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NOTED VISITORS SPEAK AT CAMP MEETINGS

Five visitors from various sections of the country spoke to the campers during the past two weeks.

Dr. E. G. Kaufman, President of Bethel College, spoke of the challenges of the rural community in a meeting of the camp core course. In his interesting lecture he stated that the Bible is primarily a rural book; that the rural individual is God-minded because he works with God; that we must guard against the loss of the true community spirit with the introduction of farm machinery.

Dr. Henry Fast, general director of Mennonite camps, paid his fourth visit to the camp on November 23. He was able to stay only one day while enroute to the new camp to be opened in Oregon. In his talks he pointed out the factors that contribute to a whole some morale.

Mr. Carl Landes, rural secretary of the F.O.R., also emphasized the benefits of the rural community. He stated that conserving the holy soil of our country is of utmost importance and is directly related to our beliefs

Major McLean, assistant to Colonel Kosh of the camp operations division of Selective Service, came to our camp on November 17 as government inspector. At the SCS meeting in the evening he gave a short but impressive speech. He said that we did not want to go to camp, but since we had to go, we might as well do our work cheerfully.

Rev. Jesse Johnson, Moundridge, Kansas, spoke during the Sunday morning services on November 16. He is the minister of a church near Moundridge to which several campers belong.

MATRON, ADDED TO CAMP STAFF

Mrs. Eddie Linscheid arrived in camp November 20 to assume her duties as matron of the camp. Having been without a matron since September, the campers received their new "camp mother" enthusiastically on Thanksgiving day.

Chief among her duties will be the supervision of the library, the work in the laundry, and the orderliness of the dormitories. She has already shown that she will help the men in countless other ways.

Mrs. Linscheid, whose home was originally in Hillsboro, Kansas, has come to us from Arlington, Kansas, where she has been operating a wheat and poultry farm since 1938. Her mother, Mrs. Rudolf Riesen, came with her to camp, and together they will make their home in the former J.H. Gaeddert apartment.

ADVISORY COUNCIL VISITS CAMP

Four members of the advisory council met with the camp staff, Tuesday, Nov. 25, to discuss the problems of this camp and to interpret the churches to the camp and the camp to the churches.

During the course of the meeting three major suggestions were made in the interest of the CPS program:

1. That the men in camps use their furlough time as well as the time after they are released, to promote understanding of and encourage support for the camp.

2. That the various churches who send men to CPS camps give the assignees a charge before they leave for camp. They are entering a significant

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WHEN IS A PERSON A C.O.

Going to a civilian camp does not automatically make a person a C.O. Spending a year in camp and supporting all its projects and programs does not necessarily make a person a C.O. The privilege of being a C.O. is not limited to men, neither to men of the draft age, neither to the men in camps.

However, because of the nature of his convictions, he will of course go to a civilian camp, and he will support the program of the camp. He cannot do otherwise; for being dedicated to living a life in which good will is the answer to evil he needs all the training and the teaching that the camp can offer in this way of life through the channels of its educational and its religious programs. Having resolved to help the world get along without war, he cannot withdraw his active support from the camp program, which is a historic experiment in trying to find a system of living superior to the system which produces war.

Porter French was justified in his warning against the danger of a self-righteous feeling on the part of C.O.'s. The decision to go to a civilian camp does not terminate the responsibility of a C.O., for that decision is but his logical reaction to the present circumstances.

A person is a C.O.:

1. When he is convinced that active love is the best antidote for evil.
2. When he strives to express his convictions by living his personal life in a spirit of unselfishness.
3. When his heart is filled with such a zeal to further God's kingdom that he will devote his lifetime to doing constructive work that will help to eradicate war

CHALLENGE

AM I WILLING...to forget my neighbor's past and to appreciate his present?...to fan his hope and to dispell his gloom?...to magnify his good and minimize his errors?...to criticize a bit less and encourage more?...to share with him my inner feelings and listen to his? AM I ABLE...to hear in his longings and aspirations my own heart yearnings?...to see in his many blunders my own thoughtless ways?...to picture in him my own frail likeness clothed in a different background and encompassed by a host of misunderstandings? IF SO, then, is that what Jesus wanted us to do when he said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."?

Our pacifist philosophy...do we understand it?...The Camp Core Course offers us opportunity to better understand its implications. By...studying together historic peace institutions...men...their lives stepping stones toward our present stand. By...learning to know present-day peace workers...Gandhi, Kagawa, Muriel Lester, Jones and Ceresole. By...hearing local pacifists...Rev. Bayles, Rev. Miller, Dr. Kauffman...all intensely interested in our welfare...devoting time and energy to give inspiration, encouragement, advice, caution. By...sharing ideas with men from scattered areas, various denominations...worth of such a course inestimatable. From it we may gain a better knowledge of our position, our neighbor, and our God.

FORUM

SHOULD WE LIFT AN OFFERING IN OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES?

John Brown, Duluth, Minnesota

God's Word shows plainly that there is a definite blessing for the Lord's people who give cheerfully. Arrangements should be made so that anyone so desiring, could contribute each week (See Malachi 3:10, and II Cor, 9:6-7)

Louis Kuehl, Mapleton, Iowa

Denying ourselves some of our weekly luxuries, I think we could very

easily present an offering to our Lord on His day.

Glen Greaser, Hesston, Kansas

I feel that we should take an offering at least once a month. Some might say, "we are sacrificing enough", but each of us is receiving \$1.50 every month, and does not \$.15 of that money belong to the Lord? Remember, the widow received a blessing from giving her mite.

Menno Koehn, Galva, Kansas

I think it would be a good thing to establish some sort of alms giving system for our Sunday School classes. This would give those who want to and feel like it a chance to give to a good cause and receive a blessing for it.

Dave Pauls, Buhler, Kansas

We undoubtedly would like to contribute, and feel it a duty. The money we would be giving would be from the money given to us, which feels out of place. We could probably adopt a method of having an offering once a month. We spend money for other things, we should have some for this cause.

Jacob Guhr, Hillsboro, Kansas

I think we should take an offering in our regular Sunday Services to make us more aware that we have responsibilities to meet. It would keep us in closer fellowship with folks who support us while here in camp.

C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

Knowing that you are interested in papers from other camps, we have prepared the following list of camp papers that have come to our library. By writing to these camps you can obtain the information needed to become a subscriber for their papers.

- No. 2, Glendora, California, Box 216
"San Dimas Rattler"
- No. 3, Relay, Maryland
"The Patapsco Peacemaker"
- No. 4, Grottoes, Virginia
"The Olive Branch"
- No. 6, Lagro, Indiana
"Salamonie Peace Pipe"
- No. 7, Magnolia, Arkansas
"Magnolia Time Peace"
- No. 8, Marietta, Ohio
"Whispering Pines"

No. 9, Petersham, Massachusetts

"Days of Our Year"

No. 10, Royalston, Massachusetts

"New Roots"

No. 12, Cooperstown, New York

"Cooperstown"

No. 13, Bluffton, Indiana

"Bluffton Peace Sentinel"

No. 14, Merom, Indiana

"The Plowshare"

No. 17, Manistee, Michigan

"Builders"

No. 18, Marion North Carolina

"Calumet"

No. 19, Denison, Iowa

"The Olive Branch"

Camp # 21, Henry, Illinois, will receive its first assignment of men on December 9. The camp is administered by the Memmonite Central Committee, and the men will do soil conservation work. Four men from the Denison camp are making preliminary preparations.

Camp # 22 at Cascade Locks on the Columbia River in Oregon is expected to open soon. It will be administered jointly by the Brethern Service Committee and the Memmonite Central Committee, and the work will be in the forestry service. The Brethern and the Memmonite men in the San Dimas camp will be transferred to this camp. Mr. Mark Shrock, Church of the Brethern, will be the director of the camp.

The Buck Creek Camp, Marion, North Carolina, unanimously elected three of its campers as nominees for relief work in England. Two men also been nominated for such work by the Lagro Indiana camp.

Camp Magnolia, Arkansas enjoyed two lectures by the noted pacifist author and lecturer, A.J. Muste.

The men in the Cooperstown camp are working on forestry projects. Cooperstown was named after its favorite son, James Fenimore Cooper.

The Denison, Iowa camp choir and quartette have made several appearances in church programs. The basic course in their educational program on the C.O. and the pacifist way of life has had 100% attendance

The San Dimas, California camp has organized a peace team which engages in panel discussions and other promotional activities in local churches.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Dear Friends of Templeton Gap,

Your invitation for comments prompts this from me. Every time I read your paper a feeling of deep gratitude wells up within me for what the leaders of our Peace Churches have accomplished, the consent and assistance of our government and the fine spirit in which you boys are carrying on this program of service for country and fellowmen.

I am impressed by the varied opportunities you have through your work and life to demonstrate what you really are. You make so many contacts, churches, social and business groups, ranchers, government officials, Christian leaders, and the "fellows". What a wealth of experience! You are telling all these what you and we, the churches at home, stand for. To us you are an asset, not a liability. God has drawn the light from under the bushel and sit it on a hill. Keep that light burning bright, boys.

Mrs. D. P. Ewert
Hillsboro, Kan.

(Advisory Council Meets, concluded) service and their departure for these camps should receive appropriate recognition.

3. That efforts be made to have intra-denominational Mennonite conferences in convenient geographic areas to discuss the CPS program and to obtain information concerning it.

The opportunities for spiritual education and growth were emphasized in the meeting. The feeling was also expressed that the home communities are not receiving adequate information about the camps.

Mr. H.E. Mather from the SCS office accompanied the group in the afternoon as they studied the project work being done on the Gountain Mutual Irrigation Ditch.

The members of the Advisory council who were present at the meeting were Rev. J.H. Miller and Rev. Harry Deiner of Hutchinson, Kans.; Rev. A.L. Yost, Moundridge, Kans.; Dr. E.G. Kaurman of North Newton, Kans.; Mr. I.K. Ensz, of Imman, Kans., also attended the meetings. Rev. P.R. Lange and Rev. F. V.

Wiebe, of Hillsboro, Kans., were unable to attend the meetings.

PRESIDENT HOSTETTER TO CONDUCT SPIRITUAL LIFE MEETINGS

In response to requests from men in CPS camps; arrangements have been made for Spiritual Life meetings to be held in each of the Mennonite camps. The meetings will be conducted under the leadership of President C. N. Hostetter, of Grantham, College, Penn.

President Hostetter will be in the Colorado Springs camp from December 12 to 15. He will speak at evening meetings, lead in morning worship and speak at the Sunday morning services. Mr. Hostetter is also expected to use much of his time for personal and group conferences as they are requested. We look forward to the coming of Mr. Hostetter in anticipation of the depth and strength that he can bring to the religious life and spirit of the camp.

NEW CAMPERS ARRIVE

Seven men entered camp November 25, to raise our total enrollment to 124. The names, addresses, church affiliations, and occupations of these men are as follows:

- Anderson, Demry Lee; Weed, New Mexico
Jehovah's Witness...Farming
- Janzen, Irvin Gus; Custer City, Okla.
Mennonite.....Farming
- Jerke, Henry H.; Edgeley, North Dakota
Church of God.....Farming
- Kauffman, Ernest F.; Hebron, North D.
Mennonite.....Teaching
- Miller, Fred S.; Choteau, Oklahoma
Mennonite.....Farming
- Unrau, Henry D.; Lustre, Montana
Mennonite.....Student
- Yoder, Jacob; Choteau, Oklahoma
Mennonite.....Farming

SIXTEEN COMPLETE FIRST AID COURSE

First aid class I completed their course Nov. 19. They used the first aid book of the Red Cross for a textbook. The class was taught capably & efficiently by Mr. Billy Griffiths of the local Red Cross unit. Those who finished the course will receive the Red Cross card authorizing them to render emergency first aid

THOSE THAT WE HAVE MET

Glen Greaser, Hesston, Kansas

Spent most of his life on a farm near Garden City, Mo., and hopes to someday start farming on his own. He has attended Hesston College. He is especially fond of good symphony music. As for his pet peeve, take it from him, "I especially dislike the sound of the morning whistle." Religious affiliation--Mennonite; Parents--C.F. Greaser

Jesse Ray, Greeley, Colorado

Was born on a ranch in the sandhills of western Nebr. He worked at cowpunching most of his life but prior to coming to camp he was employed at blasting out a tunnel. To operate a ranch of his own is his ambition. His most exciting experience occurred near Belle Fourche, Montana, when he crashed through the windshield of an eight-cylinder Buick. He belongs to the Church of God of the Apostolic Faith.

Martin Schmidt, Cordell, Oklahoma

He smiled his way through a number of years on the farm. In the summer of 1940 he followed the harvest from Oklahoma to South Dakota. Altho born in Canada, he speaks with 'nary an accent. His ambition is to farm and do machine work. Rel. Affiliation--Mennonite; Parents--Ed. F. Schmidt

George Fadenrecht, Hillsboro, Kansas

Works at the SCS research office in town. Born in Colorado and spent a year in college in Canada and a year in Tabor in Hillsboro. Taught rural school in Marion County, Kans. Hopes to some day teach high school. Collecting Indian relics is his hobby. Rel. Aff--Mennonite; Parents---R. E. Fadenrecht, Hepburn Saskatchewan, Can.

James Ball, Des Moines, Iowa

Comes to us as a non-registrant. He spent seven months and one day in the Federal Corrective Institution near Denver. Jim graduated from Drake University and was physics assistant for several years. He also took post-graduate work. He hopes to teach high school. Rel. Aff---Quaker; Parents---Mrs. Mathilda Ball

Fred Showalter, Halstead, Kansas

Knows how it is to wear hip boots in Kansas mud for he has been helping

his father feed and care for 150 head of cattle and 1000 head of sheep for over ten years. Together they farm 400 acres of land planted mainly to forage crops. Their Mexican June corn grew especially tall this year with one stalk reaching the altitude of twelve feet. Fred looks forward to either farming or lumbering. At present his chief interest is in the local Friends church. Rel. Aff---Mennonite; Parents--Fred W. Showalter

RADIO PROVIDES MIDNIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

To the strains of the song, "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire", Galen Widmer's sensitive radio burst into flames several nights ago.

While Galen was off to Denver to visit his girl friend, his hallmates in Dorm Two were using his radio constantly. The radio played night and day. The fatal night was Saturday. The entire dormitory was asleep. At 1:55 a.m. the radio suddenly began to blurt forth the ballad, "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire". Harold "Lolabell" Reschley, whose head was a mere two feet from the radio, began to sense in his sleep a strange warmth about his head. Harold was soon dreaming of those warm Iowa nights. No warm Iowa night---this dream---it was hot. Hero Harold awoke with a start. Flames were leaping upward from the radio cabinet at his head.

Brave Harold Reschley, the Gallant Knight of Dormitory Two, reared out of bed, Jerked the light cord (but the fuse had been blown), lifted the flaming radio up into his manly arms, and dashed through the smoke-filled room and beyond to the outdoors, where he deposited the cabinet in the cool waters of the SCS tank.

Walt Schmidt awoke at the moment of this heroic feat to remain transfixed as he saw a radiant ball of fire moving thru the darkness of the dormitory. As customary, candy eating, sleepy-eyed Roy Spangler slept soundly thru the entire proceedings.



NEWS IN BRIEF

The SCS office received notice that four new Ford trucks will be delivered to our camp in February. The trucks will be used to take the crews to the work projects.

The Memmonite Central Committee informs us that the money that was saved through our Armistice day fast, has been put into the fund for European relief. The amount was slightly over twenty-five dollars.

Official notice has been received that the limit on the number of men who can be gone on furlough has been raised from 15% to 50% for the period from December 20 to January 4. This action will enable everyone who has earned his furlough days to be home for part of the holiday season.

Mr. Tom Bishop, Amarillo, Texas, spent a few days with the SCS department of this camp, checking camp property and reports.

At least ten campers enjoyed Thanksgiving dinners on November 20. Roy Henry and Richard Hunter ate a dinner at Shadburn's restaurant with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hunter. Oric Gingerich, Glen Greaser, Russell Detwiler, and Ralph Kaufman were guests at the Rev. A.B. Miller home in Manitou. Arlo Sonnenberg, Albert Lwert, Paul Anderson, and Roland Bartel enjoyed a turkey dinner and an afternoon of fellowship at the home of Rev. Ray Wasser, Congregational minister at Denver. Alvin Buller was a guest at the home of his aunt in Denver.

The men who stayed in camp Nov. 20 attended the impressive union services in Shove Memorial Chapel.

Sixty guests were entertained by the camp at a Thanksgiving banquet in the dining hall Thursday evening, November 27.

The dining hall and the tables were decorated in holiday garb. The turkey and other items on the menu were contributed by friends of the camp. A brief program arranged by the campers was given after the meal.

Following open house in the dormitories and the new recreation lounge the choir of the First Methodist church presented a concert.

Orvic Troyer was confused Sunday and enjoyed a swim with his skates.

Elmer Brandt has solved his transportation problem with the purchase of a bicycle. Now he would like to have a heater, a gas heater preferably.

Brelsford's observation: "We have not yet trained the rear wheels of the pick-up to follow the front wheels. We'll have to lead the truck across the camp grounds a few times to train those wheels."

Kreider's rationalization: "You'd have the privilege of hearing me sing more often if I knew I were not casting my pearls before the swine"

A program rendered at the United Presbyterian church Nov. 23, included numbers by the camp quartette, the men's chorus, a violin solo by Arlo Sonnenberg, and a talk by Albert Gaeddert on the subject "Gratitude for Liberties!" Earlier in the evening Rev. Gaeddert spoke at the Evangelical church. The quartette sang at Union Printers Home on Sunday afternoon, November 9.

"Friendship is a magic weaver
Weaving through life's tapestries
Threads of thoughtfulness and kindness
Fadeless threads of memory;

Warm, bright threads of understanding,
Sunny golden threads of cheer,
Making friendships perfect pattern
Grow more beautiful each year"

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