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FARMERS GETTING LARGE SLICE OF PULP-WOOD MELON IN '44

American farmers are reaping a rich harvest this year from their woodlands and are at the same time making a vital contribution to war production by cutting pulpwood for war and essential civilian needs.

Even before the war 38 percent of the nation's pulpwood came from farm woodlands, and in the South the proportion was 55 percent. While no wartime figures are available, all authorities agree that the percentage of pulpwood coming off of farm woodlands has increased since Pearl Harbor.

At the outset of the Victory Pulpwood Campaign the War Food Administration estimated that three and a half million farms in this country have marketable forest products. Other Department of Agriculture experts have since estimated that there are 139,000,000 acres of farm woodlands.

In some sections of the country woodlands may represent half of a farmer's acreage. In South Atlantic states, for example, the average farm woodland comprises 40 acres. In New England it is 53 acres, while in the South Central states the average is 42 acres.

Farm-produced pulpwood has become increasingly important as the manpower shortage cut into the number of organized crews of woodsmen. The Government and industry have looked to the farmer and the farm woodlot to provide the pulpwood necessary to keep war needs supplied.

Forest farming is now recognized as an important part of agriculture and is one of the most profitable cash crops coming off American farms.

By observing proper forestry practices farmers are able to cut pulpwood now for war needs and at the same time improve their woodlots for future and permanent timber produc-

Farmers benefit indirectly as well by helping to increase pulpwood production as many pulpwood products are used in the marketing of field crops. Some pulpwood products return to the farm in the form of containers for seeds, stock feed, fertilizers and the like. The War Food Administration states that farmers are one of the largest groups of forest products users. Almost a third of pulpwood goes into the manufacture of packaging for food and other farm products, a large portion of which is shipped overseas to our fighting forces.

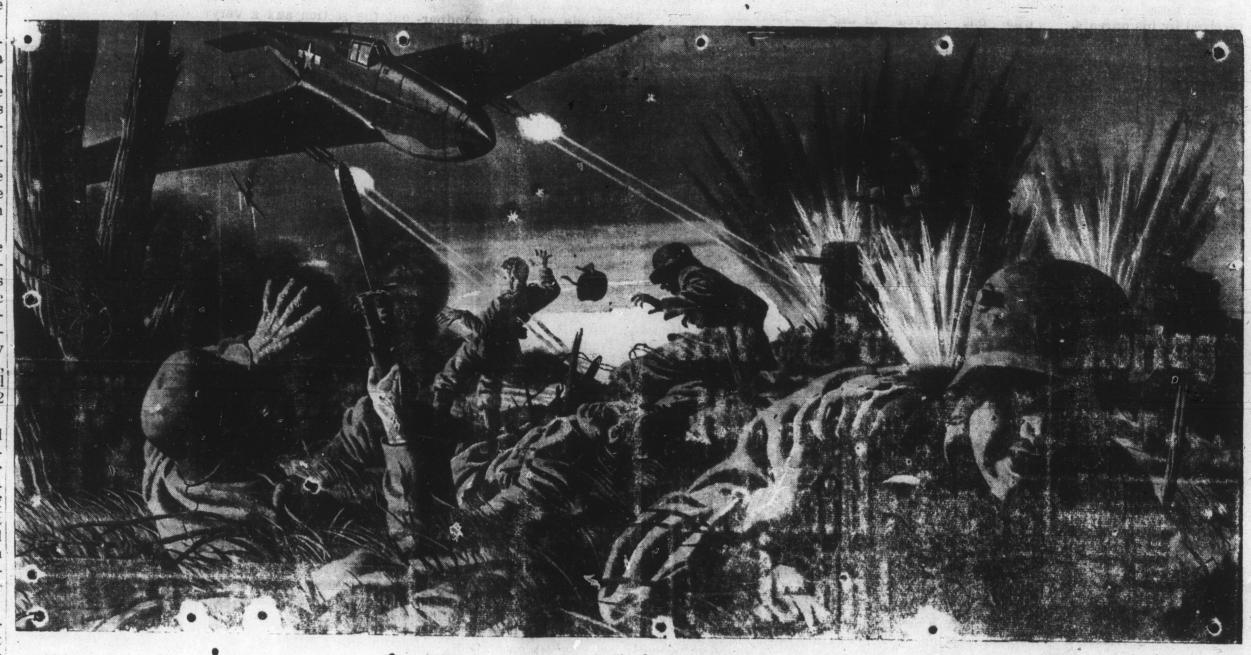
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