

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and cold today, tonight and Tuesday with scattered frost.

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

Patrons Polled On School Term

Will Decide On Divided Or Straight Term For The County

BOARD ORDERS VOTE

According to an announcement made today by E. H. Broome, Superintendent of Union County Schools, a poll will be taken this week...

The Board of Education has listened to many requests both pro and con as to whether to use a divided or straight term...

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH ITEMS

Death invaded two of our families the past week in one day—Friday, Mrs. Alice Nelson and W. W. Crews...

Two new members were received Sunday morning: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Presson. They came from the First Church, Salisbury, by certificate.

James Henry Copeland, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Copeland, Sr., was dedicated to the Lord by baptism Sunday morning.

The Board of Stewards met on Monday night for their regular monthly business meeting.

The Spiritual Life Group will meet on Tuesday, 9:30 a. m. Mrs. Lee Griffin will lead. This is a prayer group for all ladies.

The Susannah-Wesley Bible Class will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 3:30 p. m. with Mrs. Wriston Lee.

Thirty-eight persons served as census takers on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Clara Hunter Gordon and T. O. Flanagan were team captains.

Thirty-six cases of clothing for war sufferers were sent from the church. They contained 3389 garments.

The first meeting of the council for the Crusade for Christ was held in First Church, Charlotte, on Monday morning.

The Intermediate Fellowship met at 5 p. m. After the worship program the members enjoyed a social hour in the Fidler Hall.

The young people met for their social function at 8:15 p. m. Capt. John Linehardt spoke on the Message of the Church for These Times.

No service was held on Sunday night on account of the indisposition of the pastor. The service that was prepared for Sunday night was postponed Wednesday night at 7:30.

The pastor will speak on "The Gift" Mrs. Lee Jones will arrange for special music. Mrs. J. O. Brooks will provide flowers for decorations.

Please always report sickness to the church pastor.

CAN SEND MESSAGES TO BOYS IN POW CAMPS

Local Chapter Of American Red Cross Receives Instructions

J. Ray Shute, Chairman of the local Chapter, American Red Cross, has received the following message from National Headquarters: Red Cross is now prepared to expedite communications to the Philippines...

Nazis Chased Out Of Greece

British And Greek Patriots Complete Whirlwind Drive To Oust foe

OCCUPIED SINCE 1941

British troops and Greek Patriots have driven the Germans completely from Greece in a whirlwind campaign that was little less speedy than the lightning Nazi conquest of 1941.

It was an almost bloodless victory for Allied arms, for so anxious were the Germans to clear out and so well did the guerrillas do their work, that the British ground forces were unable to bring the rearwards to battle until they overhauled the retreating columns in northern Greece.

Before that sharp, short engagement at Kosane, 88 miles southwest of the port of Salonika, British and Patriots had swept across the Peloponnese and on October 14 seized the capital of Athens by a combined assault from sea and air in which American transport planes took part.

An Allied announcement said additional British troops had landed near Salonika, which previously was freed by Patriots and other Tommies moving up to the northern Greek port town and these forces reported also that no German troops remained on the mainland except a few stragglers.

Last night the Germans who may never get back to the fatherland in view of the strong Yugoslav and Russian army positions in Yugoslavia, were still on the run out of Albania.

A German broadcast said Nazi troops had strong positions in northern Albania, and were engaged in street fighting with "Communist elements" in the capital of Tirana itself.

Those Germans who fell back into Yugoslavia were under attack from Yugoslav Partisans at Titov, 13 miles north of the Greek border, and at Skopje, 70 miles farther north. Marshal Tito's headquarters announced. Both towns were declared under siege.

Allies Launch Arnheim Drive

Berlin Radio Says "Sabotage Parachutists" Dropped Behind Enemy Lines

CLOSE IN ON GERMANS

Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery launched a new assault Sunday near Arnheim—scene of the gallant British Airborne division's stand—and dropped "sabotage parachutists" behind the vital Arnheim bridge, Berlin radio declared last night.

This unannounced report came as two Allied armies punched up to the Maas river, the southwest on a 40-mile front, reaching the river at two points, and virtually ending the bloody battle to clear Antwerp harbor as a supply springboard for offensives into Germany.

Only two isolated pockets of Nazis remained in Walcheren Island, and all big guns there were silenced. Save for minesweeping, the water route to Antwerp had been opened.

There was no Allied word on any operations at Arnheim, a city on the Neder Rhine guarding the northern approach to the Reich.

Berlin said Montgomery's forces attacked the Germans' Arnheim bridgehead under heavy aerial support, the broadcast declared all the parachutists dropped the bomb-laden communications had been killed or captured. German strength at Arnheim recently was estimated at five divisions and some armor.

Southeast of Aachen, tank-supported U. S. infantry fought back 500 yards almost to the edge of Schmidt in a bitter battle to regain the bomb-levelled village, and re-won two-thirds of the ground lost earlier to heavy German counterattacks.

The U. S. Third Army, lashing out on a long-dormant sector 100 miles below Aachen, knocked the Germans from Berg, eight miles northeast of Thionville, and near the junction of the French, German, and Luxembourg borders.

The grimmest battle was fought by the First Army in sea-saw actions in the deep-shadowed Hurtgen forest region.

Doughboys driven out of Schmidt Saturday struck back with the reinforcing weight of tanks and mobile artillery. They repulsed new German counterblows, and made limited advances against strong resistance.

Air forces teamed with the ground troops, hurling bombs on already-rubbled Schmidt and then strafing the Germans holding the town. Pilots claimed destruction of 10 enemy armored vehicles, and estimated 12 to 15 German tanks were damaged.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

ASIATIC FRONT — Superfortresses raid Singapore naval base, also bomb oil refineries on Sumatra; Tokyo reports American reconnaissance flight near capital; Yanks blow up own air base at Kweilin before continuing Japanese advance in South China.

EASTERN FRONT — Russian tanks reported smashing into Budapest; Moscow announces capture of nine localities on approaches to the Hungarian capital, says 3,000 more prisoners taken.

WESTERN FRONT — New British assault on German bridgehead at Arnheim reported by Berlin; 2 Allied armies smash toward Maas river on 40-mile front, virtually ending battle to clear Antwerp harbor; southeast of Aachen, the Yanks battle to recapture Schmidt.

PACIFIC FRONT — Artillery batters Japanese in Ormoc sector; Douglas captures Pimasopo, strategic road junction on Carigara Bay; at west central coast, Americans drive within 12 miles of Ormoc. Bombers hit Japanese shipping in Bonin Islands.

Union County's Men In Service

Signalman Pfc Douglas P. Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy O. Helms of R5, Monroe, who has been in China and the South Pacific for the past five years, spent a 30-day leave with his parents and returned last week to his base in San Francisco, Calif.

Lieut. George Laney who had been spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laney, and went to New York, has returned to Monroe for a few days and will leave next week for Florida.

Pvt. Glenn Wolfe, Jr., who is stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., came Thursday for fourteen days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wolfe on Waxhaw road.

Banks Clontz, S2-c, of the U. S. Navy, whose ship was recently sunk in the Atlantic, is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clontz of R4, Monroe. Seaman Clontz has been in the service about two years and a half, and has spent a year in the Atlantic theater of war. Seaman Clontz's ship hit a mine and within twenty minutes had gone down. He spent about 30 minutes in the water before being picked up by a coast guard boat.

PFC Fred V. Griffin of the Marines is spending a furlough at home on R2, Monroe after his return from a combat zone.

Whiteford Deese, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nance of R3, Marshville, is in Navy V-12 and stationed at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., and would be glad for his friends to write him.

PFC Billy K. Baucom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vann H. Baucom of Wadesboro avenue, says he is certain his number in this was "13." He was sworn in the army on Friday August 13th, has had thirteen months training during which he has traveled through thirteen different states. He was recently at home on a furlough of 13 days, and was issued 13 gallons of gas with which to enjoy himself.

Mrs. Kathryn Baucom of Matthews, has received a message from the War Department saying that her husband, PFC Clyde B. Baucom, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Baucom of Indian Trail, was wounded in action in Germany on October 12. He is a member of the 30th Division and has been overseas since last February, in action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. No other information of his condition has been received.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Helms have received a letter from their son, Sgt. Parker L. Helms, who is now in Italy. Sgt. Parker has been in service two years and later arrived in Italy. He says that he is himself faring O. K. but is inclined to think that in a general way Italy is rather a mess.

Officials Ask Early Voting

Union Voters Are Urged To Avoid A Last Minute Rush

POLLS OPEN 6:30 A. M.

A slam-bang political campaign has ended with the exception of the balloting tomorrow. A voter's voting legions will pool millions of individual decisions into a fourth term for President Roosevelt or a first for Dewey.

Both the Democratic and Republican camps speak confidently of victory. They always do. Nobody's going to admit he's licked ahead of time. But professional poll-takers are gnawing their fingers because the battle of ballots seems so close to them.

Eleven states will count their votes after November 7, among them pivotal Pennsylvania. Weather and gasoline rationing which could keep voters at home are hard-to-figure factors.

Whatever the outcome, most of America's voting millions, upwards of 45,000,000 of them, already have made up their minds, whether they want to keep Roosevelt or substitute Dewey. In the first war-time election since 1864, it has been a choice primarily between the older, experienced Roosevelt, who has had a hand on the tiller for a dozen years and the younger, energetic, New York Governor, who over and over again has chanted "It's time for a change."

In Union county, election officials today, urged that early voting be practiced and that every effort be made to avoid a last minute rush to the polls late in the afternoon.

The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and remain open until 8:30 p. m., allowing twelve hours for casting ballots.

J. Emmett Griffin, executive secretary of the Union County Democratic Committee today, expressed the belief that more than 7000 Union county Democrats will go to the polls in tomorrow's voting. In 1940 approximately 7100 Democrats cast their ballots and approximately 600 votes were cast for the Republican candidates.

An appeal was issued by Mr. Griffin today, urging the Democratic voters to make every effort to cast their ballots in tomorrow's voting.

Cotton Prices Make Decline

Slight Drop Behind Past Week In Moderately Active Markets

OCTOBER AVERAGE 21.59

Cotton prices declined slightly this week in moderately active spot markets. The Food Administration reported yesterday.

For middling 16-16 inch, prices in the 10 spot markets averaged 21.24 cents a pound on November 3, as against 21.42 a week ago and 19.94 a year earlier. The 10-market average for October was 21.59 cents against 21.40 in September and 20.32 in October 1943.

SGT. FRANK B. STEGALL CASUALTY IN FRANCE

Reported Missing In Action Since September; Killed August 12.

Sgt. Frank B. Stegall, son of Luther Stegall and the late Mrs. Stegall of Unionville, was killed in action in France August 12, according to message received by Mr. Stegall, Saturday evening from the War Department.

Sgt. Stegall was 26 years of age and had been in the service for four years. He was previously reported as missing in action, during the month of September and the message Saturday evening telling of his death was the first definite news concerning him since that time.

He is survived by his father, Luther Stegall of Unionville; three brothers, Neal of Wesley Chapel; Lloyd of Lancaster, S. C., and Homer of Monroe; six sisters, Mrs. Emma Joyce of Charlotte; Mrs. Bessie Griffin of Cramer-ton; Mrs. Letha Hargett and Mrs. Bonnie Moore of Monroe; Mrs. Minnie Moore of Ft. Mill, S. C., and Miss Halle Stegall of the WAVES, stationed in Washington, D. C.

Soldier Bill Strikes Snag

G. I. Bill Of Rights Appears Headed Back To Congress For Change

CONFLICT DEVELOPES

The "G. I." bill of rights appears to be headed back to Congress for amendment even as the Veterans administration sends forms for G. I. loans to the government printer.

A conflict has developed on a critical point—whether a veterans' disability compensation may be attached by the Federal government if he is unable to keep up his payments on a home, farm or business for which he obtained a G. I. loan.

The Veterans administration disclosed yesterday that under its interpretation on the law, such attachment is possible. The American Legion, which sponsored the measure, said the Legion never had planned, approved or had any knowledge that such action would be permitted.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark, Democrat of Missouri, who was active in the Senate debate, said yesterday such attachment was the intent of Congress. Clark was reached at St. Louis. Rep. Bernard "Pat" Kearney, Republican of New York, at the House Veterans committee said Congress had no such plan and that he will introduce counteractive legislation immediately after the election.

Generally, the V-A interpretation is that if a disabled veteran becomes unable to pay a G. I. loan for a home, farm or business, the government may foreclose on the property and in addition, divert the veteran's disability payment to the debt until it has been paid.

The interpretation was disclosed in a form to be read to or by a veteran-applicant for a loan.

DEMOCRATIC SWEEP SEEN BY BULWINKLE

Congressman Predicts Overwhelming Majorities In North Carolina.

Broome Resigns As School Head

Resignation Offered At Meeting Of Board Held This Morning

LANEY CALLS MEETING

E. H. Broome, for the past six years Superintendent of Schools of Union County, today resigned that position, effective as soon as his successor can be elected.

B. W. Laney, Chairman of the Union County Board of Education, immediately called a special meeting of the Board for Friday afternoon, November 10th, at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing a superintendent. Mr. Broome has served most efficiently and well as superintendent of schools and much progress has been made by the county school system in various fields, during his tenure of office.

The Enquirer was reliably informed this afternoon that Mr. Broome had resigned his position as Superintendent of Schools of Union County to accept the position as City Clerk of Monroe, which has been vacant since the death of the late R. S. Houston. While no official announcement has been made as to the appointment of Mr. Broome, reliable sources state that he is expected to assume his new duties within the next few days.

He is now completing six years in his present term and previously had served four years as superintendent of schools from the principalship of the Massey Hill school in Cumberland county.

MONROE PYTHONS WIN 34-12 OVER SPENCER

First Home Game Of Season; Play Albemarle Friday Night.

Monroe High's Pythons, inspired by a smashing 34-12 victory over Spencer last week, began drilling today for their tussle with Albemarle's Bulldogs on the latter's field Friday night.

The Pythons will again be in the underdog role, as the Bulldogs are among the outstanding teams in this section and are battling for the leadership in the South Piedmont Conference. It will be the first time this season that the Pythons will be outweighed, as the Stanley county crew boasts the heftiest squad in these parts.

Coach Snyder will have his charges in top shape for this week's struggle, as he used his entire squad against Spencer last week and had the pleasure of seeing some of his reserves come through with flying colors. It was the first home game of the season for the Pythons and the home fans got an eye-ful, as they saw their big purple and gold warriors spot the ever-tough Railroaders a six point lead and then maul them all over the lot.

Bull Durham led the scoring with two touchdowns, an extra point, and a safety. Ralph Pruitt, Hal Coble, and Herndon Hasty accounted for the other touchdowns, and Louie Brantley the other extra point. The performances of Coble and Hasty were particularly pleasing to the fans, as well as to Coach Snyder, as the reserve backs showed plenty of speed and played alert ball defensively.

The Railroaders got off to a flying start by scoring on the third play of the game, Sparger passing to Winecoff for 48 yards. Another pass for the extra point failed. Sparger went out with an ankle injury soon afterward and with him went Spencer's chances of staying in the running.

The Pythons received the kickoff and plunged for a first down on the Spencer 40. Pruitt then showed the Railroaders his heels by racing with blinding speed behind good blocking to cross the goal standing up. Durham lunged for the extra point to make the score 7-0.

Another Monroe drive got under way early in the second period but fizzled on the Spencer five. Grubb's kick was blocked by the entire center of the Monroe line. In a desperate effort to recover the ball, Durham knocked it off of the end zone, which gave Monroe a safety, making the score 9-0.