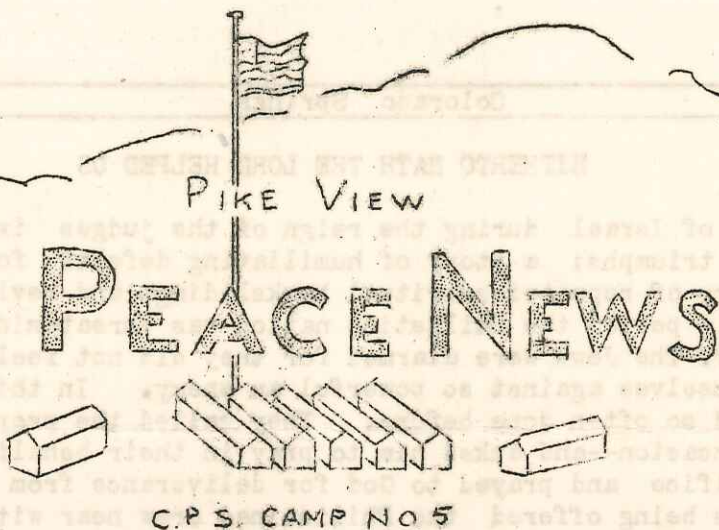


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COL. KOSCH APPROVES TWENTY-MAN CPS UNIT IN COLORADO STATE HOSPITAL

A new door of service for CO'S opened Thursday when Col. Lewis Kosch of Selective Service approved the assignment of 20 campers to a CPS unit at the Colorado State Hospital, Pueblo. Subject to the decision of Dr. Zimmerman, superintendent of the mental hospital, the first unit may begin its work soon.

Meeting with Dr. Zimmerman on Thurs. were Col. Kosch, George Reeves of the National Service Board and Albert Gaeddert. The superintendent explained that the hospital is badly in need of manpower.

Dr. Kosch stated that if the first unit proves satisfactory, "We are willing....to send as many more men as the institution needs." The first unit of 20 will be selected probably from the Colorado Springs camp. Opportunity will soon be given to campers to apply for the mental hospital work.

Numerous types of work are open to members of such a unit. The hospital needs cooks, butchers, male attendants, psychiatrists, dairy workers, farmers. The hospital will furnish the men with lodging, meals, laundry, work clothing, and will give each man an allowance of \$2.50 per month for incidentals.

Fort Collins CPS Camp

Tentatively approved last week by Selective Service was a new CPS camp site at Fort Collins, Colo. The new forestry and soil conservation camp would be administered by the Mennonite Central Committee. Albert Gaeddert had inspected last week the Fort Collins camp as well as the Pueblo hospital for the Nat. Service Board.

DELEGATES TO BE SENT TO REGIONAL CPS CONFERENCE, MAY 9 AND 10

Three campers and one staff member will represent the Colorado Springs camp at the regional conference of CPS camps to be held in Kansas on May 9 and 10. Five western camps, perhaps more, will send delegates to the conference. The camps are as follows: Denison, Iowa; Magnolia, Ark.; San Dimas, Calif.; Cascade Locks, Oregon; and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Paul C. French and other staff members of the National Service Board may attend the conference. The directors of the three administrative agencies, Henry Fast, Paul Furnas, and Harold Rowe, also plan to attend.

Delegates from our camp will be selected in several days. The meeting place of the conference in Kansas will be announced this week.

Campers and staff members are invited to share at the conference their experiences and thinking on such common camp problems as work program, civilian defense, discipline, morale, education and religious program.

PLAN SUBSISTENCE GARDEN

Twenty volunteers plan to cultivate after work hours a four acre camp garden this spring and summer. Mr. Ralph Carrick of Colorado Springs has made available to the camp this plot of land which is adjacent to the camp.

The land is to be irrigated with a well. The camp is now trying to obtain a power pump for the well-irrigation system. Planting of the garden will begin around the 15th of May. All varieties of vegetables will be raised on the plot. The camp hopes thus to reduce partially the food budget.

HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US

The history of Israel during the reign of the judges is a story of severe trials and great triumphs; a story of humiliating defeats followed by decisive victories; a story of repeated spiritual backslidings and revivals. On one occasion during this period the Philistine nation was threatening to attack Israel with a large army. The Jews were alarmed for they did not feel equal to the task of defending themselves against so powerful an enemy. In this predicament they did what they had so often done before. They called the prophet of the Lord--Samuel on this occasion--and asked him to pray in their behalf. Samuel offered a lamb as a sacrifice and prayed to God for deliverance from the enemy. While the sacrifice was being offered the Philistines drew near with their armies and prepared for a great attack. But disappointment met them before they had an opportunity to begin their work of destruction. A storm arose in such fury that they were forced to retreat in confusion. So complete was this God-sent deliverance that the Philistines were subdued and made no more attempts to overrun the land of Israel.

This event was the cause of rejoicing in the land of Israel. In memory of the occasion, the prophet Samuel took a large stone and set it up for a reminder to his people of the power of God. He called the stone "Ebenezer" which means "the stone of help", and his testimony was "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." How many a troubled man might have seen that stone in later years and been reminded that the Lord is able and willing to help those who trust Him, and by it have been led to seek His help.

In our lives we can recall times when we faced obstacles which seemed insurmountable, when the way was dark and we could not with all our reasoning determine which way to turn. In times like that if we called on God we found a way out of our difficulties and found an answer to our problems. We would do well to remind ourselves occasionally that God has been our source of help. We can all think of many ways in which we have been dependent upon the help of God, and many can point to specific times when the power of God has been specially manifested in our behalf. One example of this is the way in which we have been permitted to witness for Him through the Civilian Public Service program. We can truthfully say with Joshua that "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you."

In our lives, too, there are times when things look dark. New problems arise. New trials confront us. New tasks present themselves. But these new problems, these new trials, these new tasks should not cause us too much concern. The same God who heard the cry of Israel, the same God who has been our help is still as able and as willing as ever to come to our assistance. No matter how dark the future may look it is much easier to face when we remember that "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."--Earnest Kauffman.

GIFT TO WAR SUFFERER'S RELIEF

Colorado Springs campers decided several months ago to take an offering regularly at Sunday morning services, the contributions to be used for the "assistance of those in greater need than we". The offerings to date total \$68.69. A check for that amount was made out this week to War Sufferer's Relief of the Mennonite Central Committee. War Sufferer's Relief is responsible for an extensive program of relief in such areas of need as France, England, Paraguay, Poland and Holland. The WSR plans to enter a new area of service with the expenditure of \$1000 a month for relief work in India.

Farm Accounting Class

Twenty-one campers have been studying farm accounting under the direction of Ray Schlichting. The class has studied the farm journal and ledger and is to begin soon the study of recording of inventories. The accounting class will end with an analysis of financial statements.

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THOSE WE HAVE MET

Jake Pauls, Inman, Kansas

Short and stout....individualist... farmed for self.....came here in first group....worked in laundry, as cook and in field.....likes camp fine but would rather be own boss....made 15 rugs.... spends rest of spare time with girl friend who accompanied him to Colorado Springs...General Conference Mennonite

Ray Schlichting, Weatherford, Oklahoma

Dark & deep featured....precise in business practice...majored in accounting at Southwestern Tech....teaches accounting in camp....employed at camp repair and assisted in office before shouldering responsibility as business manager....wood working is hobby...expects to continue with accounting after camp....Mennonite Brethern.

Henry Engle, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Calm & devoted...spent most of life on ranch...odd jobs & NYA a short time ...learns to type and practice cutting hair in camp....worked on crews and at tree planting...studies Bible in spare time....likes farming but plans to get more education to be a minister..... Immanuel Missionary.

Vernie Smith, Ringold, Oklahoma

Well-poised, friendly & good-lookingreared on farm....worked in repair shop six months before camp...planting trees most of seven weeks while here.. uses spare time (as most newcomers) in letter writing.....will very likely continue in mechanical work after campChurch of God in Christ Mennonite.

Dallas Rediger, Wayland, Iowa

Dark & handsome....lively and well-liked.....lived in Nebraska but now an Iowan....enjoyed most of camp as pick and shovel worker....also on surveying & kitchen crews...now camp gardener... likes good old mountain music....wants to be a plain Iowa farmer with all the trimmings....(Old) Mennonite.

Roland Ortman, Moundridge, Kansas

Long side-burns and well-filled smiling face....came from farm....camp work included diversion ditch and irrigation flume construction and contouring....made rugs in spare time including one flag...active on committee of Agriculture Class...recently released and returned to the farm....we shall miss Roland & his wholesome camp spirit....General Conference Mennonite

THE CASE OF THE NON-REGISTRANTS

A number of leading pacifists of the nation who were in the age class for registration on April 27, found that their consciences would not allow them to abide by the order of Congress requiring them to register. Among them were Evan Thomas of the War Resisters League; Richard Gregg; A.J. Muste, National Secretary of the FOR. Mr. Muste prepared a letter setting forth his reasons and addressed it to Francis Biddle, U.S. Attorney General.

The first of Muste's reasons is that registration is an integral part of the war effort. Mr. Muste believes in the expression of the Oxford Ecumenical Conference of 1937 that war involves "compulsory enmity, diabolical outrage against human personality, and a wanton distortion of truth. War is a particular demonstration of the power of sin in the world and the defiance of the righteousness of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Believing in this, he cannot have any part in even the act of registering.

Mr. Muste is of the opinion that to conscript men to fight and take part in war is "a crime and a fundamental denial of the democratic faith". First, it assumes that men do not know enough to act for themselves--that the government must determine what their action will be without leaving the decision to the people themselves. Second, it takes from men the right to decide issues for themselves and forces them to act against their own convictions.

It is also the position of Mr. Muste that conscription is totalitarian. In conscription the state presumes sovereignty over conscience. Although Selective Service asserts that "the State is willing as a matter of expediency to excuse conscientious objectors from service in the armed forces, it nevertheless insists upon its right to compel every man if it chooses to do some kind of conscript work as a part of the war effort!" The position taken in this country is quite different than that taken in England where provision is made for complete exemption of any who can prove that their conscience will not allow them to serve the nation in any part of the war. Mr. Muste contends that to omit the possibility of complete exemption is totalitarian.

CAMP CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA
by Roland Bartel

Florida is like home to us now and we find it difficult to believe that we are so very far away from "you-all!" We are confident that your interest has followed us to our new camp and we in return continue to feel a kinship with all of you who are cooperating in this CPS program.

Ralph Townsend is our capable director. He was assistant director at Camp Lagro, taught in the school for children of missionaries in India for three years, holds a Master's degree. He says he made his greatest achievement on Mar. 21 when he married Mildred Brumbaugh. Mildred is a graduate nurse. She serves as dietician & nurse.

Earl Kime and Curtis Johnson are two assignees who came from Camp Lagro. Earl has worked as plumber, electrician, and carpenter, has spent two years at Park College. Curtis holds an engineering degree from the Univ. of Nebraska, was employed in the experimental laboratory of International Harvester, was engineer at Lagro.

From Camp Magnolia came Orville E. Beehler and B. Tart Bell. Orville graduated from McPherson College, taught industrial arts, was SCS engineer in Magnolia, was chosen as alternate on former England unit. Tart received his M.A. degree in labor economics from Univ. of Chicago, travelled in Europe in 1939, was student FOR secretary, served as educational director in Magnolia.

Marion Albrecht and Robert Geigley are the latest arrivals in camp. Marion came from Camp Henry, had considerable experience in carpentry, attended Goshen College two years. Robert is a graduate of Bluffton, grad of Dickinson Law School, passed the Penn. bar exams, was chosen for the England unit, served as business manager in Sideling Hill camp.

A previous issue of the paper told you of the backgrounds of we three foreigners from Colorado Springs, Galen Widmer, John Brelsford, and myself.

We are living in four tents conveniently arranged. We are busy constructing the permanent buildings and have done very little project work. The main building will soon be completed and the work on the cabins has already been started.

We have installed a grease trap and drain field for a restaurant-tourist camp in Crestview as our first malaria control project for the Dept. of Health. Later on we will build large numbers of privies here at the camp and transport them to the places where they are needed. Kenneth Young, our work supervisor, tells us he has much work arranged for us which is urgent and that the community is eager for our help. Our relationships with Mr. Young have been very favorable.

The intimate type of fellowship we enjoy with each other is a rare privilege. The days are hot, the nights are cool, meals are good, air is full of airplanes, it's a great life. More later. Our address: CPS Camp 27, Crestview, Florida.

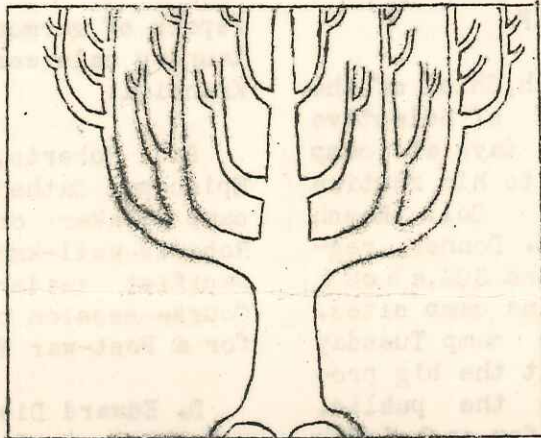
C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

MARIETTA, OHIO: Saturday noon, April 11, 56 of Marietta's 69 campees partook of a frugal meal. Recognizing the existence of starvation in various parts of Europe and wanting to have a share in providing food for hungry fellowmen in other lands, the men voted overwhelmingly in favor of partaking of a frugal meal and contributing the money thus saved to a food-for-Europe fund.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND: The Hagerstown project consists of 4 farms and probably 5 by now. Two of these farms are at present occupied and the others are soon to be occupied. Each farm will receive 35 boys who will take care of the farm. A married couple serves as manager and matron. At most of the farms additional sleeping quarters have been built. The work of these units will consist mainly of soil conservation work. In their spare time the campers may raise a garden but only for the use on the farm and not for commercial competition. These farm projects are in a sense experimental in nature.

CASCADE LOCKS, OREGON: The number of volunteers for the evacuation units at Cascade Locks has already grown to nearly 100. The evacuation work will consist of the immediate relief of suffering in cities visited by catastrophe, whether the disaster is caused by war or nature.

HENRY, ILLINOIS: Through the generosity of Henry G. Kliever, Mountain Lake, Minn., Camp Henry will soon possess an inter-building telephone system.



I am the tree. Blest be the hands that packed the soil about my roots. Blest be he who believed in God enough to plant a tree, to give me life. No gun for him, no bayonet, but love enough to stoop and toil, and open the way that I may grow.

With faith they placed me here, and in faith I live and pray and shelter robins. Perhaps my branches will be a shade. My blossoms make gay your heart. Men grasp my trunk and stare heavenward at my patterned branches. Never before did the sky look so blue. But they forget that I am under ground too--I reach to heaven but I am rooted in earth and my tap root sucks for the deep water. I clutch the earth and it nestles against me, afraid to go with the wild spring rains. My leaves blanket baby plants.

What a grand world. What joy to serve! Yes, sometimes I shiver in the cold. My leaves murmur, wanting sympathy. But that makes me strong, it roots me deeper, and I have learned to be brave.

Ay, take courage, though the sky is dark. You have planted a tree. Life, not death! Creating, not destroying. Long after the war clouds are passed I will stand here, your monument to peace and life and love. You will have won. Like these twigs, as you have bent and shaped your lives and those of others, so you too will grow. And they shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth its fruit in its season. It's leaf also shall not wither.....

Report on Trees Planted by Camp

Kind	No.	Kind	No.
Russian Olive	400	Buffalo Berry	400
Honey Locust	675	Southwestern Locust	200
Wild Plum	833	Willows	2,400
Sand Cherry	534	Western Yellow Pine	1,160
Choke Cherry	658	Poplar	60
Cedar	53,133	Chinese Elm	700
Cottonwood	1,200	Pine	30,804
Skunk Brush	400	Total	93,557

NEWS IN BRIEF

Colonel Lewis F. Kosch, Chief of the Camp Operations Division of Selective Service, spent several days at camp this week. In addition to his routine inspection of the camp, Col. Kosch conferred here with W.E. Donner, regional administrator of the SCS, about the Kutch and Fort Collins camp sites. Col. Kosch spoke to the camp Tuesday evening. He stated that the big problem is selling CPS to the public. This he said was a task for each individual camp.

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Wednesday evening George Reeves of the National Service Board addressed the campers. He spoke of the opportunities for service in terms of farm assignments, hospital work, experimental agricultural work which is now opening thru CPS. Mr. Reeves came from Washington, D.C., to meet Col. Kosch here and to accompany him in his tour of inspection of proposed CPS projects.

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Lester Hostetler, co-author of the new Mennonite Hymnary, is a guest speaker at camp this weekend. He will lead campers in the study of church music. Rev. Hostetler, who is now professor at Bethel College, has served pastorates in California and in Ohio. Rev. Hostetler brings the message Sunday morning, May 3, and speaks Fri., Sat., & Sun. evenings on the history & nature of our fine church music. He will also conduct the campers in the singing of the hymns of the church.

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Sheets, towels, trousers, garments of all kinds went on the auction block last Friday evening, April 24, when the laundry staged a sale of all unclaimed laundry articles which have accumulated through the months. The total receipts of the auction were \$7.95. This sum is to be used for the purchase of an electric sock mending device and various supplies for the

repair of garments. Auctioneers at the laundry sale were Isaac Harms & Erwin Krehbiel.

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Paul Roberts, Dean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral of Denver, is to be camp speaker on Monday, May 4. Dean Roberts, well-known Denver minister and pacifist leader, speaks at the Core Course session on "Christian Proposals for a Post-war World".

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D. Edward Diener, Hutchinson, Kans., and Artvin C. Faul, Sawyer, N.D., are the most recent additions to our camp. Edward is an (Old) Mennonite and had been attending Hesston College before being conscripted. Artvin is a farmer and a member of the Mennonite Brethren.

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Dorm 4 was awarded first prize in the amateur program Saturday, April 25. Six dorms presented stunts. An electric clock was given to Dorm 4 for their well-planned stunt of a farmer's sale. The amateur night was sponsored by the entertainment committee. Glen Greaser served as master of ceremonies.

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Roland Ortman, Moundridge, Kansas, was released from camp because of physical disability Monday, April 21. Elmer Enns, who had received his papers of release several weeks ago, was granted permission to go home Monday, April 27. Elmer had spent his last several weeks in camp in the infirmary. Orve Troyer, Milford, Nebraska, received this week the papers of transfer to noncombatant service in the army. Orve has been in camp since the middle of June. He will report to his local board as soon as he receives certain official papers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ramseyer of Chicago, Ill., visited in camp for two days last week. They were on their way to Placerville, Calif., where Mr. Ramseyer is to serve as educational director. The camp at Placerville opened April 23.

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Lord, who made all men brothers, teach Thou me
My obligation to my fellow-man;
Teach me within each faltering heart to see
Expression of Thy universal plan.
Send me among the lowly; let me share
The heavy burdens; teach me then to know
The insignificance of worldly care,
The joy that comes as one's possessions go.

--Frances Rose Ransom

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