

Area Described Vern Goldizen Recent Letter

Country Resembles West Coast of United States Great Deal

area, on the eastern tip of recently taken from Japan, occupied by American troops, is described in a letter to the Pilot, written by Vern Goldizen.

You've no doubt heard Phil Spector's masterpiece, "That's What I'm About the South." He evidently never heard of Southern California. Don't get me wrong — scenic, quaint, and picturesque. There are many things about this country to attract the tourist, but those of us who are here don't fall in the casual tourist class.

We live in barracks made of bamboo, straw rope and mud. When we have hot water, it's necessary to wash in a helmet. There are electric lights, but Korean saboteurs often cut power lines coming from the States. Our own mobile power unit is a head in the freezing weather, and a replacement is necessary to be had. I'm writing this as our only other source of light is a last of two candles.

Well, the power's on now — there it goes again. It's best to go to bed as soon as it is out, because of the light situation — ah, it's on again.

The food is pretty good. We eat stew most of the time, but occasionally they surprise us. On Christmas and New Years diners had things out of this world. The serving line ran around two sides of the mess hall. Turkey, ham, two kinds of pie, biscuits, candy, nuts, everything! The mess tray was covered by two men. Couldn't eat supper that night!

New Years eve saw quite a celebration here in the 6th Sig. Co. We paid 100Y apiece to have an orchestra and 40 Korean girls for the dance. Results were very surprising. The orchestra consisted of drums, clarinet, two

trumpets, trombone and piano. "Benny Goodman could accuse the clarinetist of stealing his own style, and the pianist had hair like Paderewski. The music was in the best jazz fashion, and the girls were good dancers. Our CO even jitterbugged a bit with the best-looking girl. He's the one that went over the cliff with a jeep and lived to tell the tale.

"If you can get one of the company's shotguns and ammunition for it, the hunting is pretty good. Pheasant and small red deer abound in the hills, mainly because the Koreans can't have weapons and the GIs don't have much time to hunt. One of the officers is looking for shells for my buddy and me. We'll really eat when we get them.

"The natural scenery reminds one of California. There are hills covered with gnarled, stunted pines that look like scrub oak from a distance. The earth has a reddish tint, reminiscent of a few parts of Oregon. It really grows rice and bamboo, if nothing else.

Most of the farmers live in mud huts thatched with rice straw. Some of them are rich enough to

have clay tile roofs which turn the water more effectively than the straw.

"There are a few modern buildings and some really beautiful temples, one of which is just over the hill from our company area. It has two sections, one for women only, and the other for men. We had to bribe our way in to the men's part. An old crone ran us off before we were within 50 yards of the women's section, but I got a glimpse of some of the fine architecture inside the high wall. Most Koreans are Shamans by descent, although there are about 500,000 Christians in the whole of Korea. They have some beautiful churches, most of them being in the capital city, Seoul.

"The weather is inclement most of the time, to say the least. Very cold, and sometimes damp. We finally got a stove for the shop. It's a tossup between choking acrid smoke, or freezing cold. I'd almost take the cold.

"As I've heard it said, 'If your son is overseas, write to him — if he's in Korea, pray for him.' — Vernon."

Kitchen Hints

From
MARY ANN JOHNSON

If you spill grease on a hot stove cover the spot at once with a thick layer of ashes; this will absorb the grease, so you will not be offended by its odor while burning, and a little later you can brush away the ashes, and none of the grease will remain.

To remove the odor of onions from a knife, dip it into cold water, then dry and polish it. Hot water tends to set the odor of onions, both on the knife and hands; and for this reason should be avoided.

To clean a fishy frying pan, fill it with cold water, and place it on the fire to boil. When boiling, put a red-hot ember in, then wash the usual way.

Cane-seated chair bottoms that have sagged may be made as taut as ever by washing them with hot water and leaving to dry in the open air.

To clean the frying pan after frying, pour off the hot lard and wipe the pan with clean paper until all sediment is removed. It then can be easily washed.

A few stalks of rhubarb cut up and boiled in a kettle full of hot water will soften the deposit of lime so that it may be scraped away from the inside.

Discolored china baking dishes can be made as clean as when new by rubbing them with whitening.

Clean the keys of the piano with a soft cloth dampened with alcohol, and wipe quickly with a clean, dry cloth. More cleaning note will be given next week.

Name Omitted on List

In some manner, when publication was made of the donations made for the Christmas fund, the name of the V. F. W. Auxiliary was omitted. The total included the donation, however.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Williams arrived in Smith River Saturday to visit their parents Mr. and Mrs. Orville Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Arch Bingham. The couple came by plane from Norfolk, Virginia to San Francisco and from there by bus.

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