

News From Former Employees Now In Service

TELLS ABOUT PRISONERS

Camp White Oregon
May 10, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

I am still at the same place and on the same job so haven't much to talk about.

I received the Echo yesterday and have read it through two or three times. It brings back good memories to see the pictures of different departments and the pictures of boys in service I used to know and work with there.

I was down on the river last Tuesday and met a Jones boy from Brevard (Rockbrook) and we sure did have a nice talk, although I didn't know him personally. He is related to the Jones boys who work there, Speedy (Clyde) and the beaterman Jones in the Refining Room. His wife works there also, so if you see her tell her he is fine and looks very good. I gave him the Transylvania Times and also the Echo. This world isn't so large after all.

I haven't heard from Melvin (McCormick) and the boys for quite a long time. Mom says they are all well. Jim came back for another rest; Tom's been on maneuvers; and Melvin is driving all over the country. Juanita, my sister, is on her way back to the States after about 15 months overseas. I received a letter from her and she is glad to be headed home.

I have been doing a little fishing on my time off but not much luck. There are some awfully nice salmon in the river that runs next to the camp.

We have some German prisoners of war stationed here. They look just like anyone else. These were captured mostly in North Africa.

Tell all hello and hope some day soon we will all be back home.

Sincerely,
Doug McCormick (Pvt.)

LIKES THE ECHO

Care of Postmaster
New York
May 8, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

The Echoes really make a fellow feel good, and his mind and heart drift back to those nice mountains and the people he likes that can be found there.

Hope you are able to keep the paper on the move so we can smoke. Ha!

As ever,
Dewey S. Winchester (Cpl.)

IS "WAY OUT WEST"

Army Air Field,
Las Vegas, Nevada
May 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

I want to say hello to you and all my friends at Ecusta and to let you know my address has been changed.

I haven't received a copy of the Echo for the last two months and I have missed getting it. It sure does a soldier a lot of good to get the Echo and to know what is going on back home.

As you can see, I am still "way out West", out on the West Coast, and I can say I don't like it any better than I did Texas.

I am looking forward to the happy day when we can all be back together working and living in peace once more.

Best wishes to my dear friends at Ecusta, and hoping to see you soon,

Sincerely,
Garnett H. Buckner (Pvt.)

DIXON BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Shown above are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dixon, of Pisgah Forest. Mr. Dixon is vice president of our Fibre companies. Sgt. Lawrence F. Dixon, Jr., left, visited his home and the plant on a short furlough in May before going overseas. He is a bombardier on a heavy bomber and recently wrote his parents he was in the tropics. He was on the Landscape Crew, leaving Ecusta in August, 1942. He was stationed at Savannah, Ga., before going overseas. David Dixon, S 1-c, is now an instructor at the Naval Air School, Jacksonville, Fla. Before entering the service in September, 1942, he was an employee of the Landscape Crew. He had boot training at Bainbridge, Maryland.

At Kansas Base



Lt. Arthur Loeb, formerly vice president of California Central Fibre, visited us June 9th. Lieut. Loeb left in September, 1942, and is now stationed at the Army Air Base in Pratt, Kansas.

In A. A. Unit



Pvt. Harold L. Meyer, above, left Ecusta in September, 1942. He was employed on the Landscape Crew. Pvt. Meyer is in an anti-aircraft division, and our last address was Camp Haan, Calif.

NOT LIKE BLUE RIDGE

May 24, 1944
England

Dear Mr. Wells:

I received your welcome letter awhile back, but have been pretty busy, getting settled down.

This country is a lot better than the other places, but nothing can beat the Blue Ridge Mountains. Hope it's not too long before I get a chance to see them again.

I haven't seen my brothers as yet but hope to soon. There were a few of the boys from where I left that I knew, but never see a one of them now.

I have gotten quite a few copies of the Echo here. It's sure good to get it, because it gives me the news of the plant.

Keep up the good work.

"JIM".
(Pfc. James E. McCormick.)

APPRECIATES SUBSCRIPTION

Smoky Hill Army
Air Field
Salina, Kansas
May 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

I received my copy of the Echo last week and it was greatly appreciated. My wife and daughter are out here with me and they enjoy the Echo as much as I do.

I really do appreciate Mr. Straus' offer of a subscription to a magazine. I am really interested and would appreciate a subscription to "Life" because it is very hard for me to get. I can get the others, but not "Life."

Give my best regards to all my friends at Ecusta and all other members of the armed forces from Ecusta.

Best wishes.

Lewis P. Bagwell (Pfc.)

CELEBRATED ANNIVERSARY

Somewhere in Pacific
May 23, 1944.

Dear Mr. Wells:

I was very glad to get new things at Ecusta. I recently got two Echoes, which I enjoyed very much. Seems I've read both several times now and suppose I'll read them some more until the other arrives.

Things over here have been going along pretty well. Suppose you read about them in the paper. I've had some very nice times but no place will take the place of the U. S. A.

I was noticing in the Echo that baseball was under way again this year. Sure wish I could be there playing with Walter Straus. Dime to a doughnut he wins the cup again this year. I was noticing in the paper where you're having some grand parties and dances at the plant.

We had an anniversary month. Our ship was one year old so we had a party—a big dinner (with turkey and trimming). Would suit me better if it would come around more often—I mean the turkey, not the years, as I'm trying to get younger.

Since I've been in the Pacific I've been unable to see any of the fellows from around the plant. I know they're around some place and am hoping to run into some soon.

Must drop anchor now as it's almost movie time. That's the main attraction here so better not miss out tonight.

Tell the boys in Printing Hall and I hope it won't be too long until I'll be back with them.

I remain,
Troy A. Drake (Coxswain)

IS NOW IN ITALY

Somewhere in Italy
May 4, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

I was very glad to hear from you to kinda find out the news and everything.

I am in Italy now. The country is very pretty but the towns are not so attractive. I saw Sicily the way over.

Sure was glad to get Charlie Russell's address because I particularly wanted to find out what he was doing.

I got a letter from Gus (Gross) the other day and he told me about being in the Navy. He sounded happy over it.

I haven't received an Echo lately, probably due to my moving around quite a bit. I sure would like to see that little paper because it is very interesting and I'd like a visit home.

Write every chance.

Sincerely,
David Sams (Sgt.)

THANKS TO MR. STRAUS

Camp Van Dorn, Miss.
May 20, 1944

Dear Mr. Wells:

Received the April issue of the Echo and sure was glad to get it at this time because I have been here since I arrived at this camp. The Echo was forwarded on to me. It is a nice paper to get.

I noticed in the Echo that Mr. Harry Straus had offered to give boys in service a subscription to one of the four leading magazines. The boys in service certainly appreciate this very much.

The set up is pretty nice here. Sincerely,
Vernon Reese (Sgt.)