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## TWELVE NEW ASSIGNEES ARRIVE AS EIGHTH DORMITORY IS OPENED

Twelve new assignees have arrived in camp during the past ten days bringing the total camp population up to a new high of 144. This new contingent offsets the loss of the three campers chosen for the Florida project.

Four of the new arrivals came on March 10 and all claim Oklahoma as their home: Marion Wichert, farmer from Fairview; Vernie Smith, mechanic from Ringwood; Curt Dyck, farmer from Corn; and Harry Buller, farmer from Turpin.

Six of the eight arriving March 16 are also from Oklahoma, the other two being Kansans: Dewis Bridges, advertiser from Oklahoma City; Pete and John Epp, farmers from Turpin; David Regier, farmer from Turpin; Rahlen Unrau, garage operator from Inola; Clarence Kliever, farmer from Balko; Walter Dirks, farmer from Liberal, Kansas; and Arnold Wedel, farmer from Liberal, Kansas. As the paper goes to press several new assignees from Montana are expected to arrive in camp.

The new group is predominantly Mennonite in religious affiliation: 8 General Conference Mennonites, two Mennonite Brethern, one Church of God in Christ (Holdeman), and one Disciple of Christ.

To house the increasing number of campers, Albert Gaeddert, camp director, gave the order to transform a part of the recreation hall into a dormitory. "Dorm 8" is now completed and equipped with beds, wardrobes, and fixtures and provides accommodations for 14 men. Some of the seasoned CPS men were assigned to this dorm along with four new men. This change in the recreation hall also makes available an extra classroom which is located between Dorm 8 and the Lounge Room.

## THREE MEN CHOSEN FOR FLORIDA HOOKWORM AND MALARIA CONTROL PROJECT

Roland Bartel, John Brelsford, and Galen Widmer received last Saturday evening the unexpected news that they had been selected by the MCC to serve on the new CPS unit being sent to Florida.

A unit of ten assignees will open this project near Crestview, Florida, March 25. The project will be devoted to malaria and hookworm control under the direction of the U.S. Dept. of Pub. Health.

Mennonites and Brethern are jointly administering the new camp. Ralph Townsend, former assistant director of the Lagro camp, will be the director. Five men from Mennonite camps and five from Brethern camps constitute the initial unit.

The work of the campers will consist of such sanitation projects as constructing sanitary WPA-style privies, screening houses, digging wells, and draining swamps. At first the men will live in tents while they build their own camp buildings.

Sunday night, March 15, a farewell program was held in the assembly hall for the three Florida-bound campers. Talks, music, and refreshments were featured.

Roland Bartel, who will assist in the religious and educational program of the unit, hails from Hillsboro, Kan. Roland has studied at Bethel and Emporia State Teachers colleges. During the three years preceding his induction into camp he taught in the Buhler, Kans., school system. Roland has been responsible for the capable editorship of the camp paper. He is a certified Red Cross first aid instructor.

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## THE ART OF LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP

Building Christian fellowship and community among campers of differing backgrounds is one of the principal joys and problems of our camp life.

Our individual personalities are not cut to one pattern. To our camp come young men from various religious backgrounds: Mennonites, Methodists, Quakers, Evangelicals, Jehovah's Witnesses, and many others. Our educational training is varied. We represent many different vocations. To our camp come young men from many states, many communities. Though we differ in our backgrounds, in camp we may become united at a common task because of our devotion to a pacifist-nonresistant way of life.

Camp life should be a rich experience for all of us from the standpoint of learning the art of living together. Here we may learn to hold fast to our own convictions without dogmatism, for dogmatism and bigotry destroy fellowship. We may learn to respect the other camper's convictions, his talents, his background, his peculiarities and differences. We may learn to avoid unkind criticism, for such criticism undermines a Christian community. We must be aware of the danger to the fellowship of being self-righteous in our conduct and attitudes. Camp experience may contribute to the qualities of understanding one another, forgiving one another, overlooking the shortcomings of one another, being cheerful and brotherly in all our mutual relations.

In our camp are opportunities whereby we may acquire a sense of the obligations attendant to democratic living and the responsibilities basic to Christian fellowship.

## CAMP FORUM - - - How can we improve the program of entertainment within our camp?

### Orve Troyer, Milford, Nebraska

To improve our entertainment within the camp we should get together once a week. In this get-together we could have music of all kinds, readings, stunts, and good jokes. I think it should be taken care of by having each dormitory put on a program. Another suggestion may be a "Major Bowes" type of program or a quiz program.

### J. Hobart Goering, Moundridge, Kansas

Our camp provides for quite a variety of entertainment. However, improvements can be made, I think. Inter-dorm sports always are interesting. We have just started that. Another thing we might do is to have a monthly program, social, or get-together. We should have some meetings just for fun.

### Melvin Gaeddert, Buhler, Kansas

We should have programs in which the boys with various talents could take part, such as amateur quartets or orchestras, public speaking contests, presentation of plays both religious and secular. Then a round-robin schedule could be arranged for the various sports, such as soft ball, touch football, basketball, volley ball, or ping pong. Some small prize could be offered to the winner to help promote interest.

### Roy Henry, Salina, Kansas

I believe that much interest could be stimulated and local talent utilized if each dorm would be given responsibility for providing part of each entertainment program.



NOTES FROM A C.O.'S JOURNAL  
by Roy Henry

II. Childhood and Adolescence

Slowly, surely, childhood was slipping away! Somehow things were changing! The world was changing....Remember? But just what was taking place now? Could it be that these things were always here; that you had failed to see them then? If so.....then, not only was the world changing, but you, too, were changing; had changed. Remember?...

Play.....Remember?....was gradually growing less, wasn't it? Games, fun, laughter.....all somehow becoming more dear, more precious.....something that could be lost. Would it end soon?... Maybe.....it seemed to have ended for the neighbor kids.....seldom come around any more.....working, they say, for the folks.....Remember? Work?... More time spent at chores, filling the woodbox, cleaning the yard, herding cows....But, sometimes lots of fun, too.....but not really play.....This had to be done.....Then, you somehow felt sort of proud. Some things actually depended upon you. Suddenly you felt stronger, bigger, more like Dad or the big neighbor boy. You began calling members of your family "my little Bud!" "Baby Sister", and "The Ole Man". Oh, yes. You had changed. The world had changed. Remember?.....

Sorrow?....Yes, that, too, had been changing; even growing. Things somehow went wrong more often. In work, in school.....Mistakes; more mistakes. Were you to blame here? Whose fault was...? Unpleasant incidents; embarrassments.....not so readily forgotten. Forgiveness.....not as easily given. Crying didn't seem to erase things.... now. Besides, one was ashamed to do that.....Remember? Other things began to be of concern: crops, sickness, personal appearance....Would the early corn come up? Was Mother improving? Would that new suit fit? Yes, you were becoming more sensitive; more aware; more a man, now. Remember?....

Truth....What was it? More questions; more answers; more....but, somehow, not always satisfied. Wondering about this, asking about the.....Even Dad didn't always know for sure; nor the teacher. Did anybody know....for sure? Looking about.....Why did this happen? Wrong! Then, why? Remember?..

COUNCIL STARTS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Stunt nights, camp parties, variety programs are among the types of programs which the newly-formed entertainment committee plans to arrange periodically for weekends.

Sensing a need for more frequent programs of entertainment, the Camp Council last Friday authorized each dormitory to select a representative for the committee. Members of the committee are the following: Dorm 1, Frank Kliever, Henderson, Neb.; Dorm 2, Irvin Richert, Los Angeles; Dorm 3, David Pauls, Buhler, Kans.; Dorm 4, Marvin Janzen, Custer City, Okla.; Dorm 5, N. Paul Stucky, Moundridge, Kans.; Dorm 6, Jesse Harder, Balko, Okla.; and Dorm 7, Elmer Quiring, Weatherford, Okla. At a meeting Wed. evening Jesse Harder was elected chair man by the group.

The Camp Council discussed at the last meeting the matter of the distribution of the \$10 profit accumulated in the camp store. A portion of the sum is to be devoted to the store reserve fund and the remainder of the sum will be available for the use of the entertainment committee.

The Council went on record favoring the discussion of camp problems and policies by dorm units rather than by the camp as a whole. Dorm decisions are then to be referred to the Council.

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John Brelsford of Perry, Iowa, will bring to the Florida unit a wealth of engineering experience. John is a graduate of Iowa State College, where he majored in agricultural engineering. He served as a National Youth Administration supervisor for two years after his graduation in 1939. In camp he has been foreman of the survey crew. John has long been active in the work of the Methodist Church.

Backed by seven months of cooking experience in camp, Galen Widmer joins the Florida unit as cook. Galen's home is Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he had been farming before conscription. Galen is a graduate of Wayland High School. He is a member of the (Old) Mennonite Church. In Galen's departure the camp loses one of its most accomplished barbers.



## THOSE WE HAVE MET

Ezra Shenk, Wellman, Iowa

Elementary schooling in Virginia... graduation from Goshen College, Indiana... BS in education at the University of Virginia... teaching 2 years and salesmanship... enjoys high quality music... a diligent scholar... good worker, now employed as an SCS janitor... an (Old) Mennonite....

Louis Kuehl, Mapleton, Iowa

Corn-hog farmer, trucker, and corn sheller... enjoys driving--drives truck for field crew... regular fellow & good mixer... likes camp much better since wife works in "the Springs"... biggest ambition is to continue where camp has interrupted his work... denominational affiliation--Evangelical and Reformed.

Arnold Wall, Buhler, Kansas

Farmer and road worker... coming to camp a nice birthday present on August 14... likes to read... full of fun... wife is working in town... has the same effect as on Louis Kuehl... General Conference Mennonite....

Marvin Janzen, Custer, City, Oklahoma

Main interest farming... mechanics second... working in camp machine shop... now drives truck... easily gotten acquainted with... likes any kind of sport and sleeping... now daffy about ping-pong... red hair... General Conference Mennonite....

Gus Janzen

Younger brother to "Marv"... flaming red hair... early life on farm... took up aviation mechanics one semester... camp interrupted further pursuit of aviation work... now works on Gold Camp Road... likes fishing, sports, checkers and candy....

Carl Gerriets, Clay Center, Kansas

Originally from the farm... paroled to camp from prison in Terre Haute, Ind.... non-registrant... blacksmithed in camp shop and now on field crew... likes to fiddle and give fatherly advice to "us boys"... dislikes rug making and gossip....

Rev. Harry Diener, Hutchinson, Kans., and Rev. Allen Erb, pastor of the Mennonite Church at La Junta, Colo., were guest ministers here March 8th and 15th respectively. Rev. Diener is chairman of the Camp Advisory Council.

## CAMPERS STUDY LIVESTOCK IN POPULAR AGRICULTURAL COURSE

A two-month section of study on "Livestock" is to be completed next week and a section on "Farm Bookkeeping" is to be introduced soon in the popular agricultural course which meets every Monday evening.

Outside speakers and panel discussions have been used in the program of study on livestock breeds, feeding, and marketing. All of the meetings to date have been followed by long and well-participated discussions on the topic.

Selba Young of the SCS service opened the farm course on Feb. 9 with an illustrated lecture on soil conservation practices in Europe.

"Beef Cattle" was the subject of discussion the following week when a panel of speakers, composed of Amos Yoder, Dallas Rediger, Orve Troyer, and Russel DeWiler, related their respective cattle feeding experiences from different sections of the country. George Sinton, operator of the well-known Sinton Holstein Dairy, spoke Feb. 23 to an audience of 75 on "Dairy cattle--breeds, feeding, and milk production." On March 2 Robert Burkle discussed the judging of beef cattle and David Pauls explained techniques of judging dairy cattle.

Dr. A. D. Tolley, Colorado Springs veterinarian, discussed the major livestock diseases and their treatment on the evening of March 9. Two speakers appeared on the March 16th program: Mr. C.N. Vickers, El Paso County Agent, who discussed the breeds, feeding, and marketing of hogs; and Mr. Robertson, a specialist in sheep raising, who discussed sheep.

Discussions on March 23 and 30 will be devoted to horses and poultry. A summary session is being planned to conclude the section on livestock. Early in April a series of classes are to be conducted on farm accounting and the keeping of farm records.

Members of the committee planning the agricultural sessions are Roland Ortman, Amos Yoder, Robert Burkle, and David Pauls, chairman. The program of the farm class has been based on the expressed wishes of the campers which were given at the first meeting.



## C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

MEROM, INDIANA: The Merom Camp has organized a Peace Brothers Co-op. In February its stock in trade was valued at \$50. The co-op has purchased \$12 worth of barber equipment. It had also developed a low cost shoe repairing service through which 18 pairs of shoes have been resoled.

The Merom Camp also reports that three men have been nominated from that camp for assignment as attendants in a Catholic general hospital in Chicago. The men will do various jobs until Sept. when they begin a 3 year training course leading to the degree of Registered Nurse.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA: Fifty small pine trees were received from the State Forest to be used for the beautification of the camp grounds.

LAGRO, INDIANA: The Lagro paper reports that Paul C. French on a recent visit revealed that no fewer than 36 state hospitals have made requests for CPS men to serve in their institutions.

Lagro campers will not be granted furloughs during the tree planting time. This regulation is based on the need for large crews of workers to be available for quick and efficient tree planting. The ruling will be in force for 6 to 8 weeks.

HENRY, ILLINOIS: "Deep River Echo" is the name of the new paper published by Camp Henry, which first came off the press March 5. Camp No. 22 was officially opened on Dec. 9. The group has gradually increased in size to a present total of 126.

## FIRST AID CLASSES LAUNCHED

Forty-five campers attended the opening session last Wednesday evening of the Red Cross first aid class, which is being taught by Arlo Sonnenberg.

Twenty hours of class study and the successful completion of a two hour examination are the minimum requirements for a Red Cross Certificate. The major subjects studied in first aid are bleeding, shock, and artificial respiration. The new large class will be divided into two smaller groups. A class of eight took their final examinations Wednesday night.

THE NIGHT-WATCHMEN: TOILERS  
IN DARKNESS AND REPROACHED OF MEN

Camp heroes may come and go, but among our campers there dwell two kindly, courageous characters who will live on through the years as present-day unsung heroes. Sooner or later their true worth will shine through the storm-clouds of criticism. Today they have the reproach of men. They are the night-watchmen.

Their many duties, varied and hazardous, tax their virtues of patience, kindness, and courage to the utmost but in these things they have not been found wanting. This winter, coldest on local record, demanded all the power of stamina and grit which the boys had and they have come out on top. Braving the chilly blasts and 27 degrees below zero temperature they nightly made the rounds of camp, keeping constant vigil over valuable camp property; stumbling through massive snow drifts in order to reach the infirmary to check on the patients there; firing the dozen or more heaters; answering emergency telephone calls; chasing ferocious pack rats from their pillaging raids. These and many other duties were shifted to their willing shoulders, yet, they suffered the constant reproach of men.

You ask why are they regarded thus? Well, the truth is this: they are blamed for all the mysterious doings which cannot be proved of others. For instance, if a sudden "North-easter" suddenly swoops down upon an unheated dormitory, whose fault is it? If a certain box of cookies is accidentally dropped and some of its contents broken or missing, who are the culprits? If ashes are left scattered around the kitchen stove, who did it? If the morning whistle is one-half minute late forcing the boys to hurry a bit, who is responsible? Well, the answer for the majority is quite easy and the two night-watchmen are quite sure to hear about it.

This writer takes great pleasure in giving due recognition to our contemporary camp heroes, Ernest Kauffman and N. Paul Stucky. May others soon see the light and take away the reproach from the name of the night-watchmen. These are our true heroes--unknown, unhonored, and unsung.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

The CCC camps of Kutch and Gardner have discontinued operations and have stored much of their soil conservation equipment here at camp. Among the equipment stored here are seven caterpillar tractors, three "tumblebugs", three terracers, a grader, ten wheelbarrows, and many pieces of smaller equipment.

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Ord K. Brown joined the SCS staff as Junior Engineer Monday, March 16, filling the position left vacant by the departure of Mr. Corn last Dec. 15. Mr. Brown is a graduate of Kansas State Agriculture College, Manhattan, Kans. He has been engineer at the Springfield and Kutch CCC camps before coming here. Mr. Brown is married and has one child.

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The camp pickup is now decked out in a brand new panel-bed and top. This new creation is the result of the labor and ingenuity of Ray Schlichting and Harold Reschley. The top is of waterproofed hardwood fiber-board and the sides are of plywood. This bed cover will afford needed protection for passengers and supplies transported in the pickup.

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Hot water was at a premium last week when the water heater in the bath house suddenly went out of order. The kitchen and laundry were given priority ratings while the disgruntled campers either took their showers "cold" or went without. Some borrowed pots and pans from the kitchen and thus heated water for shaving but the majority determined to face "nature in the raw." Fortunately, another heater was secured from Denver and once again the bath house is the scene of peace, contentment, and hot water.

Collaborating in the publication of this issue of the Peace News have been the following campers: Robert Burkle, Richard Hunter, Roy Henry, Arlo Sonnenberg, Orle Gingerich, Irvin Richert, and Robert Kreider. With the loss of our able editor, Roland Bartel, to the Florida unit, the staff is undergoing a reorganization. A new editor or editorial board is to be selected soon by the Camp Council.

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JOTTINGS: Mrs. Eddie Linscheid, camp matron, and her mother returned Wednesday from a two-weeks "furlough". ....Elmer Miller reports to the editor the loss of his Sears Roebuck Catalogue....Dale Gaeddert, the director's young son, has fully recovered from his recent ear infection and is home to his many friends at the Gaeddert apartment.....Seventy campers received sets of printed name-tapes to be used in the marking of clothes.....Paul Rosentrater is slowly improving in health at the Glockner hospital....The fourth field crew was organized this week with Mike Waldner, Carpenter, S. Dakota, serving as foreman and Louis Kuehl, Mapleton, Iowa, truck-driver. ....Unfortunately overlooked in the last issue was the individual basketball record of Ralph Kauffman, steady guard on the "A" team. Ralph, not the scoring type, played in eight games and had only one foul called on him. ...The camp chorus sang on Sunday and Tuesday evenings at the fortieth anniversary services of the Calvary Evangelical Church.....Rev. Gerald Berneking of the First Christian Church related the history and tenets of his denomination at last Thursday's core course session....Saturday night new campers are being feted with a reception....Director Gaeddert spoke to a women's club Wed. afternoon.

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There is so much good in  
the worst of us

And so much bad in the  
best of us,

That it ill behooves any of us  
To talk about the rest of us.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

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