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HARTZLER CHOSEN FOR WORK IN CHINA BARTEL AN ALTERNATE FOR ENGLAND UNIT

According to a telegram received Jan. 16, Elmer Hartzler has been chosen for the Brethren work unit which is to go to China soon. Information received earlier reveals that Leonhard Bartel has been selected as an alternate for the Friends work unit which is to go to England.

No official information is as yet available concerning the other members of the unit or of the work that is to be done in China. According to a recent issue of the San Dimas, Calif., camp paper, those chosen will be truck drivers, mechanics, and first aidmen, and will be supervised by a director, physician, dietician, interpreter, etc. From the same source we learn that the personnel of the unit will be trained for two months in Lagro, Ind., camp, and then will work in the southern central province of Sianfu.

The unit of six men to be sent to England by the American Friends Service committee is still waiting approval by the state department. The work in England would consist of rebuilding bomb-damaged houses and constructing shelters for evacuated families.

The six candidates for the Friends unit are Robert G. Starbuck, Camp Merom Ind.; Eugeno L. Mercer, Buck Creek camp Marion, North Carolina, Robert Geigley, Sideling Hill camp, Wells Tannery, Pa.; Edward Grill, Camp Lagro, Ind.; R. Ogden Hannaford, Camp Merom, Indiana; and Fred E. Mathes, Camp San Dimas, Calif. These candidates were selected because of their skills as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, leadership qualities.

The alternates who will be trained in case replacements are needed are Charles Butcher, Cambridge, Mass.;

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NEW COURSES IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

New Testament Bible study is one of several new courses inaugurated during the past week to meet the educational needs of the campers.

The instructor for the new Bible course, which meets every Friday evening, is Rev. L. C. Miller, minister of the Mennonite church of Manitou. Students are to have a part in the direction of the course according to Rev. Miller.

This course in New Testament Bible study is being offered as a sequence course to the Old Testament history, a class taught by Dean Roger Hazelton, which recently came to a close.

Prayer Group Organizes

An interested group of campers gathered together in the lounge room last Sat. evening to organize a camp prayer meeting. The group decided to meet regularly on Sat. evenings and to accompany each meeting with a study of the meaning of prayer.

Chosen as chairman of the group was Earnest Kauffman, Hebron, North Dakota. Appointed to the first committee to assist in planning the prayer meetings and study sessions were Henry Unrau, Emil Larson, and Eldon Boese.

Class In Farming Plans Meetings

Thirty campers met early this week to organize a course in farming which is to meet every Monday evening.

At their first meeting the campers discussed the agricultural subjects which they wish to study in the course. Most interest was expressed for the study of livestock-breeding, feeding, and diseases. Such subjects as farm

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CONCERNING RULES

Considerable discussion has been devoted to the question of whether our adherence to certain principles of conduct should be secured through enforced regulations. The trends of such discussions indicates not only that the issue is recognized as a fundamental one, but also that some misunderstanding about the meaning of rules is prevalent.

By definition a rule is a guide or a standard for conduct. Certainly such guides are desirable for the sake of efficiency in mechanical procedures of camp life as well as for unanimity on the standards of personal conduct and privileges. No sacrifice of principle is involved in agreeing upon such standards whereby we tell ourselves what kind of liberties we can enjoy without endangering the welfare of the camp or the cause it represents. The point of argument is not whether such standards or guides (or rules) are good or bad in themselves, but how they are obtained and how they are enforced.

We are fortunate that the policy in our camp has been that standards of conduct are adopted after a group discussion or with the general consent of the group. This policy is essential to our way of life and is fundamentally different from the policy of authoritative commands essential to the military way of life. One of the underlying assumptions of the CPS program is that a high standard of discipline can be arrived at democratically

After the group has adopted some guides for conduct, they still need to decide how those guides or standards shall be maintained. Here again we are fortunate that the policy has been to trust to each individual's ability to self-discipline himself to fulfill the wishes of the group. This too is an underlying principle of the CPS experiment and essential to our way of life

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Obviously, most objections to rules are in reality leveled against the method of obtaining and enforcing them and not against the rules themselves. The challenge has been laid squarely before each one of us to set up and maintain a higher standard of conduct than that found in the army without resorting to their methods of securing and enforcing them. This done, we will find that we do not have rules which need to be enforced but group wishes which everyone tries to fulfill.

FORUM

THROUGH WHAT OTHER WAYS CAN WE GIVE EXPRESSION TO OUR PEACE CONVICTIONS BESIDES WORKING IN CPS CAMPS?

Leonard Bartel, Hillsboro, Kansas

By taking active part in the activities of the community churches, the world-wide peace movement of F.O.R., participation in community sports, and by making social contacts with the members of the community and by inviting them to visit our camp.

Isaac Harms, Ulysses, Kansas

We can give our testimony by associating with the churches in our community. If we are called on to give a program we have the opportunity to tell them why we take our stand and through song tell them of the love of Christ.

George Fadenrecht, Hillsboro, Kansas

The essence of our pacifism can in no way be expressed more effectively than in the way we deal with our fellow men. We are an "open letter" read by everyone. Therefore we should be careful to make sure our acts and words are of pacific character.

Melvin Funk, Hillsboro, Kansas

Firstly, we must practice love, sacrifice, tolerance, and other principles we use as our basis for our stand. We must also as individuals be able to do that which we hope to accomplish as a group. "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link".

Ramon Unruh, Hutchinson, Kansas

War torn countries everywhere are greatly in need of leadership, homes, and the necessities of life. This is

our opportunity to express our peace stand to our brothers and to our country. Contributing to relief funds even if in a small measure and thus helping these nations is an invaluable expression of our peace stand.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Arthur E. Holt, professor of ethics at Chicago Theological Seminary passed away Jan. 13, at the age of 65. Dr. Holt, devoted supporter of Civilian Public Service, was one of the first subscribers to the Peace News.

The last meeting of the camp council was held Jan. 13. The problems discussed were limitation of the use of private cars, punctuality for the breakfast hour, the possibility of a few self-sustenance projects, and the possibility of having council meetings open to all campers. The new hall chairmen who belong to the council are Martin Stucky, Glen Greaser, Orve Troyer, Isaac Harms, Henry Mullet, John Brown and Roy Henry. Other members of the council are the camp staff and the office assistants.

We were happy to see several of the alumni of our camp return for brief visits. Those who were seen recently include Ray Juhnke, Paul Miller, Harold Oswald, Elmer Palmer, Kelly Palmer, and Harold Brown.

Dallas Rediger and Orie Gingerich have learned that the "pluma-mose" for Sunday dinner lowered their temperature considerably. At least their temperature reading was below normal when their Sunday dinner was taken to them while in bed, Jan. 18.

The four Methodist boys are to be commended for the service they render at the local First Methodist Church. Besides assisting in the Sunday School and League regularly they helped redecorate the church one evening last week. In many cases they have furnished their own transportation.

Eighteen Presbyterian ministers who were in conference in Colo. Springs, visited the camp on the afternoon of January 21.

A floor sander was rented for a day during which time the floors in the lounge room, infirmary, and general offices were sanded and refinished.

NOTES FROM A C.O.'S JOURNAL

Strangers....gray-haired, neat, friendly....first appearing like any two elderly ladies...just strangers... until a few months ago... but now ...fellowship reveals two inspired personalities! Both as faithful and steadfast in their desire to serve humanity as any known! Though youth past, yet as vigorous, enthusiastic, as the spirit of adventurous youth itself! Their zest for Christian service pleasantly contagious to all who enter their fellowship. Our enthusiasm, their enthusiasm; our dreams their dreams; our success, their hope and prayer! Our appreciation to those strangers of a few months back! For their service in...the church, foreign service, the peace movement of the F.O.R., community social action. To them... God's will is their will. May we learn to live by their example that "perfect love casteth out fear!"

If I had never sinned against my Lord;
If I had lived according to His Word;
These fears, these many foolish fears,
would never be
In this trembling heart of mine!

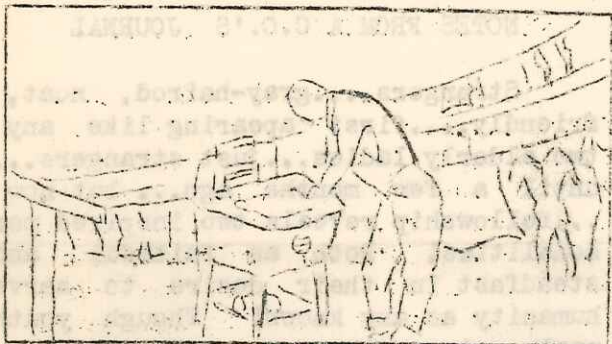
If I had never shed self-pity's tear;
If I had never fed this heathen fear;
Life's pattern, traced through this
eventful year,
Would be more akin to Thine.

In simple trust I'll strive to ever be
With Thee, my Lord, in perfect harmony
And pray this trembling soul will
peaceful be
In Thy loving care divine!

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ELECT SUPERINTENDENT

J. Hobart Goering, Moundridge, Kan. was elected superintendent of the Sunday School organization Jan. 18, and Ike Harms, Ulysses, Kansas was chosen to be the secretary. The new officers will supervise the five classes conducted after services each Sunday.

The campers also decided to lift an offering during the Sunday School hour each Sunday. A large majority felt that such an opportunity should be given to those who wish to participate. The superintendent was requested to name a committee to recommend various causes to which the offerings might be contributed. One of the causes now being considered is foreign relief.



One of the most important departments of the camp is the laundry. Here a squad of four courageous campers does all the laundry work for the entire camp. This includes not only the wash from the dormitories but also from the kitchen and the infirmary.

Early in the morning the laundry is gathered and brought to the wash house. First it is sorted and run through the two electric Maytag washing machines. If good fortune prevails the white clothes come out much whiter and the colored ones emerge with their original hues. ~~W~~ dress shirts are washed, starched, dried, and dampened for ironing the next morning. They are then run through the mangle and finished by ironing with the electric sad iron.

The socks and handkerchiefs are usually dried in the drying room while the other laundry is hung on outside clothes lines. In the event of severe weather all laundry is hung inside. Camp shirts, trousers, handkerchiefs, pajamas, etc. are also mangled. The clothes are then sorted and placed in a large cabinet where each camper has his own laundry box. Each person is supposed to have his possessions marked with indelible ink.

The number of pieces laundered each week is amazing. It is estimated that 125 dress shirts, 75 camp shirts, 130 trousers, 260 towels, and many other pieces of clothing are laundered each week. If the week's wash of socks were placed end to end they would reach from the laundry steps to the director's door and back again.

Pete Stauffer operates the washing machines while Abe Epp runs the mangle. Paul Hofer, veteran wielder of the sad iron, set a new record by ironing 14 dress shirts in one hour! Roy Henry is a new hand in the laundry and does not wish that his special talents be disclosed until they prove themselves worthy of mention.

GUEST SPEAKERS HIGHLIGHT FIRST SECTION OF CORE COURSE

Two months of study on pacifism and nonresistance were completed last week as the first section of the Course on Objectives came to a conclusion.

Much favorable response from the campers has greeted the sessions of this study of the peace principle. Particularly appreciated were the contributions of the guest speakers.

The first section on "Pacifism and Nonresistance" opened Nov. 13, with a panel discussion on "Why we have chosen CPS." Three campers participated in this discussion along with Rev. L. C. Miller and Rev. Francis Bayles of Colorado Springs.

Director Albert Gaeddert led three sessions of study on the Scriptural bases of nonresistance. Attention was centered on Jesus' law of love and the redemptive method of the Cross. One discussion was then devoted to other bases for pacifism than the Biblical.

President Ed. G. Kaufman of Bethel College, Newton, Kans., addressed the campers on Nov. 24 on the challenges of the rural community. He explained the desirable qualities of life in a farm community and the close relationship between rural living and Christian nonresistant living.

To afford a picture of the historical background of the peace principle, the life and teachings of great heroes of peace were presented by Rev. Ed Manthei of the First Congregational Church, Colorado Springs, and Rev. Ernest Shively, pastor of the Rocky Ford Brethern Church, at successive meetings of the Course on Objectives.

A panel of four campers discussed on Dec. 15 the history of the conscientious objector, the C.O. in World War I, and the C.O. in Europe today.

After the Christmas holidays Rev. Bayles of Calvalry Evangelical Church of Colorado Springs spoke to the campers on "The C.O.'s peace testimony in the home community as a homemaker, church member, and citizen!"

Five assignees, with Earnest Kauffman as chairman, formed a panel to discuss the question, "After C.P.S. What?" As the concluding session of

the core course, they discussed how the C.P.S. peace fellowship might be maintained through correspondence, publication, and conference. The campers discussed areas into which they may carry their peace testimony after the C.P.S. program comes to an end.

As a special lecture, Rev. A. R. H. Miller, of the Community Congregational church of Manitou, spoke to the campers on January 15 on "The Early Christian Church and War".

Supplementing the regular sessions of the core course study of peace, Carl Landes, rural secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, spoke to the camp in November on the subject of peace and rural life. During the Christmas holidays the Midwest secretary of the F.O.R., Don Smucker, visited the camp and addressed the group on our peace program during the time of war.

The second two-months section of the Course on Objectives began Thurs. evening. The new section is to be devoted to a study of the "Historical Rootage of Our Way of Life". This is to be a study of religious backgrounds. A more detailed explanation of this section will follow in future issues of the Peace News.

TEN CAMPERS ARRIVE DURING PAST MONTH

The records for the month of January show that ten new campers have arrived and two others were released to give us a total enrollment of 131. The new men are all members of the Mennonite church and they all come from the farm except Henry Ediger who was a college student and Lloyd Gering who was teaching in a city school. The new men:

Buller, Henry C., Bloomfield, Montana
 Ediger, Henry E., Kremlin, Oklahoma
 Ensz, Harry D., Marion, South Dakota
 Gering, Lloyd, Richey, Montana
 Karber, Vernon Ray, Balko, Oklahoma
 Preheim, Reinhardt, Marion, South Dak.
 Quiring, Albert A., Frazer, Montana
 Quiring, Elmer H., Weatherford, Okla.
 Thomas, Otto J., Marion, South Dakota
 Warkentin, Herman A., Colony, Oklahoma

The two men who were released upon recommendation of the medical advisory board were Paul Anderson, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Roy Spenser, Kinross, Iowa

THOSE THAT WE HAVE MET

Albert Fwert, Mountain Lake, Minnesota

Combined talents and a genuine willingness to cooperate are traits which make Albert a valuable asset to the camp. Since graduating from Friends U. Wichita, Kans., he has taught mathematics and music in Quinlan, Okla., high school. Acutely aware of his social responsibility he has made application for work in the hospital units. Small in stature but big in heart probably best sums up his character.

John Brown, Duluth, Minnesota

One word, versatility, marks John as a unique individual. The most outstanding of his many interests and abilities is his work in photography. Though his photography is a hobby, his productions equal those of commercial artists. Before being drafted, John was employed by the government in a Civil Service position. He has no definite plans for the future but prefers to let tomorrow take care of itself.

Paul V. Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Friendly and serious minded, Paul has been and will continue to be an inspiration to those who know him. He attended the University of Minnesota for nearly two years but his education did not end there. Since then he has read widely in the field of philosophy and studied at every opportunity. Before coming to camp he was in business as a fuel dealer. He began his hobby of collecting and polishing rocks less than two years ago after he had an interview with one of the instructors in geology. While in camp he polished the rocks for the beautiful fireplace in the lounge room. His plans for the future are indefinite but we are confident that they are not uncertain.

Roy Spenser, Wellman, Iowa

Roy has won a place in our hearts during the seven months he was with us in camp. Since he has been released he hopes to return to the produce business in which he was engaged before coming to camp. While in camp he has rendered valuable service in the laundry. He will be remembered because of his friendliness and fine disposition.

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Leonhard Bartel, Hillsboro, Kans.; and
Orville Beehler, Fruitland, Idaho.

Elmer was employed as a carpenter in Denver before entering camp in June. He has completed a year and a half of work in Hesston college and has taught school for a year. He was born in Oregon, lived in Alberta, Can., four years and then in Kansas City, Kans., three years where his father was superintendent of the Mennonite Children's Home. His parents are now living on a farm near Wichita, Kansas

Leonhard has had most of his experience on a farm near Hillsboro, Kansas. He has also worked as a garage mechanic and has been the operator of a town ship tractor. His parents are now living on a farm near Hillsboro.

The time of leaving for the training camps, the length of their training period, and their departure for foreign fields, are as yet indefinite. We are sorry to see them leave us, but in their leaving we find encouragement that more ways are opening whereby we can give even greater testimony of a positive way of life.

Plans for other units to serve in Latin America, Mexico, and certain areas in the U.S. are still under consideration. Some of the men from our camp who applied for work in the mental hospital units were advised that thirty-five men were assigned to the Elgin hospital and that they were being considered for a similar project west of the Mississippi River.

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construction, soils, marketing, were

"Give me the money that has been spent in war, and I will clothe every man, woman, and child in an attire of which kings and queens would be proud. I will build a schoolhouse in every valley over the whole earth. I will crown every hillside with a place of worship consecrated to the gospel of peace"
-Charles Sumner

suggested for the agricultural course.

Additional Courses Introduced

One large chorus composed of more than forty members, has been organized to succeed the two former choruses. J. Hobart Goering will serve as the director, Isaac Harms as the president, and Ramon Unruh as the secretary.

Additional courses are beginning this week and next week. Included is a course in farm bookkeeping to be taught by Business Manager Ray Schlichting. A review course on spelling and grammar may begin soon under the direction of Mrs. Linscheid, camp matron. A college credit course in Reformation church history begins this week with Robert Kreider as instructor

Instructors are being sought for courses in first aid and Spanish, for which there has been a demand among campers. Several other camp courses may be offered soon.

MELVIN FUNK AN ALTERNATE FOR CHINA UNIT

According to information received too late to be included in the front page article on foreign service, Melvin Funk has been chosen as alternate for the Chinese relief unit. The same letter reveals that the training period for Funk, Bartel, and Hartzler will begin shortly

China land will not be entirely new to Melvin if he can go since he spent six years of his early life there when his parents were missionaries. He remembers that his name was Fung Yinlwa. Melvin has had three years of college work. His home is near Hillsboro, Kan.

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