

**Pfc. Joe Rathbone Writes Mother From China**

Private First Class Hugh Rathbone, U. S. Marine, son of Mrs. Joe Rathbone, of Lake Junaluska, is now stationed in China, according to information received by his mother. He entered the service on Sept. 10, 1942 and was given his boot training at Parris Island.

He has been overseas for the past eight months and was on Guam prior to serving at his present post in Isingtao, China.

In a recent letter to his mother he wrote that "China was not a bad place, as the Marines had a bit of liberty. The people think all Americans are rich and they say 'one dollar' for everything, even though an article may not be worth but a dime. Our money exchange right now is three thousand to one."

"When I go to town it costs me about \$1500 to get a meal and in the long run it costs you about as much as it does at home. I don't know whether you will understand what I mean or not, but I am putting a couple of hundred in this letter, which are worth about a dime. It will not be long before I will be on my way home."

**The Same Reason**

Man: "Why do you weep over the sorrows of people in whom you have no interest when you go to the theater?"

Wife: "I don't know. Why do you cheer loudly when a man with whom you are not acquainted slides safely into second base?"

**Pfc. Woodrow Arrington Writes Of Destruction In The Philippines**

Private First Class Woodrow Arrington is now stationed at Nagoya, Japan. He spent some time in Manila and other areas in the Philippine Islands. In a recent letter to The Waynesville Mountaineer, he described the utter destruction of the lovely old homes in Manila and of the helpless condition of the people.

He states that the harbor is a graveyard of sunken ships, and that only the outlines of the buildings near the harbor may be seen, where they were formerly. Among the ruins are "thousands of charred automobiles mixed with the skeletons of people, sewing machines, barber chairs, ice boxes," and that there are only a few ponies to pull the few carts left on the streets.

**Oren Coin, Seaman 1/c Here On 15-Day Leave**

Oren Coin, Seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coin, is spending a 15 day leave here with his parents. Seaman Coin entered the service in May, 1943 and is now stationed at the Naval base in Norfolk. He has to his credit 24 months service in the Pacific theater.

When his leave is completed here Seaman Coin will report back to Norfolk for his next assignment.

**THIS DUCK DOESN'T TAKE TO WATER**



NO DINNER TABLE ARGUMENTS can arise ever who gets an extra leg of this duck—for "Victory" has four of them. But if its owner William ("Billy Goat") Slank, Chicago tavern owner, keeps on setting up the beers he'll need four legs to get home on. (International)

**More Uses Than One**

Woman (sitting on suitcase in luggage shop): "Haven't you something a little more comfortable? I'm planning a long trip."

**Capt. Jack P. Holt Arrives From Europe To Spend Leave Here**

Captain Jack P. Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holt, who has been serving with the 32nd Battalion, Armored Field Artillery and later with the army of occupation in Hillborn, Germany, has arrived to spend his terminal leave with his family here.

Capt. Holt entered the service in 1941 at the time he was employed by the Ridgecrest Country Club, Chicago. He was inducted at Camp Forrest, Tenn., and from there sent to Officers Candidate School, Fort Sill, Okla., and after receiving his commission was transferred to Camp Chaffee, Ark., and then to New York, from which he was sent overseas.

Capt. Holt landed in Algiers and from there went to Italy, where he took part in the Anzio Beachhead and the capture of Rome. He was also in the invasion of Southern France, and was in combat in Germany and Austria.

He is entitled to wear the European theater ribbon with five battle stars, one Silver Star, one Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Italy, and citation, arrowhead.

Capt. Holt has one brother in the service, Thomas Carleton Holt, S. M., Merchant Marines, now in France, who is making trips between France and Boston, carrying troops.

Another brother, Staff Sgt. Richard H. Holt, of the 15th Air Force, was killed in action on August 6, 1944.

**SHOPLIFTING GANG ARRESTED**

Baltimore, Md.—Questioning a pair of women led to the arrest of a gang of shoplifters and the recovery of \$20,000 worth of merchandise. Stolen goods included jewelry, rugs, whiskey, expensive clothing and eggs. Four patrol wagons were needed to recover the goods.

**TAKES OVER HOME FRONT**

Seattle, Wash.—Johnny Walsh, 22, who was with the Navy on Guam, was almost smothered with affection from his three motherless children when he came home this month. His father, who had been taking care of the youngsters, said that their mother had become very despondent about two months ago and disappeared. Grandfather Walsh, who is 75 years of age, said that he had taken darn good care of the children but got afraid that he could not keep it up and had written the Navy Department to let his son come home.

**And It's No Wonder**

A Scotsman ordered his lunch at the hotel cafeteria and asked for a "bottle o' milk." When he reached his table, he found that he had buttermilk. Grumbling he turned to his table companion and said, "The trouble today is that the girls don't pay attention, for surely when I say a 'bottle o' milk' it does na' sound like buttermilk. Mind ye, lad, I'm not blamin' the girl, for the same thing has happened at other cafes."

So far as the records reveal no Chamber of Commerce has ever been satisfied with the census figures as to population.

**Be Quick To Treat Bronchitis**

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Creomulsion blends beech wood creosote by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics. No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. (Adv.)

**PICTURE QUIZ**



**PROBLEM: LOOK AT THIS PICTURE FOR 10 SECONDS THEN, SEE IF YOU CAN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW**

- Q. *What are these Forest Rangers doing?*  
A. They are replanting land denuded by forest fires.
- Q. *How many forest fires does America suffer each year?*  
A. The United States has an average of 210,970 forest and woods fires every year.
- Q. *Is the burned area extensive?*  
A. It is almost unbelievable. Each year forest and woods fires burn over 31,000,000 acres—more acres than there are in the whole of New York State!
- Q. *What causes forest fires?*  
A. 10 percent of all forest and woods fires are the result of lightning. 90 percent are man-caused!
- Q. *What can be done about forest and woods fires?*  
A. Little can be done about the 10 percent resulting from lightning. But the other 90 percent, caused by carelessness on the part of average American citizens, can and must be prevented.

Good Americans—perhaps you, your neighbors, your friends—are the guilty ones. Of course, you don't intend to start fires that kill little trees—tomorrow's timber—as well as big ones. But that's no excuse. So please be more careful than ever. Read the rules on this page. Ask your friends to read them—to learn them by heart—to follow them in all forest and woodland areas.

**MEMORIZE THESE RULES**

- 1. **Crush** out your cigarette, your cigar, your pipe ashes.
- 2. **Break** your match in two. When you can hold the burned end between your fingers—play safe, use the ash tray.
- 3. **Down** your campfire; then stir and drown it again.
- 4. If you must use fire: First, ask if the law requires a permit. Next, have help handy. Last, kill every spark!

**ANOTHER ENEMY TO CONQUER FOREST FIRES**

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