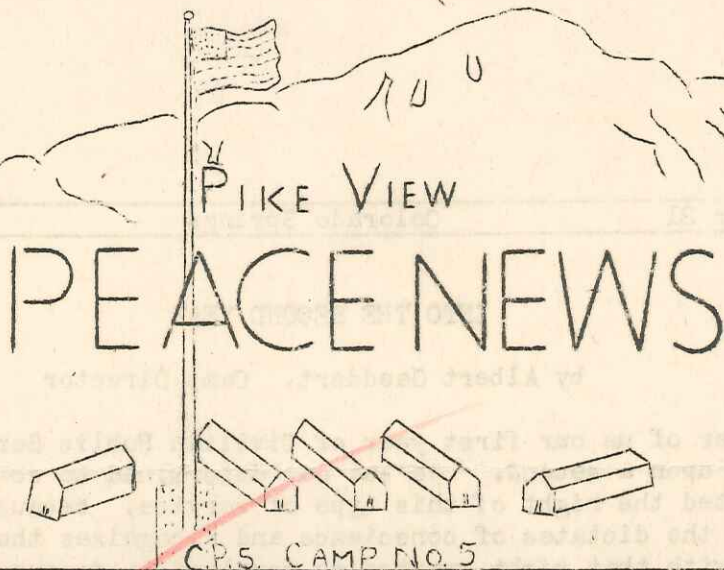


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### HUGE ARMY CAMPS IN COLORADO SPRINGS AREA OVERSHADOW IN SIZE TINY CPS CAMP

Colorado Springs is bounded on the west by Pikes Peak, on the east by an Army Air School for 5000, on the south by the US Army's Camp Carson for about 40,000 and on the north by CPS Camp Number 5.

The Air School is located at the municipal airport six miles east of town, and Camp Carson, now nearly completed and partly occupied, is nestled in the foothills of the mountains about 10 miles south of town. If the CO ever felt conspicuous on the streets of this beautiful little city, he has no basis for this feeling now for in every direction can be seen the light tan of the summer uniform of the army.

Ever since the first rumors of the coming of Camp Carson, its effect upon our men and camp has been an interesting subject for discussion. Now that it has come, we have felt no difference save that of living even more in the shadows, unobserved by the community. But not entirely in the shadows are the CO's. Within the churches may be found nearly as many CO's as men in military service, despite the disproportionate total of men in the two groups. In some of the churches, because of their earlier arrival on the scene, it is the privilege of the CO's to greet the army boys and welcome them to the services of the church and invite them into the activities of the young people.

We are discovering opportunities for real fellowship with fine men--men with whom we will of necessity be working hand in hand some day when wars cease. The presence of two army camps here affords us opportunities to observe first hand the effects of military life upon civilian life and activities of this area.

### WORK CREWS RETURN TO FORESTRY AND SOIL CONSERVATION AS BEET THINNING ENDS

Sugar beet thinning work by CPS campers was brought to a close last Saturday by order of Selective Service. After three weeks of work for the beet farmers of El Paso County, CO's returned to soil conservation and forestry projects early this week.

Sixty campers had been released by the SCS to assist farmers of this area in the beet fields. The three 20-man crews had been composed of volunteers from CPS ranks. The three crews had been able to thin and block from 60 to 75 acres of beets. Farmers paid for the services of the men at the prevailing rate of \$9.50 an acre. The several hundred dollars earned by the crews will be paid by the farmers to a post-war reconstruction fund established by the CPS administrative agencies. This fund will be used for relief and rehabilitation work after the war.

Orders came through from Washington last week that this emergency farm work in the locality of the camp had not been authorized by Selective Service officials. An earlier order of Selective Service, approving such detached farm service as work on dairy farms, had been misunderstood to authorize general farm work in the immediate area around CPS camps. General Hershey's department called a halt to the farm work in the locality because they feared unfavorable community reactions to such types of service and feared strained relations with local labor groups. Farmers not receiving emergency farm labor assistance might feel discriminated against by such a program. Also local labor might call CO labor "competitive labor". This Selective Service ruling forbidding general farm work in the locality of the camp went out to all technical agencies associated with CPS camps.

## INTO THE SECOND YEAR

by Albert Gaeddert, Camp Director

For a number of us our first year of Civilian Public Service has closed and we have entered upon a second. We set out determined to do our work well. Our government granted the right of this type of service, because it believes in the right to follow the dictates of conscience and recognizes the importance of minority groups; with that right granted we resolved to do our job well. We were determined to develop such attitudes as respect for the other fellow, kindness in deeds, humility of spirit, and the exercise of love and good will in all our dealings. How well we have attained our aims is now for each individual to judge; no doubt we have failed at many a point.

To the government we have given a measure of assurance that the program can succeed. For the most part the good will of the communities has been won. To individuals it has meant wider horizons, larger fellowship, better understanding and greater appreciation for the point of view of others. Moreover, we have increasingly been pushed back to essentials and to the basic values of life, leaving the superficial and the secondary things, learning to put first things first; and not a few of us have resolved that our greatest area of service will be our home community and our local church, and that we must live deeper and nobler.

These main objectives and findings of the first year are still our resolve for the second year. Having laid the ground work we want now to look forward more definitely toward preparing ourselves more effectively for our part in the post-war world. It is evident that the field will be large and the need great, and as those who are interested in the "better way" we must now renew our commitments for more whole-hearted giving of self.

We wish to extend our area of work. Already a group is at work in Florida on the hookworm and malaria control project, and this field is to be expanded. Another group has found its way into the hospital service, both ministering to the needy and preparing for the large field of reconstruction and rehabilitation work in the post-war world; here too we hope to expand. A group of men have been assigned to detached farm service, with prospects for additional assignments. Although our units could not go abroad to aid in the civilian reconstruction program, it now appears that those units will go to Puerto Rico to assist in the agricultural rehabilitation program there. Perhaps our men will also gain admission into the permanent Japanese evacuation centers, where they may be able to assist in problems of relocation and readjustment.

All this is not to minimize the importance of our central task: to build strong Christian democratic camp units where our chief aim is to preserve and promote the basic values of Christian living, and where our work is that of conserving the soil and the forests. God has entrusted to our care the soil and its preservation; by means of its resources the peoples of the world will be fed. This is still our central task, and our resolve is strengthened by the weeks and months of service therein.

With these as our tasks, can we rise equal to them? By the help of God we move forward toward that goal.

FORTRESSES

There is something about an earth dam as it rests heavily across a valley that brings a sense of security. Its broad base presses the ground. Nothing flimsy nor fancy--just plain dirt placed for a purpose, water lapping its sides, stubbornly standing for the cause of saving the rain.

Down, down, down, the broad valley comes that rain, slipping over the tufted lowland grass. But here it gives in to the resisting slant of the dam, quiet at last, content to stop foaming, ready to devote itself to service. It's ready now to feed the roots of trees around its edge. It's ready too to be a haven to wild ducks, the broad-tailed beaver, and scurrying muskrats. When the sky remains cloudless its headgate will issue cool water to soak down the furrows between thirsty plants.

We were standing around one such dam. "Wish you'd make me another one like that," commented the bristle faced farmer. "That really helps when we can't get water." We smiled as the smooth surface of the water reflected the blue and expressed the contentment of he who thought of his well watered hay field with pride. "I have trouble getting the water from the gate here to the meadow," he explained as we cleaned muck out to deepen the ditch.

Day after day for a year caterpillar tractors with bulldozers, carryalls, and tumblebugs have responded to the tense grip on their levers as dam after dam has been completed to take its place in making better farms and communities. Its level ridge contrasts with the rolling ground, bespeaking of something straight and fine and true. There a solid, permanent mass, like real character, standing firm to save and serve and encourage life. After all, these dams are fortresses to farmers, to America.

CAMP FORUM

Question: What of the 2nd year of CPS?

Louis Kuehl, Mapleton, Iowa

Another year for us to worship, work and play together. What an opportunity! We are anxiously awaiting the future to unfold before us. New projects, advancements, friendships,

heartaches, and happiness will go to make this another CPS year long to be remembered.

Jacob Pauls, Inman, Kansas

The outlook for next year is not very good. But with this in mind, I am going to make the best of it what ever comes and will help more instead of drawing back. We need unity and I know things will turn out alright.

Menno Koehn, Galva, Kansas

May the second year in CPS be as educational and full of experiences as the one that has passed. May we begin our second year with just as much zeal and courage as we began the first one. May we ever take advantage of the opportunities that are offered us and do our work even better than we have in the past. When our second year has passed may we look back and say, "Well done."

Ezra Shenk, Wellman, Iowa

We wish to profit by the mistakes that we have made and the experiences that we have had during our first year, so that our second year will be a better one. Perhaps during our second year we may be able to be of service more directly to those who are less fortunate than we. If the work that is given us to do is constructive, we will do our best.

Mrs. Linscheid Returns

Mrs. Selma Linscheid, camp matron, returned last Sunday from a ten-day trip to Kansas where she attended funeral services for her mother, Mrs. Riesen. Dean Emil Riesen of the Univ. of Arizona, brother of Mrs. Linscheid, was a camp visitor Tuesday.

Hail and Rabbits Damage Garden

A severe hail storm last Sunday afternoon destroyed sections of the camp garden. Rabbits have also been responsible for considerable damage. Only a few types of vegetables remain undamaged, including beans, cucumbers, turnips, and radishes.

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## PEACE BONDS MAY BE AVAILABLE

The question of war bonds is coming to the attention of the various peace groups with renewed emphasis due to the increased effort made by the govt. to sell these bonds to the public. As greater pressure is being brought to bear upon those who feel they cannot conscientiously help finance war, the National Service Board for Religious Objectors has been negotiating with the government for a satisfactory solution to the problem.

Paul Conly French of the NSBRO has just received word from Sec. of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau approving the plan of offering for sale to those interested, certain govt. securities of a definitely civilian nature in lieu of war bonds. Morgenthau stated, "The Treasury needs some six billion dollars annually to maintain civilian services of the Government which are essential to the basic needs of human life, to conserve our natural resources, and to keep in repair our national plant. The Treasury would be willing to have the funds which you propose to collect from your people invested in Treasury bills, Treasury certificates of indebtedness, Treasury notes, and Treasury bonds which the Treasury offers publicly to the people of the United States from time to time and which are not designated by their terms as "war issues". An example of such govt. securities are the old TVA bonds.

The method of handling these securities has been worked out by the NSBRO as follows: a non-profit corporation will be set up by the peace groups which will purchase civilian government securities direct from the govt. in denominations of \$50 and upwards; this organization will then offer for sale "certificates of participation" which will be in smaller denominations. The interest rates on these securities or bonds will be lower than those on war bonds and the maturity of the issues will be set by the US Treasury.

Peace Certificates

Peace certificates have been available from the three CPS administrative agencies. These certificates, which are to be distinguished from peace bonds, are given in recognition of contributions for CPS and relief.

## THOSE WE HAVE MET

Paul Rosentrater, Tabor, Iowa

Genuine friendship....persevering patience....musical ability....two years spent studying theology & music....part time work in printing office....one year travelling in gospel work....shovel work in camp....utilized ed program....photographer....5 months in hospital before recent release....to be missionary....Hephzibah Faith Mission Association.

Reuben Friesen, Beatrice, Nebraska

Religiously sincere....diligent....one fruit season in Calif....watch repairman six years...."camp jeweler"....field crew...3 months as orderly....studies Bible in spare time...recently married....member Church of God since 1939.

Milo Matthies, Buhler, Kansas

Broad conversational interests.....cocked hat and cookie duster....radio repair and electrician....one semester at Bethel College....only camp job, surveying....plays ball and takes pictures....no definite future plans but likes former jobs...General Conference Mennonite.

David Pauls, Buhler, Kansas

Humorist....mixer....game for anything....one year carpentry work after high school....farmed and worked for AAA....assistant to Soil Conservationist Thomas....all-around sportsman....soon to collect 100th pencil....likes horse-back riding....wants to be a no. one livestock farmer...Menn. Brethren.

Leslie Schultz, Pawnee Rock, Kansas

Handsome....progressive....jesting....from high school to farm to camp...from truck driver to marriage to foreman of crew....from work to ball-playing to letter-writing....General Conf. Mennonite.

Walter Decker, Galva, Kansas

Sharp eyes....deep voice....care-free....on farm and through school near Halstead, Kans....later to Parsons and Galva....worked in restaurant and feed mill....stake truck driver in camp....reads magazines and fiction....indefinite future....being transferred to army....Church of God in Christ Mennonite.

Rev. Albert Unruh of Montezuma, Kansas, preached last Sunday morning.

## MEET OUR TECHNICAL STAFF:

Tom R. Titman

Mr. Titman has recently been transferred from the CCC camp at Springfield, Colo., to this camp since that CCC camp has been closed. He has the position of Project Superintendent now since Mr. Walter Makens has been appointed to the office of District Eng.

James R. Thomas

As the Junior Soil Conservationist, Mr. Thomas performs his job well. He is in charge of writing all agreements for the camp and never fails to have plenty of work for the boys to do. He has been with the camp from the start.

Ord K. Brown

Soil Conservation Service camps cannot continue without an engineer, so Mr. Brown was transferred here as Jr. Agricultural Engineer. He is in charge of the surveying and the planning for the construction of the flumes, dams, and ditches.

Winfield S. Caton

Mr. Caton's position is Conservation Aide. He has the foremanship of all the crews and sees to it that the project jobs are done as should be done. He has ably served on the technical staff for many months.

Walter O. Burns

He has not received any official notice as to his position in the SOS, but at present he is acting as District Mechanic.

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## C.P.S. CAMP EXCHANGE

Builders, Manistee, Michigan

The long range program of the Forest Service is to better the economic condition of that area of northern Michigan. The particular area was denuded of its valuable forests by early lumbermen. The farmers attempting to cultivate the soil have found it unsuitable for tillage. The camp is now engaged in restoring the area to its original productive status. Already about 1500 acres of pine have been planted.

The Plowshare, Merom, Indiana

Well underway is the farm program at Merom which is to save the camp some \$1400 in the cost of vegetables alone. Thirty pigs promise the camp a supply of meat. Also increasing the food supply are 120 laying hens.

## OUR BIRD NEIGHBORS

by Roy Henry

One of the many interesting features of this part of Colorado is the abundance of bird life to be found on the Eastern slope of the Rockies. During the Winter the Juncos came to feed between the dormitories, apparently much at home during the stormiest weather. Feeding along with them were occasional Tree-sparrows and House-finches. Almost any day of the Winter one could walk along the draw and see the Hairy, Downy, and "Crow", Woodpeckers, the Western Robin, Steller's Jays, Sparrow Hawks, and Magpies.

The latter part of March found most of the Juncos leaving for the higher climes. In about a month there came the various Warblers. It was a thrill to discover the white-throated, Myrtle Warblers feeding in the same tree with Audabon Warblers. These two species are often confused with one another because of their similar plumage, but are seldom found in the same locality except during migration. The brilliant, Yellow Warbler and Virginia's Warbler also came in early May. The tropical-looking Western Tanager and Bullock's Oriole came next, the reddish-orange breast and black throat of the Oriole vieing with the splendor of the red-headed Tanager. Meanwhile the tiny Pine Siskins flocked daily to the Cottonwood trees to feast on the long, velvet, blossoms. Later the comical, Black-headed Grosbeak passed through, destroying many a green-worm and beetle. Contrasting sharply with his clownish cousin was the Blue Grosbeak; his blue-black plumage a treat for the eyes of any lover of beauty.

The common Towhee, the Spurred, and the Green-tailed Towhee, are also seen in this area. The latter is very shy and one seldom catches more than a passing glance of him as he flits from the bushes to the ground. Another wary beauty is the little Lazuli Bunting. He seeks the highest branch of a tree to pour forth his delightful melody, but let anybody approach too closely and off he darts into the low bushes.

Our closest bird neighbors are the House Finches, the Robins, and the Mountain Bluebirds. A pair of Finches chose a small pine near the Library for their home, while the Bluebirds constructed their house under the projecting roof of the Shop.

## DINNER IN HONOR OF GAEDDERTS

Saturday, June 20, became a rather sad day for the campers as they watched Albert Gaeddert and family officially leave camp. Albert has since returned to carry on the work until a new director is chosen or until his new duties as assistant to the General Director take him away again but Mrs. Gaeddert, Carol and Dale have left permanently. The camp already misses the friendly personality that characterizes Mrs. Gaeddert and there is an emptiness in place of the children's happy scampering around the camp.

On the evening before their departure a special dinner and program was given in their honor. The program began with a multiple-act skit portraying the life of a "great man" and though it was claimed to be fictitious, it strangely resembled the life of our director. Between acts the entire group sang some old melodies such as "School Days", "That Little Boy of Mine", and others. Then Arlo Sonnenberg addressed the Gaedderts in behalf of the campers, expressing their deep appreciation of the Christian fellowship they were privileged to have with the Gaedderts; for the kind and able leadership of Albert; and the deep regret felt in their leaving. A gift from the camp of a lace tablecloth was presented to the family. Both Albert and his wife spoke of their year with the camp as enriching to them and as "an experience never to be forgotten".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Last week Carol Gaeddert, eight yr. old daughter of the Director, was confined to bed with the measles. As a precautionary measure Dr. Kibler ordered all campers who have never had measles to remain quarantined in camp during non-work hours for a 17-day period.

That cause can never be lost or stayed  
Which takes the course of what God has made  
And is not trusting in walls and towers  
But slowly growing from seeds to flowers

Rev. John Schmidt and family visited in camp recently while enroute to the Ft. Collins camp where Rev. Schmidt is the director. Miss Ella Saner, dietitian of the new camp, spent several days here before going to Ft. Collins. The six men who have been permanently transferred from Colorado Springs to form a nucleus of veteran campers in the Ft. Collins camp are the following: Eldon Boese, Weatherford, Okla.; Erwin Krehbiel, McPherson, Kans.; J. Hobart Goering, Moundridge, Kans.; Earnest Kauffman, Minot, N. Dak.; Isaac Harms, Ulysses, Kans.; and N. Paul Stucky, Moundridge, Kansas.

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Ray Stutzman of Chappell, Nebraska, was released from camp last Tuesday on recommendation of the Medical Advisory Board. To fill the vacancy left by Ray's departure came on Friday, Harry Ratzlaff of Henderson, Nebr., brother of foreman Erwin.

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Elmer Hartzler, who has been in training at Lagro, Indiana, for the relief unit which was to have been sent to China, is now enroute to Porto Rico with the CPS unit selected to do rural rehabilitation work on that island of the Caribbean. Elmer was a camper at Colorado Springs until his appointment in early February to the China unit.

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Virtually the full 15 percent quota of men has been absent on furlough during the month of June. The large majority of the campers taking furloughs have gone home to assist their families with the wheat harvest. Fifty campers will have taken furloughs some time during June.

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New chairmen have been selected by two dormitories. George Rempel, Henderson, Nebr., was elected chairman of Dorm 1 and Robert Burkle, Geneva, Iowa, is the new chairman of Dorm 6. Dorm chairmen serve as representatives on the all-camp council.

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