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WOOD 12,000,000 YEARS OLD The average person thinks that wood is a temporary substance certain to decay in the course of time. Experts of the United States Fores t Service, however, say that such a conclusion is not

true. Time or age, they assert, has nothing to do with the decay of the wood. It is caused by the attacks of fungus and there will be no decay if wood is kept either theroughly saturated, or too dry for the fungus to grow.

In fact, the forestry experts point to a frame house, in Dedham Mass, which is still intact after three hundred years. They tell of a log, seven feet in diameter, found in a tunnel under the bed of the Yakima River, in the State of hington. The log was identified by the experts as an extinct species of sequoia, of an age est-imated at 12,000,000 years.

FACTS FOR THE FILE

Of 22,000,000 men in the draft ages, between 18 and 37, 13,700,-000 have been deferred from mildraft some fathers.

into the armed services, 7,800,000 were deferred for reasons of dependents, 3,300,000 were physical-ly unfit and 2,600,000 had essentlal jobs.

Of the unfit nearly a million were illiterate and about 400,000 of oil in warfare. suffered from venereal disease. Certainly, the diseased can be oured and the illiterates are able

to serve in limited capacities. Of the occupationally deferred 1,000,000 had jobs in war indus-tries, about 1,300,000 were engaged in farming and about 300,000 were in necessary civilian activity. Among the farmers deferred, nearly half have no dependents.

WHO WILL GET OIL AND GAS CIVILIANS OR SOLDIERS?

"It will simply not be possible to sustain our air armadas in the skies over Germany and Italy and the Japanese-held islands of the Pacific, or provide our mechanized ground forces with all that they require, if, at the same time, the demands of an unrestrained civiling consumption have to be

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met at home." So says Ralph K. Davies, Deputy Petroleum Administrator, who adds that it is going to take liter-ally oceans of 100-octane and other highly-specialized engine fuels to fight this war to a victorious conclusion

There is no American, worthy of the name, who will hesitate a minute in making a decision if the conclusion of Mr. Davies is correct. Consequently, figures as to the needs of our armed forces and our production are interest-

ing. Although he does not state them in gallons, the official gives us

percentages, showing the propor-tion of our production, east of the Rocky Mountains, required by the armed forces. In 1942 it was itary service. This has a bearing only 12.5 per cent but it increased upon he imminent necessity to to 21.4 per cent in the first quarter of this year and to 23.1 per

While 8,500,000 men were taken cent in the second quarter. to the armed services, 7,800,000 For the last half of this year it is estimated that our armed forces will require 30.6 per cent and in 1944, 37.6 per cent. While these figures are not in gallons they indicate the vital importance

Experts say that a heavy bombing raid on the Ruhr uses 600,000 gallons of fuel, that an armored division burns 18,000 gallons an hour and that a battleship requirees1,000,000 gallons for a short cruise.

While it is true that completion while it is true that completion of the "Big Inch" pipeline delivers 300,000 bar-els of crude, about 12,000,000 gallons a day, this re-lieves traffic congestion but it can-not solve the problem of demand that exceeds supply that exceeds supply.

Nazi Retreat In Russia Repeats Manoeuvre Of Last War When **Defect Loomed Algod**

By Huge S. Sima. The Russian Summer offensive has already scored gains suffi-cient to rank it as a great mili-tary success but it is difficult to determine whether the retirement of the Germans has been altogeth-or computering or somewhat straer compulsory or somewhat stragetic.

Undoubtedly, the Nazis were an-rious to deliver a heavy blow to the Red army and the drive from Orel was intended to upset Rus-sian plans for seizing the initila-tive. The Nazis were not pretive. The Nazis were not pre-pared for the vigorous counter-thrust of the Soviet forces and suffered serious setbacks. Since the Russian offensive be-

Since the Russian offensive be-gan, however, there has been a steady deterioration of the Ger-man position. This has been es-pecially noticeable in the south but it has been apparent else-where. Whether the Nazis are attempting to withdraw to pre-pared positions, along a shorter front, in anticipation of an Anglo-American drive, or the German army has been beaten is the pro-blem.

blem. Nazi Withdrawal to New Line As much as we would like to

We call attention to these facts because it is about time that motbecause it is about time that mot-orists throughtout the United States end their grumbling about gasoline restrictions. The nation has millions of men, engaged in a war against brutal enemies, and oil is the produce that mskes pos-sible modernized war.

The only question is whether we should give preference to men in battle or motorists at home, and there is only one answer. Of course, there are "loyal" cit-

izens who will tell you that they are for the war, that they would not do anything to delay delivery of oil to men in battle and that if it became necessary they would willingly park their motor vehicles for the duration.

At the same time these pseudopatriots will tell you that there is plenty of oil and gasoline, that the shortage is due to inefficient administration and, more likely

than not, they will regale you with tales of soldiers who use gasoline carelessly, even to the driving of automobiles in North Africa. This a sorry effort to cover up

This a sorry effort to cover up their determination to use gaso-line and oil. Such assertions should not blind average Ameri-cans to the facts, that modern warfare requires oil for transpor-tation, that the absence of oil is the difference between life and death for thousands of our soldiers and might be the difference be-tween victory and defeat.

believe that the Red Army has proven its mastery over the Ger-man invader the evidence of re-cent weeks indicate that the Nazis

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man invader, the evidence of re-cent weeks indicate that the Nazis are slowly retiring. They, aret repeating in the east the manoeu-vre of the first world war, when they retired to the. Hindenburg line. The charace, are that they are doing it for the same reasons. This withdrawed, under pros-sure, is dangerous. It has not been successfully completed. The Red. Army has, proved its fighting heart and everywhere the Russians press their foss. How-ever, it should be noted that there ha been no disaster, comparable to Stalingrad, and Russian com-muniques.do not claim the capture of vast booty. of vast booty.

The purpose of the fighting in Russia, let us repeat, is not the re-capture of territory but the de-struction of armies. Just as the Russians utilized territory to avoid a decive battle in the early years of the war it is possible for the Germans to accomplish the same-end.

end. Nearly every war expert has predicted the eventual retirement of the Germans to the Dnieper line. This was certain whenever Anglo-American pressure on the west threatened disaster. Ap-parently, the situation has reached that stage and the Germans are taking steps now to apportion their strength between the two fronts. ronty.

their strength between the two fronts. Germany Covers Muck circom While no direct land invasion of western Europe has been at-tempted the Germans are already feeling the effects of the aerial bombardment. Throughout con-quered Europe the population se-ethes. Everywhere there is the peril of a new front. The Nazis must guard the Balkins, Italy and the entire western coast of Europe and dispositions must be made now in order to avert disaster. The suggestion that the German retreat in Russia is somewhat strategical does not detract from the giory of the Red army. In essence, the soldiers of the Soviet have produced the present crisis for their enemies, Hard and courageous fighting has blunted the edge of German invincibility and heavy losses in Russia have drained Nazi manpower. As the war enters its fifth year the possibility exists that the po-sition of Germany is equally as bad as it was when the first World War entered its fifth year. This implies the possibility of a Ger-

War entered its fifth year. This implies the possibility of a Ger-man collape within a hundred days and while the odds are a-gainst it the debacle is not impos-sible.

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Nazis Retreat In Russia Reminds Of Victory In World War

Enemy's Power Grows Weaker Generally, the war effort of the United Nations is growing strong-er day by day. On land, on wat-er and in the air their power in-creases. Gradually the vast po-tential of war contracts the enemy proving weaker and the outcome

tential of war contracts the enemy growing weaker, and the outcome is not in doubt. Only indiffer-ence and stupidity can now lose the war for the allies and there is little danger of either. The end of the war rests upon two factors: (1) the will of the people of the United Nations to press hard for victory and (2) the willingness of the Axis aggressors to take punishment. Our fight-ing men are trained, they are rap-idly taking position, they are get-ting the tools of war and they will more than match the best that the more than match the best that the Axis has to offer on the fields of battle.

Fertilize Grain

Crop At Planting

Tests by the N. C. Experiment Station show that small grains should be fertilized at the time of

used.

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planting to obtain larger yields and extra profits. Growers should use 300 pounds of a 3-9-6 or, 4-10-6 per acre in the Coastal Plain and the same amount of 3-12-6 or 4-12-4 in the Piedmont and Mountains. On fertile soils, where less nitrogen is required, use 300 pounds of an 0-14-7.



Frison Stockade for Axis Troops

Friday September 10th. 1943,

aded up Captured Italian prisoners of war in Sicily rounded up propara-tory to their transfer to prison ships, which will carry them to par-manent prisoner-of-war camps. In Sicily alone about 75,660 Italian and German prisoners have now been captured. And 110,000 are presumed to be among missing, killed or wounded. Our fighters, backed by your War Bonds, will bring victory. Keep our men con-stantly supplied for the tough fight ahead. U.S. Treasury Department

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