

A SMALL SACRIFICE

The American people are said to be the most restless. In recent years they have done an amount of traveling that the older generation never dreamed of; so it may seem hard for some of us, now that we can't get gasoline and tires, to be held down in our home localities.

Fifty years ago many people had never been outside the state where they were born. A trip to some city a hundred miles away was a grand event, to be remembered for many years. Yet the people had a good time, according to all accounts.

Up until a few months ago we could travel if we wanted. Most families planned motor trips every summer and had a grand time seeing unfamiliar states and gazing at America's wonders, but such pleasures may now be a thing of the past for most of us. Traveling will become still more difficult as tires wear out.

But our people have plenty of ways of amusing themselves. Motion pictures and radios bring the world to our doors. Those of us who like sports can attend ball games or play tennis and golf. The picnic grounds are full of jolly crowds who are having as good a time as they would a thousand miles from home. Then there are the folks who like social life; they can gather their friends in for bridge and other amusements. The way is open to join organizations or not, as we like, and life can provide many pleasant pastimes as we go along. The people who always thought they would like to do more reading have a perfect opportunity now.

We all love our country and freedom, and will gladly make any sacrifices to help win this war.

-Lilian King.

PRODUCTION BOARD LISTS ITEMS NEEDED TO RUN U. S. ARMY (Continued from page 1)

soldiers.

Aluminum in 370 washing machines would build one training plane for the U. S. Army.

Zinc and copper in one auto would make 2,400 .30 cal. cartridge cases for our troops.

Wilson County, N. C., has donated an accumulation of confiscated moonshine stills to the copper salvage drive.

A U. S. fighter plane needs about 11 times as much anti-freeze solution as the average auto.

The iron in 13 washing machines would provide all the iron needed to manufacture one 1/2-ton Army truck. WPB's order halting the production of golf clubs will save 3,000,000 pounds of steel for the war effort.

The brass and copper used in a single domestic washing machine would make 50 .30 cal. cartridge cases for the U. S. Army.

The WPB cut in typewriter production releases sufficient steel to build 540 light tanks for the Army, or 216 medium tanks.

If you are inclined to wonder why no more juke boxes are to be built for the duration, consider that the aluminum used in 125 of them would build a U. S. fighter plane and that one of them contains steel enough for five light machine guns.

All the rubber requirements of four 35,000-ton American battleships might have been supplied out of the stocks of crude rubber which were used up in the production of sporting goods and athletic equipment during the last quarter of 1941.

The curtailment of typewriter production by WPB will save enough aluminum to build 70 U. S. fighter planes or 40 medium bombers, tin enough to bake 3,500,000 cans in which to put food for the armed forces, and rubber enough to make tires for 54 Flying Fortresses.

The Grocer-Graphic notes that New York enacted price-fixing laws in 1780, during the Revolutionary War. Prices of a lengthy list of commodities, along with profits of manufacturers and wages of mechanics and laborers, were "not to exceed 20-fold"

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LETTERS HOME:

August 9, 1942

Dear Sirs:

I want to thank you for the Echo which I have received each month. I really enjoy reading it, as I can find out about how the mill is making production and find out about the employees.

I want to thank you for the nice treatment which you gave me while I was working with you.

Please continue to send a copy of the Echo, as I enjoy reading it very much.

Again I say, I hope it won't be long 'til I shall again be taking part in the activities at Ecusta.

Sincerely, ROBERT TRITT

My address has changed to this: P. F. C. Robert H. Tritt Co. A, 327th Inf. No. 34255519, A. P. O. No. 82 Camp Clairborne, La.

August 4, 1942

Dear Mr. Straus and Fellow Workers:

We were so glad to receive your letter and also the late editions of the Echo. The delay in this material was not harmful to us at all and I'm sure you owe us no apology. You see, we have moved around so much that our mail is just now catching up with us.

However, we sure enjoyed reading them and passed them on to other boys from our native state.

I suppose you would like to know who my pal is, as I refer to "we" so much. His name is Edgar Conley, and was employed by Grinnell Pipe Works at the plant in '41. We have stuck through thick and thin ever since our career in the Army began, and between the two of us, we could sure tell a story if we were only permitted to. But this will keep until we return to our respective homes, if this be the will of our Creator.

Each of us likes the Army o. k., but everyone knows we had rather be near to the ones we love; but to keep our country safe for democracy and all the other things we cherish, we must remain here and play our meager parts.

I'm sure we will be permanently located in a few days and I will send you my new address immediately.

To all of our friends who still remain in Brevard we wish a long and happy life, the very best of luck, and "May God be with us all until we meet again".

Respectfully yours, ROBERT E. RAINES and EDGAR CONLEY

Pvt. Robert E. Raines, 3424147 Provisional Replacement Squadron A. P. O. 832 Care, Postmaster New Orleans, La.

August 20, 1942

Mr. J. O. Wells Ecusta Paper Corp. Pisgah Forest, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Just to say that I'm well and roving along. The Echo always goes around the barracks. Just asked Sergeant Wolf, after he looked at the paper, to write a line so that I might mail it to be put in the next issue, so here goes.

Would like to be back to see the employees. With best thoughts for Ecusta and appreciation for the Echo.

Just plain old John (Drake)

(Letter from Sergeant Wolf to the Echo) The Echo Pisgah Forest, N. C.

Six weeks ago we received a varied and interesting group of selectees among whom were four from your company. John Drake asked me to write a line about the work that we are doing. The new inductee finds, as James Clay, Ralph Morris, Vernon Reese and John Drake did, that first the soldier must be physically and mentally adjusted to the life. As an instructor, I enjoy conditioning the men and helping them prepare for the job ahead.

Your Carolina men came into the service with a lot of interest and a desire to do a good piece of work. That is why I have fully enjoyed my association with them.

I know that the rest who are to follow will enter a branch of the service with as much spirit.

Here's luck to Vernon, Jim, Ralph and John.

SGT. PAUL WOLF

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Table with columns: Name, AB, R, H, AV. Lists names like Haynie, C. B., No. 2 and Taylor, M., 5 with corresponding statistics.

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Refining "D" Chatter

Gone but not forgotten is the Ecusta Fourth of July Celebration at Camp Sapphire—Speaking for me and my house, as well as the other members of Refining "D" who were present to enjoy the occasion, we think it was highly successful in every way—Not a dissenting voice has reached my ear which indicates that others who attended, share our opinion of the affair. We'd like to add that the band performance was excellent according to our way of thinking, but we are truly thankful that we live in the modern age instead of forty-two years ago judging from the bathing suits modeled from the styles at the turn of the century.

Fred Bishop and wife have just returned from their vacation which was spent in "Little Old New York". Too bad we could not get a first hand account of Fred's experience while there.

Bert Lytle has bidden us adieu to try his luck in Hollywood, Calif. We wonder if he will be writing us to watch the local theatre for the sight of his familiar face.

Some of the boys from Refining "D" are a bit mixed up—Can't tell which to heed—the bugle call or wedding bells. Maybe it will be both for some, eh Jimmie?

We are glad to have Holmes Price back on our shift.

In a recent issue of the "State", we observed Carl Goerich referred to Ecusta as meaning "Silver Waters". Other sources have given "Galloping Waters" as the meaning of the name. We would like to be put straight as to which is correct—Those of us who work in the Beater room agree that "Galloping Waters" is very fitting.

Several members of Refining "D" are wondering why "Red" Orr suddenly lost interest in pet terrapins.

Our sympathy goes to Henry Holliday and wife in the tragic death of the latter's father which occurred recently.

Uncle Sam continues to take his toll from among us—Some of the present members of our shift will perhaps be in the armed forces ere this goes to press—Quoting from the Independence Day Address of President Harry H. Straus: "We must back these men in service by doing the job at home. Let's do our part in the war effort by conserving, buying bonds, and working."

(Signed) EUGENE KING

The Romance Of An Endless Belt

Reprinted By Request

Mary Sue Thorne Over in the left wing of the Converter Building, or at the "end of the track," one finds the Endless Belt Corporation. Endless Belt is unique in the respect that it is the only industry of this kind in America. This department is extremely comfortable, well lighted and ventilated. Here one gets the wonderful north light and early morning sun and there is such a lovely veranda at the front, facing the majestic Pisgahs, for sunbathing and afternoon tea.

The destiny of Endless Belt is in the hands of Mr. Otto Goepfert, who has watched over its career since its infancy. Mr. Goepfert is as concerned with the general welfare of the belts as he is solicitous of the comfort and happiness of his employees.

The making of endless belts is fascinating work and is done largely by girls; incidentally, the belts are so called not because the girls never get through making them but because the belts have no ends.

The belts are used primarily for

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