



FOURTEEN MEN RELEASED FROM CAMP

All the men who had reached the age of twenty-eight years prior to July 1, received notice of their discharge from camp on October 9. Fourteen men were enabled to return to civilian life after having spent about three months in civilian public service work. They will be placed in a reserve status and will be subject to call when the army calls all twenty-eight year old men for training.

The men who were released were Robert Baker, Harold Brown, Fred Kaduce Paul Miller, Marvin Nightengale, Harold Oswald, Samuel Ramer, Carl Rupp, Robert Venhuizen, Victor Voth, Menno Wedel, Maurice Wells, Elmer Wiens, and Floyd Yoder.

The releases came as a surprise to most of the men. They were welcomed birthday presents for Paul Miller and Floyd Yoder. Robert Baker lost no time and left on the night of October 9, whereas Harold Oswald is staying another week to help in the kitchen in the absence of Miss Groening. The men served ice cream to the entire camp on the eve of their departure.

Since the printing of the first camp directory, nine other men have been released upon the recommendation of the medical advisory board. They are Ray Davolt, Wilbur Ediger, Elmer Ewert, Earl Miller, George Musselman Courtland Skinner, Amos Stahl, Freeman Unruh, and Ray Juhnke. Alden Brockman has transferred to the Medical Corps in the army.

We shall miss these men but we know that they will be needed at home.

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MISS MARIE GROENING, camp dietician, left October 11 for Hillsboro, Kansas where she will visit with relatives and friends for a few days.

PROGRESS OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

A class in Spanish, a Photography club, and a dramatics club are among the new interest groups and study courses which have been recently organized or are soon to be organized as part of the educational program.

The chairman of the educational committee reports that an effort is being made to offer several of the vocational courses which campers have strongly requested. Such vocational courses include typing, farm book-keeping, shop mechanics, surveying, welding, and carpentry.

In reshaping the local educational program, plans are to incorporate the proposals of the Mennonite Central Committee, as outlined at the joint conference in Chicago of the M.C.C. and the six camp educational directors. These proposals pertain to objectives and to specific program suggestions.

Several weeks ago an educational committee was selected by the camp Council to give direction to the educational program. Appointed to the committee were the following: Melvin Funk, Hillsboro, Kansas; Clarence Joe Unruh, Galva, Kansas; Oris Gingerich, Williamsburg, Iowa; and Isaac Harms, Ulysses, Kansas. Robert Kreider has been appointed to serve as chairman.

Approximately fifteen campers have enrolled for evening courses in the Colorado Springs Labor College, a twelve-week adult educational project sponsored by the Board of Education. Transportation to the class sessions in the local high school is being provided by camp authorities. The men have enrolled for such studies in the Labor College as shorthand, geology, public speaking, business law, dietetics, Latin American history, and parliamentary law.

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FIVE CENTS A DAY

Most of us know elementary arithmetic well enough to know that our monthly allowance amounts to about five cents a day. This amount has been the subject of a lot of ridicule and humorous remarks. Little harm can come from joking about this matter, but a few words of caution are in order before we take our five cents too seriously.

In the first place we need to remember that our work for the government is entirely gratis. We have chosen to donate our services because of our faith in our way of life. We do not receive nor expect to receive any remuneration for this work of national importance. Would we not have a more wholesome attitude toward our work if we kept this constantly in mind.

On the other hand the few cents we do get are not wages from the government for our work, but are an allowance from the churches who finance our camps. This fact should keep us mindful and appreciative of the sacrifices of our pacifist friends who support us. Let us remember that our work is donated to the government and that our monthly allowance of \$1.50 is a gift from our churches.

FORUM

WHY ARE YOU A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

Alden Brockman, Logan, Iowa:

War is inconsistent with and contrary to the plain commands of Christ. What sin is not committed in war? It violates not only the command not to kill, but also the Golden Rule and the law of love.

Paul Miller, Wellman, Iowa:

I am a C.O. because all the training and education that I have received while our nation was at peace with all other nations regardless of whether it was in the home, church, or school has been opposed to war and all that war implies. Therefore, I believe the Bible when it says, "Thou shalt not kill"

Harold Brown, Laramie, Wyoming:

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. Prov.22:9

I was raised in a Christian home and taught not to kill, to love thy neighbor as thyself, and to be opposed to war and all its horrors.

Put up again thy sword into his place. For all they that take the sword, shall perish with the sword. St. Matthew 26:52

Jesse Ray, Greeley, Colorado:

Christ's teachings are strictly against taking up arms against the fellow man. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world then my servants would fight."

The taking of life is sin. God saved me from a life of sin and by the grace of God I am trying to live according to his Word.

Leroy Miller, Hutchinson, Kansas:

I was asked to give a reason for being a C.O. If we read the Bible it tells us very plainly in Matthew five that His followers should not resist evil. Jesus also gives us the example of such living in I Peter 2:23. Paul also teaches the same principle in Romans 12:17, 21.

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Arlo Sonnenberg, Fleming, Colorado:

I am a C.O. because I believe in the way of love and feel that it embodies all that is really worthwhile in the living of life. War simply is not the way of love I strive for. Christ's way will be infinitely harder and longer but we must start our task, not evade it with war.

Maurice Wells, Rocky Ford, Colorado:

I know it would be better to build and strengthen rather than destroy and weaken. To face death means nothing to a religious person, but to kill another person would mean sin, and sin without repentance would mean eternal death. War is really a practice and a participation in mass, against the commandment "Thou shalt not kill." God provides lasting peace.

Carl Gerriets, Clay Center, Kansas:

War is against the Christian religion and anyone who is taught the way of Christ must be opposed to the machine which kills his fellowmen.

Cyril Diffley, Plaza, North Dakota:

Because I am opposed to war. I can not see that killing people solves any problem. I made this decision without much help from anyone.

Kelly Palmer, Hartman, Colorado:

In hopes that I will win the greatest reward ever offered by person or Power. Almost two thousand years ago Jesus of Nazareth started the kingdom of love and offered eternal life to all who would follow his teachings. The New Testament recording of his teaching is this: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Hate, greed, and revenge he thoroughly condemned.

Robert Baker, Lincoln, Kansas:

There are really two reasons why I am a C.O. In the first place I believe that human life is sacred and is not to be destroyed by individuals or nations. To my thinking, the economic and moral conditions following a war would be very detrimental to this country. For these reasons I cannot participate in war.

Paul Anderson, Minneapolis, Minnesota:

I am a C.O. to war because I believe in the power of active love. It is more than the admonition given by Christ which leads me to this position. It is his living and sacrificial death which exemplifies the life

I would like to live. Judging by expediency and practicability, my way is most foolish and absurd; but in spite of a dabolic threat which Hitler represents, in spite of a powerful economic shake-up, in spite of the possibility of losing my life, I believe that the right way is the way of non-violence and that right way must prevail.

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NOTES FROM A C.O.'S JOURNAL

Busy days--no problem of what to do in spare time--On week days--camp study groups--Labor College classes--various craft projects--good books to read--news papers--good will projects through cooperation with neighboring church organizations--Friday night camp programs --Weekends--jaunts into the mountains--visiting with friends--making new contacts--their concern for us--their interest in our philosophy--attending church--here and up town--Sunday night C.E. meetings--programs in outside churches--writing letters--Never a dull moment--endless opportunities for creative action--healthful recreation--enlarged interests---

As men leave camp--released because of age limit--new thoughts of real meaning of fellowship together---Their eagerness to return to home--duties--loved ones--shared by our joy for their good fortune--Their last parting handshakes remind us again of home--of the future---Glad for them--yet-reluctant to see them go---To them we wish God's blessing--continued strength for their convictions---May their lives continue to bear witness to their beliefs-----They have done their part--nobly--sacrificially--positively--Their lives---here have been a new experience for them--a new experiment in the history of the world.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

With a realization that there is much more to be done than to "object" before permanent peace will be a reality, the spirit of the campers has been to find places in the community where they might be of service in their leisure time. Numerous services have already been rendered and the opportunities for work in the field are many.

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A large percentage of the activities have been centered in the churches of this vicinity. Two of our men sing in a choir and another man teaches Sunday School in the same church. Camp quartettes have sung on seven different occasions. Complete services have been conducted in the Spanish Mission and the Methodist Young People's Fellowship. On October 19, twelve men will assist in the services and conduct a forum at the Brothorn Church. Campers have also been asked to speak before various groups, like Women's Societies, Church conferences, and pacifist organizations.

The new arrangement for Saturday's work program provides excellent opportunities to serve the community. Three men have already undertaken to paint the badminton courts at the YWCA. May we all strive to do all that is humanly possible to serve the cause of peace in a constructive way and reveal a positive attitude.

SEVENTEEN JOIN PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

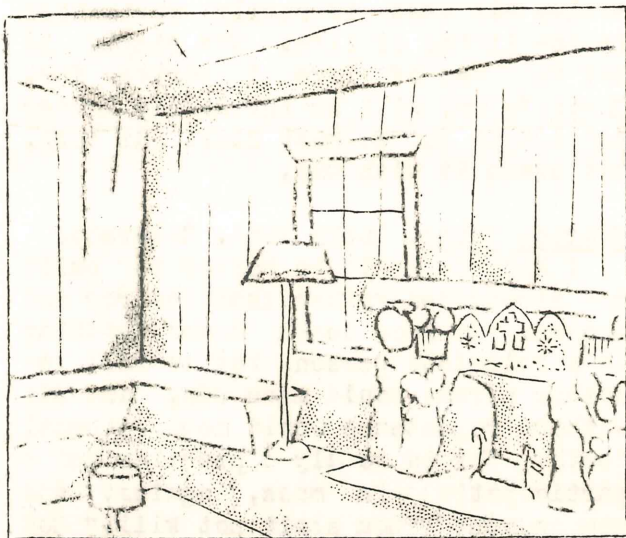
A class in photography has been organized by the men in camp. Mr. Land, Woodland Park, is the instructor. The purpose of the class is to learn how to take pictures, develop the films, and print and enlarge the pictures.

Practical experience for this course is provided by a field trip every other Saturday, and by each person developing his own films in the dark room. The first field trip was taken in Palmer Park where scenic pictures were taken of the valleys and rock formations. Several men have already developed their own films and enlarged their pictures.

N. Paul Stucky is the leader of the group and Melvin Funk and Leonhard Bertel are the secretary and treasurer

Quotation from General Hershey, Director of the Selective Service System, at the conference of CPS camp directors: "I am satisfied that we are working out a democratic pattern for a difficult problem, and I believe that, with mutual faith and confidence we can demonstrate to the nation that America can recognize minority religious groups within our national framework."

RECREATION HALL NEARING COMPLETION



Our renovated recreation hall is soon to be completed! One end of the building constitutes a large game room which has been recently rewired for overhead illumination. The walls have been repainted a light green color while the ceiling is white. Two ping-pong tables have been installed and there is plenty of room for other games.

The other end of the hall has been made into a lounging room. The walls are of a knotty pine lumber and the ceiling is made of quarter inch plywood. Stationary lounges have been built into the corners; floor and table lamps will illumine the room. A table, phonograph, and radio will be the only other furnishings so there will be ample room for indoor games.

Perhaps the most beautiful piece of workmanship in this hall is the new fireplace. The sides and front are of moss-covered rocks. The upper front or "face" will consist of mortar-embedded polished rocks placed in a triple arch design. In the center of the middle arch is to be placed a beautiful alabaster cross flanked on each side by a smaller cross. The rocks used for this design have been gathered from the vicinities of Crystal Peak, Cameron's Cone, St. Peter's Dome, and various other areas. Included in this mineral rock collections are: amazon stone, smoky and clear quartz, moss agate, Minnesota agate, jasper, thomsonite, orthoclase, petrified wood and many other kinds of rock. Curt Rogier and Harold Reshley supervised the carpenter work while Maurice Wells drew the rock design and Paul Anderson polished the rocks.

C.P.S. Camp Exchange

Camp #20, at Sideling Hill, near Wells Tannery, Pa., on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, opened October 1, under the direction of the Mennonite Central Committee. James A. Steiner of Garden City Kansas, is the director.

Ninety-two assignees over 28 years of age have been discharged from C.P.S. camps. Rumors are that some of these have waived their discharge to continue their service for the cause of peace.

Four new camp papers have come to us in addition to those we mentioned in the second issue, Camp #18, Denison, Iowa, "Olive Branch"; Camp #10, Royalston, Mass., "New Roots"; Camp #17, Manistee, Mich., "Builders"; and Camp #9, Petersham, Mass., "Days Of Our Year".

A number of volunteers from the Bluffton camp are potential blood donors. There is more than one way of "giving your life blood" for service to your country.

The snake hunters from the San Dimas camp in California report 36 snakes killed and one in captivity.

The Merom Indiana Camp #14 is building two new dormitory buildings.

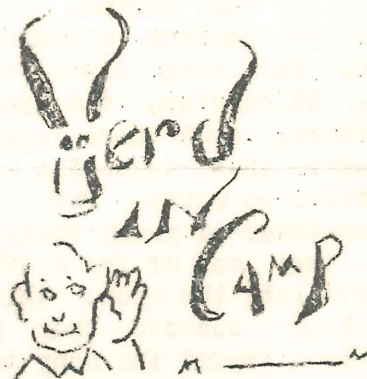
Each week a prayer service is held in the Magnolia, Arkansas camp in which each camper is to have charge one week.

The Royalston, Massachusetts camp is located near the swath cut by a hurricane two years ago. The "New Roots" they are planting will prevent the hillsides from eroding.

Petersham, Mass. Besides helping to put out one of the largest fires in Fire Dist. #6, the boys are drawing plans for improving their buildings to insure warm housing this winter. They are trying out a plan for longer work ends. One week a month they are permitted to leave Friday evening and make up the regular Sat. a.m. period the following Sat. p.m.

Camp Stomach of Manistee, Michigan has established a Co-op store.

The Lagro Ind. camp paid a cash rebate of 10% on all purchases from the camp Co-op over a period of two month operation.



Marvin Janzen, LeRoy Miller, and Gerhard Peters are in the market for noiseless yawns for use in some evening classes.

A bell has done wonders in stopping the sh-sh-sh in the dining hall. Who can invent an instrument that will make it unnecessary for everyone to twist his neck when a late comer enters the assembly hall.

J. Hobart has purchased his own recording machine. Several men have shown rare ability in making records.

Who Sez?

- "Could be"
- "How do you know"
- "Take it easy"-----C.J.U.
- "You just ain't a kiddin"-----R.J.
- "Fiddlesticks"-----J.G.
- "That makes it bad"-----C.R.
- "Don't you see"-----W.J.F.
- "Do you grab me"-----R.H.
- "Sure 'nough"-----M.J.
- "Ya! Ya! that's the deal"-----B.V.

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WORK BEGUN ON SHORT WAVE RADIO STATION

With the ringing of axes as they bit ever deeper into the bases of two large seventy foot spruce trees high up in the Pike National Forest, the actual work on the erection of the transmitter antenna for N. Paul Stucky's short wave radio station, W9HOM, began Monday morning, October 13. These two large spruce trees will eventually be the masts supporting the transmitter antenna, and in that service they will be doing their part in making it possible for members of the camp to have communication with many people all over the country, to say nothing of talking to relatives and friends at home by establishing contact with local short-wave stations.

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At the present time, these trees are lying in the forest where they were felled and trimmed of their branches by amateur woodsmen Albert Gaeddert, the camp director, Memmo Martins, Ed Martins, and Bruce Neal, camp members. Much more work must be done before these trees can be placed into service as masts. For example, their two-thousand pound bulks must be brought down out of the heavily timbered area into the open. This is no simple task because they must be dragged down around the many torturous bends of the crooked little trail leading up into the forest. After that is accomplished, they will be loaded onto a pole trailer loaned to the camp by the Municipal Electrical Department of the City of Colorado Springs, and hauled down mountain trails and roads to our camp at Tomploten Gap. They will be placed in holes located about two hundred and fifty feet apart by use of an SCS crane. Following that the antenna equipment will then be installed.

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EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS MEET

Educational directors from the six Mennonite C.P.S. camps met in Chicago October 10 & 11 to outline common objectives and policies for the educational programs of the several camps. Co-chairmen of the conference were Dr. Henry Fast, director of camps, and Dean Bender, representative of the Mennonite Central Committee. Meeting with this group were President Kaufman of Bethel College, and Pres. Ramseyer of Bluffton College.

Attention at the conference was con-

tered on the formulation of objectives for the educational program. Adopted by the Mennonite Central Committee, these objectives are as follows: 1. Appreciation of our Mennonite heritage and mission in this world. 2. Understanding the Christian's relation to the state and the community. 3. Deepening Christian experience. 4. Promoting personal growth.

It was urged that the major contribution of the educational program should be a study group for the entire camp in which these principal objectives received interesting and thorough treatment. Efforts were made at the conference to correlate the camp programs more closely with the work of the various church institutions.

Representing the Mennonite C.P.S. camps were the following: Guy Hershberger, Bluffton, Ind.; Delvin Kirchofer, Sideling Hill, Pa.; Robert Kreider, Colo. Springs, Colo.; David Wodel Mariotta, Ohio; Albert Foote, Denison, Iowa; and John Moseman, Grottoes, Va.

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Russell Dotweiler and Les Schultz have replaced the two foremen who were released, Harold Brown and Elmer Wiens. The three crews in the field have been constructing diversion ditches, check dams, irrigation dams, and repairing irrigation ditches.

Daniel Paul Perry, Ft. Morgan, Colorado, joined our group on October 8.

Five Sunday School classes have been organized for a period of three months. The teachers are Robert Kreider, Isaac Harms, Edwin Stucky, Edwin Schmidt, and Roland Barish.

POEM

(Contributed by Mr. Corn)

Hordes of gullies now remind us,
We should build our lands to stay;
And departing leave behind us,
Fields that have not washed away.
Then when our boys assume the mortgage
On the land that's had our toil,
They'll not have to ask the question,
"Here's the farm, but where's the soil?"

-Anonymous

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