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SCS WORK PROGRAM NEWS

Nine ranchers of El Paso County have signed agreements with the camp representatives of the Soil Conservation Service since the establishment of the work here. The agreements call for demonstration projects in soil and water conservation on the ranchers' land.

Mr. Walter Makens, Camp Project Superintendent, stated that most of the work completed so far has been related to erosion control, such as the construction of diversion ditches and check dams. Springs for stock and domestic purposes have been developed on several ranches.

Much of the field work to date has been on ranches in the Fountain valley to the south of Colorado Springs and in the monument valley to the north.

Conservation officials anticipate that in the future an increasing number of the conservation projects will be related to the improvement and development of irrigation systems. This, however, is not to be pursued to the exclusion of other features of the control program.

Illustrative of the work conducted by the SCS is the project on a 680 acre ranch in the Monument valley. On this particular ranch the camp constructed 1230 linear feet of diversion ditches. One hundred man hours were devoted to the building of fence. Seven hundred man hours were used to develop three springs for stock. The campers spent 176 hours constructing water spreading ditches on a ten acre field on the ranch. On this ranch the owner and operator contributed all of the materials and a portion of the labor and equipment to fulfill the terms of the conservation agreement.

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DR. EAST VISITS OUR CAMP

Dr. Henry A. East, director of Mennonite C.P.S. camps, spent September 16 and 17 in our camp. He visited some work projects and studied the camp life and the camp program. At night he showed an interesting film about the 5 Mennonite camps now in operation.

He spoke in an optimistic vein about the C.P.S.C. experiment. He was encouraged by the quality and quantity of work done at all places and by the ideal relationships with the government technical staff in the camps.

Presents New Challenges

Two challenges received special attention in his talk. We will need to take a long range view toward our work if we would keep up our morale through the grind of our daily routine. We should try to see what we are doing to the soil on which all life depends. "We sin against the soil if we do not pass it on to the next generation in as good a condition as God gave it to us."

New Staff Arrangement Announced

A new experiment in camp administration will be adopted. At the end of this month Mr. and Mrs. John Gueddert, who have served us well as business manager and matron, will be transferred to another field of service. Ray Schlichting will take care of the buying and the records. Robert Kreider will lead the educational committee in revising our educational program. Dr. East explained that Robert and Ray have been asked to be responsible to the Mennonite Central Committee, as well as to the other camp members.

Dr. East announced plans for a new camp in the Northwest. A list of all C.P.S. camps is found on page 4.

Soil Conservation Staff

Walter L. Makens.....Camp Supt.
 J. R. Thomas..Jr. Camp Conservationist
 Harold D. Corn.....Jr. Engineer
 W. R. Fite.....Sr. Foreman
 H. E. Mather.....Asst. Conservationist
 H. K. Rouse.....Asst. Engineer
 Audrey Sharp.....Research
 Harold Line.....Asst. in Research

Camp Staff

Albert Gaeddert.....Director
 John Gaeddert.....Business Manager
 Mrs. John Gaeddert.....Matron
 Marie Groening.....Dietician
 F. E. Kibler.....Camp Physician

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WE'RE IN THE SERVICE NOW

We have been drafted into service for our country along with more than a million men. We may differ from the majority of the draftees in the kind of service we have chosen to give, but in some respects we are all agreed. Have we not recognized certain principles by the mere fact that we submitted to the draft, regardless of the kind of service we chose?

First of all we have recognized the government's right to expect sacrificial service from its citizens. At the same time we have demonstrated our willingness to work for our country. May we never misuse the kind of service we are permitted to give and may we serve zealously.

Another important aspect of the draft is the understanding that we will give the cooperation needed to operate a camp. The hope of the National Service Board is that group discipline in the C.P.S. camps will be the result of inner self-discipline and that imposed regulations will be

unnecessary.

We are fortunate to receive such treatment. But even though we are not forced to abide by any regulations, are we not obligated to put forth our best efforts to fulfill the requests of our leaders? The mere fact that we are drafted gives us that responsibility, regardless of the kind of camp we chose. The fact that adherence to a few regulations is requested and not demanded, should not lessen our efforts to cooperate.

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FORUM

HOW DO YOU THINK OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
 COULD BE REVITALIZED?

J. Hobart Goering, Moundridge, Kansas

By having several persons comprise the same class for several Sundays might encourage participation in discussions by everyone.

Eldon Boese, Weatherford, Oklahoma

A definite organization and a systematic procedure would add new interest to our Sunday School.

Edwina J. Schmidt, Buhler, Kansas

Divide into definite classes with an assigned teacher for a specified period of time. Scholars should be urged to study their lessons and feel it a privilege and not a task to attend.

Sam Ramer, Versailles, Mo.

By individually taking an active interest in class discussions, and by better preparation of the lesson as a result of a prayerful meditation and well planned study.

WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU RECOMMEND IN
 OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM?

Walter Krehbiel, Moundridge, Kansas

Our educational program has a lot to offer for the men in camp. But I think more good could come from those classes if there were experienced teachers to teach these classes regularly.

Menno Wedel, Canton, Kansas

I have no change to recommend except that we make better use of the program for our own future welfare.

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Oris Gingerich, Williamsburg, Iowa

The holding of an ideal by a system of lectures would be superior to our system of organized classes in camp.

Robert Kreider, North Newton, Kansas

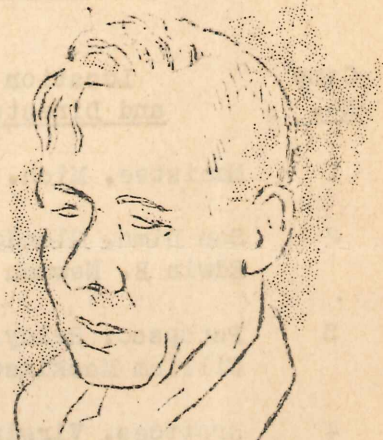
We should have a course in the religious and historical bases of pacifism. A study class in the problems of the farm community would be valuable.

NOTES FROM A C.O.'S JOURNAL

The first delightful days here at camp!--so many things to do!----making new acquaintances!--like-minded fellows representing various denominations!--all here for similar reasons!-----So many exciting and interesting surroundings!--marveling at the majesty and the changing beauty of the mountains!--of stately, towering Pike's Peak!--the surrounding rock-covered bluffs!-----Everything so different from the home terrain!--new flora and fauna!--colorful Magpies with their contrasting black and white plumage!--their easy, flowing, flight with graduated tails streaming!--the gorgeous black-crested Jay!--the black iridescent and the crimson of the "Crow" woodpecker!-----Pines and firs--deep green and aromatic!--serpentine-marked aspens!-----The fresh, crisp, tangy mountain air!--evenings almost cold!--all nature so beautiful and inspiring!-----Numbers of good books and magazines--contributed by thoughtful groups and individuals!-----Seems almost strange--little thought of things left behind--too busy to grow too lonesome--for work-school-community gatherings--all so far away now--new friends help to fill the places of the ones left behind--for a time-----Ahead of us--new experiences!--a broader view of life and our fellowmen----Now--healthful atmosphere of camp--enriching fellowship!--opportunities for renewed faith!--spiritual growth!--unlimited possibilities for living a positive, Christian life devoted to peace!--no time for regrets--no looking back!----Enthusiastic hope for a greater, nobler, future!!

DANIEL MIERAU, Henderson, Nebraska, entered our camp September 13. Now our total enrollment is one hundred twenty-six.

OUR DIRECTOR



ALBERT M.
GADDERT

We are all very well acquainted with the members of our staff. We have seen for ourselves the fine qualities in their personalities and are convinced that they are excellent leaders. But we are ever eager to pry into their past experiences and know more about them. That will be the purpose of this column. Who would more logically be our first victim than our director, Albert M. Gaddert.

Although he commands enough respect that we would be willing to call him "Mr. Gaddert" or "Rev. Gaddert," he is so near to all of us that we know him as "Albert." He has a common background with the 100 men who were born on a farm. His home was located southeast of Inman, Kansas.

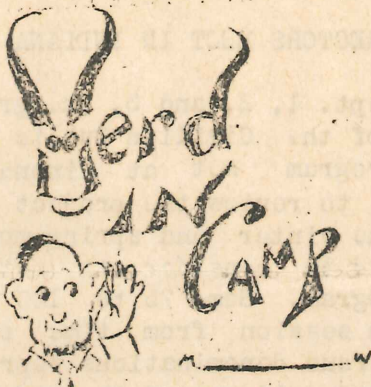
He shared the experiences of 65 of our men when he graduated from high school, and preceded 11 of our men in receiving a college degree. He graduated from Halstead High School in 1928 and from Bethel College in 1932. His major studies were history and social science.

He revealed his broad interest and abilities in the 6 years which followed. He taught history and commerce and coached athletics for three years in the high school at Nashville, Kansas, and later accepted a similar position in the Goddard High School.

In May, 1938, he was ordained Co-minister of the Hopview Mennonite Church near Inman, Kansas. During the next two years he attended the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill.

Before he was able to complete the work on his B.D. degree, he was asked to direct our camp. His humble spirit and uplifting character are a great encouragement to us in camp.

Camp No.	Location and Director	Administrative Agency and Cooperating Fed. Agency	Personnel		
			Fr.	Others	Totl
1	Manistee, Mich.	Personnel transferred to Camp No. 17			
2	San Dima, Glendora, Cal. Edwin B. Newman	Am. Friends Ser. Com. Forest Service	8	61	69
3	Patapsco, Relay, Md. William Mackinson	Am. Friends Ser. Com. Nat. Park Service	18	33	51
4	Grottoes, Virginia John H. Mosemann	Menn. Central Com. Soil Conserv. Service	86	0	86
5	Colorado Springs, Colo. Albert M. Gaeddert	Menn. Central Com. Soil Conserv. Service	89	26	125
6	Lagro, Indiana Paul Bowman, Jr.	Brethren Ser. Com. S.C.S. and Forest Ser.	45	34	79
7	Magnolia, Arkansas J. H. Mathias	Brethren Ser. Com. Soil Conserv. Service	11	35	46
8	Marietta, Ohio David Wedel	Menn.C.C. and Br. S.C. Forest Service	24	23	47
9	Petersham, Mass. Stuart Macklin, Asst. Dir.	Am. Friends Ser. Com. Forest Service	5	36	41
10	Royalston, Mass. Denny Wilcher, Asst. Dir.	Am. Friends Ser. Com. Forest Service	9	33	42
11	Ashburnam, Mass. Henry Perry	Am. Friends Ser. Com. Forest Service	No information		
12	Cooperstown, New York Melvin Palmer	Am. Friends Ser. Com. Forest Service	10	10	20
13	Bluffton, Indiana Raymond Hartzler	Menn. Central Com Forest Service	125	6	131
14	Merom, Indiana Claude Shotts	Am. Friends Ser. Com. Soil Conserv. Ser.	24	35	59
15	Stoddard, New Hampshire Dwight Larrowe	Ass'n of Catholic C.O.'s Forest Service	3	0	3
16	Kane, Pennsylvania Levi Ziegler	Brethren Serv. Com. Forest Service	65	1	66
17	Stronach, Manistee, Mich. Lloyd Blickenstaff	Brethren Serv. Com. Forest Service	7	24	31
18	Buck Creek, Marion, N.C. Arthur Gamble	Am. Friends Ser. Com. National Park Serv.	9	30	39
19	Dension, Iowa Albert Foote	Menn. Central Com. Soil Conserv. Service	66	1	67
20	Sideling Hill, Pa. Wells Tannery	Menn. Central Com. S.C.S. and Pa. Turnpike Com.	No information		



Would someone volunteer to act as a guide for Jay Dahl and Fred Showalter when they go to town? About six different people were unable to direct them to highway 189 the other night.

Clarence Joe must have observed the fire fighting demonstration very carefully because he developed the "one lick method" of driving stakes. Several fellows have been observed working on an adaptation of this method for the dining hall.

Memo Wedel wants to rent a rug frame.

While hauling food to the kitchen, Leonhard B. nearly drove into a ditch. "I was more worried about the food and the truck than about Leonhard," confessed Miss Groening.

Edwin J. Schmidt would rather shiver in the cold than be the first one to wear his red flannels.

The technical staff entertained its employees at a picnic in Cheyenne Canyon. Wieners, hamburgers, and water-mellons were the main attractions in the delicious supper served to about twenty men

Would some fellows ever appreciate having a football to play the good old game of "touch".

Our hat is off to Joe Glanzer for making a good speech under tremendous odds.

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C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

We have received four interesting papers from the following camps: Camp #6, Lagro, Ind., "The Salamonie Peace Pipe"; Camp #2, Glendora, Cal., "San Dinas Rattler"; Camp #14, Merom, Ind., "The Plowshare"; Camp #13, Bluffton, Ind., "Bluffton Peace Sentinel."

DISTRIBUTION OF ENROLLEES BY STATES

Kansas.....	63
Iowa.....	20
South Dakota.....	10
Colorado.....	10
Nebraska.....	9
Oklahoma.....	6
Minnesota.....	5
Wyoming.....	1
Missouri.....	1
North Dakota.....	1

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OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

Farmer.....	63
Student.....	13
Teacher.....	8
Trucker.....	6
Mechanic.....	5
Clerk.....	2
Carpenter.....	3
Produce Man.....	2
General Labor.....	2
Radio Repairer.....	1
Printer.....	1
Ranch Worker.....	1
AAA Supervisor.....	1
Aircraft Worker.....	1
Salesman.....	2
Turkey Raiser.....	1
Electrician.....	1
Station Attendent.....	1
County Welfare Worker.....	1
Pattern Maker.....	1
Feed Mill Worker.....	1
Evangelist.....	1
Jr. Accountant.....	1
Tie Plant Worker.....	1
Packing Plant.....	1
Experimental Engineer.....	1
Fuel Dealer.....	1

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OUR DAILY WORK PROGRAM

5:30-----	rise
6:00-----	breakfast
6:20-----	morning meditations
7:00-----	work
12:00-----	lunch
1:00-----	work
4:00-----	leisure and recreation
6:00-----	dinner
7:00-----	evening classes
9:15-----	individual devotions
9:30-----	lights out

The crews in the field resume work at 12:30, having only half an hour for eating their lunches. They often do not arrive in camp until 5:00 because of the distance to the work

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DIRECTORS MEET IN INDIANA

Mr. Makens reports that ranchers who have had conservation projects completed on their land have commented very favorably on the value of the program and on the quality of the work of the camp field crews.

IN APPRECIATION

We are grateful for the many contributions received in camp. Churches, peace groups, and individual friends have given us linens, food supplies, books, and money. Certainly material gifts of this nature represent in a tangible way the interest our friends have in our cause.

We also appreciate the hearty support you have given our paper. We will be more able to carry out our objectives with the deep interest you have shown.

We are not making this a commercial enterprise, but if you or your friends would like to subscribe, you may still do so. Send 50¢ to Arlo Sonnenberg, Box 1576, Colorado Springs, Colo.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

The last two Sunday mornings we were very fortunate in having with us Rev. Ellzey from the Wesley Methodist church and Rev. Norton from the United Presbyterian church. Both men were inspirational speakers and reminded us of the need for spiritual progress in our scientific and mechanical age.

Christian Endeavor meetings were held on both Sunday nights. We spent the time discussing the problems confronting American youth. We organized a permanent C. E. Society with Ed Stucky, Bob Kreider, J. Hobart Goering and John Friesen as the executive committee.

BID THE DIN OF BATTLE CEASE

Bid the din of battle cease!
Folded be the wings of fire!
Let your courage conquer peace--
Ev'ry gentle heart's desire.
For the glory that we saw
In the battle flag unfurled,
Let us read Christ's better law;
Fellowship for all the world!

On Sept. 1, 2, and 3, the groups in charge of the Civilian Public Service Camp program met at Winona Lake, Indiana to review the project as set up in the winter and spring months of 1941 and to consider the future of this program. Some 75 to 100 persons were in session from time to time. The numerous denominations represented gave added evidence of the growing interest in the movement.

The evidence was clear that the work had had a favorable beginning; with very few exceptions all publicity had been favorable and write-ups had been appreciatively presented.

The question of much concern was the future financing of the Civilian Public Service program. The pros and cons of it were openly and freely discussed. One thing was prominent in the minds of all, namely that civilian control of the camps be continued. A statement from Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey confirming the present financial arrangement was among the high points of the meeting. He said that he had not had anyone not silenced by the argument that these people are paying for their own program. When you hand the purse strings over to some one else you are also handing over the "shy did you do it this way," and "why did you spend it here."

A few convictions prevailed, especially also in the planning for the future: That extreme care be exercised for the nurturing of close cooperation between all church groups and between the church groups and the government; that we continue under civilian control; that we continue to assume the financial obligations; that the problem of service in other significant areas be carefully studied; and that all efforts be put forth to preserve the essentials of democratic group living.

Those present went away assured that the program had had a significant and satisfactory beginning, and that the future of it is largely up to us and what we will make of it.

MRS. JOHN GALDDERT underwent a major operation at the Bethel Hospital, Newton, Kans. John reports that she is recovering nicely.