

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital

Passage of the weakened rent control law is expected to provide for a gradual though not a spectacular jump in rents. This is a continuation of the trend which has been apparent under the law which expired February 29. These increases have resulted from the "adjustments" permitted under the old law and which are continued under the new rent control act.

Although most economists here both in and out of government profess to see no definite decline in overall living costs for at least another six months, the gradual decline in some food prices and an expected drop in textiles may force down some other commodities. However, the much criticized increase of \$5 per ton in the price of steel is expected to halt any downward trend in the price of thousands of commodities dependent on steel as a basis of manufacture.

This being an election year, the department of justice was expected to push anti-trust suits on many fronts and the unexpected action of Big Steel in direct violation of the spirit of the voluntary anti-inflation act passed at the special session of congress gives them an excellent excuse to bring the Big Steel companies under the eye of the FBI by presidential orders. Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, author of the voluntary anti-inflation law, has also called heads of the five big companies before his GOP steering and policy committee. So whether the big companies will back down in the face of both governmental and GOP leadership pressure remains to be seen.

It has been pointed out here that the action of the steel companies in fixing a price increase in the face of the highest profits, after taxes, in their history, and in the face of demands for higher wages by the steel workers, leaves the CIO steel workers' union in excellent position to enforce their demands for the wage increase.

On the political front, failure of the Americans for Democratic action at their Philadelphia con-

vention to endorse the renomination of President Truman, the threats of five southern governors to bolt the party, and the inroads of Henry Wallace's third party movement in the Democratic ranks, have admittedly brought President Truman's prospects to a new low at this writing, all with a proviso, however, . . . ADA may finally endorse Mr. Truman, southern voters may not back up their professional political leadership, and with Russian influence breathing hotter and hotter on western Europe with the fall of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Wallace's third party may fade from the picture as November rolls around. These conditions are all admitted in the political picture.

Hearings are now going on before the senate committee on interstate commerce on a bill introduced by Sen. Homer Capehart of Indiana, to establish a department of transportation. The bill would transfer the interstate commerce commission and other regulatory agencies to the proposed new department. Some farm leaders, including the national council of farm cooperatives, are on record as opposed to the principles of the bill. The national council at its annual meeting in January adopted a policy declaring for the present set up of the transportation regulation and review by the courts.

At a meeting of the agricultural insecticide and fungicide association held here in conjunction with the department of agriculture rat control drive, Charles F. Brannan, assistant secretary of agriculture, declared that approximately a half billion bushels of grain are annually destroyed by insects, fungus and rodents. Remedies included the protection of growing crops from fungus, fumigation of stored grain against insects and a nation-wide drive to destroy rats. This huge amount of grain would be sufficient to fill the government's export commitments to western Europe and the whole world. The association promised close cooperation with the department and with the United States food and agriculture organization.

And here's something new, at least something new heard here in Washington. Commercial vegetable growers are protesting against the agricultural department's drive to get 20 million freedom gardens planted this year, two million more than last. These commercial growers who depend upon their truck for a living, fear lower prices if they have competition from 20 million amateur freedom gardeners and they claim that the amateurs also waste seed and fertilizer.

month period may be due to the reduced tobacco acreage and to a lack of interest in an early movement program. My conclusion is that the fertilizer industry is going to be taxed to full capacity to supply the demand from now until planting time, and I would certainly advise farmers to avoid any further delay in providing for their fertilizer needs."

Blue Ridge Boys In Benefit Program

On next Saturday night Dan Walker and his Blue Ridge Boys will appear at the court house. These boys play over K B C in North Wilkesboro every day at 3:30. They are a good group who put on a swell program. Come out and hear them. Green Valley School is sponsoring the show.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of J. Allen Miller, of the county of Watauga, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This February 12, 1948.

L. M. Miller, Admr.
J. Allen Miller, Decd. 2-12-6p

NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

NORTH CAROLINA—WATAUGA COUNTY

Doretha Anderson, Plaintiff
VS.
Dell Anderson, Defendant

The above named defendant, Dell Anderson, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant on the ground that the plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County in Boone, North Carolina, within twenty days after 17th of March, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 17th day of February, 1948.
FRED M. GRAGG
Clerk Superior Court 2-19-6c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of Miss Nannie H. Smith, late of the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This February 23, 1948.

MRS. LOU H. TAYLOR, Admr.
Estate Miss Nannie H. Smith, decd 2-28-6c

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of Rufus Hockaday, late of the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This February 24, 1948.

WADE E. BROWN, Admr.
Estate of Rufus Hockaday, Decd. 2-26-6c


NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA—WATAUGA COUNTY. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

PAUL J. FOX AND WIFE, WILMA HARMON FOX, PETITIONERS
VS.
HALIE TOWNSEND HARMON, (DECEASED) HEIRS; JASON TOWNSEND AND WIFE, CORA TOWNSEND (SINGLE); JOE TOWNSEND AND WIFE, GEORGE TOWNSEND AND WIFE, JOHN TOWNSEND, (DECEASED) HEIRS; MARY RICH (DECEASED) HEIRS; MARY CALLOWAY (DECEASED) HEIRS; S. E. HODGES (DECEASED); A. M. TOWNSEND (DECEASED); SETHIE TOWNSEND (WIDOW); DOLLIE TOWNSEND EGGERS, AND HUSBAND, CLYDE EGGERS; FLORA TOWNSEND HARRIS AND HUSBAND, ALLEN HARRIS; MAUDIE TOWNSEND BROYHILL (DECEASED) HEIRS; FRANCIS BROYHILL AND FORD EGGERS (MINOR), TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL OTHER HEIRS OF GEORGE AND S. E. TOWNSEND, DECEASED—DEFENDANTS.

The above named Defendants will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga County, North Carolina, to partition and/or sell property belonging to the Estate of George and S. E. Townsend; and that the said Defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the courthouse in Boone, North Carolina, within ten days after the 17th day of March, 1948, and answer or demur to the complaint in the said action, or Petitioners will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 18th day of February, 1948.
FRED M. GRAGG,
Clerk of Superior Court, Watauga County, North Carolina. 2-19-6c-b



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Fertilizer Orders Should be Placed Now

Raleigh—North Carolina farmers would do well to place their orders early for spring fertilizer requirements, in the opinion of D. C. Coltrane, state commissioner of agriculture. Unless they do, he thinks they may run into delivery difficulties when the planting season gets into full swing.

Fertilizer tag sales by the Department of Agriculture, Coltrane said, indicate a lagging demand. A decline has been noticeable since July 1, amounting all told to approximately 10 per cent for the first eight months of the current fiscal year—July 1, 1947, to February 28, as compared with the same period a year earlier.

What troubles Coltrane most, however, was a big drop in February sales. Tags sold by the department in February, this year, covered only 168,652 tons, a drop of more than 53 per cent from sales of 259,505 tons during the same months last year.

For the past eight months sales totaled 1,009,922 tons, as compared with 1,122,907 tons for the corresponding period in 1946-47.

"The decrease in February of this year can probably be attributed to bad weather", Coltrane said. "The decrease for the eight-

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TOWEL IN ABDOMEN

San Mateo, Calif.—Bedridden much of the time since the birth of twins by Caesarean operation in April, 1946, Mrs. Lillian Arname of a Bremerton hospital—thru, 30, was recently operated on. The surgeons found a towel, 18 by 12 inches, which bore the name of a Bremerton hospital—the hospital at which the twins were born.

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