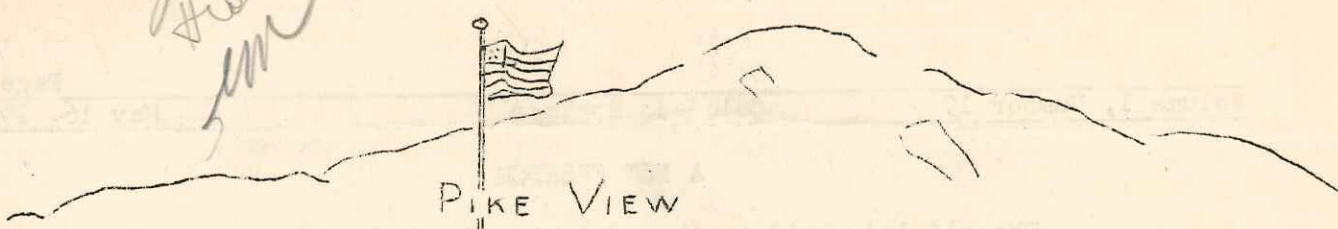


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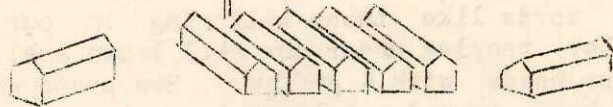
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FOUR DELEGATES REPRESENT CAMP AT REGIONAL CPS CONFERENCE IN NEWTON

Jesse Harder, Robert Kreider, Arlo Sonnenberg and Albert Gaeddert were Colorado Springs' representatives at the regional CPS conference which convened at Bethel College, North Newton Kansas, May 9 and 10.

Four camps sent delegates to the conference: Denison, Iowa; Weeping Waters, Nebraska; Magnolia, Arkansas; and Colorado Springs. Paul Comly French and Joe Weaver of the NSBRO, Henry Fast of the MCC, and Harold Rowe of the Brethren Service Committee were in attendance. Also attending the sessions were P. C. Hiebert and P. H. Unruh of the MCC and representatives of McPherson, Friends, Hesston and Bethel colleges.

Paul French opened the conference with an explanation of the background of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, which is the central administrative agency for the peace churches and related peace groups directing the CPS program. He reported on new developments in Civilian Public Service. The relief unit to have been sent to China, now in training at Lagro Indiana, has been granted permission to do health and sanitation work in Puerto Rico. Several hospital projects are opening in the Midwest and Far west. Two experimental units for detached farm service have begun work on selected Wisconsin and New York farms.

Among the subjects of discussion of the two day conference were such problems as community relations, camp discipline, morale, camp program, post-war adjustment of CO's, post-war reconstruction. The discussions revealed that the various camps face very much the same type of problems. A cooperative spirit prevailed at the conference.

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COLORADO SPRINGS CAMPERS TO ASSIST IN OPENING FORT COLLINS CPS CAMP

Nine campers are to be sent to Fort Collins, Colorado, the forepart of next week to prepare for the opening there of Civilian Public Service Camp No. 33.

Col. Louis F. Kosch of Selective Service gave approval two weeks ago of the Fort Collins camp site and project. A combination project program of soil conservation and forestry work is planned for the new camp. The Fort Collins camp will be administered by the Mennonite Central Committee. If staff personnel and necessary equipment can be secured, it is expected that the camp will open sometime during the month of June.

Fort Collins is about 70 miles north of Denver in a fertile irrigated farming area. The camp will be located approximately seven miles from the city of Fort Collins. Visitors to the camp site report an ideal location.

The nine campers who will help get the camp into shape are the following: Clarence Joe Unruh, Eldon Boese, N. Paul Stucky, Elmer Quiring, Earnest Kauffman, Isaac Harms, Ervin Krehbiel, Rudy Bontrager, and Vernie Smith. This group includes carpenters, electricians, plumbers, cooks, etc. The work to be done by the nine-man unit includes repair of plumbing, roofing, wiring, and renovation of some of the buildings. Several weeks will be required to do this work. A few of the men may remain longer to help the camp staff get the camp started and to receive assignees.

Dean Ivan Lind and the Hesston College Quartet paid a brief visit to the camp Thursday morning, May 14th. The group conducted the morning devotional service. The quartet is on a three weeks tour of the Far West.

CAMP FORUM

The delegates to the regional CPS conference at Newton, May 9 and 10, have been asked to share in this column some of their conference experiences.

Jesse Harder, Balko, Oklahoma

Although the Newton conference was of great interest to those who attended, I feel it rather difficult to make it of value to the camp as a whole.

There were several points of special interest to me. One was a review by Mr. French of the beginnings of the CPS program and the developments to date.

It was interesting to note that the major problems in one camp were also found in the other camps. The problem of keeping men busy on the project, the problem of helping the so-called "misfit" adjust himself, the problem of keeping up morale--these and others were found in all the camps.

One thing more, It seems certain that the world to which we will return after the war is over will be quite different from the one we left when we went to camp. This means that readjustments will have to be made. To quote Mr. French, "The one who will be willing to serve will be the happy person rather than the one who has been used to making a lot of money."

Arlo Sonnenberg, Fleming, Colorado

Together! That sums it up. Working together--sharing the moments of discouragement, buckling down to be a little steadier, glancing knowingly at those about you, and letting a smile work itself out from your heart.

If someone is careless, or indifferent, makes a mistake, it's a responsibility for us all. We share and make up for his loss. He doesn't want to? Then we will! His cares our cares; his joy our joy. Together! That made the convention inspiring.

Robert Kreider, North Newton, Kansas

A significant feature of the regional CPS conference was the realistic analysis of the war and post-war world presented by Paul C. French. He urged that we gird ourselves psychologically for a long war----a war of five to ten years. Such a war demands of all those dedicated to the pacifist way of life--campers, peace churches, and CO's generally--unusual personal and group sacrifice if the faith is to be maintained.

French declared that we shall not be returning to a pre-war world after camp. There will be terrific social and economic maladjustment in our nation. Jobs will be scarce. "Men of goodwill" from our camps will be needed for domestic reconstruction. French suggested that it is on the home front rather than in Europe or Asia where pacifist relief and reconstruction units will find their greatest areas of service.

Albert Gaeddert

One of the impressive factors that characterized the regional conference was the open minded searching and groping for the best solution of the problems confronting us. No one came with plans all mapped out; rather, we were confronted with specific problems and everyone accepted the challenge to share his best judgment.

Moreover, here was evidence of the deep concern on the part of everyone that the basic values of Christian living be promoted in our camps. Our educational program, our method of orienting newcomers, our community relationships, our camp papers, and our conduct throughout must witness to the high purpose which we have set to achieve. It was an inspiration to observe campers and officials share their best judgments, and again it was evident that nothing short of the best will suffice in the facing of this tremendous undertaking.

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BARBERS PLY THEIR TRADE IN CAMP

There is an especially hearty welcome extended by our campers to new assignees who know how to cut hair well. The seriousness of this operation of removing surplus hair from one's head is best seen through its absence, but it is our good fortune not to have many walking examples of neglected hair around camp.

At first there were a few men as Ed Stucky, Galen Widmer, Tony Martens, Ray Stutzman and Henry Engle who were skilled and established in camp barbering but since Ed and Galen left our midst, a number of others have stepped in, trying to win over the departed ones' clientele. These budding tradesmen are: Oris Gingerich, Mike Waldner, Martin Stucky, Leroy Miller, Dave Regier, Ike Walter, and others. Scene of the local barbering college is the camp bath house.

LESTER HOSTETLER SPEAKS ON HYMNOLOGY

Campers came to a new appreciation of the heritage of music of the Christian Church through the series of three talks given by Lester Hostetler, May 1, 2, and 3.

Rev. Hostetler, who is co-author of the Mennonite Hymnary, discussed the three main streams of hymnology: the German chorale, English psalmody, and American gospel songs. Much attention was devoted to the German chorale, which Rev. Hostetler stated to be the finest source of church music. He urged that the Mennonite people continue to cherish their heritage of German hymnology.

In addition to lecturing about the history and characteristics of church hymns, Rev. Hostetler led the group in the singing of hymns and conducted a brief study of rudiments of music.

C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

Denison, Iowa: Dr. Henry Fast, who was a recent visitor at Camp Denison, spoke to the campees of the possibilities of anticipated projects being realized. "The young men from CPS camps who compose the Chicago hospital unit are doing such excellent work that the reputation they are establishing may open up still other projects of a similar nature."

Cooperstown, New York: Just as the last men were getting ready for dinner at Camp Cooperstown after having worked hard all day, the gong rang. But it was not for dinner. It was a surface fire running over several acres of forest land. Dinner was forgotten as the campees rushed to join several truckloads of NYA boys and farmers. In a short time the fire was under control. Their estimation of casualties: bramble scratches and dirty faces.

Grottoes, Virginia: A fine serviceable work shirt for each campee is the recent gift of Mr. Henry Hoover and Mr. Harry Hoover of Lancaster County, Pa. Each campee has recorded his shirt size and will be entitled to a new shirt with his initials indelibly impressed thereon.

GARDEN COMMITTEE CHOSEN

A committee of three was selected Friday evening to plan the planting and organize the work schedule for the camp garden.

Abe Epp, Buhler, Kansas, was chosen as chairman, with Dallas Rediger, Wayland, Iowa, and Jesse Harder, Balko, Oklahoma, as other members of the committee.

Much of the work on the camp garden will be done by volunteers during non-project hours. Work on the garden begins immediately. Irrigated land on the McKnight ranch will be utilized for the camp garden.

RATIONING COMES TO CAMP NO. 5

Camp No. 5 felt the impact of the war on civilian life when 145 men awaited their turn in a double line to sign their names on applications for War Ration Book One. The first stamp has been removed from each individual book for purchase of the sugar ration. Consumption of sugar in camp is controlled cooperatively. Campers will measure their portion with good judgment. Men granted furlough will be given their allotted amount in a small bag for the days they are absent from camp.

NEWTON CONFERENCE-CONTINUED

ence as the delegates together sought Christian approaches to the common camp problems.

Thursday evening the three campers, who were elected by the camp as conference delegates, and Director Albert Gaeddert gave a report to assembled campers of their impressions of the conference.

Miracle

We muse of miracles who look
But lightly on a rose!
Who gives it fragrance or the glint
Of glory that it shows?

Who holds it here between the sky
And earth's rain-softened sod?
The miracle of one pale rose
Is proof enough of God!

--Edith Daley

THOSE WE HAVE MET

Gene Bowen, Evanston, Illinois

Tall and handsome....anxious to get a tan....life spent at intervals of work and school...studied forestry and education....attended Iowa State, Cornell and Western State...interested in co-ops....watches papers for sports results...member of Society of Friends

Orve Troyer, Milford, Nebraska

Solid muscle....energetic....likes playing ball and ice-skating....came from Pennsylvania dairy and truck farm to camp....trucked vegetables to three states....visited 40 states, Canada & Mexico....good truck driver....intends to be Eastern dairy farmer....(Old) Mennonite.

Leroy Miller, Hutchinson, Kansas

Short and heavy....likes soft ball and better yet, wrestling....reared on farm...drove truck two years before camp...continued along same line first five months here....foreman of forestry crew....future--indefinite....Amish Mennonite.

Jacob Hofer, Hitchcock, South Dakota

Good-natured as he is big....stout as an ox....helped father with farm work and started project of his own...worked in camp kitchen, in the field & now as orderly....plays volleyball and makes rugs in spare time....often visits other dorms...wants to get back on the farm....General Conf. Mennonite

Alvin Buller, Stockholm, Nebraska

Typical camper....mild disposition attended Tabor College two years....taught and farmed in Kansas....kitchen first six weeks in camp...construction and digging since....likes music and sports....won't start planning for after camp until he knows when that will be....Mennonite Brethren.

Russell Detwiler, Parnell, Iowa

Dark complected....diligent worker game for fun....worked on cattle feeders farm before camp...experience here has been five months in field with three weeks as foreman....followed by promotion to cook....still in kitchen....may continue in that direction after camp....likes music....(Old) Mennonite.

The total number of Mennonite CO's in CPS camps as of April 1 was 881. The (Old) Mennonites have the largest representation with 396.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED

The cry of "Play ball!" will be heard at the "South Templeton Gap" playing field on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as a result of the organization of a softball league by the recreation committee.

Dorms have combined to form four league teams: 1 & 3, 2 & 3, 4 & 5, 6 & 7. Games are played on two nights a week. In the first division of the league play each team is scheduled for nine games, three games with each of the opposing three teams. Later in the season a second division of league play is planned with each team playing nine games. The winners of the first and second division titles will meet in a three game playoff for the camp championship.

Following are some of the rules applying to the softball league: no league games are to be played on Sun.; postponed games are to be made up in a week; umpires and equipment managers are to decide on the fitness of equipment; two officials will be used for each game. A staff of eight umpires will be selected by the several dorms. Three classes in umpiring will be taught to prospective game officials.

Members of the recreation committee, as chosen by their respective dorms, are as follows: Dorm 1--Martin Stucky; 2--Ralph Kaufman; 3--Paul Hofer; 4--Melvin Gaeddert; 5--Henry Mullett; 6--Jesse Harder; 7--Henry Ediger; 8--Alvin Dirks. Jesse Harder is chairman.

The recreation committee has divided itself into the following sub-committees: tennis, softball diamond, horse shoe and croquet, and equipment. The committee plans to arrange an increasing number of outdoor recreational activities for the coming summer months. Especially popular among campers in the evenings is the volleyball court.

Albert Gaeddert was one of the speakers at the Nebraska All-Mennonite Sunday School Convention which met at Beatrice May 10th. Mr. Gaeddert spoke both at the afternoon and evening sessions on the opportunities for service through the CPS program. Mr. Gaeddert's return to camp was delayed by one day because of flood waters along the Rock Island Railway tracks in the vicinity of Lincoln, Nebraska.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. John Siemens, Fairview, Okla., who has been engaged in evangelistic work for the Mennonite Brethren, visited camp Sat., May 2. In the evening he spoke to the campers on the subject of "The Most Modern Book". Brother Siemens, a refugee from Russia, told of his experiences serving in a Russian forestry camp and Red Cross unit during the last war. These forms of alternative service were supported financially by the Russian Mennonites. In many respects the Russian alternative service was similar to the present CPS program.

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Next Monday a four-man unit begins fencing work on the Love Ranch, operated by Field Bohart, Inc. Fifteen miles of fence is to be built on the ranch. Since the ranch is about 50 miles from camp, the crew will stay at the ranch from Monday morning to Sat. noon, returning to camp for weekends. Board will be provided by the ranch.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Goering and Miss Selma Rupp, staff members of the new CPS camp at Weeping Waters, Nebraska, visited in camp May 2 to 5 for the purpose of studying the operation of the local camp. Mr. Goering, who will serve as camp director, has been a teacher in the Walton, Kans., high school. Mrs. Goering will be matron. For the past several years she has been instructor in piano at Bethel College. Miss Rupp, Moundridge, Kans., joins the staff as dietician. The Weeping Waters camp opened its doors Friday, May 15, to approximately 120 CO assignees.

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In spring a young man's fancy turns Several campers have been answering cupid's winsome call. Ed Carpenter, Coon Rapids, Iowa, led the trend when he married Miss Isabel Reed, Colorado Springs, on April 15th. May the

21st Melvin Gaeddert, Buhler, Kansas, is to be married to Miss Velda Unrau of Canton, Kansas. The marriage of Menno Martens and Lena Dyck of Inman, Kansas, is to be May 27. The best wishes of the camp go to these couples. Rumors have been circulating to the effect that several other campers are contemplating taking the "fatal step."

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The camp has been the recent recipient of a group of very fine books. The Western District Conference, North Newton, Kansas, has sent several dozen books from their loan library. Some of the books in this group are: The Life and Epistles of Saint Paul, The Life of Our Lord, The Program of Peace, The Return to Religion, several books from the Christian Hero Series, and many others. A Friends group at Denver sent a dozen or so books. Among these are: And Thou Philip, Roaring Waters, Greater Love Hath No Man, and Together For Good. The Denver F. O. R. sent New Ways in Photography, The Hurricane and Candles in the Wind. The Scottdale Menn. Publishing House sent: Cruden's Complete Concordance, For Conscience Sake, Glimpses Of Mennonite History, Mennonite Pioneers, Mennonites in the World War, and a number of others.

Our library has been continually growing until at present it contains over 775 volumes.

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JOTTINGS: June 5, 1942, the camp will have been in operation for an entire year... The SCS has donated 80 trees to the camp for the beautification of the grounds.... Campers contributed to the fund for the paying of expenses for the three campers sent to the Newton conference.... Rev. Francis Bayles of the Calvary Evangelical Church spoke at the Mother's Day service in camp, Sunday, May 10.... A camp garden is being started on irrigated land made available by Mr. S.W. McKnight, a neighboring farmer.

If all the voices of men called out
warning you, and you could not join
your voice with their voices,
If all the faces of men were turned
one way and you met them face to face,
you going another--

You still must not be persuaded to
capitulation: you will remember that
the road runs east as well as west.

--Horace L. Traubel

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