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Wherever else the allied diversion offensives against the axis may be building up, it seems obvious that the nazi leadership expects the first blow to fall in Egypt and is making frantic efforts to bolster that front.

The presence of Marshal Rommel in Berlin recently invited conjecture that he was there

to demand reinforcement, par- Roosevelt spoke has been nowhere ticularly in air power. His African more clearly demonstrated than corps, stalled for months in the in the Egyptian Mediterranean narrow Egyptian corridor, is in a theatre.

perilous trap. The growing allied Tending to confirm the view fer of German air force to Africa would be Egypt, where allied Fire fighting equipment was inair superiority emphasized by that Rommel's mission to Berlin for either offensive or defensive preparations to take the offensive cluded in other proposals. Churchill the same day that was to make urgent personal ap- use is in progress, it must be from are well advanced.

peal for help, even at the cost of the Russian front they are being Board Hears withdrawing air or other forces withdrawn. That might account from Russia, Cairo now reports a for the change in tactics at Stalinfurious and sustained new axis grad foretold by nazi broadcasters. air assault on Malta. A record Moscow accounts of the fightone-day bag of enemy planes by ing at Stalingrad for several days Malta's defenders was one result. have made virtually no mention Seventy five axis ships were of German dive bombing. Berlin downed or damaged against five versions have stressed air operations not against Stalingrad itself: British. That is a ratio of 15 to 1, a but against Russian communica-

staggering loss. It seems clear tions across the Volga and in the that with the longer route across Don-Volga corridor west of the the eastern Mediterranean from river supporting the soviet relief Crete or Greece to Tobruk under constant blasting by long-range offensive.

There is at least a suggestion American as well as British bombers based in Egypt, the axis is that some part of the German air again resorting to the short line force concentrated against Stalin- from \$16,000 to \$28,000. One profrom Sicily to supply and rein- grad, particularly dive bombers, posal included a pipe line around force the African corps. have been switched elsewhere.

If that is true, and if a trans- Their most probable destination

Proposals **To Halt Fire**

Several proposals providing a more adequate water system, for, protection of the state flax shed area at the Oregon state penitentiary, were received by the state board of control at its meeting here Wednesday but definite action was deferred.

The proposals, prepared by the state fire marshall's office and state utilities commission, estimated the cost of this protection the entire flax shed area and installation of additional hydrants.

suggested that a sprinkler system | be kept in the school more than gotiating Committee, affecting be installed in the flax mill. The cost of this improvement was estimated as high as \$20,000. "The flax mill is the center of the state flax operation," Scott

board meeting. declared, "and it should have adequate protection against fire."

M. D. Wooley, superintendent of the state training school for Lumber Board boys, appeared before the board and suggested salary increases for Opens Hearing a number of his employes aggre-gating \$4500 for the remainder

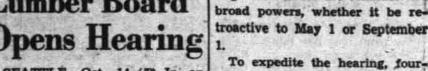
of the current blennium. Keeping some boys at the school for more than five months, the present average, and opening

a fourth cottage at the school at sentatives of both labor and emthe beginning of the next bien- ployers Wednesday in the first nium also were discussed by the of the wage dispute cases to come board. Wooley said such a pro- before it.

gram was necessary in event a The case involves the North-large number of the boys were western District Council of Lumto be rehabilitated. He estimated ber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott that 60 per cent of the boys would and the Employers' Industrial Ne-

approximately 30,000 workers. Wooley's suggestions were re-Both sides agreed to limit the ferred to the state budget officer and secretary of the board of con-

hearing to two questions: whethtrol to prepare a definite report er wages in the industry should for consideration at the next be raised from 82½ cents an hour to a minimum of \$1.05, as the union is asking, and, if the raise is granted under the commission's



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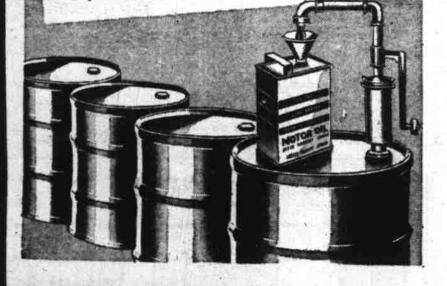


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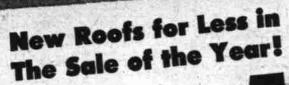




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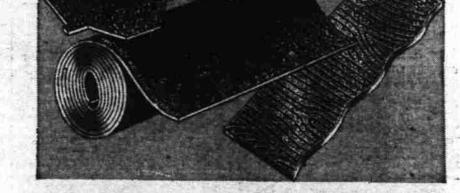


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