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## COURSE IN OBJECTIVES BEGINS WITH STUDY OF PACIFISM

The Core Course, an all-camp study group, held its first sessions this week. Planned to be the major contribution of the camp educational program the Core Course is to be a survey or orientation course centered about basic Christian and pacifist objectives.

As planned by the camp staff, the tentative outline for the course includes four sections of study, each six weeks in length: Pacifism and Non-Resistance, Historical Rootage of Our Way of Life, The Rural Community, and Christian Citizenship

The plan for the course of study is based upon the expressions of interest of the campers and constituency, as well as the purpose and policy of the Mennonite Central Committee and the National Service Board. Leadership for the course will be drawn from the camp and camp staff, from the local community, and from the personnel of the church colleges and institutions.

Class sessions are to be held on Monday and Thursday evenings. Outlines of the first section of the course have been presented the class members. All campers are urged to participate in this course of study.

Thursday evening the group began the study on "Pacifism and Non-Resistance" with a panel discussion on the subject of "Why Do We Choose Civilian Public Service?" Rev. Francis Bayles, Rev. L.C. Miller, and four campers participated in the panel. The heart of Section I will be devoted to the scriptural basis of peace principles.

Other subjects that will be studied under Section I are the history of the peace movement, the peace movement  
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## CAMPERS OBSERVE ARMISTICE DAY WITH FASTING

Armistice day was more than a day of celebration of the end of the World War for the men in camp. It was a day of meditation and concern about the evils of the present war and about the means to a just and durable peace.

Many of the campers spent the day in fasting for the purpose of getting a sense of fellowship with the people of Europe who are forced to suffer the effects of starvation due to the food blockade. The voluntary fast was also a protest against the blockade which is depriving of life the very people for whom the war is supposedly being fought.

During the morning and the noon meal, the men who fasted gathered together to think unitedly of the suffering in the world, of the peace which is to come, and of their responsibility in the days ahead. In the evening the local F.O.R. group met with the entire group for a devotional program. "The Unknown Soldier Speaks" was read effectively by Arlo Sonnenberg with musical accompaniment. Rev. Porter French, Buena Vista, Colorado, brought the meeting to a close on a high note with a challenging message. He said that we must decide where to draw the line, remain close to that line, and be willing to pay the price.

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NATIONAL SERVICE BOARD announces the following change of address:

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DIFFERENT

Seven days ago fifteen men entered a new life. Now after seven days these men will never be the same. For they are a part of all that they have met. And this week they have seen a hundred new persons and faces. Behind each of these new faces lies a personality, a character.

So often we influence far more than we know, merely by our presence. Smiles and gestures are commanding. One greeting, one group of bowed heads, one day's work and we are different. There is a new spirit. Members have left camp but they are not gone; they live with us in our memories.

What a priceless treasure to be able to share the presence, absorb some of the sorrow and joy and feeling of those about us. May we chose those finest traits of all those about us to make this period in camp an opportunity for growth and the development of our character. That is our prayer.

A.S.

FORUM

(By the men who arrived Nov. 7)

WHAT I EXPECT TO GET OUT OF CAMP LIFE

Eugene Bowen, Evanston, Ill.  
 I expect to find Christian fellowship with fellows holding a similar viewpoint, in attempting to follow Christ in the solution of the problem facing us. I also expect to find encouragement, stimulating thought, and constructive planning and action for the future, with a realization that we must have an economic system that has inherent in it the principles of brotherly love. Then too, I hope that

this experiment that is being attempted will serve as an awakening--an example--to others not holding the same outlook.

Elmer Flickinger, Pretty Prairie, Kansas  
 As a person looks around and sees the beauty of Jesus made manifest in the surrounding hills and trees; so may the beauty of Jesus be seen in men and all things to his honor and glory.

Elmer Froese, Clinton, Oklahoma  
 I have met different men of different denominations with different ideas than I, but I realize his ideas are better than mine at times. We are doing work of help to mankind and also giving a testimony for God. I have found that God has called men for more than just work for our government.

Christy Miller, Hutchinson, Kansas  
 I expect to strive toward the mark, and by working with men from other churches I expect to learn to know my fellowmen and my Christ better.

Oliver Stucky, Moundridge, Kansas  
 I expect to get a lot of good out of camp life and live a life that will help encourage many other draft boys to come here. I also expect to have a good time while here.

Henry Angle, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
 First of all I expect to obtain a better knowledge of the Bible along with a higher education in practical subjects. Last, but not least, I expect to improve in health.

Noah H. Headings, Hutchinson, Kansas  
 I expect to get new experiences and serve my country. I also expect to get more education and get acquainted with boys of other churches and places.

Albert John Ewert, Quinlan, Oklahoma  
 Out of my camp life I expect to get a greater spiritual uplifting, gain lasting friendships, and try to use my leisure time to the best of my ability whereby I may profit to the greatest extent.

Phil Stucky, Pretty Prairie, Kansas  
 I have just arrived and do not know what I may expect to get out of camp life. I hope to get a great spiritual uplifting and to learn to love other people as Christ has loved us. I expect to live closer to Jesus Christ

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Ben H. Bontrager, Haven, Kansas

I expect to live a better Christian life while here in camp. I expect to improve my health and learn something about carpentry. Also I will enjoy the fellowship of the camp.

Samuel J. Yoder, Haven, Kansas

A year in a Conscientious Objectors Camp should strengthen my Christian life. I expect to learn carpentry and other skills that will help me on the farm. I also hope to improve in health and to enjoy the fellowship of the men in camp.

Jonathan Janzen, Buhler, Kansas

One objective of this camp is to build characters who have ability to settle disputes with peaceful methods and not with violent ones. The way of love is Christ's way.

Rueben Friesen, Beatrice, Nebraska

I mean to live for Jesus and make this world a better place in which to live. I see the chance to do this in camp. I expect to grow spiritually, mentally, and physically.

Timothy Mullet andHenry Mullet, Bloomfield, Montana

There are several things which we expect to get out of our camp life: new friends, broader education, a better value of the things that really count, and a brighter outlook on life itself.

## C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

A memorable date for the Denison, Iowa camp is November 1. Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, National Director of Selective Service, was their honored guest for a brief time while on a cross-country inspection tour. The boys greeted him with enthusiasm when he was introduced in the dining hall at noon. In his address he was generous in his praise to their 131 members for their work, diligence, and sincerity. After expressing his pleasure in being with them he said, "I come not to chide you; all I have heard is entirely favorable. You are impressing people with your sincerity, honesty, and meekness---I think you need have no fear." He was accompanied by Adj. Gen. Chas. Grahl and Maj. C. P. Bennett of the Iowa Selective Service head quarters in Des Moines.

The Lagro, Indiana campers feel

fortunate in retaining their camp director, Paul Bowman, Jr., for three more months. He had received orders to report to Camp Magnolia, Ark. on Oct. 24. A large audience greeted Rev. James Myers, Industrial Secretary of Federal Council of Churches, October 28-29 when he spoke at the camp on "Labor Unions and their Activities" Rev. Myers has two sons in C.O. camps.

The Petersham, Mass. camp selected two of their group as nominees for relief service in England. A generous and sympathetic friend has been found in Dr. Sweet, retired orthopedic surgeon, who is arranging for more specialized medical service and lower hospitalization costs.

The staff of "New Roots", the Royalston Mass. camp paper, is unable to publish their paper regularly. During preparation of last issue they were called twice for fire duty. They used four pages of their interesting paper to give a diary of the recent Ashburnham Forest fire which burned from September 22 to 30. The labor cost for fighting this fire which destroyed 500 acres of forest was \$3000. One of their men has completed 350 feet of colored movies of various phases of camp life.

The thirteen new campers will bring the total enrollment in the Bluffton, Indiana camp to 131. Dr. Fast and Ted Classen were recent visitors. A crew of men gathered 400 bushels of walnuts to be planted in the forestry nursery next spring.

The eighty men at the Grottoes, Va. camp are busy with soil conservation work. They are starting their educational program.

The men at the Stomach, Michigan camp are getting their first experience in tree planting.

The Stoddard camp borrowed eight men from the Royalston and Petersham, Mass. camps in order to supply the crew of men asked for by the Forestry Service. A good part of their small group is kept busy in the hand laundry in drying and canning a food supply, and in gathering and cutting fire wood Dwight Larowe, the director, requested that prayers and assistance be doubled

The Sideling Hill Camp (Pa.) has been doing landscaping along the Penna

sylvania turnpike, a super express highway. In exchange for their labor, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission agreed to put their camp into first-class condition.

Rev. David Wedel, pastor of the Halstead Mennonite church, received a leave of six months from his church to be director of the camp at Marietta, Ohio. Since his term has expired he has returned to his church and will be succeeded by Rev. John F. Schmidt, pastor of the Buhler Mennonite church.

From National Service Board Bulletin # 116: "At the present time (Nov. 5, 1941) there are 1309 regular assignees and 16 parolees in 19 CPS camps. An additional 307 have been assigned as of November 7th and November 25, which will bring the total to 1695 by the end of this month. It is expected that about 300 more will be assigned in December to bring the total close to 2000 men by the first of the year!"

#### CHALLENGES IN A C.O. CAMP

(In response to the invitation in the last issue of PIKE VIEW PEACE NEWS the following letter was received from J. Winfield Fretz, who is now studying at the University of Chicago, and who will soon join the Bethel College faculty. The second article was written by a camper, James Ball.)

Dear Fellow Soldiers in Christ:

"The greatest challenge to the men in the Civilian Public Service Camps, as well as to those ardent supporters in civilian ranks outside, is the thrilling thought of having a part in the writing of a new chapter in the technique of patriotism and national defense for a world at war. Here is an opportunity to be a Christian soldier without apologizing for the word Christian and without submerging the ethical and moral principles which Jesus taught.

The boys in the C.O. camps have an opportunity to blaze a new trail. The enthusiasm and the idealism with which they blaze it will determine the length and breadth of the trail and the goal to which it will ultimately lead. After this war is over and overshadowed by a new day, I hope the trail blazed by the C.O. boys will not

appear like a short bad stretch of road that acted as a detour merely for the duration of the war, but I hope it will rather appear like a great white way leading to "the better way" which all men seek and of which the apostle Paul spoke.

I hope the boys in C.O. camps are thinking of their work as that of erecting a memorial. A memorial that will remind posterity that in the Second World War a little company of men chose to answer their country's call by shouldering shovels instead of shooting shrapnel; and that they attempted to exercise faith and trust that by doing constructive service in the spirit of love, destructive forces and evil could be overcome. It should be a reminder that these men were willing to pay the full price in dollars and in deeds that both their government and their God demanded of them.

This is the challenge which I think the C.O. camps might present to the boys composing them.

-J. Winfield Fretz

A conscientious objector camp places on one the responsibility to work out for himself a way of life of which the camp is a testimony. A C.O. must realize that he is not opposed to war alone but to the whole system of life which makes war the only method of solving national conflicts.

Camp life will offer to those who desire to use it, the opportunity to remove from one's personal life the causes of conflict and thus make impossible the militaristic, violent way of life in which physical force is the means of achieving the end one desires.

Our work and social life while in camp must express our new way of life, the pathway of love and replacing evil with good. We should look on our work not only as of national importance, which is the way the soldier in England and Germany looks at his work, but of international importance. It must be of value to all mankind or we fail in our testimony of a way of life that is universal. We must be to Colorado Springs an example of a Christian community and thus leave our testimony here and to the world.

- James Ball



THOSE THAT WE HAVE MET...

Marvin Yoder, Kansas City, Kansas

Before coming to camp Marvin was a garage mechanic. He has also worked for the Austin Western Road Machinery Co., Partlett Electric Co. in Tulsa, and for the Bruhauf Trailer Co. He has traveled to Seattle and to Galveston. He has devoted part of his time to the Jehovah's Witness church since 1935.

Amos Yoder, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Amos has worked on his father's farm all of his life and has rented some land the last four years. His wheat made 15 bu. per A. and his barley made 24 this year. When he was eleven years old he had his first run-away while plowing with horses. That is all the traveling he has done except a few trips to Kansas.

Samuel Yoder, Haven, Kansas

The third Yoder on our list lives near Yoder, Kansas. He has helped his mother manage the farm and has also managed the cattle alleys in the Yoder community sales. He has been to the Gulf. He plans to return to farming.

Elmer Enns, Goessel, Kansas

He spent his first twenty-one years on a farm near Chareau, Colo., raising sugar beets, alfalfa, corn, and melons. While engaged in private trucking from his home to Colorado Springs, he often passed our camp site but never thought that he would sometime live here. The last three years he has been a garage mechanic in Goessel. He thinks this is his best experience THUS FAR.

William Cowan, Denver, Colorado

Bill lived in Detroit Michigan till 1931 when his parents moved to Denver. He started as assistant office boy for the Great Western Sugar Co., worked his way up to head file clerk, and recently he was the apprentice pattern maker. For ten years he has been active in the Jehovah's Witness Church.

Mike Waldner, Carpenter, South Dakota

All his life he has lived on a farm with his parents and he expects to keep right on farming after he leaves camp. When coming to camp he left his home for the first time. He says he is not married AS YET and he is enjoying camp life.

## CAMP DIETICIAN HAS COOKED BEFORE

The scanty information obtained in an interview with the camp dietician, Miss Marie Groening, shows that culinary experiences highlight her career thus far.

She has served as cook in the Tabor College dormitory, Hillsboro, Kansas, and in the Halstead Hospital, Halstead, Kansas. She has also worked in the diet kitchen in the Axtell hospital, Newton, Kansas. A position in the bakery in Hillsboro, Kansas, provided a few months of variation from her work.

Lehigh, Kansas has been her home most of her life, but recently her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Groening, have moved to Hillsboro. She isn't the only child nor the oldest child, for according to her statement she was born in the midst of a large family.

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## THE WORK OF THE RESEARCH CREW

To better understand the work of the research department, one must realize that it is one of the branches of the Soil Conservation Service. Seven campers work in the research department in Colorado Springs.

The research department was established to solve some of the problems faced by the SCS. They lacked information on the amount, the nature, and the intensity of rainfall. They also needed data on the run-off water which does not soak into the ground. Construction of contour furrows and dams presented several problems. Is there enough rainfall and a big enough water shed behind the dam to keep the reservoir supplied? Is the dam strong enough to withstand extraordinary pressure and yet not over-built to make the cost of it unreasonable.

The hydrologic studies are directed by H. K. Rouse. Recording rain gauges and weirs (dam-like structures) are used to determine the run-off from a given water-shed when rain is artificially applied. The studies in infiltration are supervised by A. L. Sharpe. This group studies the effect on the "soaking in" of rain by such factors as gravity, capillarity, soil porosity, cultivation, temperature, and soil texture. The results of these studies may be realized only after many years.

(Core Course, concluded)

today, the conscientious objector, the C.O.'s peace testimony to the world, the C.O.'s peace testimony in the home community. The section on "Pacifism and Non-Resistance" will be concluded with a panel discussion on "After CPS, What?"

#### New Interest Groups Organized

In addition to the new typing class several courses have been added to the camp educational program. Approximately twenty campers have enrolled for the Tuesday evening classes in elementary surveying. This interest group is taught by John Brelsford, a camper. Supplementing the class sessions, several hours are spent in the use of surveying instruments.

Mr. Robert Dearth, graduate student at Colorado College, is the instructor of the newly organized class in Spanish. To be started in the near future is a course in spelling and English grammar. Also, in the process of being organized is a camp dramatics group. This group plans to stage one-act religious plays, as well as other types of drama.

#### College Credit Courses Offered

Classes are being started in 3 college credit courses. These courses, which are being arranged with the cooperation of the Mennonite colleges, are offered free of tuition. Only a small registration fee is charged.

The college credit courses, with the instructors, are as follows: Algebra I, N. Paul Stucky; Accounting I, Ray Schlichting; and Church History---Reformation, Robert Kreider.

"He drew a circle that left me out,  
Rebel, Heretic, a thing to flout!  
But Love and I had the wit to win,  
We drew a circle and took him in!"

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

EDWIN TIESZEN, Marion, South Dakota, is the fifth camper to get married. He married Emma Kleinsasser on October 30 in Hardington, Nebraska. Mrs. Tieszen remained with her mother in Freeman, South Dakota.

The SCS office announces that Winfield Caton has been added to their staff. He has been transferred to this camp from the Gardner CCC camp and he will be foreman of the field crews.

Releases have been granted to three men during the past week. They are CECIL JANTZ, Hesston, Kansas; CURT REGEHR, Inman, Kansas; and LEROY SHEARP, Enders, Nebraska.

The figures from the National Service Board quoted in the last issue of PIKE VIEW PEACE NEWS covered the period from Oct. 4, 1940 to Sept. 30, 1941.

More than thirty campers have paid membership dues for full use of the facilities of the YMCA.

N. PAUL STUCKY, short wave radio station operator, has already contacted stations in twenty states since he set up his station.

The names and addresses of the fifteen men who entered camp Nov. 7 to 10 are found in the camp forum. In addition to these men, DAVID A. TOEWS, Kremlin, Oklahoma, entered camp Nov. 12, making our total enrollment 117.

Rev. Gerald Berneking, Rev. O. L. Battin, and Rev. L. C. Miller have each brought us challenging messages in our church services during the past month.

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