

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and cool today, tonight and Tuesday.

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MONROE MARKET

Table listing market prices for Cotton, Eggs, Corn, and Wheat.

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1944

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

Big Democratic Rally Friday

Governor Broughton, Cherry, Hoey And Other Leaders Will Be Here

MEET IN COURT HOUSE

A big Democratic rally for the Eighth Congressional District will be held in the Union county courthouse...

Increase Loan Rate On Cotton

Is Fifty-Two Points Higher Than 92 1/2% Of Parity Rate

SCHEDULE OF PRICES

On October 4th, the Commodity Credit Corporation increased the loan rate on 1944 cotton from 92 1/2 to 95 percent of parity...

October 24-44 cents per pound, January 22-26 cents per pound, February 22-64 cents per pound, March 22-68 cents per pound, April 22-72 cents per pound...

Purchasing agencies will be approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Agencies will be local banks and other lending agencies...

WENDELL WILKIE DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Heart Attack Takes National GOP Leader Sunday Morning

Wendell L. Wilkie, 52, Indiana-born lawyer who skyrocketed from political unknown to Republican presidential nominee in 1940 and subsequent national and international prominence, died unexpectedly at 2:30 a. m. Sunday in Lenox Hill Hospital, New York.

Death was due to coronary thrombosis, Dr. Alexander Ghiselin, a throat specialist, said a streptococcal infection affected the heart muscles, and that Wilkie died in his sleep after suffering three attacks, the last of which occurred at 2:00 a. m.

NEW BASIC 'A' BOOKS ARE TO BE ISSUED

New Gas Ration Effective November 9th; Make Application Now.

(By S. M. Kale) The Local War Price and Rationing Board announces that the Office of Price Administration has invalidated the number 12 stamps in the present A books and ordered the Boards to issue new Basic A Books to be in effect by November 9.

Application forms for the new "A" Books have been received and are being distributed to service stations throughout the county. Motorists are asked to get these blanks, follow the instructions printed on them in filling them out, and mail them to the War Price and Rationing Board as soon as possible.

Postwar Tax Faces Solons

Doughton's Ways And Means Committee Plans To Study Subject

WILL AWAIT ELECTION

Congress will begin to grapple with the post war tax program when it returns from its present recess, but it probably will be well into next year before taxpayers will know what their postwar obligations to the Federal Treasury will be.

Representative Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, who heads the powerful ways and means committee of the House, which originates tax legislation, has revealed that he expects to call his group together shortly after Congress reconvenes to start to work on the framing of a new tax statute.

For the past six months or more the joint congressional committee on internal revenue taxation, which the North Carolinian also heads, and a staff of experts from the Treasury department have been at work gathering information on which the ways and means committee can base its calculations. What that information will show and what recommendations might come from these staffs is not known at this time, but indications are that they will suggest a lightening of the present tax burden on individuals and corporations.

COSTS OF LIVING UP; PAY INCREASES SEEN

Two War Labor Board panels have reported that living costs have increased 25 to 43 per cent since January, 1941, base period of the "little steel" 15 per cent formula, and thus have cleared the way for WLB recommendation that President Roosevelt raise wage ceilings.

Christmas Mail Rush At Main Street USO



Shown in the above photograph, is a typical scene in the mailing room of the Main Street USO Club, where already 2187 Christmas boxes have been packed, wrapped and mailed for wives, parents, and friends who have relatives in the armed forces overseas.

CHURCHES TO COLLECT CLOTHES FOR RELIEF

County-Wide Collection Of Clothing Will Be Made Through Churches.

The churches of Monroe and Union county have been asked by the local Ministry Association to collect used clothing for the purpose of sending it to the United Nations Relief Administration. (UNRA) recently sent out a call to the church and religious groups of America for 15 million pounds of clothing for immediate shipment to the liberated areas of Europe, where the clothing shortage is acute.

The suggested plan for Monroe and Union county is that the clothing be collected on the basis of informal cooperation, with each church serving as a collection center. After each church has made its collection of clothing, the Ministerial Association will pool all the clothing and make shipment at one time for all of the church groups.

CIVILIZATION HITS ISLAND YANKS TOOK

Civilization is slowly creeping into the Southwest Pacific as allied forces push the Japanese and their native dema. Typical of the civilized progress being made in remarking the islands is that of Majuro atoll, in the Marshalls.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

WESTERN FRONT—Home-to-home fighting reported in Aachen, now almost surrounded by advancing Americans; U. S. Third Army seizes eight towns in six-mile plunge between Metz and Nancy; Allied flyers give Siegfried line upper "buss job."

EASTERN FRONT—Russians smash 85 miles on 175-mile front in massive drive aimed at East Prussia and at stepping thousands of Nazis in the Riga and northwestern Latvia areas; Red forces also hammer out new gains in Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Union County's Men In Service

S-Sgt. Melton Wounded S-Sgt. Walter E. Melton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Melton of B4, Monroe, was slightly wounded in action in France on September 22, according to message received by his parents from the War Department.

HOYLE GRIFFIN HEADS FARM ADVISORY COUNCIL

Aim Is To Provide Full Coordination Between OPA And Farmers.

After an all day meeting at Hotel Charlotte Thursday attended by outstanding members of the farming industry and OPA officials in western North Carolina an OPA district farm advisory council was elected with Hoyle C. Griffin of Union county being named general chairman of the entire unit.

The purpose of the advisory council is to provide the district OPA officials with direct channels of information from the farming interests through the area served by the Charlotte office. The launching of the organization Thursday is expected to be carried on into a full program of co-ordination between the OPA and the farmers.

THE WHY AND HOW OF SCOUTING IN COUNTY

Training Course Will Be Conducted Here Starting Monday Oct. 16. (By Rev. F. B. Drane) Union county has had some acquaintance with the Boy Scout movement for several years past, but many parents and civic leaders are ignorant of the possibility of Boy Scouting as a character building and citizen training organization.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET AT MAIN ST. USO

State Commander George W. Snow Will Be Guest Speaker.

The Melvin Deese Post No. 27, American Legion, will meet at the U. S. O. Building just across from the post office, on Thursday evening, October 12, at 8:00 o'clock. State Commander George W. Snow, of Mount Airy, will be the guest speaker of the evening.

Rhine Valley Plants Bombed

The Airmen Continue Mighty Offensive Launched Against Reich

HEAVY LOSS INFLECTED

The mighty Allied aerial offensive which poured more than 16,000 tons of explosive from 7,000 planes yesterday on German targets continued with medium, light, and fighter-bombers blasting Nazi communications and supply depots despite bad weather.

Switching from Saturday's record strategic bombing to tactical offense more than 300 Ninth Air Force Mustangs and Havoc raid German communications and supply depots in the Rhineland and Ruhr serving the Nazi armies opposing the American invasion of the Reich.

The amount of damage done to synthetic oil plants had not been completely assessed but fires and explosions were reported at Polze, Bolen, Merseburg, Lutzendorf, Ruhland and Magdeburg.

Yanks Fighting Inside Aachen

Front Blazes Along 30 Mile Sector In New Tank-Supported Assault

DRIVE FOR COLOGNE

Front line reports reaching London early yesterday said American First Army troops were engaged in house-to-house fighting inside Aachen while the American Third Army forged six miles ahead on a 20-mile front between Metz and Nancy.

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Vets Return To Come First

Spikes Talk Of Demobilization Delay To Ease The Job Problem

RUMORS ARE UNFOUNDED

Secretary Stimson asserted Friday that "no economic or political factors" enter into the army's demobilization plan and declared that there was no truth in reports the War department would delay the program in order to ease the job situation.