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CPS CAMP NO 5

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE WORK OPENED AND APPROVED

Several types of Civilian Public Service projects, supplementing the basic C.O. camp program already in operation, are opening for qualified campers according to word received from the National Service Board.

Under the direction of the Brethren Service Committee, a small CPS work unit will be sent to China in the near future. The project has received the approval of General Hershey of Selective Service. Along with the volunteers from the other religious groups, two Mennonite campers will be selected for this work within a few days. A two-month training period for all China volunteers is to begin at Camp Lagro, Indiana, by January 15.

A CPS unit is to be sent to England to engage in relief and rehabilitation work. One Mennonite assignee, Robert Gigley from the Sideling Hill, Penn., camp, has been selected to serve on this project.

Selective Service officials have approved the Florida hookworm project. This sanitation work under the direction of the U.S. Dept. of Health calls for assignees with specialized training. Mosquito control and latrine construction will be part of the work.

Approval has also been obtained from Selective Service for the opening of CPS units in Gardner, Mass., and Elgin Ill., mental hospitals. Each work unit will include approximately 25 assignees. Appointments to the mental hospital projects will probably be made by the first of February.

The Friends project in Mexico has not as yet received formal approval from Washington. Non-assignee volun-

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## CITICHERS PLEDGE FULL SUPPORT TO CAMPS, SELECTIVE SERVICE CONTINUES APPROVAL

"Since Pearl Harbor, Selective Service has been as strongly in support of Civilian Public Service as ever", was the statement made by Camp Director Albert Gaeddert in reporting on the meeting of the Mennonite Central Committee which convened in Chicago, January 2 and 3.

Albert Gaeddert reported that not only was Selective Service giving its full backing to the CPS program but also the constituent groups in the National Service Board were ready to continue the program. Moreover, the Mennonite Central Committee has again pledged all-out support of CPS camps.

Mr. Gaeddert, who was on leave from camp for ten days, attended three conferences in Chicago: The Conference on Mennonite Sociology, Dec. 31; The Mennonite camp directors' meeting Jan. 1; and the Mennonite Central Committee conference, Jan. 2 and 3.

### Conference on Mennonite Sociology

Leaders from the various branches of the church, as well as students of Mennonitism, were in attendance at the Mennonite sociological conference. Papers were presented on a number of subjects relating to the social and economic problems confronting the Mennonites. In discussing this conference, Mr. Gaeddert was impressed with the eagerness of those present to find our basic heritage as a rural people.

### Meeting of Mennonite Camp Directors

All of the directors of the eight Mennonite-operated camps were present at the meeting in Chicago. Also present were representatives of the MCC. The all-day conference opened with an

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CAMP FORUMWHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION OF THE  
SPIRITUAL LIFE MEETINGS?

Earnest Kauffman, Hebron, North Dakota

Dr. Hostetter's visit in camp was a spiritual treat to us. He left us a challenge to follow Christ in every detail of our lives if we accept His way of peace.

Jesse Harder, Balko, Oklahoma

I think meetings of this kind have a definite place in our camp. In fact from some of the observations I have made we need more of them. I am one hundred percent behind the idea.

Ora Swoveland, Wymore, Nebraska

The meetings were and will always remain a great spiritual help in my life. In them all, especially the three evening sermons, words were spoken that were truly inspiring to the soul.

Henry Mullet, Bloomfield, Montana

I feel that the meetings by Dr. Hostetter gave each one of us young men a glimpse and a challenge of "a life worth living". It renewed our faith and confidence in our Lord and Savior, our guide in the crisis ahead.

C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

An ice-house storing 25 tons of ice is being filled by Stoddard, Mass. campers. They have built a new hen house and are planning a new hog barn rabbit hutch, and cow barn. One camper offered the use of his cow.

On the night of December 8, the enrollees at Magnolia, Arkansas were initiated into forest fire fighting which lasted two hours. Sherwood Eddy visited their camp on December 11, and explained his stand on pacifism

The men at the camp near Manistee, Mich., composed and designed their own Christmas greeting cards, presented a play and made a life size tableau of the nativity at the entrance to their camp. On Jan. 1, several crews of men worked through the night aiding travelers who had been caught in snow drifts

Helen Topping, secretary and personal representative of the influential Japanese Christian, Toyohiko Kagawa, visited the Lagro, Ind., camp. She stated that the way out of our present dilemma is to unite the international forces of Christianity, pacifism, and cooperatives.

The Bluffton, Ind. camp is changing an old dump ground into a park, thus giving "Beauty For Ashes".

Dale Young, assignee at Marietta, Ohio camp has been appointed assistant director by Dr. Fast. Dale is a graduate of Kent State College.

Tom Jones has resigned as director of Friends CPS camps, to assume his role as president of Fiske University. He is succeeded by Paul Furnas.

The new total of C.O.'s in CPS camp is about 1,850.

(New Projects, concluded from page 1) tears are to form the first unit which is sent to Mexico. The Quakers have invited the MCC to select two Mennonite youths for this project.

A plan for farm furloughs for C.O. assignees is being discussed by Selective Service and the National Service Board. No plan has yet been approved.

Appointments to the service projects will be made from the assignees who have undergone a period of apprenticeship in CPS camps. It has been emphasized by the NSB and the MCC that the new areas of service are unfolding because of the satisfaction of Selective Service with the operation of the present CPS program. An efficient working unit within the camp is urged by Civilian Public Service.

"Never was there a time", stated Mr. Gaeddert, when there have been so many doors of service open to us. We must capitalize on the things which we as the Mennonite Church hold in common.

## RUG WEAVING MAJOR LEISURE ACTIVITY

## NEWS IN BRIEF

When Dale, Elmer, and Kelly Palmer were paroled to the camp from the Federal Prison where they had been incarcerated for failure to register, they brought with them a craft which has since developed into what is virtually an industry. In every dorm there are empty frames and filled frames as the campers go on making rugs.

First step in the procedure takes the individual to the carpenter shop where he constructs the wooden frame. Frames vary in size, some making small mats for arm chairs and others large enough for small floor rugs. Next comes the stringing of the carpet warp. Rugs also vary in the amount of warp used, the smallest using about one spool and the largest nearly three. In the rugs completed to date, about 318 miles or about 350 pounds of this colored string has been used.

The longest and most tedious step comes next. It is the sewing which is really nothing more than tying knots time without end. Then comes the precarious task of zipping or cutting the warp where it is to be cut and nowhere else. It is then relatively easy to brush the rug to fluff up the string balls, to cut it out of the frame, and to shrink it in a wet towel.

The venture is much more work than could ever be set out adequately on paper, so the girls at home who have received a rug have reasons to feel honored. Many of the rugs have carried in design the name of "the" girl, the words "home", "mother", or various other evidences of thoughts elsewhere than in camp.

A brief survey has been completed to determine the extent of this activity. There are ninety men who have made one or more and only thirty-three who have not made any. The Palmer brothers made forty rugs during their six-month stay in camp, and ten others have completed ten or more.

The grand total of all rugs made during leisure hours is 406. This number will continue to grow for there seems to be no lessening of interest in this activity. New men take it up veterans drop it only to take it up again. Camp #5 promises to become the rug making center of the whole CPS program.

Pres. C. N. Hostetter, Grantham College, Penn., conducted a series of Spiritual Life meetings in our camp, Dec. 12-14, on the subject "Is Life Worth Living". The indescribable blessings resulting from the meetings are reflected in the camp forum.

With feelings of sadness we watched five men depart from our camp fellowship. Dale, Elmer, and Kelly Palmer were released after completing their sentence of one year imposed upon them for refusal to register. They returned to their homes in Colorado. Edwin Stucky, Moundridge, and Willard Voth, Newton, were released upon recommendation of the medical advisory board.

The first round of YMCA basketball ended with both camp teams winning and losing games which were well played and greatly enjoyed.

Team A		Team B	
Opponents	Camp	Opponents	Camp
Elite	30 37	Mormons	39 22
Speedway	44 32	Allens	35 34
Castle R.	10 30	Drennen	30 23
Guy's	31 24	Harters	27 24
		Newton	23 22

Rev. Richard of the local Episcopal church and Mr. Don Smucker of the F.O.R. conducted the church services the past two Sundays. Both services were inspirational and well received.

The first section of the CofE Course on pacifism and non-resistance will be concluded on Jan. 12 with a panel discussion by five campers on the question, "After CPS, What?"

Sunday School teachers elected for the next quarter are Albert Dwert, Robert Kreider, Jesse Harder, Phillip Stucky, Hank Unrau. C. E. president is Jesse Harder and the program committee consists of Melvin Funk, Erwin Krehbiel, and Ezra Shenk.

A plot of ground near a large spring on the Bradley ranch has been offered to the camp for use in raising garden crops if desired.

Mr. George Reeves from the National Service Board visited camp Dec. 14-15 to explain new projects which are opening for men in CPS camps.

Four new Ford trucks have been received by the SCS office.

## 1941 IN REVIEW

## January - June

Baltimore, Maryland was the scene of a meeting of all camp staffs and the three administrative agencies, Jan. 27-28, for the purpose of getting acquainted with camp procedures. Educational programs, daily schedules, securing equipment, camp objectives, were the chief topics of discussions. Directors visited Patapsco camp which was to be opened shortly. Here they met Messrs. French, Reeves, Jones In March, John and Albert made first trip to Colo. Springs, to draw up lease for camp site. First SCS official contacted was Selby Young at the Alta Vista hotel. ....April 8, First shipment of blankets arrived....17, Gaeddert famil joins Mr. Gaeddert for a few weeks; Mr. Kanage begins carpenter work....27, Made first purchas in name of MCC including a piano for \$7.00....May 2, Albert removes three dead cats from under his living room....19, Gaeddert family, John Gaedderts, and Miss Groening move in permanently; no electricity the first night; Miss Groening sleeps on five blankets wrapped in paper....22, Rev. Bayles, Rev. Manthei, and Dr. Fast are visitors....much work donated by individuals from Manitou and La Junta Mennonite churches during month.

## June

5, camp opened with the arrival of twenty-five Mennonite men from Kansas Met at the train by Rev. Bayles, Mr. Zook, and the camp staff. Paul French and Harold Bender come with the men and assist in first devotional service after the breakfast hour in camp....8, Prof. Janzen, Hillsboro, preaches sermon at first church service in camp....12, Dr. Fast makes first visit after opening of camp. ..16, twenty-one additional assignees arrive....26, Mr. Green, traveling for American Friends Service Committee, visits camp and warns of difficulties ahead.

## July

1, Four parolees from the federal correctional institution enter camp....7, small project crew enjoys first grass cutting experience....12, Ezra Shenk faints from vaccinations....19, Fred Kaduce sleeps during two hour lecture on forest fire fighting....22, Educational program begun; several classes meet for first time during the week....25, E. Ray Wilson conducted series of meetings in camp.

## August

The month will always be associated with the hundreds of visitors. Guests at Sunday dinners averaged about fifty per Sunday. Thirty assignees arrive during month....8, "Tash" from Lyle Fellowship speaks to campers about Japan....12, Missed first work day because of rain....22, Seven inches of hail does extensive damage in local community....23, YMCA defeats camp softball team and joins camp in wiener roast after the game....24, Col. Kosh visits camp.

## September

1, About twenty campers climb peak to witness Labor Day auto races; others participate in athletic tourney in camp; Albert attends CPS directors conference at Winona Lake, Indiana....5, Dr. Klassen speaks to campers about his experience in the last war as a C.O....8, First issue of camp paper appears....23, Orrie Miller, D. A. Yoder, and the advisory council study camp....speak at camp meeting at night....27, A. J. Muste, noted F.O.R. leader, visits camp enroute to conference near Denver which was attended by twelve campers.

## October

7, John Gaeddert leaves camp and Ray Schlichting and Robert Kreider assume duties as business manager and educational director respectively....10, fourteen men who have reached the age of twenty-eight are released....6, First watermelon feed....26, Albert Gaeddert returns from Western District Conference of Mennonites.

## November

1, Radio Station opened; open house at YMCA....10, First meeting of core Course....11, Campers fast on Armistice Day and are host to the local F.O.R. group with Porter French as speaker....17, Major McClean inspects camp....22, 24, Dr. Kaufman discusses rural life in meeting of Core Course....25, Advisory Council holds meeting in camp....27, Thanksgiving dinner with sixty guests.

## December

Special Christmas furloughs granted and cancelled....8, War is declared and Albert pleads for maintenance of faith and courage in morning devotions....12-14 Dr. Hostetter conducts impressive and helpful Spiritual Life meetings; Mr. Reeves from NSB explains work in mental hospital units and other projects....18, Camp Christmas program rendered....21, Vesper services held in assembly hall.....27, Albert leaves for Chicago conference.



Bruce Neal, Ames, Iowa

A particularly deep feeling of concern and a sensitiveness to the world of expression marks Bruce as one who stands out. Politics and social work loom for him as fields for real service, and Bruce is eager to prepare specifically for them. He has had two years of college work at Iowa State and wants to continue. Never one to accept blindly, Bruce leads many interesting discussions. His mother is

John Brelsford, Perry, Iowa

"The government forced me to do the thing I should have done a long time ago". These words sum up quite concisely John's attitude toward constructive peace work. He was born and lived on a farm, worked his way through an agricultural engineering course at Ames, graduating in 1939. Since that time has worked as a NYA supervisor and as an engineer. Few people have thought more or been more ready with practical suggestions to make a better camp. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. Fred Brelsford.

Emil Larson, Clark, South Dakota

Emil's life has been focused on preparation for missionary work. He is anxious to go back to the Luthern Bible Institute in Minneapolis. His sincerity is tested by the fact that he has one brother in the army and another in aircraft work who do not share his views on pacifism. Emil speaks Norwegian, works summers doing landscape work, likes to read theology and the history of people. Emil is typical of a quiet pacifist who is anticipating a life of service.

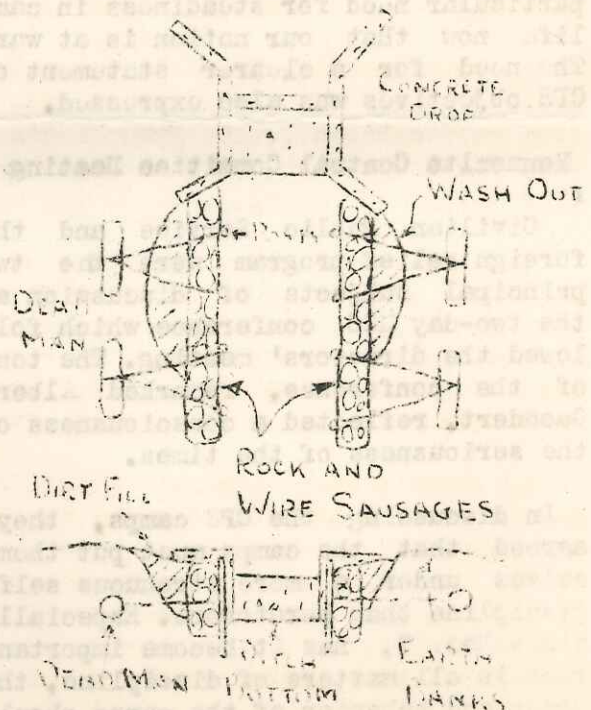
Jesse Harder, Isabella, Oklahoma

Jesse left the school room four weeks ago to come here and do his part in making this stand for peace. He is a graduate of Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma, majoring in history. Other interests are athletics, music, and poetry. "I want to get back to teaching when I get out," he says. Jesse's fine attitude has won for him a place in our big circle of friends at camp. His father is A. R. Harder.

THREE CREWS CONSTRUCT DITCHES,  
REPAIR IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Diversion ditches are being constructed in Palmer Park and on the Louis Woods farm by two crews supervised by Arlo Sonnenberg and Leroy Miller. Leslie Schultz is the foreman of a crew repairing the Fountain Mutual Irrigation System. The repair of this irrigation system is the largest project undertaken in this camp area and will keep a crew busy till Spring.

Rock and wire baskets are used to control erosion on the banks of the irrigation ditch where the water has washed large holes. These baskets are placed directly below the wing walls of structures such as division boxes, checks, and measuring flumes, and tie into the stabilized bank below the eroded area.



A basket of 50" hog wire is laced together with smooth wire and placed in a trench one foot square. This basket is then filled with closely laid rock. Steel posts, such as old boiler tubes, are driven at eight foot intervals into the bottom of the ditch on the water side of the basket. These posts are anchored by the use of old cable or heavy wire to "dead men" buried at least three feet below the surface of the ditch bank. This keeps the basket from toppling over. The washed out area is then back filled with earth and the result is a smooth, stabilized ditch bank, well protected from erosion.

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extended period of meditation and prayer.

Reports on the camp program were presented by Henry Fast and Orrie Miller. They indicated that 675 Mennonite men would be in MCC-operated camps by Jan. 1, along with more than 130 non-Mennonite assignees. Much time was devoted to the discussion of the new service projects which are opening both abroad and in this country. MCC representatives explained that financial contributions from churches may need to be increased if the financial obligations of the Mennonite CPS camps are to be met.

Repeatedly it was emphasized in the directors' meeting that a high standard of camp life must be established and maintained. Dr. Fast stated the particular need for steadiness in camp life now that our nation is at war. The need for a clearer statement of CPS objectives was also expressed.

#### Mennonite Central Committee Meeting

Civilian Public Service and the foreign relief program were the two principal subjects of discussion at the two-day MCC conference which followed the directors' meeting. The tone of the conference, remarked Albert Gaeddert, reflected a consciousness of the seriousness of the times.

In discussing the CPS camps, they agreed that the camps must put themselves under a more strenuous self-discipline than heretofore. Especially since Dec. 7, has it become important that in all matters of discipline, the order and behavior of the camps should be above reproach. The assignees and

the camps were requested to avoid asking for special favors. Frequently representatives of the MCC suggested that new areas of CPS service are opening only in so far as the peace churches prove themselves in the camps and in their integrity. Since the camps are under close scrutiny by the community, Dr. Fast emphasized the need for wise use of leisure time and participation in programs of self development.

Dean Harold Bender reported on the educational programs of the camps. He stressed the unique opportunity which is offered the church by having these hundreds of men under its direction. Bender explained the major importance to the camp program of the courses on objectives. He emphasized the value of Bible study and the study of the rural farm community.

Orrie Miller, in his report to the MCC on the relief program, described the projects in England and France devoted to the relief of war sufferers. The financial goal in the relief program is to obtain \$1.00 per Mennonite church member per year. The problem of Mennonites subscribing to defense bond issues was discussed at length.

Mr. Gaeddert commented on the complete accord manifested in all of the meetings. All conclusions were reached with no dissenting votes. The seriousness of purpose of the committee deliberations also impressed him. He was gratified with the full support which is given to the entire CPS program

We, the members of the camp and of the camp staff, wish to express our sympathy to our matron, Miss Groening, in the passing of her father.

Reports from Orrie Miller indicate that the trend is to expand through the camps outward; new projects will not replace but will supplement the present camp set up

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