MONROE MARKET

Eggs, dozen . . . . . . 48c to 50c Corn, bu., White, \$1.45; Yellow, \$1.35

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1944

## Is Christened

#### AKA Cargo Ship Named For Union County Launched Thursday

#### GOVERNOR IS PRESENT

With State dignitaries, county officials and other guests in attendance, the U. S. S. Union, was launched, Thanksgiving Day at the North Caro-lina Shipbuilding Company's yard in

The U. S. S. Union, named in honof Union county, was christened Mrs. W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, wife of the representative in Congress of the Eighth North Carolina district of which Union is a part.

"We are united in winning the war and we must be united in winning the peace. Therefore, it is most appropriate that this vessel bear the name of Union county," Mrs. Burgin

Her attendants were Mrs. Floyd Goodson, Jr., of Lexington; Mrs. J. cerned but on the whole was prontable, Shute, (wife of the chairman of base commander told newsmen, the Union county board of commis-sioners, and Miss Bess Reid Houston, Clouds prevented some of the B-29's

AKA combat cargo type to near com- worth-while objects of attack. pletion at the yard and the 188th to ensemble said that one of the "doz-slide down its ways."

over, no shipyard in the country will failed to return and was presumed be able to show as fine a record at lost from causes unknown. this one." Governor J. Melville calimed there were 70. Superforts in Broughton declared at the launching the raid; that five were brought down

His speech marked the yard's reception of the National Security award from the Office of Civilian Defense for excellent safeguards against air attack, sabotage, fire and accidents.

Reconnaissance photographs taken a few hours after the attack showed great fires still burning in the central Tokyo area. The Americans attack, sabotage, fire and accidents. Recalling the launching of the yard's first vessel, the Liberty ship "Zebulon M. B. Vance," on the exe of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, the ing seven defending planes.

Hansell said he was convinced that the convergence of the said seven defending planes. The S.S. "Vance," he said, is plying care of themselves and do a good the seas today after many thousands

of miles of service.

Referring to the award of the Mari- the air-20,000 to 35,000 feet-and car- crime and the other freely admitting time commission's "M" pennant in the ried only light loads of small caliber it. early dayse of the yard, he said presentation of the National Security ing over Tokyo radio, Kumagai vow 19, award was "another point in achievement" in the yard's program of advancement. "This award, the highest of its type, certifies that you men and women have not only been capable but have also been patriotic and public spirited."

#### RAID ON TOKYO HITS AT JAP PRODUCTION

The Super Fortress raid on Tokyo early Friday morning hit hard at Japanese production which American experts say is about to reach its peak. Increases in Japanese war production will level off early next year, they estimate, and then canufa of war goods may begin to fall off. General H. H. Arnold, announcing

the attack on the Japanese capital, said "no part of the Japanese Empire is now out of our range, no war factory too remote to feel our bombs." He added that "the s ystematic demoli-tion of Japan's war production, begun six months ago from China bases, hower.
henceforth will be carried out with Chairman J. A. Krug said at a decisive vigor. . . .

The American experts' appraisal dous" boost, to be put into effect "just part in the assault and implicated gives no assurances of a quick collapse as fast as possible," will require upit is noted, because Germany is be- wards of 77,000 more workers than lived to have reached her peak a year are engaged in this program now. ago and been on the downgrade since. Yet the Nazis still are fighting bitterly. In the two main items, airplanes

turned into factories with children above 12 put to work. The present Japanese cabinet, head-by Premier Kuniaki Koiso, came power especially because of criti-

#### PLAN FOR PEACE, FARMERS URGED

### U.S.S. "Union" RAID ON TOKYO HAS TELLING EFFECT

#### Who Flew Superforts Wel Pleased With Mission (Another Tokyo raid broadcast said

daily practice and "preparation of the mind" prevented panic in the area attacked. "If we continue to act in this tempo," Kumagai told his people "there is not the elast need for fear in future raids.")

Returning American airmen disclosed that a new type of two-engined fighter bore the purden of Tokyo defense. They said this fighter had terrific speed and was a slick job all said, except in the area of the Imperial palace. .

One of the B-29's came home on two engines and several others limped in on three. Some of them landed at Guam, 150 miles south. The round trip from Saipan to Tokyo is about

3,000 miles. The Superfort men of Salpan yes terday counted their Thursday (U. S. ime) raid on Tokyo a successful first more for an aerial knockout of war industry in the Japanese homeland. The raid did not come up to expec-

tations so far as results were confrom finding their designated targets The U. S. S. "Union" is the 26th but only four of them failed to find

"I have been informed by the high-est authority that when this war is over the Nippon capital and another Tokyo and nine damaged.)

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(Kenichi Kumagai, Japan's assistan "Not only have you built ships at the lowest cost but you have built planes, "fearing interceptors and angood ships," he said.

## **Double Output**

### Eisenhower's Request To Be Met

### PRODUCTION IS SPEEDED

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news conference that this "tremen-The American experts' appraisal dous" boost, to be put into effect "just

"This needed increase is the direct result of battle experience of the last Yet the Nazis still are fighting hitterly. In the two main items, airplanes and ships, the Japanese are described as having pushed about as far as they can go. Monthly ship production may rise, however, because they are building wooden ships. It takes 20 of these to equal the capacity of a medium-sized cargo vessel.

Manpower and raw materials are the prime stumbling blocks, according to American information. Many schools in Japan have been closed and

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Although Koiso has more popular said.

"This must be roughly doubled," he stated. "We know we are faced with a tough job in getting the man power is months to meet the goal—but we will do it in time."

The plants involved have been put on WFB's production fingency list to divert all possible man power to them

## **Cotton Prices** Are Unchanged

#### **Activity Declines But Prices** Stay Near Level Of The Previous Week

#### LOANS NOW BEING MADE

Cotton prices held about unchanged last week as market activity declined, around. Ack-ack was light, the Yanks the War Food administration reported Saturday.

Prices for middling 15-15-inch cotton in the nation's 10 markets averaged 21.33 cents a pound on parity compared with 21.36 cents a week earlier and with 19.38 cents a year ago. Cotton is reported to be entering the government loan and purchase grams at an increased rate, but labor shortages were said to be retarding the movement. The government's purchase price is slightly above that of-

fered in the regular markets. Sales in the 10 markets totaled only 128,200 bales as compared with 161,200 in the previous week and with 85,800 during the corresponding week

Mill buying of raw cotton was lim-ited, the WFA said, mostly to small lots for both prompt and future shipments. Mills were still hampered the agency

said, by difficulty of maintaining sufficient labor force textile supplies for civilian needs continued to be available only in limited quantities. Rains and labor shortages delayed harvesting in many areas last week, but the reports indicate that picking and ginning is making fair to good progress generally.

#### NEGRO ATTACKERS DIE IN STATE GAS CHAMBER

Brooks Freely Admits Crime; Buchan an Dies Claiming Innocense.

Two South Carolina negroes who criminally assaulted a young farm wife in Mecklenburg county on May 29 were asphyxiated in the gas chamber at central prison in Raleigh Frione steadfastly denying the

The two were James W. Buchanan 19, and George Brooks, 20, both of whom had escaped from a Mecklen-burg prison camp gang and were being hunted by a posse at the time they committed the crime. Buchanan later was arrested in York, S. C., and Brooks near the scene of the crime. Buchanan, a husky youth, was the Of Ammunition the chair straps were the faces him. After briefly seanning the faces of witnesses, he requesten Prison Chaplain Lawrence A. Watts to say a chamber was closed and

WPB Head Says General the pellets dropped at 10 a. m., and the negro was pronounced dead 10 minutes later.

Brooks, small and obviously nervous, entered the chamber unaided at 10:47 and was pronounced dead nine minutes later at 10:56. He also requested a prayer by Chaplain Watts and nervously avoided the eyes of the packed witness chamber.

Watts said Ruchanan denied to with the crime" although his signed confession taken at the time of his the court. Brooks freely admitted his quoted Brooks as saying he "didn't

know what made us do it." "Brooks spent most of Thursday night in prayer," Watts said,

convey the information that they were Christians. Both expressed appreciation for what had been taught the about the Christian religion they had been on death row, he said. Eighteen witnesses, including a Mecklenburg county delegation head-

divert all possible main power to them Krug said.

He announced also that a program for a "very substantial increase" in mortar ammunition will be put into effect soon. This program, he said, will require some few facilities.

POOL CONTRACT ADVICE
FOR MANUFACTURERS

For the first time, the many government agencies handling termina-

## THE LATEST WAR NEWS

#### WESTERN FRONT-Yanks seize Weisweller, 28 miles west of Co-lagne almost clear Nazis from Hurtgen, forest in heavy fighting; U. S. Third army drives four miles into Saar basis; in Holand, Brit-ish wipe out virtually all enemy resistance west of Maas river; American flyers, in strike at oil efinery, down 112 Nazi planes.

PACIFIC FRONT-Carrier planes sink 16 Japanese ships, destroy 72 planes in raids on northern Philippines; other planes sink three Jap-anese beats carrying reinforce-ments to Leyte island; MacArthur says enemy resistance on Leyte steadily decreasing."

EASTERN FRONT-Russians slashing 18 miles inside Slovakia capture strongholds of Michalovce and Hummene; Berlin says Reds also gain in drive on Budapest.

ASIATIC FRONT-Japanese reporter surging through China's Kwangsi province toward Kwel-chow provincial border; also believed moving south toward Indo-China frontier; near Burma bor-der, Chinese drive last Japanese mountain passes.

## Union County's Men In Service

Mr. and Mrs. W. Henry Griffin, of Marshville, received a telegram from the War Department that their son, Sgt. Henry W. Griffin, had been wounded in action on Leyte Island in the Philippines, on October the 21st He entered the service in March of 1941 and has served in different parts of the Pacific ever since

Petty Officer Harold Winchester, who has returned from seven months service overseas, has been spending a fourteen-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Winchester. He is with the amphibious forces. His home station is in Boston, Mass.

PFC Richard Elliott of Camp Claiborne, La., who has come for a fur-lough here with his father, C. H. Elliott, left Tuesday night for Portland, Maine for a few days visit with friends. He will return here before returning to camp.

Sgt. Robert Payne, who has been overseas for twenty-six months, is spending a three weeks furlough here with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Fisher.

ardson of R1, Monroe, who is sta-tioned in England, has recently been promoted to sergeant. He would like to hear from friends and his address may be secured from his father.

#### Lt. Harrell Gets Medal At a Twelfth AAF B-25 Base On Corsica - "For meritorious achieve-

ment while participating in aerial flight" First Lt. Beemer C. Harrell, Marshville, pilot on a B-25 Mitchell Monroe. bomber, has just been awarded the Air Medal. This award was made for the de-

struction of a road bridge near Nice, France, thereby blocking another vital link in the enemy supply and communication lines. Arriving overseas four months ago,

arrest was introduced and accepted by Lt. Harrell has been piloting his plane over enemy-held targets in Southern France and Northern Italy destroying enemy gun and troop concentrations and enabling our ground forces to ad-

Receiving his commission and wings at Freeman Field, Ind., he received further combat training at Greenville

B. C. He is entitled to wear the European-Middle East-African theater ribbon with one battle star and the distinguished Unit Badge signifying he is a member of a group that has been cited by the War Department. His mother, Mrs. Ruth Harrell, makes her home at Marshville.

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Pvt. J. D. Whitley entered service on June 22, 1944. From Fort Bragg he was sent to Camp Blanding. Fla. where he took his seventeeen weeks basic training. His training was completed on November 4. He will report to Fort Benning, Ga., on November 28, after spending his furlough with his wife, son and parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitley also have two other sons in service. They are Cpl. Carl and Pvt. Noah A. Whitley. Carl and Evt. Noah A.

# Farm Census

#### Training Finished For Supervisors; Office Opened Today

#### BAUCOM IS IN CHARGE

1945 census of agriculture has been completed at the state headquarters in Charlotte, and the seven local offices opened today to receive applications for census enumerators, it was announced yesterday by C. C. McGinnis, area supervisor of the Department of Commerce Bureau of Census. The seven local offices and their supervisors are: Washington, D. W. Lupton, supervisor, George Taylor, assistant; Clinton, Newton Robinson, supervisor, J. Loftin Kerr, assistant; Rocky Mount, A M Atkinson, supervisor, John L. Coontz, assistant; Greensboro, Thomas H. Street, superisor, H. A. Carroll, assistant; Monroe, H. Hayne Baucom, supervisor, Mrs. Anna Myers, assistant; Salisbury, Hugh M. Bailey, supervisor, Silas Sunter, assistant; Shelby, James W. Osborne, supervisor, J. B. Raby, as-

Hayne Baucom, supervisor for the Fifth Farm Census district, with headquarters in Monroe, announced today that the local office which will serve twelve counties in this district is located in Lathan building on East Franklin street. The office is now ready to receive applications for enumerators who will assist in the census in this area. Mrs. Anna Myers of Lexington, is assistant

Between now and January 1 these supervisors and assistants will select enumerators to conduct the agricultural census beginning January 8. This census is taken every 10 years and is included in the 10-year population census which will be taken for the next time in 1950.

Data for the agricultural census will be sent to Washington immediately and the report will be issued from Washington as soon as the information can be compiled. The information will later be incorporated in the population census.

The agricultural census includes

records of all agricultural activities, s county of farms, an inventory of live-stock, value of farm machinery, and other pertinent information.

is in a hospital in California. He says he "got two Japs and two bullets." He was wounded in the hip, but says he's fine now, and has him the prettiest blonde you've ever seen in your life. He was overseas about 18 months. He has two brothers in service, Pvt Sebe Franklin Helms of ends with victory. the U. S. Army, stationed in Sotuh service four months and stationed at

15th AAF In Italy-Charles T. Winchester, Jr., of Monroe, has reeently B-24 Liberator group commanded by Lt. Col. Philip R. Hawes, Pearl River, tion wroght by our enemies. N. Y. Winchester graduated from the Wesley Chapel high schoo land worked for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., before entering the AAF in November 1941. He attended radio school at Scott Field, Ill., and gunnery school at Yuma, Ariz.

T-Sgt. John C. Baker of Fort Mon-

#### Baker of R1. Monroe. Pvt. Mangum Completes Two Years Overseas

U. S. Army Corps headquarters company and son of Frank W. Mangum, R4, Monroe, has completed two years of duty overseas. A farmer prior to his induction into the Army in February, 1942, the tall soldier, 24, is a veteran of the Papuan campaign, of the Hollandia operation which cut off the end of lend-lease to Britain for PFC George E. Whitley and Pvt his induction into the Army in FebruMeanwhile, it was learned, James D. Whitley, sons of Mr. and ary, 1942, the tall soldier, 24, is a vet-

## REV. ROBERT TURNER ACCEPTS NEW WORK

### Drawing Near Resigns Pastorate First Presbyterian Church, Effective January 1, 1945.

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

Rev. Robert Turner, for the past two and a half years, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, announced to the congregation yesterday morning that he was resigning as pastor of the local church to accept the position as Executive Secretary of the Concord Presbytery, effective January 1, 1945.

Training of local supervisors for the The session of the church, regretedly called a congregational meeting for the pastoral relations between him and the church and dismiss him to the Concord Presbytery. The meeting of the Presbytery will probably be held in Charlotte, Friday, December 8, at which time other matters will come

before the Presbytery. Before coming to Monroe, August 1, 1942, Rev. Mr. Turner was pastor of the Bethpage church near Kan-

napolis. He is a graduate of Davidson college and Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., at which latter institution he received the B. D. degree in 1932. He was ordained by the East Hanover Presbytery and after several years of service in Virginia, came to North Carolina. Mrs. Turner was the former Edith

Hudson of Mooresville. They have wo children. Mr. Turner, as executive secretary, will be the first of this line in Concord presbytery. His duties will be suary of stewardship, and co-worker perintendent of home missions, secre-

with the commission on the minister Mr. Turner is a member of the home mission committee and the committee of religious education, and has assisted in the camps for young people held by the presbytery. He is member of the committee on loca-

tion of churches. Mr. Turner has taken an active nterest in local affairs in Monroe and is a member of the Monroe Rotary Club. He has been especially interested in servicemen stationed at Camp

# Lend Leasing

#### Aid To Allies Should End Political Influence In Balkans And With Close Of War; FDR Tells Congress

President Roosevelt has put the Allied world on notice that lend-lease At the same time he sought to East India, who has also been in make it clear that in the final settle- into sharp focus in Yugoslavia and

foreign service about eighteen months, ment with Allies there will be no ef-and Pvt. Lawrence Edgar Helms in fort to match dollar for dollar. "Neither the monetary totals of the have given or received in this war,' the President declared in a letter to Congress. ". There are no statistical or monetary measurements for These are the estimates of officials Congress. ". . There are no statisbeen promoted to the grade of ser- tical or monetary measurements for geant while serving overseas with a the value of courage, skill and sacrifice in the face of death and destruc-

Throughout his letter the President hammered the point, recently in some controversy, that lend-lease is a wartime arrangement only. There have been rumors that the United States might seek to strengthen Britain's postwar economy with a kind of lead intends to follow up Red Army adlend-lease.

"Lend-lease and reverse lend-leas mouth, N. J. spent Thanksgiving with are a system of combined war supply, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Mr. Roosevelt asserted. "They should must grow stronger."

Overseas

The President's position was hailed
Netherlands, East Indies—Pvt John at the capitol. Chairman Connally,

gram of lend-lease to Britain for This program is built on the assumption that the war in Europe will end at least during the early months of 1945 and thereafter lend-lease to

Britain will be justifiable to the extent that it helps the British fight the Japanese.

This is reflected in the estimated over-all total of the new program which is about 50 per cent of the present annual rate of ahipments which in recent months has averaged

Mr. Roosevelt's letter formally presented to Congress the President lend-lease report, concerned exc ly with reverse lend-lease re

to 83,348,127,000.
Goods and services supplied United Kingdom, Australia, In New Zealand, Mr. Roosevelt dhelped prepare the war machinammering the fortress walls

## Germans Lose 122 Fighters

#### Yanks Shoot Down Third Largest Bag Of Nazi **Planes**

#### OIL REFINERY SMASHED

At least 122 Nazi fighter planes of approximately 200 which rose to pronext Sunday morning to join with tect Germany's largest natural oil Rev. Mr. Turner in requesting the refinery at Misburg were shot down in Mecklenburg Presbytery to dissolve aerial combat Sunday by an American fleet of 700 fighters and 1,100 heavy

bombers. The American fighters reported downing 110 of the Nazi interceptors, while 12 were destroyed by bomber crews. The escort planes also destroyed seven German planes on the

ground in strafing attacks. Thirty-seven American bombers and 13 fighters were reported missing from

the operations. But it was the third largest bag of Nazi fighters shot down in combat. Nazi fighters shot down in com Just last November 2. American pilots picked off 134 enemy planes over the Merseburg oil center—13 miles of Leipzig—and Germany sacrificed 117 the same area on September 11. A gigantic aerial battle swirled

through the skies over Misburg. Through dence clouds stained with exploding flak from hundreds of ground guns, American pilots engaged the Germans in temperatures ranging from 40 to 50 degrees below zero.

Yesterday's attack was the ninth on the Misburg refinery, which lies 15 miles east of Hannover and has a yearly production of 220,000 tons. It followed up Saturday's raid by 2,000 American planes on the Leuna works at Merseyurg, one of Germany's largest synthetic oil plants. Only a dozen enemy fighters were encountered on the Merseburg missic

The Saturday attacks cost 12 bombers and five fighters, a delayed communique disclosed. Other targets hammered yesterday were a four-lane rail viaduct at Bielewere a four-lane rall viaduct at Biele-feld and railyards at Hamm 15 miles-farther northeast. The viaduct, a link between the Duhr and central Germany, was attacked November 2, but reconnaissance had shown traffic still moving over it.

#### Plan Defined UNITY FOR EUROPE THEME AT MOSCOW

## Soviet Advance Poses Problem.

The central issue between Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill in their conference at Moscow is beperts to be Anglo-Russian cooperation

throughout Europe. advance of Soviet armies and political influence in the Balkans. It has com-Poland, and to a lesser extent, in Bul-

garia. If Stalin and Churchill cannot get we receive are measures of aid we United States, Britain and Russia into have given or received in this war," the peace will be gravely jeopardized.

> who have been watching European affairs develop toward their present confusion, with Britain on one side and Russia on the other side of many important questions.
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> What Churchill wants specifically from Stalinthough the question may not arise in so many words in their talks—is information whether Moscow

vances everywhere with extension of political influence. What are Stalin's "Lend-lease and reverse lend-lease are a system of combined war supply," Mr. Roosevelt asserted. "They should end with the war. But the United Nations partnership must go on and must grow stronger."

Stalin may look to the Prime Minister for assurances that Britain is ready to pursue a friendly and co-operative course with Russia, respecting her plans for eastern European areas and her interests elsewhere.

## FAIRVIEW DRAMATIC CLUB NEWS

The students of Rairview high school have recently organized a club. We meet every Fri