WEATHER FORECAST

Clear to partly cloudy and slightly armer today, and tonight. Mostly cloudy and coole Tuesday. Sunset today, 6:11 p. m.; sunrise uesday, 8:17 a. m.

Monroe Anguirer

MONROE MARKET

EVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, DECEMBED 4, 1944

Yanks Drive Hits Westwall Former Paster Of St. Luke's Church

Rolls Back Nazi Defenses In pen to me, for the Japanese have Triple Assaults By Allies

fensive rose furiously. The British dropped off on the other side into a second army sprang to the attack in paddy field. (Paddy is the oriental eastern Holland with a dawn assault word for rice.) The water came up that swept up to 600 yards into the to my waist but that was the nicest stout Maas river defenses at Venlo, water I ever took a dip in. It had last German bastion on that front leeches and was probably full of

last German bastion on that front leeches and was probably full of short of the Reich.

Hundreds of American and British lighter bombers swarmed up in support of the new drives in the north, and the German air force met the challenge with the biggest show of strength in weeks, sending at least holes, no trees, no nothing. I told 75 jet-propelled planes against the British.

The third Army's 25th division levels and was probably full of germs but it was still wonderful water!

"The other day I was out with a squad of men bringing in a body, when a flock of Zeroes came over. We were caught in the open, no fox-strength in weeks, sending at least the men to scatter, which they did.

We three ourselves face down and law there with our hearts beating so

The third Army's 95th division boldly seized a bridge over the for- loudly we could hear them. Fortun-Saar and sent infantry and ately, they were out for bigger game armored tank destroyers racing across in the first attack on this front against the Siegfried line.

The Westwall's big guns opened up on American positions in Saarlautern, sentinel city of the fortifications guarding the Saarla with the Saarl guarding the Saar's vital war industries, but all organized resistance in the major part of the city west of the river wilted quickly, a front report

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's astonishingly swift hurdle of the Saar apparently heralded a quick opening of the battle for the Siegfried line, Associated Press correspondent Lewis

Hawkins said. Patton's troops also crossed the Saar frontier at a new point eight miles south of Saarlautern, and expanded their hold on the Saarh west bank north of Saarjautern where the Gerburned a village in the first example of scorched early inside the

The new crossing, made by the Fifth infantry division whose com-mander wa sdisclosed to be Major General Stafford L. Erwin, penetrated a mile into Germany 11 miles southwest of the Saar's main city of

a mile from the Saar border, after i one-mile advance. Inden, Lucherberg, Luchem and

Branderburg fell to the First Army, Inde river. It was pushing toward the Roer at three points along a 12-mile

Another force coming up from the south seized by storm the hamlet of Luchem, less than a mile be-low Lucherberg and on the Autobahn siperhighway from Aachen to Cologne Seven miles south of Duren the First army seized the ruins of what once was the village of Brandenberg and pressed on through the woods a half-mile east to within half a mile

Nine miles northwest of Duren the U. S. Ninth army drew up to the Roer al line way from Linnich to Julich—two main river strong-holds. cleared the Germans from part of Linnich west of the river and fought bitterly to extend its

SOCIAL NEWS

Annual Baptist Barnar Saturday Baptist church will hold bazaar Saturday in the will be o'clock. cessories, and at supper they will serve either a turkey or oyster plate, and the sale of dainty Christmas gifts will be an outstanding feature of the oc-

CHAPLAIN DEAL UNHURT 10 Listed Dead In Auto Wreck Here Serving In Philippines

lay there with our hearts beating so

so they passed us up-thank God!'

Are Nuisance

Hit Allied Capitals At Rate

Of One Or Two Each

Week

NATIONS IN CONTACT

and evidently unauthorized—hit the Allied capitals at the rate of about

They all want to know whether the

time has come when the Allies have

making concessions beforehand in or-der to get Germany to agree to a "conditional surrender." All these in-quiries and proposals are investigated on the spot or relayed to Allied capi-tals and so far none has proved to

have any sort of authority behind Should the German leadership

any responsible part of it capable

interested neutral country.

The United States and the German

overnment actually are in frequen

ment of prisoners of war, through wiss diplomats who protect interest of Americans in Germany and of dermans in the United States.

Peace feelers-vague,

"I don't believe anything will hap-Accident Is Worst Two-Car shelled our group, bombed it and one Collision In The State's day caught me out in the open and History machine-gunned me, but the Lord was

CROSS THE SAAR RIVER

The U. S. Third Army smashed organized resistance in most of the factory city of Saarlautern and broke across the Saar river into the Siegriffed line Sunday as the First Army seized four towns in triple assaults west of Cologne that rolled back the Ror defenses a mile or more.

The empo of the Allies' winter of The British comped off on the other side with bullets spitting up dirt beside me. I dropped off on the other side into a steward lished. No time was set for resuming lished. No time was set for resuming

the inquest. word for rice.) The water came up to my waist but that was the nicest Clayton Shook, 30, Glen Alpine cafe water I ever took a dip in. It had leeches and was probably full of germs but it was still wonderful water!

Clayton Shook, 30, Glen Alpine cafe worker and father of five children, died at Grace hospital in Morganton at 8:45 o'clock Sunday morning, over 34 hours after the ninth death resulting from a head-on collision involving 14 passengers with an average age of 21, who were going from one night

spot to another in the western part of Burke county. His niece, Doris Jean Shook, was one of six persons killed instantly when the two automobiles, traveling at a high rate of speed, swept down opposite hills on Highway No. 70, between Morganton and Marion to meet in a devastating smashup at the foot at what is known as Bottom Drop. Three others died within a few hours after the collision occurred at 2 a. m.

The remaining four passengers are in hospitals in Morganton and Marion and are reported in a satisfactory condition. Still in a serious condition with favorable chances for recovery in Marion General hospital are Pauline Hoyle, 16, who has fractures of both legs and whose dister, Lucille, was killed; and Carl L. Wilson, discharged war veteran of Morganton who received a skull fracture exactly one year after he was seriously wounded in action in Italy. He was wounded in combat December 2, 1943, and returned home recently with a physical discharge. The girl was des still in a state of shock, and Wilson has not fully regained consciousness. one to two a week.

They all are based, it was learned yesterday, on the assumption that the Allies in the last analysis are willing to make substantial concessions in 17, of Route 4, Morganiton.

order to get Germany out of the war.
Those taken seriously enough to get any response at all receive, in effect, the form reply "Unconditional surpaths of the two separate groups had crossed earlier in the evening, some Saarbrucken, repulsing a tank-sup-ported counterblow.

Farther south the 8th division en-tered Cite Stearbe, nine miles south-tered Cite Stearbe, nine miles south-streeth, foreign offices and embassies or later at Oak Park service station, of such neutral capitals as Madrid, a roadside eatery and dance hall, a rumor and gossip.

In addition, there turn up from time to time business or other representawas in progress. Six men who occublue Ford at the time of the crash, had come to a night spot near Lake James, leaving the other crowd at Oak Park, but when they returned least so they say. One may profess to eb acting solely on his own authorthe passengers in the Chevrolet, five tty, another to be a bosom pal of men and three girls, had gone. The Gestapo Boss Himmler, another be an two groups were not together, witassociate of Hitler or somebody who

nesses said. Lee Ramsey, young Morganton mar who said he and Jack Pritchard left the six occupants of the Ford a few minutes befeore the crash, testified that Pvt. Raymond A. Shouppe had been driving prior to that time, but he didn't see who was at the when the car drove away. Ramsey said he got out to get his car but admitted that "I didn't like to ride with them much. There was not any brakes on it." Pritchard was not at the inquest but officers testified that he told the mhe left the six other men because of the manner in which the car was being driven.

any responsible part of it capacite of producing results ever want to undertake serious armistice negotiations it has one obvious and well used channel through which to approach the United States or other Allied governments that is the diplomatic service of an interested assistance. Even greater doubt cloaks the identity of the driver of the other car. One person who helped remove the dead named one man who seemed to be under the wheel. Officers had thought another man was driving, while the family of a third had be-lieved that he was operating the car.

WMC IS CONFIDENT At present, despite recurrent rumors of vague negotiations at the Vatican, there is no evidence that Germany has made any legitimate peace try. In fact, there is no evidence that there is any group in Germany which at this time has anything to gain by such an externor. **WORK CAN BE DONE**

Every Effort Will Be Made To Me

finding nearly 300,000 more for critical war programs, ex-confidence yesterday the goal

THE LATEST WAR NEWS

WESTERN FRONT—U. S. Third Army hurdles Saar river at falling Saarlantern and plunges toward Siegfried line. More fank troops reach Roer river in drive toward Cologne; several German towns captured.

PACIFIC FRONT-Salpan-based Superfortresses again raid Tokyo, striking at aircraft plant; only one B-29 lest, U. S. says; on Leyte island, Japanese and Americans spar in heavy rains; Yank flyers attack enemy supply bases in Ormoc corridor.

EASTERN FRONT - Russians seize three main objectives in Hungary, sweep within 72 miles of

SOUTHERN FRONT-Italianbased hombers blast Vienna area; British troops advancing in Po valley within two miles of Russia.

ASIATIC FRONT—Japanese are only 75 miles southeast of Kwi-yang in drive through southeastern China; in Burma, British capture Kalewa, 140 miles northwest of Mandalay.

Union County's Men In Service

Soldier Helps Concect "Fudge" A La Cave" In Italy

With The Fifth Army, Italy-"Fudge a la cave" is the latest concoction from C and K rations offered by members of the 361st Regiment of the 91st "Power River" Division in Lieu-tenant General Mark W. Clark's Pifth

tenant General Mark W. Clark's Firth Army in northern Italy.

Fed up with the rations as a steady diet, Lieutenant John D. Boome of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and Stall Sergeant Ernest H. Hinson of Monroe, figured otu the recipe while they were in a cave during an enemy barrage.

They used: two tropical chocolate bars, one D ration bar, one package of C ration cocoa, offe can of preserved of C ration cocoa, one can of preserved butter and 15 packages of C and K

ration sugar.
"We mixed it on a field stove until it was thick." Hinson said. Private First Class William J. Dillon, 223 Sapulveda Street, San Pedro California, agreed that the experiment was a success

"It was really tasty," he said.
Also expressing agreement on the
delectability of the fudge were Privates First Class Paul S. Gernica, 203 neither the Russians nor Marshal Alverth Street, Chino, Calif., and Clari apparently wished the people to think that the Western Allies were doing the Balkans. Boone's home address is 462 Pursell much to liberate the Balkans. Street Phil

Joe S. Polk, son of Mr. and Mrs. J S. Polk, R2, Monroe, has been pro-moted to technician fifth grade at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla

Rushing Brothers On Furlough Pvt. Charlie B. Rushing son of Mrs. Green Rushing of R3, Monroe, who was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky, has een spending his fifteen-day furlough with his wife and mother. He entered service on June 22, at Fort Bragg and then went to Fort Knox, Ky., where he finished his seventeen weeks train ing before coming home.

He left Friday, November 24th to report to Fort Meade, Md., after spending his furlough with his wife mother and friends. Another son of Mrs. Rushing, Pvt

Onice Rushing, who is now stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., came home to e with his brother. All the children of Mrs. Rushing

gathered at her home on Tuesday and gave the two sons a dinner. was a wonderful dinner and was joyed by all. Pvt. Onice left Saturday for Camp Blanding, Fia. Mrs. Rush ing has only two sons in service.

Sgt. Penegar In Ireland An Air Service Command Depot In

reland—Here it is nearly Christman of Monroe, is giving away almost all the money he can get his hand on. But that's his job. He plays Santa Claus twelve times a year to the offi-oers and enlisted men of the Air Ser-vice Command depot in Ireland, where as a non-commissioned officer in the

Sergeant Penegar is the husband of Mrs. Louise V. Penegar of 2328 East Fifth St., Charlotte, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Penegar of Monroe. He has been in the Army Air Forces since December, 1942, and has been oversess more than a year. He at-tended Wingate Junior College, was a

Airmen Strike Reds In Error

American Fighter Planes Strike Russian Column In Yugoslavia

U. S. EXTENDS REGRETS American fighter planes swooping

over Yugoslavia attacked a Russian board who were re-elected are J. Vern column by mistake, headquarters of Griffin, Ben F. Price, C. M. Rogers. the Mediterranean Allied air force disclosed vesterday. Results of this attack last November

on an ally were not revealed. An official headquarters statement declared the attack was due to an error in target identification through faulty navigation, and said that apologies had been sent to Moscow and to the commander of the Russian forces

"Mediterranean Allied air force eadquarters report that on November a squadron of fighters from the U. S. 15th Air Force, engaged in a strafing mission in Yugoslavia, at-tacked by mistake a Russian column. "The error was entirely due to a mistake in target identification through faulty navigation.

"The incident was promptly report ed by the squadron when development of gun camera film verified the erort. "The U.S. joint chiefs of staff from Washington expressed their deep regret to Moscow, and General Wilson, Supreme Allied commander of the Mediterranean, sent a similar message to the Russian commander of the forces involved."

A Rome dispatch last Wednesday reporting arrival there of W. Averell Harrisan, U. S. Ambassador to Russis said he was believed conferring with military officials on efforts to achieve closer cooperation between Soviet trops operating in the Balkans and the Allied forces based in Italy.

The dispatch, part of which was held up by censorship, said Harriman came to Rome with Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Mediterra-nean Allied air force, after visiting the western front, and that "Eaker has faced the difficult task of trying to bomb Germans in Hungary and Yugoslavia, which are Russian zones of operation."

Previous Rome dispatches, reporting on the complexities of the allied Medtterranean command to which Field able weather. Saturday's operations Marshal Sir Harold Alexander has cost the Germans at least 42 fighter een elevated, said cooperation among the Russians, Yugoslavs and Allies in the Balkans was difficult inasmuch as

oftime, his services may seem routine and boring, as they are bound to be come under grueling combat conditions, it is common knowledge that they, multiplied many times, by the efforts of his fellow soldiers, are reponsible for the continued administrative and operational efficiency of

"I am proud, as I trust you are, to have your son wear the Distinguished Unit Badge, symbolic of our Group's outstanding achievement against the enemy and I am confident that it is well-earned and greatly deserved." Cpl. Haney entered the service in November 1943 and went into Foreign service April of this year.

Promoted To Corporal With The XIV Army Corps In The outhwest Pacific.—Private First Class Clarence W. Melton has been promoted to Corporal as announced Company Commander, Captain Harold W. Toy. He is in an Engineer Topo-graphic Company somewhere in the

uthwest Pacific. His duties are that of Chauffeur. Before entering the Army, Clarence was employed by Conley Griffin of Monroe as taxicab driver. He attended Prospect high school in

Union county.

Clarence entered the Army Decem ber 16, 1942, receiving his basic train-ing with his present organization at Fort Lewis, Washington. He has been verseas since January, 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Melton, reside on Route 4, Monroe; his wife, Mrs. Minnie M. Melton and baby son, Larry, reside at 111 Washington St. Monroe.

Paul P. Ward, S 2-c, of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Camp Peary, Va., spent Thursday and Friday in the city with Mrs. Ward.

njamin Franklin Newell, A/S, of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Newell, Wax-haw, RI, has reported at Carlshad

COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE TOKYO Aircraft J. Ray Shute Is Re-Elected Chairman Factory Bombed Of the Board Of Commissioners

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

oath, without any formalities.

and Fred Staton.

of Goose Creek township.

office has gone begging and

cancy until action is taken by

Nazi Industries

Italy Hammer Targets Of

Vienna Area

Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the U. S. 15th 3ir force in Italy ham-

mered targets in the Vienna area yes-

terday, continuing a week-end scourg-ing of German industries and trans-

The planes, bombing by instrument, encountered little flak or fighter op-

position in the sweep to Vienna. They

sent the week-end sorties into the Reich from Britain and Italy well

above the 2,000 mark despite unfavor-

planes.

Legislature. In the meantime

County officials elected in the November election assumed office this U. S. Superforts Are Over morning, with J. Emmett Griffin, Target In Jap Capital Clerk of Court, administering the

Immediately after receiving the oath of office, the Board of County Com-

missioners went into session and re-elected J. Ray Shute, chairman of In the first Sunday raid from Saithe board. Other members of the pan bases, a substantial task force of American Superfortresses attacked Tokyo at midafternoon and with visual pinpoint bombing hammered the Musashima plant of the Nakajima P. Hayne Johnson was sworn in as County Recorder; Henry Smith,, Pros-

ecuting Attorney; Miss Clara Laney, Early reports indicated the opera-Register of Deeds; Mrs. Paye Wells, tion against the important aircraft factory, about 11 miles west of Tokyo Deputy Register of Deeds; Ralph Elliott, County Surveyor; B. L. Simpson, Cotton Weigher at Waxhaw; J. L. harbor, was the most successful of the four B-29 attacks on war industries Brooks, Cotton Weigher at Marshville; C. F. Smith, Constable, Monroe in the Japanese capital.

The plant was the target of the initial Superfortress rai dithere November 24, when photographs show-No provision has as yet been made for cotton weigher of Monroe, which ing considerable damage was inflicted.
ing considerable damage was inflicted.
many fold by the latest blows. no appointment can be made to fill the vathe present weigher will hold office until the matter is settled.

(Radio Tokyo claimed, without American confirmation, that 15 out of "some 70" Superforts in the raid were shot down. The Japanese, in a domestic propaganda broadcast, said

started around noon.

The attacking force today was sim-Planes Of 15th Air Force In that in size to the first two striking waves of the sky giants. The Yank flyers kept Tokyo under attack more than an hour and a half.

NAZIS LOSE 42 PLANES

Nakaffima is one of Japan's oldest privately-owned aircraft companies. It shardes with the Mitsubishi company distinction as one of the empire's leading producers of army and navy

- drove off two intere

A gray, wintry overcast kept Brit-ish-based American and RAF planes under wraps Sunday after they had poured some 6,000 tons of bombs on five German industrial cities near the Western front in a 12-hour period. Heavyweights spilled about 3,500 tons Production Corps, wishes to thank the of explosives on Hagen, an important following for their contributions which Saturday night, probably railway center in the Ruhr, and Gies-

of Frankfurt. Night fighters supported finished kit bags going overse the bombers and strafed airfields and transport targets, shooting down two \$4.55; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Sikes. enemy interceptors. Speedy RAF Mosquitos spotted an Demonstration Club, \$10.00; ammunition train steaming into the Branch Home Demonstration station at Papenburg, southeast of \$10.00; Olive Branch

bursting shells ticketed for Nazi frontline troops lit up the countryside. The train was riddled.

While more than 250 Liberators and Class of Nurses' Aides will be held Fortresses of the U. S. Eighth Air Tuesday evening at the Eilen Pitztrain was riddled. force were hitting jam-packed rail-

550 fighters tackled formations of 20 ed at the hospital during the morning to 50 German planes and shot down hours. Members of the Corps now serving are almost all women and girls Meanwhile, British Lancasters bomb-ed the big benzol producing plant at Dortmund in the Ruhr and American nings. Mrs. W. D. Johnson, Vice-

targets from the east.

Continent-based planes of the U. S. work in the hospital. Anyone take this course and voluments. Ninth Air force gave German rail, road and river traffic a terrific pounding in sweeps along the Western front. In the areas of Duren, Linnich and Saarbrucken, fighter, medium and light bombers destroyed or damaged cars, 51 motor trucks, seven Heinkel-111 twin-engined bombers, two rail-

In the Saarbrucken area, medium and light bombers concentrated on the enemy's newest Siegfried line de-

on November 7th and was in a hos-

Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Clonts much happier than they had for they had received a letter

Thirty Minutes

ATTACK IS SUCCESSFUL

aircraft factory.

township and A. S. Purser, Constable

azi Industries

Get Pounding

The first planes over the target re-ported good visibility and accurate

leading producers of army and navy war planes. The plant consists of compact buildings. Most of them are one story high, of concrete construction with sheetmetal roofing.

The first plane to hit the target was commanded by Capt. John H. Greer, of Buhl, Idaho. He was delived to taking off on the first Tokyo.

layed in taking off on the first Tokyo raid and flew all alone far behind his comrades. On that flight, his gun-'Nicks.'

RED CROSS NEWS

(Mrs. Geo. S. Lee, Publicity Chairman) added to the names already publishsen, another rail hub, 35 miles north ed, made possible the giving of 700

Fairfield Home Dem Olive Emden, Saturday night and destroyed stration Club, \$18.61; Prospect Home it with gunfire. Vivid explosions from Demonstration Club, \$5.75; Trinity Call For Nurses' Aldes

gerald Hospital. This is the yards at the Rhine cities of Coblenz class to graduate as Nurses' Aides and Bingen Saturday, their escort of However, more Nurses' Aides are needheavy bombers based in Italy made Chairman of Nurses' Aide the aerial offensive a two-play af-fair by attacking Nazi fuel and rail targets from the east. the morning hours, please call Red Cross office."

> The following is an editorial fr the New York Times which Miss Pat Eudy, Chairman Nurses Recruitment Corps has requested us to publish: Corps has r many nurses here are appro