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C. P. S. CAMP NO. 5

SECTION TWO OF CAMP CORE COURSE ON "OUR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE" CONCLUDED

Ten weeks of study on "Our Religious Heritage", the second section of the all-camp Course in Objectives, was concluded Monday evening, March 30, when Dr. A. Warkentin of Bethel College spoke of the dramatic history of the Mennonites in Russia.

Dr. Warkentin, native of Russia and for eight years member of the MCC, discussed on Sunday night the recent history of the Mennonites in Western Europe.

The section on "Our Religious Heritage" is the second unit of study to be offered in the Course in Objectives. A primary aim of the section was to discover the origin and history of our denominations and the fundamental values in our religious heritage, particularly the Mennonite heritage.

The first 2-month study section was devoted to "Peace and Non-Resistance". The third section of the Core Course begins next week. The subject of the new section is "Democracy and Christian Citizenship." Core Course meetings are held on Monday and Thursday evenings.

With the unit on "Our Religious Heritage" inaugurated Jan. 22, the first three meetings were devoted to a study of the early history of the Christian Church. Dr. Krahn of Tabor College addressed the campers on Feb. 1 and 2 on the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement in the 16th century and on the life and teachings of Menno Simons. During the remainder of the month Core Course study centered on the history of Anabaptism in Europe and America.

Feb. 16 to 20 was Rural Emphasis Week at Camp No. 5 when Dr. J. Winfield Fretz conducted a series of discussions.  
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CPS CAMPS TO BE OPENED TO ACCOMMODATE EXPECTED INFUX OF 400 CO'S A MONTH

CPS Camp No. 13, Bluffton, Indiana, is to be moved to the Jasper-Pulaski Game Preserve near Medaryville, Ind., in the next week or two. This transfer was requested by Selective Service because the work program at Medaryville is considered to be of greater value than that at Bluffton. This is to be a forestry project.

Several new camps have been approved by the National Service Board to take care of the ever increasing number of assignees to CPS camps. Eladerville, Calif., and Weeping Waters, Nebr., are to be the sites of two camps administered by the MCC, while Wellston, Mich., will be the location of a Brethren operated camp. Other prospective camps in Virginia, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania are under consideration.

Need for these new camps is confirmed by the report of the Service Board which stated that there were 2119 men in camp in early March. By the end of March it was estimated that 2538 men would be in camp with the prospect of 400 men a month available for assignment thereafter.

Plans for detached farm service has been worked out in detail and an experimental group from the Denison, Iowa, camp is expected to enter this type of service in the near future. The men on detached farm service from camp will still be under the supervision of their camp director who will also be responsible for the spiritual and physical needs of the men during their period of service.

The hospital unit for CPS men at the Alexian Brothers Hospital in Chicago, Ill., has just been opened and the 18 men are said to be "rapidly fitting into the hospital program." Camp No. 26 is under the Association of Catholics.



## NO COMPROMISE WITH THE ABSOLUTE OF LOVE

Twenty five years ago Christian leaders were preaching hate and were making a righteous thing out of a world wide war. Following that first world war, when war time fears had been allayed and it was possible to take stock and be objective, most of the leaders came to realize that war is wrong. Today, in spite of the seriousness of the present situation those leaders are holding to their stand that war is wrong; but now, with a rationalization which is a decided improvement over anything used in the last war, they have come to the position that the only choice is between wrongs, and that it is now only to choose the more Christian of the evils. If we kill we do wrong. If we do not kill then we leave people in subjection to a satanical despotism, and we fail in our Christian responsibility to all others who may be killed by or placed in subjection to such despotism. The non-pacifist Christian makes the choice to kill, for to him it is the lesser of the two evils. The choice seems a reasonable one.

Such a position should be seriously challenged on at least two points. First, it fails to recognize the law of love as an absolute and that there is no cause which will justify its transgression. Christ taught us this law that makes it man's task to love all men, even those that might be called our enemies. As yet killing has not been presented as an act of love to the enemy. To the non-pacifist Christian that love of all is impossible and he must choose which he shall love more. But when he chooses to serve the victims of aggression by taking arms, he is mistaken for the only choice he can make is to kill. The men who kill save none; they merely put new persons in the seat of power and hope that power will be used in a spirit of love for all. It is still very much a matter of conjecture that suffering would end even with victory. They abandon absolute love for a hope not justified by a God of love.

Secondly, the position fails to recognize the law of nature that every act or every failure to act carries with it a normal consequence. The suffering in the world today is but the price to be paid for our failure in the past to live in harmony with God. However, man seeing these natural consequences falling upon the world, seeks to find a shortcut which will avoid them. He shifts the responsibility and fights against those that appear at the moment to be the cause, failing to recognize that the actions of those men are but the fulfillment of what must be. In reality the action taken only substitutes one suffering for another. The non-pacifist Christian will not recognize that fact, nor will he recognize that today is the past of tomorrow and that every life that we take today in this vain effort to avoid the law of consequence will also bring its consequences in further suffering.

We must some day come to the point where we either will cease compromising with any admitted wrong or will accept paying the price of compromise. We must live in harmony with God, be willing to suffer to any extent according to our failures to live and act in harmony, and have faith that through an uncompromising service to Him and His laws we can earn a minimum of suffering for those persons that may be paying the debt for our unchristian living, and for whom both the non-pacifist and pacifist are sincerely concerned. Yes, love must be an absolute and there may be no compromise at any point. RH

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## CAMP FORUM

What is the place of the pacifist farmer in a world at war?

Amos Yoder, Weatherford, Oklahoma

A pacifist farmer should not try to make big money from war profits but should keep on producing farm products as a means of helping suffering humanity. He should always be ready to contribute to relief organizations and to help wherever needed.

Ervin Krehbiel, McPherson, Kansas

A pacifist farmer should be no different during wartime than in peacetime. He should not increase his farming during wartime for money's sake nor should he even buy defense bonds. Let us hold our heads and pray for peace to come as soon as possible.

Ray Schlichting, Weatherford, Okla.

In the present embroiled world order, it is difficult for anyone to remain dissociated from the support of war. The pacifist farmer should not participate in activities for excess profits due to a war economy. He should be discreet and preferential as to production channels that he would follow. The ultimate use of farm products are determined by others, but the conscientious farmer may be unperturbed; his enterprise is devoted to propagation of life, not destruction.

Joe Glanzer, Yale, South Dakota

Farming is one of the best vocations for a pacifist in a world at war. The pacifist farmer should not profiteer on the war but should give liberally to charity and relief. Also his life should be a testimony to the public for the principles for which he stands.

Dallas Rediger, Wayland, Iowa

The farmer should practice love to his neighbors and should refrain from arguing unnecessarily with those who disagree on the political situation. He should prove the better way of life by his example to the world.

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ions on the heritage of the Mennonites as a rural people. John Swomley, national secretary of the FOR, presented a pacifist analysis of the war in his lecture to the camp on March 2.

A study of the other Historic Peace Churches followed early in March in

the Course in Objectives when Rev. Ernest Shively of Rocky Ford related the history of the Church of the Brethern and Miss Ruth Parker discussed the faith and practice of the Society of Friends.

The religious heritage of the Methodists and the Disciples of Christ were discussed on the evenings of Mar. 12 and 19 by Dr. Albertson and Rev. Berneking, respectively. Eight campers presented brief accounts of their particular denominations in a panel discussion on Thursday, March 26.

## C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

CASCADE LOCKS, OREGON: It is the Mark Schrock Library now. The newly-decorated building, composed of the library reading room, periodical room, and two class rooms, was dedicated March 8. The building was named after the director of Camp 21, who contributed nearly 300 books from his private collection to the library.

PATAPSCO, RELAY, MD.: The first step in the direction of voluntarily removing privately owned cars from the camp grounds was taken Friday evening when 18 car owners discussed the problem. The spring fire season came in with a roar recently when 20 campers were called to battle two blazes.

BUCK CREEK, MARION, NORTH CAROLINA: Sixty-four non-registrants have been imprisoned according to data released by the Friends Service Committee and printed in the Calumet. 32 men are still in prison. 23 men have been paroled to CPS camps and 9 to the army. Figures do not include the estimated 115 non-registrants since the Feb. 15 registration. The non-registrants whose terms have expired are subject at any time to call for medical examination and order to report for camp.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES SELECT TEACHERS

Sunday School teachers for the new quarter were chosen by the four classes last Sunday.

Camp Sunday School Superintendent J. Hobart Goering reported the following new teachers: Library, Irvin Richert, Los Angeles, Calif.; Assembly Hall, Abe Epp, Buhler, Kans.; Dining Hall, Oric Gingerich, Williamsburg, Iowa; and Lounge Room, Phil Stucky, Pretty Prairie, Kansas.



## THOSE WE HAVE MET

Demry Anderson, Weed, New Mexico

Comes from altitude 1,000 feet higher....undisguisable mountain accent... regular fellow.... has been farming & ranching.... been doing his best both with shovel and dish towel inspite of poor knee joints.....plays fiddle and guitar.....likes drawing.....Jehovah's Witness.

Ervin Krahbiel, McPherson, Kansas

Nickname "Stumpy" describes his stature....21 on Oct. 15, 1946....has been farming on his own.....welcomes opportunity of meeting fellows in CPS and singing at so many churches.....in camp quartet.....has worked on survey crew and served as foreman.....likes sports....General Conference Memnonite

J. Hobart Goering, Moundridge, Kansas

Bosom pal of Stumpy's....almost opposite physical form.....taught rural school four years.....attended Bethel College.....directed home church choir and leads chorus in camp.....sings in camp quartet...likes sports...undecided about the future....once on contour crew, but now a cook....likes CPS but ....General Conference Memnonite.

Don Campbell, Wausau, Wisconsin

Sandy-haired....Scotch-German...two years at the University of Minnesota.. accountant for Employers Mutual Ins. Co. five years....camp interrupted new job as office manager with Bireley's Beverages.....in camp working on irrigation project at masonry, carpentry... bride of two months works in Springs... ..member of the Plymouth Brethern.

Roy Henry, Salina, Kansas

Reared on a farm.....graduate of Smolan High School.....two years at Bethel College where he studied sociology and biology and worked in the college dairy...enjoys hitchhiking... prominent authority on spiders at Templeton Gap.....interested in nature study, dramatics....Future plans: marriage....Methodist.

Clarence Joe Unruh, Gypsum, Kansas

Before conscription had been farming both for self and father....things one year of camp would have been enough....worked on survey gang.....now the blacksmith....fixes anything from autos to watches...repertoire of hackneyed phrases: "could be", "take it easy", etc...Church of God in Christ.

CPS CAMPERS VOLUNTEER SERVICES  
IN TWO TORNADO-DEVESTATED AREAS

Following two devastating tornadoes which struck in the Midwest on the evening of March 16, one at Lacon, Ill., and a second at Goshen, Ind., CPS units from the Henry, Bluffton, and Lagro camps rushed to the scenes of disaster to assist in relief work.

Seven persons were killed and more than \$500,000 of property damage was suffered when the tornado hit Lacon, Ill., a town ten miles distant from the Henry CPS camp. A lead article on the fine work of the Henry camp appeared in the Henry News-Republican. Following is an excerpt from the article:

"The Henry CPS camp received word of the Lacon tornado about 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16. The camp immediately dispatched two crews, a total of 58 men to the scene. Early in the morning of Tuesday, March 17, these two were replaced by two other crews. During the following day, additional help was sent from the camp, and through their efforts, within 24 hours, all of the streets in the town were cleared. In this 24-hour period, the men from the camp put in a total of 144 eight-hour days. A total of 133 different men worked at Lacon.....The officials of Lacon were very well pleased with the work the boys did as they had no idea that the task of clearing the streets could have been done even in a period twice as long."

On March 20 Camp Henry was authorized by Selective Service to help rehabilitate dwellings and to continue their work at Lacon as long as their services are of any assistance to the community. The soil conservation work will be suspended until the Lacon assignment is completed.

Both Camp Lagro and Camp Bluffton have engaged in clean-up work in the tornado stricken parts of Goshen, Ind. The Goshen disaster was serious with two people killed, 50 injured, and 87 properties damaged.

In response to the request of the Goshen Ministerial Association 30 men from Bluffton were sent to clear property, salvage materials, and do guard duty. Fifteen men of the China Unit were sent from Camp Lagro to do rehabilitation work in the city.



# OUR DIRECTOR LOOKS BACK



Jan. 1. Tonight I received a telegram from Dr. Fast. He is coming to see about my work in the C.O. camp. Have the feeling that I may be entering the most worthwhile venture of my life.

Jan. 8. Dr. Fast wants me to go to direct the camp at Colo. Springs. Dear God, give me the strength I will need to meet the challenges there. Help me to be an inspiration to these boys and that we may work together for peace. Amen.

Feb. 18. Am writing these words as Uncle John and I sit here on the steps of the old barracks which are to be our new home. I am watching the sun melt behind Pikes Peak. Oh, the bigness of these mountains, great and solid. I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.



April 10. Have waited anxiously these two months for notice of the opening of camp. It will be soon. We must work fast now to make ready for the coming of the boys.

May 18. The candle light by which I am writing these words isn't very bright. Edna came today with Carol and Dale! This is indeed a new life. Wonder how it will be sleeping with 150 available mattresses but no beds. Dale quite bewildered.

June 5. I'll never forget the train that pulled in today and the expressions on the faces of the 25 boys who stepped off, tired, a little sad, but anxious about camp life. Four had, on the train, formed a quartet. Their voices ring.

June 23. More boys today! How busy these three weeks have been. Have more dormitories painted and ready. Lovely weather. Lots of enthusiasm. Are getting into the swing of things.

August 2. Visitors pour in. Our educational program is developing; dorms are organized. Most of the camp work is done and field crews are getting bigger.

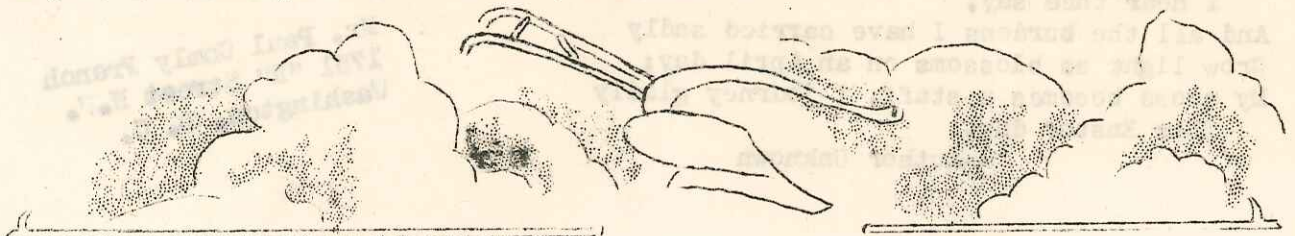
Oct. 14. The 28 year olds left. We shall miss them greatly.

Nov. 12. No meals yesterday. Went to bed hungry but with a new realization of the suffering in Europe.

Dec. 25. A happy Christmas, but oh for peace on earth, good will toward men.

Jan. 1. As I watched the brilliant fireworks on the top of the Peak, I thought how we should be the light of the world. I breathed a prayer for the new year.

April 2. The grass is getting green again. What a glorious day; what a grand year. Surely they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up arms against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. Dear God, continue to bless us and make us a blessing.





## NEWS IN BRIEF

An all-camp ping pong tournament is now in progress with Oliver Stucky and Elmer Kaufman rated as the strongest contenders for the title. Inter-dorm basketball games are being played in the evenings on the outdoor court. Popular among the campers are the evening volley ball and horse shoe games. Soft ball games are to begin soon on the diamond south of the camp, according to the recreation committee.

Orie Gingerich was elected president of the Christian Endeavor for the new quarter last Sunday. The following program committee was chosen: Marvin Janzen, Custer City, Okla.; Ed Schmidt, Buhler, Kansas.; and Elmer Quiring, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Paul Graber, Glendive, Montana, and Emil Albrecht, Richey, Montana, are the latest two additions to the camp. They arrived March 21. Paul was a drag line operator before coming to camp. He is a General Conference Memmonite. Emil is a farmer and a General Conference Memmonite.

Campers who were interested in out-of-camp projects filled out experience questionnaires the first of this week. The personal data on the questionnaire calls for information on the training, experience, qualifications, and desires of the assignee. Prepared by the MCC, this questionnaire affords the central office accurate information on all men in camps who are interested in such out-of-camp projects as farm assignments, civilian hospital service, work with refugees, foreign relief and reconstruction service, and other types of CPS project.

Harold Wiebe, who has been selected

to be assistant director of the new camp at Weeping Water, Nebr., was a camp visitor on Thursday and Friday of this week. Mr. Wiebe has been teaching near Pueblo, Colorado.

A unit of ten campers assisted the city fire department in fighting a raging grass fire near the Garden of the Gods Thursday afternoon and evening. The fire burned over an area one and a half miles long and two blocks wide. Twelve campers worked on three shifts during Thurs. night and Friday morning to guard against further outbreak of fire.

J. Hobart Goering of Moundridge, Kansas, was elected chairman of Dorm 8 and Leonhard Bartel was chosen vice-chairman at a recent dorm meeting.

Dr. A. Warkentin, who was a relief administrator for the MCC in Germany following the last war, met with campers in the Lounge Room last Monday evening to discuss the subject of preparing for foreign relief work.

Registration of all women between the ages of 18 and 65 has been introduced into the House of Representatives by Congressman Baldwin of New York. The purpose of this proposed amendment to the Selective Service Act is to provide complete information as to the capacity and availability of the registrant for service, civilian and military, in connection with the prosecution of the war.

JOTTINGS: An attractive guest room has been arranged adjacent to the camp infirmary.....A dinner in honor of the many Easter visitors and guests is being held Sat. evening, April 4...A majority of the campers are planning to attend the Easter Sunrise service in the Garden of the Gods.

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My risen Lord, I feel thy strong protection;  
I see thee stand among the graves today;  
I am the Way, the Life, the Resurrection,  
I hear thee say,  
And all the burdens I have carried sadly  
Grow light as blossoms on an April day;  
My cross becomes a staff, I journey gladly  
This Easter day.

--Author Unknown

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