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THREE CREWS BEGIN BEET THINNING WORK;
INCOME TO GO TO POST-WAR RELIEF FUND

To the beet fields went sixty men Monday of this week to assist farmers of El Paso County in the task of thinning and blocking sugar beets.

A farm emergency has been declared in this area. Agricultural agencies have reported a definite shortage of farm labor especially for the job of thinning beets. Sugar beets are a principal farm crop hereabouts. Selective Service and the National Service Board have approved this type of farm service in the area.

The Soil Conservation Service accordingly has released 60 men from the regular project work for the beet thinning work. The three 20-man beet crews have been made up of campers who have volunteered for this type of work.

During the emergency period of a month or more, work-hours have been lengthened, workers going to the field at 7:00 a.m. and returning at 5:30pm. Furloughs will continue to be granted during this period thru an agreement with the technical agency whereby the administrative overhead of the camp is temporarily reduced.

The US Employment Service, Farm Security Admin., and the County Agent are among the agencies responsible for the selection of farms on which the crews are to work. Farmers pay to the
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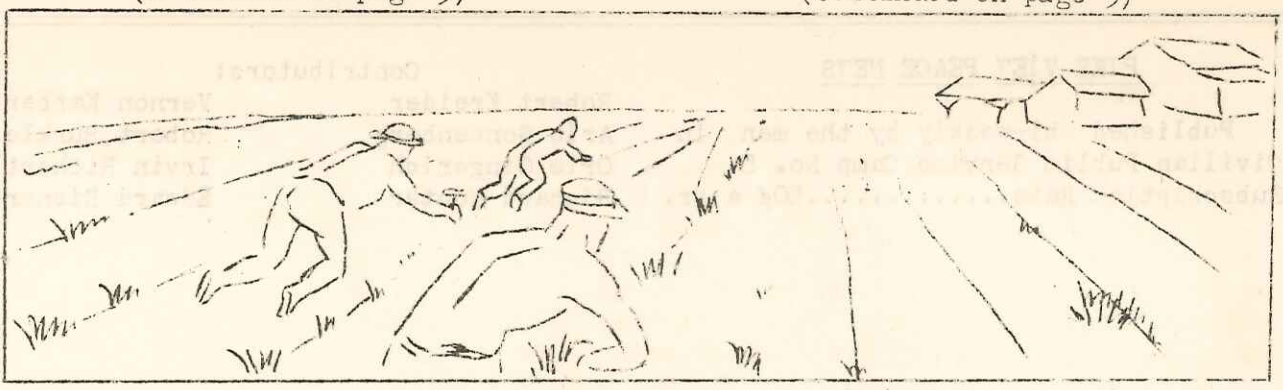
ALBERT GAEDDERT ASSUMES NEW DUTIES AS
ASSISTANT GENERAL DIRECTOR OF CAMPS

Albert Gaeddert, our able and well-liked director, will be leaving us in the near future to devote his full time to his work as Assistant to the General Director of Mennonite CPS camps. The men and personnel of this camp deeply regret losing him as he was a good friend and wise counselor to all.

Albert received his appointment at the meeting of the Mennonite Central Committee on March 18 and has been acting in that capacity ever since. The responsibilities of the Assistant General Director are varied: helping Dr. Fast in his work, opening new CPS camps, visiting periodically the established camps, acting as a "trouble shooter" for any difficulties which may arise, and supervising detached service work. In this latter work the MCC is very eager to keep definitely in touch with the men on farm assignments. The western and midwestern states comprise the area of Albert's work while his headquarters will be in Kansas.

Not yet known is the exact date of departure of the Gaeddert family. Also not announced yet is the new director to succeed Albert.

His new duties have frequently taken him away from camp during recent months. Albert has been busy making
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THE WORK WE DO

Three hundred trees or two hundred, eight rows of beets or six, three sections of a ditch or two, volunteering for extra work or letting the other fellow do it. There is a difference in the amount and quality of work that we do.

To some perhaps: what difference does it make if we should rest half an hour, this work won't run away, will it? We're just spending time anyway. Yes, we were leaning on our shovels. To others: well, we've got to get to work. We chose to do this. The way we do our work--that's the best testimony we can make to the things in which we believe. Suppose we can get this drop poured by quitting time? We'd like to go back and see how that spring is working. Glad the farmer is satisfied. Tired? We'll sleep better!

No one is going to tell us just how much work we have to do, how tired we are expected to get. Then how are we going to know? Why three hundred trees instead of two hundred?

It's up to us! Our program will depend upon what others think of our work--- what we do, not what we believe. People expect and demand a reasonable day's work. It is only what we do in excess of what is expected that will help to convince others of our sincerity. And if we fail to do what we should, if we take it too easy, if we merely spend the time, then criticism will descend like rain, AND RIGHTFULLY SO! If the government has a right to conscript the soldier, then it has a right to demand real sacrifice on our part too.

We would pray for deliverance from false impressions about our task. We would ask for continued health and strength TO BE ABLE TO WORK, to do our part in making a better world. And lastly, we would pray for a spirit that will cause each one of us to face the issue squarely, to think of the whole service program, and our part in the way of peace.

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Facing the New Year

We pledge ourselves
 To follow through the coming year
 The light which God gives us:
 The light of Truth, wherever it may lead;
 The light of Freedom, revealing new opportunities for individual development and social service;
 The light of Faith, opening new visions of the better world to be;
 The light of Love, daily binding brother to brother and man to God in ever closer bonds of friendship and affection.
 Guided by this light,
 We shall go forward to the work of another year with steadfastness and confidence.

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* Mrs. Riessen *

Mrs. Rudolf Riessen, mother of Mrs. Linscheid--our camp matron, passed away Monday evening, June 8, after a brief illness. Mrs. Riessen, aged 85, lived with her daughter in camp.

Services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P.S. Goertz, Newton, Kansas, Friday morning. Burial was at the Bruderthal church near Hillsboro.

Mrs. Riessen was born in Nikolaidorf, Russia, and came to this country with her parents when she was a small girl. In central Kansas she made her home. She is now survived by three daughters, Mrs. Selma Linscheid, and Mrs. Goertz and Mrs. P. C. Loewen of Newton and Dean Riessen of Tucson, Arizona.

The boys in camp extend their sympathy to the family of Mrs. Riessen. The boys will long remember her for her kindness in mending their clothes and her interest in the flower beds about camp.

MCC RELIEF WORK IN EUROPE DESCRIBED

The tragedy & suffering attendant to war was effectively described by Jesse Hoover of the Mennonite Central Committee when he spoke to campers Tues., June 2, of his experiences in relief work in unoccupied France. His talk was illustrated with picture slides.

"Never before has the suffering of innocents been so acute as during this war", stated Mr. Hoover, who directed MCC relief activity in France for six months in 1941. He continued, "The greatest suffering is not on the front lines of the armed conflict, but among the innocents far behind the trenches!"

The War Sufferers Relief of the MCC is directed toward the most acute need, the suffering of little children. A variety of methods are used to administer the relief of food and clothing.

"The actual physical ministrations in food, clothing, and other material necessities are by no means most important." He followed: "While it is primary in a sense, it being necessary to give material relief in order to touch and reawaken crushed and broken sensibilities, yet it is only a means to the greater end of the reawakening of souls."

JAMES FARMER SPEAKS ON RACE RELATIONS

James Farmer, Race Relations Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, spoke Sunday evening, June 7, to the camp on the "Pacifist Approach to Race Relations". Campers were delighted with his fine spirit and inspiring presentation.

Farmer pointed out that racial discrimination is on the increase in the United States since the outbreak of war. "Negroes have felt increasingly outraged and more actively indignant," stated Mr. Farmer, "whenever democratic rights have been denied." He spoke of his fear that more violent forms of conflict may arise from the injustice of racial discrimination.

"The only effective solution of the race problem", affirmed Mr. Farmer, "is the Christian pacifist solution." Racial conflict must be resolved on the level of divine, redeeming love, he stated. Farmer called for non-violent direct action to meet this evil. "We can all practice non-cooperation with the evil which we wish to destroy--racial discrimination," said Mr. Farmer.

Beet Thinning Project... (Cont.)

Mennonite Central Committee the prevailing wage in this area for beet thinning: \$9.50 an acre. This group wage goes neither to the campers nor to the MCC for the maintenance of camps, but rather to a relief and reconstruction fund to be used after the war.

Albert Gaeddert's Departure... (Cont.)

arrangements for the establishment of hospital units in Colorado, Nebraska, and Iowa. He has also supervised the plans for the opening of the Ft. Collins camp and the placement of CPS men on detached farm service in Wisconsin. For the past two weeks he has been visiting the Mennonite camps in California and investigating possibilities for the opening of CPS service units in the Japanese evacuee camps.

Before assuming his duties as camp director more than a year ago, Albert had been attending the Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill. He lacks two quarters of study to complete his BD degree. Previous to that he had taught in Kansas high schools for six years.

THOSE WE HAVE MET

John Friesen, Inola, Oklahoma

Industrious...cooperative...blonde reared on cattle farm....2yrs. as field service man for tractor company2 yrs. of Bible school and 1 yr. at Tabor College.....entered camp last August...likes to read...participates in sports and chorus.....future plans indefinite...Mennonite Brethren.

Orie Gingerich, Williamsburg, Iowa

Deep smiles and pointed humor..... through high school and junior college at Hesston, Kansas.....camp work as follows: Camp Director's office, project work, table waiting and cooking...well read, especially in church history...accounting student...likes farming but hopes to finish his schooling...(Old) Mennonite.

Edwin Tieszen, Marion, South Dakota

Jovial, ruddy face...willing worker.....designed for farming....worked one harvest in Montana, otherwise worked at or near home....wheelbarrow pusher on concrete construction, janitor and carpenter since arrival a year ago....married last October.... Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

Walter Schmidt, Hillsboro, Kansas

Reserved....erect posture....spectacled....lived near home till 1938.... worked in Idaho, on South Dakota R.R. and in Kansas City parking garage since then....SCS employed him in kitchen, ditch, concrete and masonry work (official cement mixer operator)reads much....Gen. Conf. Menno.

Pete Stauffer, Wayland, Iowa

Calm...hard working...friendly.... worked on farm near Wayland until a year ago....since then the camp has occupied him in the field, kitchen, and laundry.....8 months experience in laundry makes him an expert at the job....leisure hours spent in associating with friends in camp..plans to farm some day...(Old) Mennonite

Rahlen Unrau, Inola, Oklahoma

Pal of John Friesen....prudent....mises well....grew up on the farm.... worked for Kraft Cheese Co. in Calif. several months....Texas oil fields for 1 year....operated garage 6 months--just before "March 16"....been on shovel, tractor and research crews....now thinning beets...likes to read fiction play ball and hike...Gen. Conf. Menn.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM SERVICE UNITS
ESTABLISHED IN SELECTED DAIRYING AREAS

Opportunities for detached farm service may soon unfold for CPS campers who are interested in doing farm work as their "work of national importance". The expansion of the program of detached farm service depends upon the success of the first two small experimental farm units now in the field.

Two ten-man units have been established in selected dairy farming areas: a unit from Camp Kane, Penn., in New York state and a unit from Camp Denison in Dodge County, Wisconsin. Albert Gaeddert directed the opening of the Wisconsin unit.

These two experimental units are being closely observed by NSBRO and Selective Service officials to see whether it would be advisable to expand the farm program. The major problem in farm assignments is the sounding out of community relations for the CO units.

Several federal agencies are working on this program: US Employment Service, US Dept. of Agriculture selective Service. The Employment Service and Dept. of Agriculture select counties where there is a farm labor shortage. Wage rates are determined and agreements are drawn up with farmers in need of labor. The National Service Board for Religious Objectors collects all wages and after deducting expenses, devotes the balance to a relief and war rehabilitation fund.

Detached farm service for CO assignees is on a volunteer basis. Campers are not permitted to work on their home farm, relative's farm, or within 100 miles of home. The National Service Board pays for the transportation of the assignees from camp to the farm medical and hospital care, necessary clothes and miscellaneous needs. The campers on farm assignment will receive an allowance of \$2.50 a month from the NSBRO. The farm employer will mail each month a check to the National Service Board for the assigned's services.

Major Franklin McLean, Field Representative of Selective Service, expects to be in Wisconsin in the near future. His report on detached farm service on dairy farms will determine whether additional men may be assigned soon.

CAMP FORUM

The following campers were interviewed on the question of what is the most essential type of service which conscientious objectors can render now.

Gerhard Peters, Lehigh, Kansas

Thinks that the Japanese evacuation project is where the CO's can render the best service through CPS. It is of greater service and of more importance to humanity than the soil conservation program at the present time. It would also strengthen our peace program.

Alvin Penner, Balco, Oklahoma

Seemingly still thinks that home would be the best place for him. Agricultural areas furnish more opportunities for service than most other work, because of the need for food production and the labor shortage.

Martin Stucky, Moundridge, Kansas

Maybe the work that is being done now is of the most importance, but Martin suggests the need in soil conservation for taking land that is productive and concentrating on it rather than on some worthless land.

Elmer Quiring, Weatherford, Oklahoma

The service of conserving the soil is still the most important work that can be done by CO's in the U.S. The improvement of soils means increased food production. In foreign service, the relief work takes first place because of the service to the depressed and starving, those who really need help.

Jesse Harder, Isabella, Oklahoma

Thinks that soil conservation should be done on government land, otherwise the big farmer gets all the help while the smaller farmer has to do his own work. Also much interested in the Porto Rico project and the Japanese evacuation unit.

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Camp Garden

Two and one half acres of irrigated land are now under cultivation as the camp garden. The garden plot is located on the S.W. McKnight ranch.

Several campers are gaining their first experience in irrigation farming since this land is irrigated from the McKnight reservoir. Abe Epp has been directing the work.

Vegetables planted in the garden

THE EVACUATION OF JAPANESE

America at this very moment is being challenged to prove that it has a democracy and a way of life which deserves the sacrifice of the lives of its youth. On the West Coast are 112,000 Japanese, two-thirds of whom are citizens of the United States by birth. By law Japanese are not allowed to become naturalized citizens. The citizens are those that have achieved that status by birth within this nation.

Today Japanese citizens are being evacuated and in effect deprived of freedom and property under the President's Proclamation of Feb. 19 giving the War Dept. the power to prescribe certain areas from which all persons may be excluded. This proclamation is being applied indiscriminately without any cause against all Japanese on the West Coast, even citizens. It need not be proved that they are dangerous, only that they are Japanese. Citizens are being deprived of property without "due process of law".

There are good and bad among the Japanese as among all people. Each should be treated according to his way of fitting into society. There is no place in democracy for classifying and discriminating against all persons of a group of common ancestry simply because of our feelings of hatred or distrust toward certain of the same race that have proved themselves unacceptable. These people should be treated as individuals and as citizens and as innocent until proved guilty.

The encouraging element in that among these Japanese is found a great Christian spirit ready to forgive and understand. It may be from them that we learn the Christian way and make it a part of this form of government which is called democracy.

A new frontier of service for CPS men may be work in Japanese evacuation camps. A unit of 35 men has been requested by the administrators of this program. If the project should be approved, members of the CPS unit would be responsible for educational, religious, and recreational activity in the Japanese camp.--Richard Hunter
are the following: carrots, cabbage, beans, beets, turnips, radishes, cucumbers, peppers, and onions.

C P. S. CAMP EXCHANGE

The Columbian, Cascade Locks, Oregon

Three hundred thousand trees were planted in five weeks of typical Oregon rain, hail, and a minimum of sunshine.

The Olive Branch, Grottoes, Virginia

Beginning June 1, a crew from the camp began daily work in the Shenandoah National Park.

Deep River Echo, Henry, Illinois

Leland Bachman, who has held the position as camp director since Camp Henry opened last December, left May 22 with his family for North Fork, Calif., where he has opened and is to administer a new MCC sponsored camp in the forestry region. The task of directing the 110 remaining men in Camp Henry has been given to Ora Keiser from Kalona, Iowa, who comes highly recommended to take over the duties as camp director. Thirty eight men each from the Medaryville and Denison camps were transferred to the North Fork camp.

The Plowshare, Merom, Indiana

Two camp quartets traveled nearly 2,000 miles the last three weekends to sing at a Methodist Youth Conf., a Friends Quarterly Meeting, Westminster Foundation, a FOR conference and several Friends churches.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sixteen campers are now married. The two latest additions are Reuben Friesen and Elmer Quiring. Elmer was married to Melba Unger of Weatherford, Okla., Saturday, June 6. Reuben Friesen and Lola Chessman were married last week in Beatrice, Nebraska.

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The all-star softball game of last Saturday was won by the team captained by Ed. J. Schmidt. With the score 6 to

3 against them in the last half of the seventh inning and with two out, Capt. Campbell inserted Cy Diffley as pinch hitter. Diffley came thru with a blow that tied up the game, forcing the game into extra innings. Schmidt's team won 8 to 6.

The recreation committee has made tentative plans for a track meet for the afternoon of July 4. Campers interested in entering the track and field events are urged to work out several weeks in advance.

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JOTTINGS: The Ladies Aid Society of the Friends church spent an afternoon in camp last week mending clothing of the men that was in need of repair.... 100 knee pads were made last week for the beet thinning crews.... Fifteen campers attended the FOR conference at Lookout Mt. near Denver last Saturday and Sunday. Speakers at the conf. were Dean Paul Roberts, James Farmer and others.... Ten men visited in La Junta last weekend. Baccalaureate services for the graduating nurses at the Mennonite hospital were held Sunday eve... Rev. Edwin Norton of the United Presbyterian church of Colo. Springs will preach Sunday morning.... An inspiring devotional service was led last Sunday evening by Rev. Koehn and Rev. Johnson of Kansas, ministers of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite.... 19 campers applied last week for detached farm service (such as dairy work) and 32 signed up for work in proposed CPS mental hospital units.

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A great success last Saturday night was the "Graduation Ceremony" for the 15 men who have spent an entire year in this CPS camp. Features of the program were the following: Class song led by Arlo Sonnenberg, class will read by David Toews, class prophecy read by Isaac Harms. The commencement address was delivered by Camper Joe Glanzer. David Pauls was master of ceremonies.

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Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken.



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