

**FSA Ready To Receive Applications For 1942**

Those Wishing to Buy Farms Should Start Now, Says County Supervisor Smith

Qualified farmers in Watauga county who at present do not own farms and who desire to apply for a loan to purchase a family size farm under provisions of the U. S. department of agriculture's tenant purchase program should file their applications now with the Farm Security administration. William A. Smith, FSA supervisor, said today.

Seeking to give as many eligible farm families as possible an opportunity to own a farm of their own, the department of agriculture is accepting applications for loans which may be made any time between now and June 30, 1942.

Applications should be filed at once for loans to be made during the fiscal year, so that the approved families will have sufficient time to select farms and make plans for the 1942 crop, the supervisor said.

Farm families who filed applications after July 1, 1940, for loans this year, but which were not approved because of lack of funds, will not have to file new applications. Mr. Smith said that the county tenant purchase committee, composed of Grady Bradley, Alfred E. Thomas and Hattie E. Greene, will receive these applications again and notify the families if additional information is needed. The Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act passed by congress in 1937 authorized the farm security administration to make loans to capable tenant and farm laborer families to enable them to buy land of their own. These tenant-purchase loans are large enough to cover the cost of a family-type farm and the expense of repairing old farm buildings or putting up new ones. Loans are made only to citizens of the United States, and preference is given to those who own the livestock and

**The Week In Washington**

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, July 22—Action to make drastic changes in the selective service law, which was passed less than a year ago, has made most of official Washington extremely conscious of the temporary, makeshift nature of legislation which is passed with the "defense" tag on it. Whereas legislation has previously been considered a statement of permanent government policy, even the public is now well aware of the fact that a law passed today may be revised tomorrow as our position in the world situation changes.

Conservative congressmen, particularly among the non-interventionist group, are showing more and more opposition to altering legislation to fit the immediate situation. Although they realize that the times call for emergency policies, they show through their statements and votes that they want a more or less permanent policy and object to constant remodeling which always draws us closer to war.

In response to the administration request for the passage of resolutions to keep selectees in training for more than a year, Senator George, chairman of the foreign relations committee, thus suggested that the

equipment needed to operate a farm. Qualified applicants are recommended for loans by a committee of three local farmers in each county where the program is in operation. The loans carry three per cent interest and may be repaid over a period of 40 years, although the borrower may, of course, pay off the entire loan more rapidly if he wishes.

Application blanks and full details on the operation of the tenant-purchase act are available at the county office of the farm security administration which is located in the county courthouse in Boone.

law be left alone and that the men in the camps be asked to volunteer for longer service instead of making it compulsory. He indicated his belief that enough would stay in the army through that method to make the passage of a compulsory law unnecessary.

The greatest opposition, however, is to the resolution which would give the President the right to use the services of selectees anywhere in the world. Senator Reynolds, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, said passage of such legislation would virtually give the President the right to declare war and because of this he called for full public hearings and complete investigation on the floor of the senate.

Congress continues to be strongly divided in the stand of its members on our involvement in the war but is almost unanimous in its willingness to take every step possible for our defense. Thus, while legislation regarding the service of selectees in foreign lands is bitterly debated, the President's request for an additional \$4,770,588 for the army and \$3,323,000,000 for the navy is expected to be granted without discussion. The President's request indicates that during the new fiscal year, which began July 1, requests for funds will be on a larger scale than in 1940 and that there is no limit yet in view on the cost of our defense program.

Following defeat by the house of legislation to give the President formal authority to use troops to take over defense plants, defeated primarily because of a sharp decline in the number of strikes, new strikes immediately took place in a number of key plants. Claiming that the unions took defeat of strike-curbing legislation as their okay to go ahead with new strikes, supporters of the legislation are continuing to demand that strikes be halted by law.

Congressmen who have been demanding anti-strike legislation, are using the strike at the Sealed Powder Corporation of Muskegon, Mich., as an "I told you so" example of the need for legislation. They are pointing out that the national defense mediation board was unable to prevent that strike which affected other plants, such as Allis-Chalmers and Willys-Overland, which have millions in defense contracts.

Discussion continues over Secretary Knox's revelation that an American naval vessel dropped a depth bomb as a warning to a submarine which was approaching a rescue operation. Although the isolationists have been bitter in their criticism of this action, the majority of officials here have philosophically accepted such action as not being an act of war but merely one of enforcing our right of freedom of the seas and our right to fight "piracy" on the high seas.

Informed circles point out that the President, in several speeches, has referred to German actions on the seas as "piracy" and point out that this government, throughout its history, has fought pirates who have interfered with the activities of its merchant marine. They say that international law can rightfully be interpreted to make German raiders and submarines fit the definition of "pirate."

This interpretation, although not expressed in so many words by the President, indicates his continued determination to justify all steps which he takes toward involvement in the war in the light of our not being a belligerent.

The national "aluminum shower" of July 21, it is estimated, will provide about 15,000,000 pounds of aluminum to ease the shortage of this product and thus aid defense.

Aluminum, however, will continue to be a major bottleneck in our defense production, for in addition to raw material, a tremendous amount of electrical power is needed to break the ore down into usable form. New dams to produce power are to be built in the Tennessee valley, but to supply the power needed while they are being built may be a severe tax on the power facilities of the nation.

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