-Sgt. Joe Deese, Cpl. Roy Deese, PFC Thomas Deese, and Seaman First Class Horace Deese.

Capt. Jefferson Davis Sewell is now stationed in New Guinea. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sewell.

Cpl. McKensie In Italy - Cpl. Donald McKensie, radio man and gunner on a B-17, has landed in Italy where he is stationed with the 15th AAF. He was flown overseas, and says he likes the country "all right." His twin brother, Sgt. Arnold McKensie, is with the 8th Army in France. On a visit to Paris he cast an eye at the ladies. He said, "I thought I had seen some beautiful women back home and I'll have to say my hat off to these French girls." They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. George W. McKensie.

Local Outlook For Vets Good

Employment Prospects In This Area For Postwar Era Excellent

JOB SURVEY IS MADE

Returning veterans will find employment prospects in the area good at the present time and even better in the postwar period, they will find that food conditions, living conditions, and prices in this area compare favorably with those in other areas, according to information compiled by War Man Power Commission representatives in the Charlotte area for inclusion with similar information as to other labor market areas in the nation in a handbook used by the U. S. employment service for the counseling of veterans.

This handbook lists for each area the major industries, the employment prospects, the jobs immediately available, the industry needs, the major firms, the working hours and beginning wages, and the housing and living conditions.

Veterans who go to the employment offices for guidance can learn from this handbook current information as to jobs and living conditions in the area from which they came and may wish to return to, or in areas with which they are not familiar but would like to live in. They can also find which area offers the best employment prospects for jobs they are fitted for.

Figures used in these handbooks are largely confidential, but local area representatives pointed out that prospects in this section are highly favorable, both as to immediate vacancies and vacancies which will occur with postwar expansion.

This area is fortunate in having few new war industries, since the stable industries will be reconverted and perhaps even expanded, they note. This area also offers great diversification of opportunity in employment, according to actual surveys of jobs available.

Also, while houses in the area are occupied almost 100 per cent and rent control applies in this section, the living conditions are not critical as compared to other areas, the representatives reported.

FARM MACHINERY IS NO LONGER RATIONED

Farmers May Now Buy Any Machinery They Desire

Removal of farm machinery from rationing was announced today from the Union County AAA headquarters in the County Agriculture building by J. Hoyle Biggers, chairman of the county Triple A Committee.

The farmer may now buy any machinery he desires provided he can find a dealer who has the needed item. Saturday indications were that stocks of farm machinery in this area are extremely low, so that the practical effect of lifting the rationing requirements will be of little benefit right now, it was said.

However, it is understood that gradual increasing of manufacturing activity in the farm machinery field will provide larger and larger supplies of machinery for distribution by the dealers in the next few months.

in the Papan and New Guinea campaigns.

Lt. Max F. Parker has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. He has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster and Silver Bars along with the Bronze Air Medal for meritorious achievements in combat during operations over enemy territory. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Parker, have received the Bronze Air Medal.

Pvt. George D. McKanus spent last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKanus, 609 South Parker at rest. His wife Mrs. Doris McKanus joined him there for his visit. Pvt. McKanus is stationed at Camp Barkley, Texas. His address is Pvt. George D. McKanus, 61st En. Co., D A S F T Camp Barkley, Texas.

County Schools To Start Fall Term October 16th

The Union County Board of Education met Monday, October 2, with representatives of the various school districts of the county, and after weighing the school problems from all angles, decided to open schools on the 16th day of October.

They will operate on a short schedule for the first two weeks, having five school days per week for the first school month; thereafter they will operate six days per week with short schedules on Saturdays, thereby attempting to get in nine months of school and credit for the year's work.

The Board of Education and the committees voted their unanimous action at having to operate on any short schedule and to approve Saturday school, but all were unanimous in their opinion that this was the best solution to the problem.

Germans Fail To Cross Rhine

Americans Rout Nazi Forces As Eisenhower Warns Austrians

PLANES BLAST ENEMY

British troops on the Arnhem-Nijmegen front last night fought off the nearest since a German counter-offensive since the unsuccessful drive to split the Brittany-bound American armies at Avranches in Normandy two months ago.

Although some German infantry and tanks were able to cross the Neder Rhine at Heessen, four miles southeast of Arnhem, the drive definitely has been broken up, it was reported at Supreme Allied headquarters.

The mauling of Nazi tanks and infantry eight miles north of Nijmegen had been reported by British forces. Rocket-firing typhoons were summoned and ripped into the enemy forces.

Field Marshal Walter Model teamed with his western front ally, bad weather to stage his latest attack. It was coordinated in haphazard fashion with stabs that were not quite so strong against the American First Army front southwest of Prum and in the Gremercy forest northeast of Nancy.

None-of their thrusts gained any ground for the Germans. The size of the German force indicated it was not a local counterattack such as have harassed the British Second Army and the airborne American troops since they landed in Holland two weeks ago.

The Germans apparently had planned to drive east from Heussen and nip off the tip of Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's spearhead, still on the banks of the Neder Rhine west of Arnhem.

American troops routed the enemy from a key stronghold 30 miles southeast of Nancy yesterday in one of many battles fought across sodden plains and mountains of northeastern France, which the Supreme Command said soon would spread to Austria.

A spokesman for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told Austrians to "prepare for the arrival of the Allies" in the same sort of a broadcast as those heralding Allied entry into Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany. A similar broadcast came from Moscow.

Canadians on the French coast, striking a blow to ease the supply problem for the momentous battles of Europe, captured the French channel port of Calais and took a total of 5,000 prisoners.

The Berlin radio, adding to the air of expectancy over the 400-mile front, asserted that the British Second Army and the United States First Army had massed strong tank forces for a great offensive that would be aimed east and northeast at the Rhineland.

All along the rain-trenched front the Germans lashed out with vigorous counterblows in an attempt to keep the fighting lines static.

In Holland the British battered two stout bluffs at their Nijmegen corridor and widened it further as strong forces began driving the last enemy across the Maas (Meuse) river, where Tommies already are entrenched along 25 miles of the west bank south of the Siegfried line's northern terminal at Kleve.

3 Union Boys Die In Service

Lieut. Roland C. Williams, Jr. And Pfc. Harold Love Victims Of Accidents

PVT. SNYDER IS KILLED

Three more Union county boys were listed as casualties of war during the week-end when the distressing news was received here Saturday that Lieut. Roland C. Williams, Jr. of Monroe had been killed in a plane crash at Avon Park, Fla., Friday night and PFC Harold Monroe Love, 20, of Cherry Point, N. C., Thursday afternoon. The third casualty was Pvt. Jason Snyder of R2, Marshville, who was killed in action in France, August 30th, according to a message received from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Snyder, of Marshville.

Lieut. Roland C. Williams, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams of Monroe, was one of nine airmen from Avon Park army air field, Florida, who lost their lives Friday night when their heavy bomber crashed 20 miles east of the field, according to a telephone message received Saturday afternoon by Mr. Williams.

The body is expected to arrive here some time tonight and will be taken to the Harris-Wells Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at the home of his parents, 305 East Houston street, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Lieut. Williams is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. Williams and a brother, Ray Williams, of Monroe.

PFC Harold Love, 21, of Wingate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Love, was accidentally killed Thursday at Cherry Point, N. C., when he was struck by a truck while in the line of march. No further details of his death were available today.

The body arrived in Monroe this morning and was taken to Harris-Wells Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at the Wingate Baptist church, of which he was a member, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by his pastor Rev. W. C. Link, Jr., assisted by Rev. C. C. Burris. Interment will be in the Wingate cemetery.

Fullbearers will be Will Redfern, Wade Flowers, J. E. Ellis, John A. Bivens, Jack Perry and Coy May.

Pvt. Jason E. Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Snyder of R2, Marshville, previously reported as missing in action, was last week reported as killed in action in France on August 30th.

Pvt. Snyder was 20 years of age and entered the service December 8, 1943. He took his basic training at Camp Panmin, Texas, and went overseas with the 88th Central Postal Directory, U. S. Army, New York, Va.; Grady E. Love of Columbia, N. C., and Roy Love, who is with the U. S. Army in France.

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Pvt. Snyder is survived by his parents, three sisters, Miss Allen Snyder, Mrs. Florence Griffin and Mrs. Lorena Thomas of R1, Indian Trail; one brother, Grover Snyder and also his grandmother, Mrs. Rena Crisco and a number of uncles and aunts.

A. F. WIDENHOUSE - Albert Pinkney Widenhouse, 74, who for more than 30 years has been a prominent lumber dealer of Midland, died at 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning at his home. He had been in declining health for several months, but had recovered sufficiently to be at his office regularly. Death came suddenly as a result of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Center Grove Methodist church, of which Mr. Widenhouse had been a steward for more than two decades. Rev. A. C. Kennedy conducted the rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

A son of the late Martin and Leavina Furr Widenhouse, Mr. Widenhouse was born February 10, 1871, in Stanly county. He had served for 30 years as secretary of the Midland lodge, No. 618 of A. F. and M., in addition to his business interests at Midland. Mr. Widenhouse was a director of the Citizens National Bank of Concord.

Mr. Widenhouse is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Gibson Furr Widenhouse; two sons, William M. and Marvin G. Widenhouse, of Midland; two daughters, Miss Ida Mae Widenhouse of the home and Mrs. Lillian Folk of Midland; two sisters, Mrs. W. T. Albright of Huntersville, and Mrs. L. D. Raymond of Whiteville; a brother, Mr. Widenhouse of Charlotte, and six grandchildren.

Mrs. James Kindley received word last week from her husband, Pvt. Jas. B. Kindley, that he had arrived safely in New Guinea. Mrs. Kindley and her children are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garrison, for the duration.

University City Stage Returned - Waxhaw, N. C. Under the supervision of the late Walter A. Campbell, railway equipment manufacturer, Northwestern University will receive a loan of \$25,000 for the purchase of a locomotive and 100 rail cars. The value is estimated at \$25,000.

Black Headed N. C. - Black headed nuthatches were seen in the mountains of North Carolina. They were seen in a small cove of about 100 acres in the mountains.

Admiral Wright estimated that after the European war his national output in shipbuilding will amount to only three per cent.

Plane Taken Off On Cruise - A plane taken off on a cruise was reported by Curtis-Wright.