cratic control" by controlling pro-

fits. OPA Administrator Prentiss

M. Brown replied his agency has

no authority to control profits and

Other OPA-related develop-

1. Rowland Jones, jr., Wash-

ington representative of the Na-

tional Retail Druggists associa-

tion, testified OPA is "consider-

ing a nation-wide ceiling price on

cigarettes," and a committee

member commented this might

mean an intention to eliminate

2. Rep. Scanlon (D-Pa) told

"to place control of consumer

food prices in the hands of the

war food administrator where

they know big business will get

a break and the consumer will

The question of profit control

was raised by Harold L. Allen,

counsel of the house committee

investigating executive agencies,

who said subpoensed files of Da-

vid Ginsburg, former OPA gen-

eral counsel, showed this to be

Jones, saying he spoke for

28,000 in de pendent druggists.

told the committee they object-

ed to the OPA rubber goods

sundries regulations from the

standpoint of "price ceiling,

grade labeling and differentia-

tion in price ceilings for differ-

ent classes of retailers." He said

"we want one maximum ceiling

Scanlon said he was replying

to an advertisement by the

American Dairy association en-

titled "100 million pounds of but-

ter disappeared." He said the but-

ter "disappeared" into the hands

of the WFA which bought if "to

protect the creamery industry

from suffering an inventory loss

when OPA's consumer nickel-a-

pound butter subsidy went into

Declaring the WFA "now owns

"Is the WFA going to release

it today or tomorrow so that

the present butter shortage to

the butter," Scanlon asked:

get it in the neck."

an OPA aim.

price for all."

effect June 10."

does not seek to do so

brands.

Wood Is Really a Critical Material Today; The US Is Using More of It in the War Than Steel—Even for Such Things as Bedsprings

in both timbers to be joined to-

The timber - connector also

makes possible bigger and

stronger bridges, buildings,

trestles and towers. A wooden

tower used to be considered

safe above 80 feet. Today it's

The same trick makes possible

wooden storage tanks which will

day the major source for the

Using resins made from ling-

nin, wood can be joined together

almost indefinitely into any size

of board, the joinings of which

are stronger than the wood it-

The uses of plywood have ex-

growing plastics industry.

fuselages and boats.

considered sound at 300.

for wood and its products.

er, gasoline or oil.

known

By JAMES D. WHITE

WASHINGTON-(AP)-The United States is using more wood in billion more than that last year this war than steel.

War Undersecretary Robert W. Patterson says the 1942 figures were 120,000,000 tons of wood, about 100,000,000 tons of steel.

Wood is a critical material. Its sale is restricted. You can build a porch or a lean-to garage if the whole job, including all labor and materials, costs no more than \$200. Farmers built wooden hangars for blimps. and industrial builders have big- These structures, sometimes 1000 ger allotments. Too, you can buy feet long and nearly 200 feet high, more if it's for a repair job, but are made possible by what is you may have trouble finding it. called a timber - connector. This Shortages exist where stocks consists of a metal ring embedded

have been depleted. American dependence upon gether. Fastened by an ordinary wood is unusual. In no other coun- boit, it makes the joint stronger try, with the possible exception of than would several such bolts, Japan, are there so many wooden and utilizes nearly the entire houses. The government estimates strength of the wood, which pound that in peacetime we use nearly for pound is as strong as steel but half the lumber, more than half always heretofore lost strength at the paper made of wood, and 40 joints. per cent of the wood in all forms used in the whole world.

War is increasing the uses of wood, and the National lumber Manufacturers association estimates that substitution of wood saved five million tons of warscarce metal last year.

On the civilian side, wood is being used for bottle caps and bed springs, baby buggies and shopping pushcarts, and dozens of other new uses.

For the military services, the lumber people have figured out that somewhere near 1500 items are made wholly or in part of wood - from crutches to plywood fuselages for airplanes.

The demands are tremendous and specific. Pontoon bridge planks, for instance, are six inches thick-enough to support a heavy tank. Decking for ships is required in huge quantities, some of it in strips 40 feet long. Mine sweepers require some timbers 108 feet lon, and you don't often see trees big enough to yield such a chunk of wood in one piece unless you live among the redwoods or the Douglas firs.

The figures show about 600 types of structures built of wood

for the army and navy alone. a deficit in terms of the estimated Estimates for 1943 indicate, however, that the majority of this rate at which trees mature-about work - cantonments, barracks, 32 billion board feet annually. bridges, factories - has been fin- This deficit was made up by dipished. About 35 per cent of the ping into stocks and inventorieslumber supplied in 1943 will go both wholesale and retail - all into boxes and crates in which to over the country. In many cases ship materials of war across the these were wiped out; that's why

which was not dreamed of in the the yearly growth - 32 billion gles.

The navy, for instance, has The United States cut a few parties to file briefs.

will cut probably less this year, for, like all war industries, lumbering is having its troubles. Main problem is manpower, officially estimated to be 15 per cent de-ficient for the entire industry, but unofficially as high as 25 per cent

in the logging end of the game. Latest complaint of the industry is that the price cellings placed on logs in April used last fall as a base period.

Ceilings on logs mean ceilings on wages to the operator, who contends he can no longer compete on the labor market with other war industries.

Otherwise the industry says the government has been helpful with allotments of equipment. About 95 per cent of all logs are moved by truck these days, and if replacements for trucks and tires were not provided logging would be seriously hampered, the

industry says. So, say the lumbermen, 1943 production depends primarily upon the labor the lumber industry

hold up to 500,000 gallons of wat-**AFL Demands** But there are many other uses Wood cellulose is a source of Shingle Work synthetic rubber, and other things. Its chemical structure is well Wage Increase Not so fully explored is the exact nature of lignin, the resi-

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17-(AP) nous binder in wood, but it is to-AFL demands for a general 25 per cent wage increase in the red cedar shingle industry of Oregon and Washington were heard by the West Coast Lumber commission Thursday.

The Shingle Weaver's union. representing 77 shingle mills, also asked for a minimum guarantee of \$9.50 for 6 hours for sawyers and \$8 for packers. tended to the building of gliders,

They sought an increase of 221/2 cents an hour for split bin pack-The nation used 38 billion board ing and asked time-and-one-half feet of lumber in 1942. That was machines are being readied for operation.

Union representatives cited increased living costs and wage raises in other lumbering operations as justification for the de-Spokesman for mill operators

Much, heavy wooden construc- For 1943 the requirements of wages would call for a like ad- Union Pacific dining car steward, as been possible in this war war are estimated at just about justment in ceiling prices of shin-

No Women **OPA Subsidy** With Japs Plan Fight On Attu Waxes Hot

MASSACRE BAY, Attu Island (P)- Just to settle some rumor which already are rife on this WASHINGTON, June 17 -(AP) sland and doubtless will be equally common in the states as soon declared Thursday that the office as some ships from Attu get back of price administration "is seekhome. To wit: ing to bring the entire American indutrial system under bureau-

indication that there are any Japanese women on Attu. They haven't found any

Americans haven't found any

They haven't geisha giris. True: Among Japanese effects have been found lots of silk (soldiers frequently carry silk handkerchiefs, sometimes decorated

with pornographic drawings). Also true: They frequently have small dolls among, their effects (they apparently are souvenirs or reminders of Japanese children at

Also true: There are numbers of powder puffs (Japanese officers use them to apply aftershaving powder).

In short, American officers have been making a serious effort to find out if Japanese military plans involve the importation of women and especially to learn the fate of native Aleut women who were captured when the enemy took this island. Both queries to date are unanswered.

Crop Weather **Bulletin Good**

PORTLAND, June 17 .- (AP)-The weather bureau's weather - crop bulletin Thursday showed favorable growing conditions during the week ending Tuesday for potatoes, peas and small grains.

The weather was mostly too cool for corn, garden and truck crops to make much progress. Haying was delayed temporarily by rain in some regions of the state. Rains interfered only slightly with strawberry picking.

Fiber flax is blooming. Sugar beet thinning is nearly finished. for a 40-minute period daily when Early peas are being canned. Early cherries and a few new potatoes have reached the market. Walnuts were reported setting

Steward Robbed

Portland police investigated a there are shortages in some areas. contended that any adjustment in report by Victor Schalbetter, a him up aboard a diner at the The commission asked both Union station and robbed him of \$300 in dining car money.

Bamboo Shack **Wedding Scene** In New Guinea

GUINEA-(P)-in a bamboo shack lighted by kerosene lanterns, the first marriage cere-mony here uniting Americans was performed recently before a small service audience of officers and nurses.

The principals were Pirst Lieut, Dan Macer, Evansville, Ind., and Second Lieut, Eugenia Andrews, an army nurse, of dinneapolis, Minn.

Lieut. Macer said he and his bride came across the Pacific on the same ship. On Australia they were assigned to the same hospital and came to New

Guines on the same ship. They became engaged here in January and decided there was no time like the present to get married, even if they could obtain only seven days leave to the Australian mainland for a

Alfalfa Price the house that a "profiteering minority in big business" is at-Control Set tempting to discredit the OPA and

WASHINGTON, June 17 .- (AP)-Alfalfa hay was put under price control Thursday by the office of price administration in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and New Mexico, and in El Paso and Hudspeth counties in Texas.

The auction, which establishes prices at levels set up last February for California, Oregon and Washington, should cause a reduction in the price to the farmer, the OPA declared.

The maximum price for ungraded hay, loose on the farm, is \$20 a ton. Slightly higher prices are permitted for hay that is graded by a state or federal inspector, except grade No. 2 which is also \$20 a ton.

Michaels Gets Shock While On Fishing Trip

WEST SALEM-Darwin Michaels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Michaels, got the shock of his life when he went fishing this week. In easting, his hook came in contact with a live electric wire. The rod being metal, the circuit was completed. Current knocked him down, burned his hands severely and melted the end of the rod and

Specialist Named

Richard G. Montgomery, director of the district OPA, announced are they going to sit on it and | Earl J. Peterson, former Portland play polities with their pais in food broker, as food price special-

Speeders Fined

WEST SALEM - Ronald E.

Richard R. Norris of McMinn ville and James Walter Stilson Baker, route one, paid a fine of \$145 Believue, each posted \$5 bai \$5 for violation of the basic rule. for the same offense.



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