

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21. — Goaded on by union leaders who threaten to demand higher wages in war plants unless the cost of living is decreased, several government agencies are now busy carrying on programs which they promise will bring the cost of living back to the level of September 15, 1942.

Although the plans for doing this will cost the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, it isn't likely that the housewife, who does the family buying, will note any major price relief. The cost of butter may be reduced a cent a pound, oranges may cost her a cent or two less, and there are apt to be other reductions of a penny or so in products she buys. But since prices now vary considerably from store to store and from day to day, the only evidence of the reduction in the cost of living will show up in overall national figures.

Already the government has spent many millions to roll back prices on meat, but the expected benefits to the consumer have not materialized because of black market operations in meat. John D. Miller, president emeritus of the National Council of Farm Cooperatives, at a recent meeting of farm cooperatives here, said that the meat situation could be cleared up until farmers get a better price for meat and are no longer encouraged to seek higher prices by dealing with black market operators.

Mr. Miller called for repeal of the Price Control act saying that the prices farmers receive must be established by supply and demand and not by artificial manipulations by the government. "While the administration is one of the most disturbing and dangerous of all governmental agencies," said Mr. Miller, "it has inadvertently performed one public service. This because its operations are such as to call attention of the people to the danger of a planned economy, toward which this country is so rapidly moving."

Whether it is meat or other farm products, spokesmen at the farm meeting said, prices to the farmer must be enough to pay for the cost of production, plus a reasonable profit, or farmers are forced to disregard ceiling prices and sell at higher prices through the black market.

The new roll back plan for fruits and vegetables, to be carried out under the direction of Marvin Jones, War Food administrator, aims at an immediate reduction of 4 per cent in the cost of living. Separate plans to be operated by the WFA and by the Office of Price Administration, are now in operation to lower the price to the consumer of apples, oranges, onions, lard, potatoes, peanut butter and edible vegetable oils. The plans include direct subsidies to farmers as well as transportation subsidies.

The new program was started the day before Congress opened without authority from Congress. Mr. Jones said congressional approval was not needed, but it seemed likely that congress will investigate these plans to determine whether the cost which will probably be 100 million dollars, is a worthwhile expenditure. Many congressmen are opposed to subsidies and do not think prices can or should be maintained by this method. They also feel that the launching of the program on the day before congress convened was a deliberate attempt to sidestep congressional opposition.

It is likely, however, that the plan will get a thorough test before congress has time to do anything about it for the new session of congress is loaded with problems which demand immediate consideration. The food prices and subsidies are high on the list of subjects for consideration, but immediate action is also called for on new taxes, on the manpower problem, on the complicated subject of post-war planning and on more effective anti-strike legislation.

Hunting Season Dates Are Announced For Western Carolina

Open seasons and bag limits for the 1943-44 hunting season in Western North Carolina counties have been announced by the North Carolina department of conservation and development.

Open seasons and bag limits, dates inclusive, follow:

Beaver: All counties in and west of Alleghany, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Rutherford. October 15 to Jan. 1. Limit: Day, two; season, two.

Deer (male): Oct. 1 to Jan. 1. Exception: In Ashe, Burke (except in Daniel Boone game management area), Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood (north of highway 19), Macon, Polk, Rutherford and Swain, on open season; exceptions: In Avery, Caldwell, Jackson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties, Nov. 1 to Nov. 30. Open season in Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania counties and that part of Haywood county south of highway 19. October 15 to November 30. Limit: day, one; season, three.

Opossum and raccoon (with gun and (or) dogs only): Oct. 15 to Feb. 15. No limit.

Opossum, raccoon mink and muskrat (trapping): Nov. 15 to Feb. 15. No limit. Exception: Counties closed to trapping are Graham and Haywood, except on own premises for protection of domestic fowl or crops.

Quail: Nov. 25 to Feb. 10. Limit day 10; season 150.

Rabbit: Nov. 25 to Feb. 10. Limit: 10 per day.

Squirrel: Sept. 15 to Dec. 15. Limit: six per day.

Ruffed grouse: Nov. 25 to Jan. 1. Limit: day, two; season ten.

Russian bear: Oct. 15 to Jan. 1. Limit: day, two; season, two.

Fox: In those counties not having a local fox law, foxes may be taken with guns only during the open season on other game animals.

Registration of students consumed most of the day on Wednesday, with classes meeting on schedule Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon's classes were given a shorter period of time for the meeting, and the remainder of the afternoon spent in an orientation program for all the new students. Heads of campus organizations explained the various clubs and activities, students were seen in conference, and announcements for the remainder of the week were made.

The largest enrollment in any curriculum was in the medical secretarial course, terminal curricula for the young women. Courses in which the maximum number of students are registered include the hospital book-keeping course, and the courses for laboratory technicians and x-ray technicians. These last two are new courses, and are being offered in affiliation with the Charlotte Memorial Hospital of Charlotte, N. C.

On Friday evening at eight o'clock a formal reception for all students and faculty members will be given in the lobby of the Virginia building. The faculty social committee will be in charge.

New College Term Open at Lees-McRae

Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk began its forty-third session on September 15th when both upperclassmen and freshmen reported for registration. Dean Leo K. Pritchett reports that the enrollment has been considerably cut by the draft with the smallest enrollment of men in the history of the college.

However all available dormitory space has been filled. Damage of the Tennessee dormitory by fire last

spring cut down the rooming space available to students until later in the year. The dormitory is now in the process of reconstruction.

AVERY COUNTY PASSES BOND GOAL

J. M. Sheemakes, chairman of the war finance committee of Avery county, said Saturday that the county had already exceeded its quota of \$47,000 set for the Third War Loan drive.

The issuing agencies of Newland, namely the postoffice and Avery county Bank, lead in the amount of bonds sold, having accounted for approximately half of the county's quota. Banner Elk Bank follows, and Elk Park community is third in the amount of bonds sold.

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Other securities: Series "C" Savings Notes; 7/8% Certificates of Indebtedness; 2% Treasury Bonds of 1951-1953; United States Savings Bonds series "F"; United States Savings Bonds series "G."

