

WEATHER FORECAST
Increasing cloudiness this afternoon; cloudy and cold with snow flurries tonight; colder Tuesday. Sunset today, 6:14 p. m.; sunrise Tuesday, 6:25 a. m.

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MONROE MARKET
Cotton, short, lb 21c to 22 1/2c
Cotton, long, lb 25c to 33c
Cotton Seed, bushel 75c
Eggs, dozen 48c to 50c
Corn, bu. White, \$1.45; Yellow, \$1.35
Wheat, bushel \$1.60

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1944

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

F. R. "Freezes" Security Tax

Action Draws Cheers From Solons Leaving For Holidays

PLAN NEW MEASURES

President Roosevelt's "reluctant" signature on legislation freezing social security taxes started a general congressional exodus from Washington Saturday.

Except for some State department and surplus property board nominations under fire in the Senate, the social security legislation—blocking a scheduled increase from 1 to 2 percent in pay roll and pay check taxes on January 1—was the last major hurdle between the 78th Congress and its final adjournment.

Announcement of the President's action drew a burst of applause when Speaker Rayburn made it in the House, members generally had expected a veto.

There were less than 100 representatives on the floor at the time and many of them scooted away promptly to take up train and plane reservations for home.

With only a few noncontroversial odds and ends in addition to the Senate nominations to be acted on, leaders set their sight for final adjournment not later than Wednesday.

Rayburn's announcement of the President's action was followed by White House release of a formal statement declaring it would be incumbent upon the next Congress to review thoroughly the methods of financing social security benefits. The President said he still felt that the tax should have been allowed to rise on account of "long run requirements of the social security system." He asserted the measure "merely defers until next year" the necessary fiscal receipts. He added that it did not seem "wholly sound to enact a tax law and then defer the taxes year after year."

"At an early date," the President said in the statement, "I plan to submit to the Congress a comprehensive plan for broadening and improving the social security system. At that time, I hope that a clear understanding of the government's financial responsibilities for social security will emerge and that a long term plan for allocating the costs of social security will be developed."

The President gave no details of what he will recommend but said he was "less disturbed" by the present situation "in view of the expressed commitments of both major political parties for comprehensive coverage."

LIEUT. BELK REVEALS BRUTALITY OF GERMANS

Witnessed Nazi "Mercy Killing" Of Two Of His Comrades

"The American people should never achieve a 'forget and forgive' attitude after this war," he said, lying in his bed in the ward. It was Second Lieut. Samuel E. Belk speaking as he lay in the ward at the U. S. Army Hospital Ship Chateau Thierry. The Chateau ship was easing up-river to dock at the Charleston, S. C., Port of Embarkation and discharge her 500 American combat casualties fresh from the European holocaust.

Lieutenant Belk, of Monroe, spoke with 28 days of conviction behind him. For nearly a month, he was a prisoner of Germany, first held in captivity by Adolf Hitler's SS Elite troops, who, for all their swaggering and fancy dress, were some of the most desperate fighters American soldiers have ever faced.

Lieutenant Belk went into France via the Omaha beach of Normandy on June 30 with the 38th Infantry division. His outfit was in Mortain, near Avranches. They went in to bolster the Brittany campaign. Selected to lead a patrol of four men into enemy territory, Lieutenant Belk and his men infiltrated behind the German lines during daylight and stumbled across four light tanks, American, isolated in a Nazi-held area.

Patrol and tanks joined forces to crash back through the U. S. lines. The five men disappeared into the line of demarcation between U. S. and Third Reich soldiers, leaving early to escape the American artillery barrage scheduled that afternoon.

After crawling three-quarters of a mile along the ground, dragging his badly mangled foot behind him, Lt. Belk was captured by the "tall and crossbones" Elite corps.

The Elite corps took the wounded Lieutenant Belk to their headquarters for questioning. Threats of death were made if he did not divulge his unit, its strength and disposition. The infuriated Germans sent him on to a hospital in Bernay near Caen.

There was room for 300, but 1,700 wounded were lodged in the hospital. Lieutenant Belk spent 10 uncomfortable days among predominantly German wounded. There were five other wounded Americans in the ward.

With 48 others, lying on cot and blankets, and deprived of adequate sanitation equipment, Lieutenant Belk and his five companions lived on black bread and water. Silently they munched the tasteless bread, watching the ward boys serving meat, butter and marmalade to the German wounded.

One morning German doctors appeared at the bedside of two Americans suffering from lassa. A German doctor planned a hypodermic needle in the arm of one U. S. soldier. Another performed the same act on the other man-patient. Two minutes later both men were dead.

Next morning Lieutenant Belk and other U. S. men were taken to a "mercy killing" which is not recognized in

FFA STOCK JUDGING CONTEST DEC. 20

Monroe Hardware Co. Sponsors Event By Vocational Agriculture Dept.

The Union County Vocational Agricultural Department will hold a dairy cattle and swine judging contest at Stevens Mill farm, four miles north of Indian Trail on Wednesday, December 20, at 2:30 for the F. F. A. members of the schools.

The contest is sponsored by the Monroe Hardware Company, who is giving \$300.00 in prizes to the winning teams.

The prizes consist of: First to Fourth prize, a registered guernsey calf for each; and fifth to eighth, a registered O. I. pig.

The Vocational Agricultural teachers will supervise the contests and will have as their guests Wade Jenkins, county superintendent of schools, and J. M. Osteen, District Supervisor for Vocational Agriculture.

All F. F. A. members in the county are looking forward to the contest and hoping their team will come home with first prize.

The public is invited to come out and watch watch the boys put into practice some of the things they learn in the classroom.

The Agricultural Departments appreciate the interest the Monroe Hardware Company has taken in the FFA members of America organization for this contest and for other contests planned for the future.

Will Enforce Meat Labeling

Public Urged To Watch For Markings When Making Purchases

OPA GIVES INSTRUCTIONS

Plans for the strict enforcement of new regulations requiring that graded labels be stamped at least every two inches along all primal cuts or dressed carcasses of beef, veal, lamb, and mutton were being made yesterday, according to Charlotte district OPA price control authorities.

The drive will be aimed at eliminating what is known as the "Red Market" which is the designation given the practice in many stores of up-grading meat. The red market results in dealers collecting red ration stamps from customers for meats which actually are ration free.

Under the new grade labeling requirements a customer need only glance at a cut of meat to see what the grade is, and thus know whether it requires points. If the grade is C or D no ration points are required.

Efforts will be made to impress on buyers that they should help to eliminate the selling of low grade meats by the red market. The markings on the meat should be compared with the OPA price chart posted in all stores. The maximum prices are graduated by grade. The AA grades, of course, cost more than A, B or lower grades.

By watching the grade markings and the price charts, customers may insure themselves against paying too high prices for low grade meats.

FRED AUBERRY

Fred Auberry, age 68, was found dead at his home in Vance township Friday, Mr. Auberry lived alone and was known to Sheriff Frank Niven and Coroner C. C. Jones were called and after investigating the circumstances surrounding his death were of the opinion that he died of natural causes and had perhaps been dead since Tuesday.

Funeral services were held at the graveside in Bethel cemetery Sunday at noon. He is survived by one brother, C. C. Auberry of the county; three sisters, Mrs. J. P. Turner, Mrs. Frank Priddy and Mrs. Belle Forbis all of the county.

Pvt. Mack O. Kiker, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kiker of Rt. 1, Indian Trail is at home on a 21-day furlough. He has been in the army six months and is stationed in Texas. He is visiting his wife and two sons, Johnny Mack and Rondell, of Midland. He would like to hear from his friends. His address is: Pvt. Mack O. Kiker, ASN 34689942, Sec. A F A A F, Ft. Cavazos, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY WINGATE CHURCH

Rev. W. C. Link, Jr., offered his resignation to Wingate Baptist church on November 5, 1944, to take effect on December 15, 1944, to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Wytheville, Va. In stating his resignation, Mr. Link said that he definitely felt the Lord was leading him to make the change. It was due to this statement that the church reluctantly accepted the resignation.

Mr. Link came to Wingate as a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 1941, to accept his first full-time pastorate. In September 17, 1941, Mr. Link and Miss Virginia Deal of Charlotte were married. Mrs. Link attended the W. M. U. Training School and came well prepared to meet the demands of a pastor's wife.

The church has moved forward in all phases of the work during their ministry. We feel that under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Link, the church has made great spiritual progress. Excellent meetings have been held, study courses promoted, daily vacation Bible schools conducted, and many other things that tend toward advancement in a Christian education program. The effects of these forward movements will be felt for years to come. The church has also made marked progress in a material way. A new parsonage has been purchased and modernized. A complete water system has been installed and the church has been redecorated both inside and out. The church now has a modern equipped plant which can be used in a splendid way in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Link have endeavored themselves to the church and community and have efficiently met the demands upon them. They have been able to help in the development of a beautiful spirit of cooperation among the organizations of the community, and especially between the church, the high school, Wingate Junior College, and other denominations. The seeds of love and good-will have been sown and planted in Wingate through their leadership, that we are praying the seeds soon may continue to bear fruit throughout the years to come. As they go into their new field of service, we pray that God's richest blessings may be upon them and that His spirit may always lead them to do His will.

Respectfully submitted,
WINGATE BAPTIST CHURCH,
(Committee: Mr. Floy Bellman, Grace Yow, Ralph Smith.)

Draft Boards Given Orders

Uncle Sam Sends Instructions Implementing "Produce Or Fight" Edict

REPLACEMENTS NEEDED

Selective Service, announcing a "much larger" proportion of older men will be inducted after February 1, has sent out instructions implementing the government's "produce or fight" edict.

It ordered that registrants in the 26 through 37 age bracket whose job shifts are not in the best interests of the war effort should be put in 1-A and placed near the top of the list for induction.

Draft boards were directed that when registrants are put in 1-A after leaving essential jobs, they should be made available for service "in the same manner as registrants who leave agriculture."

This would make them available immediately after volunteers and "delinquents"—those who violate draft regulations.

In leaving to local boards determination as to which changes will aid in prosecution of the war, the agency made it clear that in some cases a switch may be approved even though consent of the board was not obtained prior to a move.

It also ruled that men who changed jobs before December 12 are excluded from the new provision for clearance through local boards.

The memorandum instructed boards to "give greater deferment consideration to registrants 26 through 37 who are engaged in war production or in support of the war effort, than those engaged in activities not supporting immediate prosecution of the war."

Implementing a directive of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, the revised regulations provide that registrants who are now in war industries "must stay on or run the risk of losing their occupational deferment classification."

The memorandum said registrants of lesser skills in war plants "may be found more important to the war effort than those of greater skills in other activities not in direct support of the war effort."

While the primary aim of OWMB Director James F. Byrnes' directive was to curb labor turnover in critical war programs, Selective Service pointed up the need for replacements for the Armed Services.

"Estimates of available men indicate that the Armed Forces" calls for February 1 cannot be filled substantially from men aged 18 through 25. The larger number of American divisions now actually engaged in combat, the continuing pressure against the enemy has increased the requirements for physically fit soldiers and sailors.

"For these reasons, it will be necessary to induct increasing numbers of men from the older age groups."

Occupationally deferred registrants who leave essential jobs will be put in 1-A unless:

- (1) Their local board rules a change "is in the best interest of the war effort."
- (2) The local board finds that there were adequate reasons involving the registrant or his immediate family which justified switching jobs.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

WESTERN FRONT—First major German counteroffensive since Normandy slashes across borders of Belgium and Luxembourg at three points, penetrates four miles into American lines; heavy air activity reported over front; Seventh army continues to drive Nazis back into Siegfried line, 33 miles from Ludwigshafen and Mannheim.

PACIFIC FRONT—American ground forces on Mindoro advance six miles past Can Jose, seize airfields; Army and Navy flyers report 581 Japanese planes downed over Mindoro in four days; Yanks on Leyte outlast Yamashita line in bloodiest Philippine battles.

EASTERN FRONT—Red army units advance to within 5 1/2 miles of Budapest; Russians report no changes on Slovakian drives aimed at Vienna, Germans claim Red attacks "smashed or stopped."

SOUTHERN FRONT—New Zealand troops capture Faenza, Po valley fortress 29 miles from Bologna, ending long siege; British-ELAS warfare continues in Athens after British commander spurned peace proposals; RAF attacks targets.

Union County's Men In Service

Commissioned Ensign In Navy

Henry Clayton Curlee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Curlee, of Monroe, graduated recently from the Naval Air Training Base, Corpus Christi, and was commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He received his preliminary flight instruction at Norman, Okla., naval air base.

Each Naval Aviator is an expert flyer, navigator, aerologist, gunner, and radio operator.

Naval Aviators fly carrier-based or land-based planes in combat zones, or at Naval Air Stations at home and abroad.

S-2 C Daniel Melvin Mullis left Tuesday to report to Bainbridge, Md., after spending nine-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Mullis of Rt. 3, Monroe. He said he enjoyed being back home very much.

Receives Battle Decoration With The U. S. Forces, France—Lt. Col. John W. Dandridge of 308 East Jefferson street, Monroe, fighting in France since the first week of the invasion, is one of a group who have received the Bronze Star for exceptional heroism and service in combat. Presentation of the awards was made at an impressive ceremony by Major General Leland S. Hobbs, division commander.

Sgt. Winchester In Eighth Combat Mission

15th AAF In Italy—Sgt. Charles T. Winchester, Jr., 26, Monroe, radio operator and gunner with the 15th AAF B-24 Liberator group commanded by Lt. Philip R. Hayes, Pearl River, N. Y., has recently won his eighth combat mission over enemy territory, while participating in an attack on Munich, Austria.

Winchester is a graduate of the Wesley Chapel high school, where he served as president of his senior class and captain of the basketball team. He worked as a lineman for the Southern Bell Tele and Tele Co., Greensboro, N. C., before entering the AAF November 4, 1941.

Four Williams Brothers In Service

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Williams of New London, N. C., formerly of Union county have four sons serving in the armed forces: Warrant Officer Euclid E. Williams, serving in the South Pacific for over two years; Sgt. William Heath has been in England 14 months; Pvt. Walter Nathan, stationed in Italy for nine months; and S-2 Sgt. D. L. Williams, Jr., recently landed in England. Upon receiving the news of D. L.'s arrival in England, Heath immediately located him through the Red Cross and they spent three enjoyable days together. It was the first time the brothers had seen each other in almost two years. "It was the next thing to being home," said Heath.

H. D. Purser, S-2 returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Purser of Rt. 3, Monroe. He also has two brothers overseas, Dalton and Boyce Purser. His parents are looking forward to the first of 1945 when Dalton will return to the States.

Second Lieut. Robert S. Houston, son of Mrs. R. S. Houston of Monroe, has been graduated from the Honda Air Field base in Texas and received his silver navigator's wings.

PFC Jack Lemmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lemmond, has been transferred from Pueblo, Colo., to the following address: ASN 347188, 16th Bomb Group (VE), 17th Bomb Sq. (VE) PAAE, Geneva, Neb. He recently spent a 10-day furlough at home. Also guests in the Lemmond home were Lt. A. F. Burgess of the Royal Australian Air Force, and Mrs. Burgess, who is the former Miss Frances Lemmond.

S-2 Sgt. Flyer Awarded Air Medal

An Eighth Air Force Lieutenant Squadron, England—Staff Sergeant Fred E. Flyer, of Lancaster, S. C., gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in bombardment missions over enemy territory.

Sergeant Flyer is a member of the 82d Bombardment Group, the oldest

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High School To Fly "E" Flag

School Sponsoring The Purchase Of Landing Craft In Drive

SALES REACH \$11,336.15

The E Flag, indicating 90 percent of about of students and teachers buying stamps or bonds regularly will fly over the Walter Bickett high school as soon as it is awarded by the War Finance Committee. This privilege was won by the high school and junior high on Thursday, when, for the third consecutive week 100 percent of the school personnel participated in buying. For one week the average was 95.5 percent.

These two schools are sponsoring the purchase of a Landing Craft Personnel which costs \$12,000 and with this week left in which to reach the 12,000 goal, students confidently expect to place a dedicatory panel bearing their names on the L. C. V. P. B. Up to date, their sales amount to \$11,336.15.

Attributed to the high school also in bonds of a denomination which may not be used for sponsorship is \$12,500.

The other schools in the city system have bought in the Sixth War Loan Drive the following amounts: John D. Hodges school, Bonds, \$4,021.25; stamps, \$474.40; total, \$4,495.65. Winchester Avenue, Bonds, \$1,031.25; stamps, \$63.40; total, \$1,094.65. The total amount bought by all schools then is \$39,428.45.

Liberator group in the European Theatre of Operations. This veteran Eighth Air Force group has bombed the enemy from Oslo, Norway to Floesti, Rumania, and has completed over 270 missions over Germany and enemy occupied territory. The group is part of the 2nd Bombardment Division, Commanded by Major General William E. Kepner.

Sergeant Flyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Flyer, Route 4, Monroe. His wife resides in Lancaster.

Seaman I-C A. M. M. Clayton H. Deese recently spent a 14-day leave with his mother Mrs. J. J. Boswell R3, Monroe. He received his boot-training at Bainbridge, Md., and a prent six months at Norman, Okla. He has completed his course as an aviation machinist mate, and eight weeks training at Jacksonville, Fla., and is now in San Francisco for additional training.

Pvt. Daniel T. Deese and Mrs. Deese of Baltimore, Md., spent part of his 10-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Boswell. Pvt. Deese has just completed 17 weeks of basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and reported to Fort Meade, Md., December 12th for replacement.

Reece Warren Deese Seaman 3-C has finished his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and is home spending his nine-day leave with his wife and baby at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. J. Boswell.

Mrs. Joe A. Carpenter of Waxhaw has received word that her son, Dowd W. Laney S-1, U. S. N., has arrived safely overseas in the South Pacific Area. Seaman Laney has been in the Navy two and one half years.

Sgt. C. T. Winchester, Jr., radioman on a B-24 Liberator with the 15th AAF in Italy has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Recently his group received a presidential citation. Capt. Winchester is now in the Philippines. He says the Philippines were glad to see them land and help them. Capt. Winchester is with the

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Pat Richardson, son of J. R. Richardson of Monroe, was promoted to the rank of 3-Asg in the First of December. He is now in England, serving in the U. S. Air Corps. His address may be obtained from his father. He would be very glad to hear from his friends.

Ernie R. Williams has made PFC and has been transferred to Suffolk, Va. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune, Va. If any friends wish to write him address him: PFC Ernie R. Williams, 1213 S. C. Suffolk, Va.

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Pat Richardson, son of J. R. Richardson of Monroe, was promoted to the rank of 3-Asg in the First of December. He is now in England, serving in the U. S. Air Corps. His address may be obtained from his father. He would be very glad to hear from his friends.

Ernie R. Williams has made PFC and has been transferred to Suffolk, Va. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune, Va. If any friends wish to write him address him: PFC Ernie R. Williams, 1213 S. C. Suffolk, Va.