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SPRINGTIME ON THE PROJECT MEANS TREE PLANTING AND TRACTOR WORK

The beginning of new projects and the finishing of the all-winter jobs is heralding the approach of spring. The present aim of the Soil Conservation Service is to concentrate on the various irrigation projects until the systems are ready for summer use and to push forward the tree planting program.

The SCS reports that all of the hand work on the Fountain Mutual Irrigation project will be finished in a few weeks. The most recent irrigation-ditch job was started by Arlo Sonnenberg's crew two weeks ago on the Roby Ranch south of the town of Fountain.

Two tree-planting crews under foremen Mike Waldner and Leroy Miller have made a good start in a tree-planting program which calls for several million trees to be planted during the next two months. These trees are being planted in the Pike National Forest and the crews are under the watchful eyes of forestry men. Miller's crew was taken away from their road repair work on the Gold Camp Road to help out in this new program.

A similar project of planting trees has also been taken up by the SCS which involves two smaller crews: one for tree planting on district agreements and the other for similar work on camp conservation agreements.

Tractor crews and tractor work are holding an important place in conservation work this spring. These new tractor units will direct most of their energy toward constructing earth dams. Four caterpillar tractors, a bulldozer and a carry-all are on the job already. Nine campers make up the tractor crews, but others will be given the opportunity of doing this work from time to time.

CAMPERS VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE IN CPS EMERGENCY RELIEF UNITS

More than 100 campers volunteered last week for the CPS disaster units which are being organized here to meet such emergencies as flood, fire, earthquake, tornado, or various wartime catastrophies.

The objective of these units is to relieve human suffering and to engage in reconstruction in areas where serious disaster has occurred. The local camp is seeking to prepare itself for types of service similar to that rendered by the Henry, Lagro, and Bluffton camps in the tornado-stricken areas of the Midwest.

Three units of 22 men each are to be organized here. Each unit is to include 1 leader, 2 truck drivers, 1 mechanic, 6 specialized first-aid men, 4 stretcher bearers, 4 cooks and assistants, and 4 utility workers. Additional units may be added in the future if properly trained personnel and adequate equipment is available. Field equipment is being secured for the 3 mobile units. A training program is to begin soon in stretcher-bearing, sanitation, and similar subjects.

Twenty campers hold Red Cross first aid certificates. With 50 campers now enrolled in the two first aid classes, virtually every member of the three units will be a qualified first aid man. Truck driving, mechanics, cooking, etc. will be performed by men with experience in such work.

The 22-men units will be the units of organization for all disasters with the exception of forest fires. The work project crews will be the standard units for fighting fires. A program of instruction in fire fighting techniques is to begin next week under the direction of Mr. Ray, U.S. Forest Ranger.

TRANSLATION--NOT REFORMATION

(Our Guest Editorialist is John Snyder of the MCC Staff)

Two ships are riding out a storm in mid-ocean. The one is badly battered; her seams are leaking; her rudder is badly damaged; and she finds herself in imminent danger of sinking. Every man has been ordered to the pumps, but they seem scarcely able to hold their own against the rising waters. The other ship, though battered by the storm is seaworthy; she rides the billows and plows ahead through the storm toward her charted destination. Though the waves occasionally dash over her sides and flood her decks, she has sprung no leaks; the storm has not damaged her rudder; she has a capable pilot who has a reputation for always bringing his ships into harbor.

As the second ship comes near the struggling vessel an SOS is flashed for help. "Send us men to help us pump out this water and try to repair our damaged machinery!" is the desperate cry. To which comes the reply, "Pumpers and repairmen are not what you need. Your ship is sinking; what you need is rescuers. Come over to our ship; she is seaworthy and we have room. We are sending life boats.

Civilization today is like a sinking vessel. Men are desperately trying to repair the damage which threatens to send her to the bottom. But the Scriptures predict that she will ultimately go down. The Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Church which He established alone has divine assurance of survival. The forces of hell shall not prevail against her. She offers to the world safety and salvation.

Too many of our pacifist friends are pumping water out of a sinking vessel. But the follower of Jesus Christ invites men to take refuge in the Church, a seaworthy vessel, and then having reached safety, to help man the lifeboats and leave the vessel doomed to destruction. What we want is not reformation of the world but "Translation from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son."

NOTES FROM A C.O.'S JOURNAL

Maturity

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

I Cor. 13:11

You remembered the freedom of childhood; its play, its laughter, its dependence upon Mother, Father.....Then came adolescence, bringing an awakening sense of responsibility; an unpleasant feeling that maybe play and fun were not as important as you had imagined.

Approaching maturity you became aware of many new forces in life. Daily you faced problems which were formerly nonexistent. Apparently the enthusiasm and vigor of youth could not solve these difficulties. Failure after failure were counted against you as you struggled, planned, worked. Time after time you were made con-

scious of your own shortcomings; your limitations; your weaknesses.....More and more the realization that a higher power had interceded in your behalf... You sensed the need for a sound spiritual foundation. If only you could control your turbulent emotions; conquer your fears; eliminate selfishness and hatred. You wondered about your self...how you appeared in God's sight.

It was then, was it not, that the agony of Christ in Gethsemane, the burden of the Cross, became real to you? More often you were aware of the tension existing between the Cross and the World. Sacrifice was no longer a burden to you. Responsibility was a privilege; love, an absolute; service, a joy.....You had seen through a glass darkly, but now with a clearness of vision which sometimes startled and amazed you. You were growing in the Faith! Life was becoming an adventure and adventure needed a power outside of your own. You needed the Faith, the Revelation. You needed God.

DIRECTOR VISITS HOSPITALS FOR MCC

Camp Director Albert Gaeddert returned last Wednesday from a ten-day trip thru Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska investigating the possibilities for the establishment of CPS units in several mental hospitals. His trip was made upon request of Dr. H.A. Fast who has been pressed for time to fulfill his engagements in the contacting of hospitals.

After conferring with Dr. Fast in Newton, Kans., on April 7 he travelled to Iowa to visit the state mental hospitals at Cherokee and Clarinda. Mr. Gaeddert's mission was to offer to the hospitals the services of the CPS program. Suggestion was made that small initial units, composed of CPS assignees, be established in these under-staffed hospitals. Units might be enlarged later as the hospital and the administrative agency saw fit. A most cordial sort of response was received from the hospitals. These state institutions are in great need of help and are grateful for an offer of assistance.

Mr. Gaeddert visited briefly at CPS Camp Denison and at the home of Paul Rosentrater's parents at Tabor, Iowa. In Des Moines he interviewed the Board of Control of State Institutions. The board will study the hospital unit proposal and will confer with the hospital superintendents on the matter.

On his return to Colorado, Mr. Gaeddert visited the mental hospitals at Norfolk and Hastings, Nebraska. This week he has been investigating possibilities for the establishment of another CPS soil conservation camp in the Colorado area.

Mr. Gaeddert left yesterday for Chicago to report to the Executive Committee of the MCC on his findings.

CAMP BEAUTIFICATION BEGINS

With the coming of spring beautification work has begun on the camp grounds. Dallas Rediger, Wayland, Iowa, has been appointed custodian of the grounds to supervise this work.

The major alteration in the camp landscape has been the removal of the old bleachers and stage on the camp's

front lawn. Sections of the lawn are now being resodded with blue grama grass. Beautification plans call for the replanting of flower beds, the laying of new stone paths, and general camp cleanup.

Several gifts of flower seed and cash donations for the camp gardens have been received from the churches.

CAMP FORUM

Camp Store: Shall it go co-op?
How might it be improved?

(Ed. Note: Sponsored by the Camp Council, our store was established as a non-profit concern. Merchandise is sold at cost. Some profit, however, does accumulate. This sum is spent by the Council on projects of all-camp importance.

Milo Matthies, Buhler, Kansas

I can see no advantage in making the camp store a co-op one. To make it a true co-op, shares would have to be sold and records kept of all purchases to be able to pay dividends. This would take more work than it would be worth.

A little more variety of stock would be welcomed by most campers.

Eugene Bowen, Evanston, Illinois

On the question of whether the camp store should go cooperative, I would very definitely say, "Yes."

A CPS program is allowed because this country is a democracy. Then follows the logical conclusion that democracy should be practiced in every way possible within the camps. Cooperatives are a most democratic organization. Here is a chance to get acquainted with consumer co-ops and learn their value in solving our economic problems in a Christian way.

David Pauls, Buhler, Kansas

The store is a fine thing. I do not believe that it is big enough for a co-op. It would only make a lot more work. Also we would have to have a special camper to run it. The business manager has enough work running errands for the whole camp. The profits from the store can be used for things of camp interest.

THOSE WE HAVE MET

Eldon Boesa, Corn, Oklahoma

Looks betray what he is--a cook.... experience gained by having no sisters at home accounts for his job as camp cook...future interest--perhaps cooking..."the good old farm is O.K. too," he says...reared in the country..drove truck for a year....draft most spectacular incident in life....appreciates good music...Memnonite Brethren.

Melvin Gaedert, Buhler, Kansas

Red haired and quiet...good sport...born in Oklahoma....moved to Kansas at seven...high school at Buhler...one year at Bethel....garage mechanic before camp...head mechanic in camp shop except for one day on shovel and several days in rehabilitating camp.... likes reading....played basketball on "B" team...expects to farm some day... General Conference Memnonite.

Robert Kreider, North Newton, Kansas

Hails originally from the east.... graduated from Bethel...M.A. in Social Ethics at Univ. of Chicago...spent one vacation working with the Internat. Vol. Ser. For Peace in England....good discharge of responsibility has earned him the place of Educational Director...is well liked by the boys....future interest is in teaching & church work.

Frank Kliever, Henderson, Nebraska

Camp interrupted farming enterprise in partnership with brother...has followed harvest work a time or two.... worked for Ford at Dearborn, Mich. a short time....camp employs him in digging, construction, and kitchen work...good worker....certified First-aid man...General Conference Memnonite.

Ray Stutzman, Chappell, Nebraska

Cheerful and sociable...farmed with Dad and worked out one year in Iowa... shall return after camp to same work...work in camp includes bridge construction, concrete, sod laying, and kitchen work...has made eight rugs.... certified First-aid man....great loss to camp if he is released....(Old) Mennonite Church.

Ramon Urruh, Hutchinson, Kansas

Big and husky...nickname "Tiny".... reared on farm....church scholarship changed intended career from farming to music....attended Bethany-Peniel College, Bethany, Okla....majored in music...sings solo in quartet and cho-

rus...spare time now spent in completing unfinished college credits...spent two out of his four months here in the kitchen...Church of the Nazarene.

DR. KIBLER RENDERS FINE SERVICE

Our camp has been exceedingly fortunate in having Dr. Francis E. Kibler as camp physician. Dr. Kibler has served here since August of last year, coming to the camp three mornings each week, seeing patients at his city office, and securing special considerations for the campers in matters of prescriptions, dentistry, and hospitalization.

Dr. Kibler, although not a CO himself, has rendered a valuable service in his interpretation of the facts about our camp to many persons in the community.

Dr. Kibler was born in Pueblo, Colo., but has lived most of his years here in Colorado Springs. He attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and the U of C Medical School at Denver. He had one year of internship and held for three years a fellowship in surgery at a St. Paul, Minn., hospital. For the succeeding two years he was a surgeon for the Austin Clinic of Austin, Minn. While in that state he took unto himself a Minnesota bride.

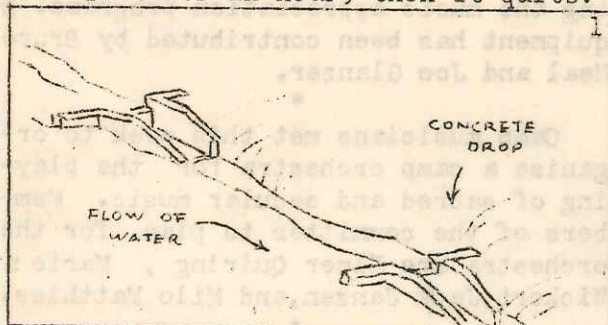
He returned to Colorado Springs where he has been practicing general surgery ever since. It is Dr. Kibler's wish to continue in surgery having secured certification by the American Board of Surgeons this year. However, he anticipates being taken into service soon by the U.S. Navy. The time for his call is not yet known, but already we are much concerned because we realize that his place can never be adequately filled.

MCC AUDITOR VISITS CAMP

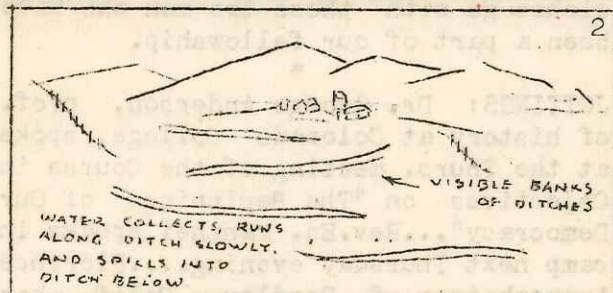
John Snyder, Camp Auditor on the staff of the MCC, spent a week here auditing the camp books. Tuesday, April 14, Brother Snyder received word to go immediately to Placerville, Calif., to arrange for the opening of the new CPS camp on April 23. Later he is to go to Nebraska to establish the business arrangements for the Weeping Waters camp, the opening of which has been postponed temporarily.

WE HAVE SEEN

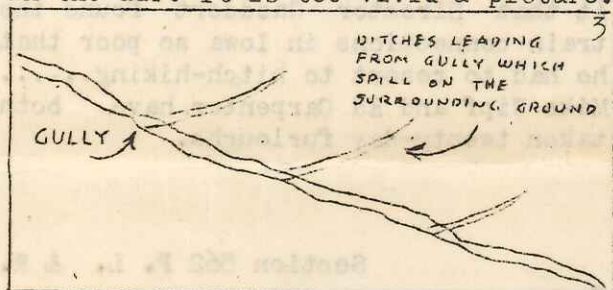
It is summer. A bank of clouds forms in the north west. Now it is still. The wind turns suddenly and the storm descends with fury. My how it rains. A sheet of beating, wind-driven water. In a few minutes that water is everywhere, dashing and racing for the low places, panic stricken. This for an hour; then it quits.



Here is the path where water ran. That smooth valley now is marked with jagged side walls. We can not cross it here. There is a broad delta of rich loam. That came from the side of the hill just plowed. How green the grass; how quiet it is as the flowers pause to thank God for the life giving water.

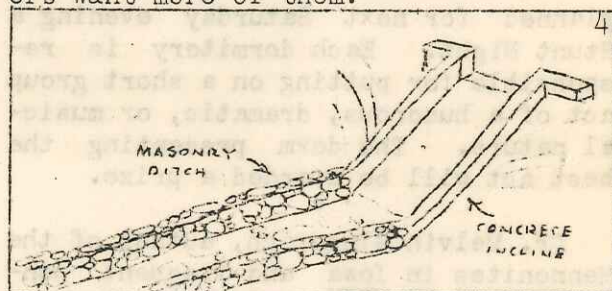


But now there are new gullies in the field. That straight ditch is now twisted and out. A fence post hangs precariously above it. No longer is it thrust into moist soil. Hanged with a barb wire noose as its body dangles in the air! It is too vivid a picture.



This field should not have been plowed. Diversion ditches would have kept the water from sweeping down that slope. Let us put a rock check here to stop washing next time. A dam across here faced or rip-rapped with stone would let this ditch silt itself full.

Schultz's crew put these drops in the irrigation ditch to "step" the water down the ditch.¹ Kauffman saw to it that these diversion ditches were right.² On Janitel's place we checked gullies from getting deeper this way.³ Notice the diversion ditches leading from the gully. Their grade or slope down hill is about .4 of a foot in a hundred feet of ditch. Water won't run fast enough to make gullies there. That grade is important. Here is a ditch that drops almost twenty feet in a hundred. Campbell's crew is fixing it by making a reinforced concrete incline, and then a masonry ditch below.⁴ Tractor crews are making dams to catch this rain and form reservoirs. Farmers want more of them.



And so throughout the days and the weeks we work in the wake of the rains and streams that are cutting and eroding our soil and our homes.

The rigid form of a split cedar post sways in the wind, hanging from a barbed wire.

C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

Marietta, Ohio: The general camp meeting approved a proposal for a cleanliness contest between dorms. The co-op committee also reported that they are still working on plans for a co-op store to replace the canteen.

Lagro, Indiana: Three classes in forest fire control were conducted last week. The classes consisted of moving pictures of actual fighting demonstrating the most effective methods. The pictures were followed by constructive discussions. The purpose of these classes was to prepare the men for the coming summer.

Merom, Indiana: Two mobile units of 24 men each have been formed at Merom to aid civilian victims of fire, flood, earthquake or tornado. More units may be formed as soon as the rest of the 90 volunteers have had necessary training.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. D.C. Pauls of the Zoar Church (Krimmer Mennonite Brethern), Inman, Kansas, was guest minister at the morning service Sunday, April 12. Rev. P.P. Tschetter, pastor of the Pretty prairie, Kansas, Mennonite Church was a camp visitor for three days last week. While here he conducted the morning meditations and spoke at the Bible hour on April 10. Rev. Harry Diener, chairman of the camp advisory board, visited in camp on Saturday, April 11.

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The entertainment committee has planned for next Saturday evening a Stunt Night. Each dormitory is responsible for putting on a short group act of a humorous, dramatic, or musical nature. The dorm presenting the best act will be awarded a prize.

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Dr. Melvin Gingerich, author of the Mennonites in Iowa and frequent contributor to Mennonite periodicals, is a guest of the camp this weekend. Dr. Gingerich is speaking at the Core Course sessions on Sunday and Monday evenings on "The Christian's Responsibility to the State." He will deliver the message at the Sunday morning service. Dr. Gingerich, who is of the (Old) Mennonite branch of the church, is now professor of history at Bethel College, Newton, Kansas.

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Campers responsible for the writing and editing of this issue of the Peace News are the following: Irvin Richert, Arlo Sonnenberg, Richard Hunter, Orle Gingerich, Vernon Karber, Roy Henry, Robert Kreider, and Robert Burkle. This week Business Manager Gerhard Peters purchased additional paper and mimeographing supplies. The paid circulation of this issue of the paper is more than 1200 copies.

Each Saturday evening music-loving campers gather in the Lounge Room to enjoy the best in recorded music. In recent weeks the group has listened to Dvorak's "New World Symphony", Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony", and other well-known symphonies. Bruce Neal and Ezra Sherk have been instrumental in arranging the music appreciation programs. Equipment has been contributed by Bruce Neal and Joe Glanzer.

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Camp musicians met this week to organize a camp orchestra for the playing of sacred and secular music. Members of the committee to plan for the orchestra are Elmer Quiring, Marion Wickert, Jack Janzen, and Milo Matthies.

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Welcome news came to John Epp, Turpin, Okla., and Elmer Enns, Goessel, Kansas, when they heard of their release from camp upon recommendation of the Medical Advisory Board. John entered camp March 16. Elmer is a camp veteran, having arrived with the first contingent on June 5, 1941. Our best wishes go with these two men who have been a part of our fellowship.

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JOTTINGS: Dr. George Anderson, prof. of history at Colorado College, spoke at the Thurs. meeting of the Course in Objectives on "The Beginnings of Our Democracy"...Rev. Ed. Manthei speaks in camp next Thursday evening....Florence Auerenheimer of Reedley, Calif., has been a camp visitor. She is to serve as dietician of the new CPS camp at Placerville, Calif....Elmer Flickinger and Paul Rosentrater, who are at the Glockner Hospital, are reported to be improving satisfactorily....Rumor has it that Director Gaeddert found the train connections in Iowa so poor that he had to resort to hitch-hiking.....Mike Wipf and Ed Carpenter have both taken twenty-day furloughs.

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Spring, with that nameless pathos in
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Which dwells with all things fair,
Spring, with her golden suns and silver
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Is with us once again.