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Washington, D. C., July 19—He should know—William Batt, of the metals division of the war production board, who testified before a congressional committee that "world wars one and two have seen very substantial percentages of many essential metals depleted that can never be replaced." At the present rate of consumption, testified Mr. Batt, the high grade iron ore in the Mesabe range will be gone in ten years, but as present consumption is particularly high there may be 20 years of high grade ore left.

According to Mr. Batt, there is other iron but not of such high grade as the Mesabe range and in the future iron and steel will cost our grandchildren and our great grandchildren more than the present generation is paying. The witness suggested that stockpiles be built up, and explained that one of the best deposits of high grade ore has been found in Brazil and a substantial stockpile could be acquired from that source.

When Mr. Batt made this statement several members of the committee blurted up and declared that the bringing in of iron ore from Brazil would be taking away jobs from American workmen.

What Mr. Batt told the committee was identical with what a mining man explained in this column three years ago. The mining engineer stated then that the manufacture of trucks and tanks for all of the allies was a drain on the raw materials in the United States and that when iron, copper and other metals are taken from the ground, manufactured and shipped abroad the United States is losing an irreplaceable resource.

The British lost 450,000 houses destroyed or so damaged that they

are not habitable. An additional four million houses were damaged but are still habitable. Britain now wants 20,000 small fabricated houses and the United States (Pacific northwest factories) have received some of the contracts) is arranging to supply the dwellings. The prefabricated houses are somewhat on the order of those which have been built for the Dupont development in eastern Washington.

The Dutch have applied for 70,000,000 board feet of lumber for their work of reconstruction. The boards are small because of the low level of physical strength and the Hollanders cannot handle boards of ordinary size. The Germans opened the dykes and flooded Holland. There is a dispute as to what effect this water will have on the land but one of the first steps is to get rid of the water. One of the best pump men in the United States has been sent to Holland to direct the job. He has borrowed all of the fire fighting equipment in London and moved it to Holland to pump out the cities. There are 26 cities completely flooded and the job is to dry them out. Holland is a country of 8,000,000 people and it has almost been wiped out in the war. Food has been so scarce that the men are too weak to handle the lumber for repairs unless it is cut short.

Delegate J. R. Ferrington of Hawaii has introduced a bill in congress to extend American citizenship to the natives of Guam and of American Samoa. There are 20,000 natives on Guam and 10,000 Samoans. The delegate (territories have delegates until they are admitted to statehood and then representatives are elected) declares that the people of Guam showed themselves loyal to the United States when that island was invaded by Japan, and in the distant future there may occur another emergency in the Pacific. He believes these people should be blanketed with citizenship.

One LST can shoot more rockets ashore on a hostile beach than the shells fired from the guns of two big battleships. This is one of the things being discovered in the use of rockets in the south Pacific. The rockets can also be fired from a truck. The prediction has been made that rockets will displace artillery in the next war. What can be accomplished with rockets and jet propulsion is still unknown, but there is talk that scientists (civilians, and not the army or navy research men) are speculating on a rocket weighing ten tons and so guided that instead of being a wild shot it can be aimed at a small target many miles away. And this has led to speculation as to whether jet propulsion bombs can be fired across the Atlantic with reasonable accuracy. Jet propulsion fighter planes are now being tried out by test pilots and some of them may be used against Japan any day.

The Navy Needs 10,000 More WAVES At Once

The opportunity for Oregon girls to enlist in the WAVES has once more been opened in the state with special emphasis being placed on enlistments to fill the need for 10,000 Hospital Corps WAVES.

Oregon girls who want to travel, who want to be with our fighting men and at the same time be trained for a necessary and useful profession are wanted at once.

First step for enlistees is the U. S. Naval Training School in New York for eight weeks indoctrination. Those who volunteer and are selected for the Hospital Corps at completion of recruit training will be given a hospital apprentice rating and sent to a Naval hospital for further eight weeks training.

There are now more than 13,000 Hospital Corps WAVES on duty. Any young woman who is an American citizen, between 20 and 36 years of age, has completed at least two years of high school, has no children under 18 years of age and is in normal good health is eligible to enlist in the WAVES and wear the Navy blue.

"If we are to maintain our pledge to the men and women of the Navy that they will always have the best medical and nursing care, we must have more Hospital Corps WAVES," says Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, surgeon general of the Navy. "The skill of the medical officers and Corpsmen and WAVES of the Navy have established the amazing record of returning 98 per cent of all the wounded to recovery. This record must be maintained."

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Bob Wills' Orchestra Dance July 27

An American success story that began in the heart of Texas is that of Bob Wills, handsome, genial leader of the nation's No. 1 Western music aggregation.

Known as "Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys," this phenomenal dance band, which recently out-grossed Harry James in attendance record, is coming to Coquille for a dance in the Community Building on July 27.

Bob was born and raised deep in the Lone Star state, in a small town in Hall county, West Texas. His childhood was that of a typical Texas youngster, riding his dad's horses and learning the songs of the wild and lonely plains. When he was about 10, he heard his cousin practicing on the violin.

"He went over and over the same piece," Bob recalls. "I got tired of hearing it. I said, 'I'll bet I can play that even if I don't take violin lessons'."

Much to his own surprise, Bob found he could perform the unusual feat of playing a violin by ear. From then on, he determined to make music his career. He practiced hard on his cousin's violin, finally got one of his own, and soon was playing on three Fort Worth radio stations.

Then he collected a guitarist and a singer and organized the "Lightcrust Doughboys," a trio which sold flour by the ton with their radio shows. That was in 1928.

With a warm reception assured, Bob Wills moved to Tulsa. There his outfit increased to 25 men. They broadcast over KVOO for ten years, playing every night except two when floods prevented their getting to the station.

The Mortons Buy Chicken Ranch Near Bothell, Wash.

The following letter was received this week from Mrs. Lena V. Morton, a former resident here:

"My husband has bought a small chicken ranch and we are aiming to go into poultry business. We sold our home in Seattle and our interests are here in Bothell, Wash. We have modern equipment and are only six miles out of Seattle.

"We were terribly shocked to read about Joe Axtell's sudden death. He had just completed a business deal for my daughter and myself, not over two months ago, and was so very fair and generous-hearted to us. The community lost a number one person when he passed away."

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IN between the good news about the war these days, careful readers of the paper will see grave words about a serious national shortage that has a direct bearing on military and civilian production schedules.

Our domestic supplies of fats and oils will be approximately one and one-half billion pounds less than last year. Yet thousands of tons of fats are still needed to help make countless essentials for the battle- and home-fronts.

While country people have been doing an even better job of saving fats than the city folks, we must remember that, because of the meat situation, we are in a better position to save. That's why we can't afford to miss a trick.

So, let's save not only the big amounts from frying and roasting, but also meat trimmings, plate scraps, and scrapings. Melt them down once a week and add the liquid fat to the salvage can. Skim soups and gravies. Scrape every pan. Every drop is important.

When your salvage can is full, take it to your butcher, and get 2 red points and up to 4¢ for each pound. If you have any difficulty, call your County Agent or Home Demonstration Agent.

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