

War Fund Drive Launched Here Campaign Officially Opened At Meeting Held Tuesday Evening

COUNTY'S QUOTA \$14,208

The United War Fund Drive was officially launched here Tuesday night in a joint meeting of the Monroe Rotary and Lions clubs in the dining room of Hotel Monroe, with Dr. I. G. Greer, Superintendent of the Public Schools, presiding.

CALLS UPON WOMEN TO LEARN POLITICS

Says It's High Time Women Knew Something About Issues "There are no limits to the political heights North Carolina women can reach if they realize things on a 50-50 basis," said Mrs. B. B. Everett of Palmyra, state Democratic vice chairman.

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

(By Mrs. B. E. Bivens) Rev. Brooks Jerome of Stanfield, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Love during the week-end. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Chaney of Baltimore, Md., died October 17, 1944, in a Baltimore hospital.

DESPITE BAD WEATHER

Devastating blows were rained on German industry and transportation and all producing facilities yesterday by more than 1,200 American and British bombers.

INCREASE IN HOLIDAY PAY ROLLS PERMISSIBLE

Monroe Office Of War Manpower Commission States Facts. Realizing that it has been the necessary custom of retail establishments to increase their payrolls during the Christmas season in order to efficiently handle increased business, the State Management-Labor Committee and the Manpower Priorities Committee have approved a recommendation of the State Manpower Director, Dr. J. S. Dorton, to allow 20 percent increase in employment ceilings at all retail establishments who are in strict compliance with the existing War Manpower Commission Stabilization Program and the Manpower Priorities Program.

G. I.'s Sweat Over Ballots

Returned War Correspondent Says Soldiers Interested In Election MANY VOTE IN FOXHOLES United States soldiers at the front are taking "quite a bit" of interest in the forthcoming presidential election, Associated Press War Correspondent Ed Ball reported yesterday.

2200 Bombers Raid Germany

Industry, Transportation, Oil Producing Facilities Get Pasting

U. S. PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, TRAIL HARBOR—At least eighteen first-line Japanese warships were sunk or damaged in a decisive defeat of the Japanese fleet in Philippine waters that may have shortened the war by months, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON—Combined Allied naval and land forces are attempting to land on the western coast of the flooded Dutch island of Walcheren where big German guns guard the approaches to Antwerp, the Berlin radio said today.

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