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WHATEVER FRONT IS

The old argument about a second front goes merrily on, with all sorts of useless differences as to whether the Italian front is the second or the third—and if it is the third, where is the second? Moscow says there isn't any second, and will we please bring one on, in a hurry.

Really, does it matter whether the front in Italy is the second, the third, the fourth or fifth? In spite of all denials from Russia, the Italian front is doing what the long-sought "second front" was intended to do, and to that extent the argument seems pretty fruitless.

Russia wanted a second front to pull Nazi troops out of the east—originally to relieve the pressure of German offensive, and later to soften the armor of German resistance. This the Italian front has done.

It is no way detracting from the marvelous job done by the Red armies to point out that their present rapid progress is made possible by the fact that Hitler has taken enormous numbers of men and quantities of equipment off the Russian front to meet the Anglo-American threat coming up from the Mediterranean, and to replace Italian forces no longer in the war.

The number of Nazis pulled off the Russian front has not been made known, although our intelligence service undoubtedly could guess rather accurately. It includes not only those who are actually facing the Anglo-American invasion forces, but many times that number who are waiting to see where we shall strike next.

We, like Premier Stalin, would like to see a front, be it second or third or whatever, in France. It looks like the shortest way to Berlin. But our reason for favoring that route is not necessarily the same as that of Mr. Stalin. He would like to see us concentrate in the west, where he has no immediate ambitions, if any at all, and leave to him the Balkans area where Russian interest is strong.

We are interested in winning the war wherever it can be won. If victory can come quickest by an Anglo-American invasion of the Balkans before the cross-channel climax, we can't be greatly worried by post-war ambitions.

So far as we are concerned, the front designed to distract Nazis from Russia now exists. We shall develop that front to the limit, and leave it to historians to decide whether it is the Second front. —Baker Democrat Herald.

Arcadia

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hipp and daughter of Seattle are visiting Mr. Hipp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hipp and Mrs. Hipp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kule, of Payette.

Mrs. Anna Dall spent last week

in Boise with her daughter, Mrs. Dale Lakey and family and with her son, Lee Dall, and family.

Rev. Chandler of Caldwell called at the George Moeller home Saturday afternoon.

Olen Lay of Portland came last week and took his brother, Bob Lay, to Portland for medical

treatment.

Eleven from Arcadia attended the Christian Endeavor rally at the Christian church in Ontario Sunday night. Rev. Oberg of McCall gave the sermon.

Thirty attended Sunday school. A short program was given by the Sunday school in celebrating the third year of Sunday school.

Miss Betty Mess of Fruitland, who teaches in Boise, and Mrs. Hans Oft of Valley View, visited Mrs. George Moeller Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Garren and family have moved to the Bob Lay farm.

Mrs. Strevy of Milton-Freewater is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Hanston, and family.

The Arcadia Sunshine club will meet October 21 in the school auditorium.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Oberg of McCall were overnight guests at the George Moeller home Sunday.

The Lloyd Orris and Elmer Stradley families visited at the Appleton home in Lincoln Heights Sunday night.

A large crowd attended the picnic at Arcadia Thursday night. The proceeds amounted to \$109, which will be used to purchase encyclopedias for the school.

Theo Matherly was struck by a EB shot Sunday while hunting pheasants. He went to a doctor to have the shot removed.

Mrs. George Moeller and girls, Joretta and Jean, visited in Boise and Eagle last week.

Cecil Houston is working at the sugar factory.

145 between the ages 35 to 37.

Of the 115,000 deferred government employees 51,875 are employees of the navy department, 30,423 are employees of the war department, 7,409 of the shipping administration, and 4,309 of the maritime commission. In industry, as of July 31 this year, 1,553,000 are deferred because of their occupation.

The very peculiar part of this report is the wide spread between Washington and Oregon in the number of those deferred because of their essential government employment. Washington has over six times the number so deferred as compared with Oregon. In the next few days selective service will make available the names and addresses of the whole list, according to Senator Wheeler, which will also designate those who asked for deferment.

As predicted in this column over a month ago, Prentiss Brown's resignation as chief of OPA has written and will be sent to the president in the near future. Chester Bowles, who has been running the whole show for the past several months, is expected to be named to succeed Brown. Rumors have it that the president will offer his good friend Prentiss Brown another post in government, which he may not accept. Cloak room gossip has it the popular Mr. Brown will go back to his home in Michigan and look over the political situation very carefully before making and future moves. If things look right, Mr. Brown will be a candidate for some elective office.

Best guessers around here believe the present 16-point rationing on butter will be lowered in the next few weeks to around eight points, where it was last summer. The armed services and other government purchasing agencies, which have been taking a large amount of the nation's output, are out of the market and will not make and more purchases of butter until next spring. This move will divert at least 30 per cent more butter for civilian use. Just as soon as a reasonable stockpile is built up it is expected the point rationing will be lowered. The armed forces now have a large surplus of most all foodstuff. If they stay out of the market for a few months it may mean reduced ration points on other foods, especially meats.

American industry has repaid \$2,141,366,000 to Mr. Whiskers on war contracts through renegotiation in the 16 months period ending August 31. On top of that, price reductions on work already on order, but not yet delivered, will save the government an additional \$2,262,742,000, making a total of well over four billion dollars. These figures do not include the benefits received by the government in the form of lower prices written into new contracts that manufacturers of war supplies now know because they have found out what their manufacturing costs will come to.

While a large amount of the money saved would have gone back to the government anyway in the form of taxes, it is estimated that at least 30 percent of the amount would have been retained by the contractors and manufacturers. Other substantial savings will be made before war's end and at the present time negotiations are going on with seven different contractors in the northwest for refunds which, if made, will total close to \$30 million.

SUNSET VALLEY

Pfc. Oliver Fillingsness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Fillingsness of

Sunset Valley, who is stationed at Gilroy, California, in the coast patrol, arrived in Nyssa Monday of last week to spend two weeks with his parents and other relatives of this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cloninger of Portland spent the past week in Nyssa and vicinity looking after business affairs connected with their homestead in Sunset Valley.



ORCHARD FERTILIZER

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SEED CEILINGS

Six kinds of legume and grass seeds have been brought under price control by OPA. Dollars-and-cents ceilings at the farmer producer level, and specific margins to be added by distributors through the retailer, were set on alfalfa seed, medium red and mammoth red clover, alsike clover, sweet clover and timothy seeds. OPA acted because a short supply-large demand situation threatened to skyrocket prices.

ORDER '44 FERTILIZER NOW

About 10 to 12 per cent more commercial fertilizer will be available to farmers in 1944 than during this past season, but farmers may not be able to get what they want when they need it next spring. Farmers are asked by the fertilizer industry and the WFA to take delivery now and store the fertilizer for use later this fall and next spring. Supplies are already piling up in the hands of manufacturers. Unless it's moved to free storage and working space, production can't be kept at peak levels. Storage on the farm in a dry place will help prevent swamping storage, handling and transportation facilities.

NEW MACHINERY PROGRAM

Additional details on the 1944 farm machinery program have been received by the county USDA war board. Compared with this past year, production of new machinery will be more than doubled, and only a third as many items will be rationed. Purchase certificates are now required for only the following types of new machines, as listed in Schedules 1 and 2 of the new rationing and distribution program:

Schedule 1 (county quotas)—Corn and cotton planters, potato planters, listers with planting attachments, grain drills, manure spreaders, power sprayers, combines, corn binders, corn pickers, potato diggers and pickers, mowers, side delivery rakes, hay loaders, pick-up balers, ensilage cutters, potato graders, tractors and stationary balers.

Schedule 2 (no county quota)—field ensilage harvesters, portable elevators, grain and forage blowers, graders tractors, milking machines, and harvesters, feed grinders, water milk coolers, field hay choppers stem, power pumps, windmills and irrigation pumps.

With the exception of milk cans and farm scales, which are no longer required, the war food administration has announced. The permits and records of purchase and sales were a necessary part of the meat program when slaughter quotas were in effect.

clearing land for tillage. This last practice is confined to western Oregon, except for other areas as approved by the State AAA Committee. Approval of the entire 1944 production practice program, as drawn up by the state AAA committee, is expected soon. The program will offer a wide variety of simple farming practices, and will contain features that will permit farmers to carry out more extensive conservation work this winter and next spring.

DEALER PERMITS OUT

Dealer permits for all persons buying and selling livestock are no longer required, the war food administration has announced. The permits and records of purchase and sales were a necessary part of the meat program when slaughter quotas were in effect.

FALL PRODUCTION PRACTICES

Approval has been received for a group of 1944 production practices that can be carried out in connection with fall farming operations right now. Full information on these practices, which provide ways of increasing production while protecting and improving the soil, is available at the county AAA office. The practices for which details have been received include application of limestone, application of phosphate, use of pea or vetch straw as a protection against erosion, construction of drainage ditches tile drainage, reseeding pastures, and

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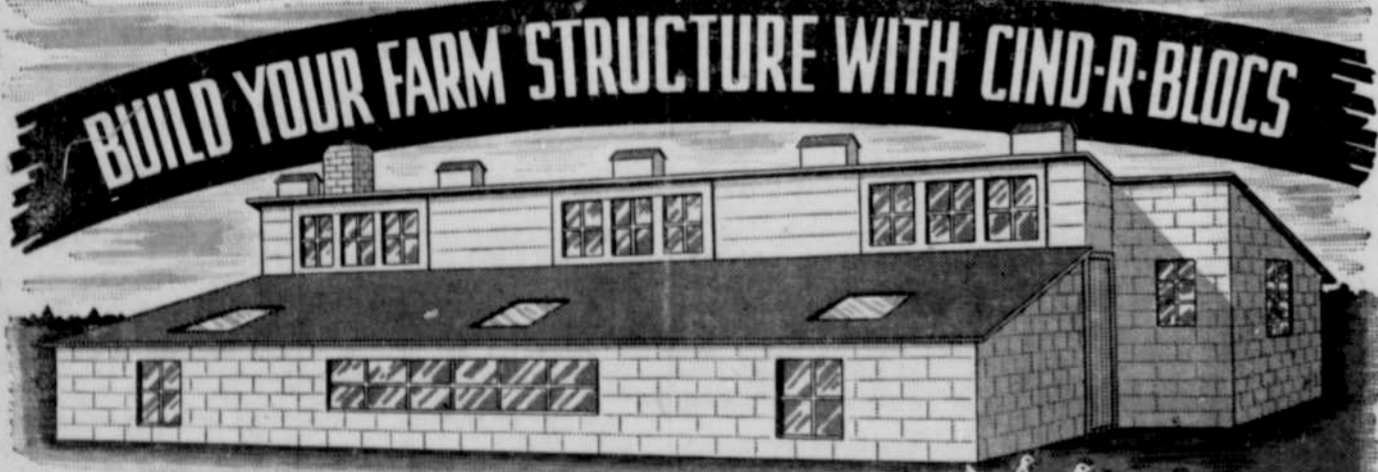
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