

WEATHER FORECAST
Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today followed by partly cloudy and cool tonight; Friday mostly cloudy and cool.

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MONROE MARKET
Cotton, short, lb . . . 21c to 23 1/2c
Cotton, long, lb . . . 25c to 33c

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1944 3-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.25 SEMI-WEEKLY, \$2.00 A YEAR

Drop In Meat For Civilians
Date Of Victory In Europe Will Govern Amount Of Supply
AS 1945 DRAWS NEAR

Meat supplies for 128 million American civilians next year will be governed by the date of victory in Europe.
Analyzing the prospects for 1945 on the basis of government estimates, the American Meat Institute yesterday predicted 132 pounds of meat will be available per civilian if the Germans quit early in the year.



CORPORAL J. D. HELMS

LOCAL LEATHERNECK RETURNS FROM PACIFIC
Recovering From Wounds Received July 28; Enlisted in 1942.
A Jap who ran by a foxhole on Tinian, Marianas Islands, and kicked dirt in the face of Marine Corporal J. D. Helms, 20, of R2, Monroe, apparently without seeing the Tar Heel Leatherneck didn't last very long.

OPA Outlines Point Values
Housewives Told To Destroy Stamps; New Ones Are Announced
CANCEL SUGAR STAMPS

A tightening of belts for millions of Americans was decreed Tuesday by OPA officials when instructions went out invalidating five sugar stamps, returning point values to a number of canned vegetables; cancellation of so-called red and blue stamps and the boosting of point values on butter to 24 points.

THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

WESTERN FRONT - Counter-attacking U. S. troops and armor drive deep wedge into German's Belgian salient in past 24 hours; Germans reported on defensive on northern flank of 50-mile deep salient; field dispatch declares Von Rundstedt "has lost the initiative," in gamble to smash through American front.

Says U. S. Navy Has The Edge

Navy Secretary Reports Japs Not Winning In The Philippines
ADMITS SHIP LOSSES
The United States has succeeded in the second phase of the naval campaign for the Philippines—the battle with enemy land-based aircraft, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal said yesterday.

Funeral Held



FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MICHAEL C. LONG, age 86, one of Monroe's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, were held from the First Baptist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Yanks Open Up On Nazi Lines

Make Furious Comeback As Germans Fail To Reach Objective
ENEMY DRIVE HALTED
American troops in a tremendous comeback offensive against both sides of the German salient in Belgium have narrowed the neck of the enemy position to less than 20 miles in width and relieved the gallant beleaguered garrison of Bastogne. It was disclosed late last night in a flurry of Allied and enemy announcements.

NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

H. M. Lilly's Residence Destroyed By Fire; Personal Mention.
James Herbert Thomas, who is in the U. S. N., and has served overseas for two years in the Pacific is home on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas.
Joe Brower, cadet at Annapolis, Md., visited his parents during the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bivens spent the Yule holidays with Mrs. Bivens mother, Mrs. Mattie J. Edens and Hazel Edens in Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Bivens also visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pinnayello in Goldsboro.

Slash Output In Auto Tires
Sharp Reduction Ordered For First Quarter To Meet War Demands
BACKLOG OF 750,000
A sharp reduction has been ordered in the output of passenger car tires in the first quarter of 1945 in an effort to increase production for the armed forces.

MONROE SCHOOLS SELL \$37,953.20 WAR BONDS
Fund Will Be Used To Buy Two Landing Craft For Navy.
With the close of the sale of bonds and stamps in the city schools for the Sixth War Loan Drive on Friday, December 22, the goal of two LOVP's was reached. Bonds and stamps in the total amount of \$37,953.20 were bought in the city schools.

Union County's Men In Service

Cpl. Brooks Thomas Cited With The Fifth Army, Italy—Corporal Brooks F. Thomas, son of Mrs. Daisy Thomas, R1, Wingate, has been cited by the 11th Armored Infantry Battalion of the First Armored Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's army in Italy.

PFH Helms Awarded Medal Somewhere In The Southwest Pacific—"For excellent performance of duty over a period of time," Pfc James H. Helms, Wingate, son of Randolph Helms, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Overseas 10 months, Helms is with front line troops which fought at Guadalcanal with other units of the first army offensive against the Axis on any front, continuing in action until the Japs surrendered the island in February, 1943.

City Observes Quiet Holiday

Wingate College Receives \$10,000 From Efrid Bros.
Officials of Wingate Junior College today received a gift of \$10,000 from the four Efrid brothers of Efrid's stores for the erection of a Library Building on the campus of the institution at Wingate which is to be a memorial to their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. Efrid.

City Observes Quiet Holiday

Around Every Hearthstone Were Solicitous Friends Of Men In Service
FOURTH WARTIME YULE
Except for children with faces too young to carry war-anxious creases the people of Monroe and the surrounding area observed Christmas without the jubilation which characterized its celebration before the United States became involved in the worldwide hostilities.

DRAFT BOARDS ISSUE WARNING TO FARMERS

Must Have Farms Tabulated At The Expiration Of Deferrals.
The Local Draft Boards of Union county are calling the attention of all farmers who are in Class II-C to the regulations requiring a reclassification at the end of the deferment period, which cannot be for a longer period than six months from the date on the classification card.