

Easy Credit Terms Return On Homes And Automobiles

WASHINGTON. — Easy credit terms on home-building, has come back to the nation. The home-building will follow shortly.

Not only homes—but also washing machines, autos, tires, and paper—figured in the news for Americans rapidly reconverting from the nightmare of war.

But along with the bright tidings came rumblings of trouble over prices. The government wants to hold prices down. Some manufacturers spoke up and said the government goes too far.

Here's the way things looked:

1. The Federal Housing Administration announced it is returning to its prewar program of insuring mortgages on homes. Ten thousand private institutions—banks and others—stand ready to lend the money with FHA backing. Maybe you can't start building just yet, but you can start arranging a loan.

2. Washing machines started trickling off production lines but the industry isn't satisfied with prices. Washing machine makers are seeking 15 per cent more than they got in May, 1942. The Office of Price Administration wants prices to be only 5.2 per cent higher.

General Electric said it will put its own washing machines in warehouses until higher prices are granted, and has already started producing them at Bridgeport, Conn.—in a room where Army bazookas were cleared away just two days before.

3. And here's the dope on other things-to-come:

Autos—The Automotive Council for War Production, happy over order removing all limits on auto output, said 500,000 cars between now and Christmas are more than possible. Unless the rules are changed, these cars won't have spare tires.

Tires—The Army put 255,000 of its truck tires on the market for civilians. The Commerce Department will sell them to dealers. The WPB said it expects "real improvement" in the truck tire situation within one month, in passenger tires in three months.

Grant Dealer Build-Up — The OPA gave tire dealers permission to build up their inventories. Here's the importance of that: It's necessary before rationing can be lifted.

Paper—Books and magazines will grow bigger. The WPB ended all restrictions on the use of paper for these purposes—also for commercial printing, greeting cards, picture post cards, and wall paper.

Newspapers will continue to be limited in the use of newsprint, which is still scarce.

The WPB also promised more toilet paper, facial tissue, paper towels and napkins, paper straws, wax paper, and window shades. Manufacturers were told to go the limit on those items.

Penicillin—the last controls on the "wonder drug" will be lifted Tuesday. Plenty for civilians soon.

Ammunition — This one isn't so encouraging. The WPB is considering the lifting of bans on the sale of civilian ammunition, but fears such a step might deprive farmers, ranchers, and policemen of the shells they need to fight off the crows, wolves and burglars.

11 Pairs Of Nylons Yearly Are Promised Women Soon

WILMINGTON, Del.—E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, swinging into large scale peacetime production, promises nylon-starved American women 11 pairs a year.

It won't be long, the company said, until we have what amounts to a nylon world. Through years of experience in putting the strong yarn to military uses, the textile industry has learned many new ways of handling the yarn.

Sheer nettings, which proved an invaluable aid against mosquitos in the tropics soon will appear in window curtains.

Curtains, dresses, veilings and even underwear made of nylon will hold their shape and smoothness through countless launderings, the company added.

In announcing that plants at Seaford, Del., and Martinsville, Va., have open capacity production of nylon yarn for civilian use, the company said it can produce enough yarn to make 360,000,000 pairs of hosiery a year.

Present capacity, company officials explained, is substantially above the prewar level.

Nylon bristles for toothbrushes, paint brushes and industrial brushes were used before the war—and military necessity has enabled the industry to show marked improvement.

During the war, nylon was put to work as parachutes, glider tow and rescue pickup ropes, tire fabric, flak and fragment protection armor, plasma filters and anti-blackout suits, uses which could not be disclosed until actual fighting halted.

Conversion of the two plants to production of lighter peacetime yarn from heavy military material was made possible by cancellation of large Army and Navy contracts for bomber tires, parachutes and body armor, the company said, adding that the switch was made within a few hours after contracts were cancelled.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walker Have 7 Members Of Family In Service

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walker, of Cantonville, Md., formerly of Fines Creek, Haywood county, have seven members of their family in the armed forces. They are four sons, Edward Haywood Walker, paratrooper, in Germany; William Vestal Walker, serving with merchant marines; Boyce McClure Walker, U. S. Navy, now in the South Pacific.

Mrs. Walker has two sons in the service, Jesse Webb Duncan, serving on the USS Jeffries, now in South Pacific, and Leo Paul Duncan, stationed at a post in Texas.

They have one son-in-law in service, Billie Ted Rector, U. S. Navy, now in South Pacific.

Pfc. Mark I. Messer Receives Promotion

Private First Class Mark L. Messer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Messer, of Cove Creek, has recently been promoted to his present rank, according to information received from Camp Blanding, Fla., where he is now stationed.

Pfc. Messer has been assigned to Dispensary number four, army service forces regional hospital, Camp Blanding, Fla.

A decision is expected next week.

Cloth — The Army snipped in half its requirements for cotton, rayon, and nylon for the rest of the year. That puts millions of square yards of those fabrics on the backs and legs of civilians—eventually.

Washing machines weren't the only things that stirred up arguments over prices.

Makers of lightweight underwear said some mills would have to shut down unless they received more for their product.

Mrs. Wayne Battle and three children, James Wayne, Betsy and Mary Jo, have returned to their home in Andrews after spending a week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Plott.

Uncle Sam Declares Two N. C. Plants Surplus Property

WASHINGTON. — Two North Carolina government-owned plants have been declared surplus by the army and will be made available for disposal by the RFC in the near future.

The firms are the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, of Burlington; and the National Carbon company, Inc., of Charlotte.

Cpl. Troy Stevenson Awaiting To Return

After more than a year of duty overseas, Corporal Troy J. Stevenson, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2, is homebound with the 1376th Engineer Petroleum Distribution Company, which supplied tanks and planes of the American armies in Europe with 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline daily, according to information from the assembly area command in France.

His group arrived overseas in July, 1944, and shortly afterwards went to France for pipeline construction along the famous supply route, the Red Bell Highway.

With completion of the line, the company was placed in charge of its operation. Besides pumping 2,000,000 gallons of 80 and 100 octane gas through the triple-piped line, the company also ran "tank farms"—large reserve gas depots. Its outstanding work earned it the prized meritorious service unit plaque.

The company is now at Camp Allanta, near Chalons, France awaiting redeployment to the United States.

Shifting Of Jobs Still Banned By Selective Service

WASHINGTON.—Selective service headquarters says that the rule against wartime work shifting is still in effect. Physically fit registrants between the ages of 18 and 25 who leave draft deferred jobs are eligible for induction

Money, Supplies Defeated Nips, Says Jap Paper

SAN FRANCISCO. — Japan's leading newspaper, Asahi, says Japan was licked before the atomic bomb and before Russia got into the fight.

Pointing out the vast supply of materials and money behind United States forces, the Jap newspaper admits Japan really was beaten as soon as the United States got over the shock of Pearl Harbor.

Cpl. Claude H. Sexton Honorably Discharged

Corporal Claude H. Sexton, son of Mrs. Harriet Price and the late Solomon Sexton, of the Fines Creek section of the county, has been honorably discharged from the army on the point system, having to his credit 113 points.

Cpl. Sexton served 33 months overseas and was first in combat in North Africa, then England, and later Sicily, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Paris, and Germany. He arrived in the States on July 26.

At the time he entered the service Cpl. Sexton was engaged in farming in this county.

Miss Helen Decker, of Connally Springs, has returned to her home after a two week's visit with her sister, Mrs. C. L. White, on Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 2.

OPA Executive To Address Lions Club Tonight

D. C. Goff, district executive from the Office of Price Administration of Charlotte, will address the Waynesville Lions Club at their regular meeting tonight at 7:30. Mr. Goff is considered one of the top-ranking executives specializing in the work of the OPA.

The meeting will be under the sponsorship of the publicity and bulletin committee of the club, composed of L. G. Elliott, Ralph Fore and Everette Camp. Every member of the club and visiting Lion is requested to be present at the meeting tonight.

Next week the Lions International one hundred per cent attendance contest will begin. It was learned from L. G. Elliott, chairman of publicity, Jack Felmet, president, is urging all local Lions to strive to be present on September 6, when further announcements and plans will be made.

Haywood Plott has returned to Newport News, Va., after spending his vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Plott. He holds a position with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.

If he has a jutting chin, it may prove (1) that he has a strong character, or (2) that he has no teeth.

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