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Fellow camper Curt Dyck passed away in the Beth-El Hospital of Colorado Springs at 12:55 a.m., Friday, September fourth. Death came suddenly to Curt, who died after less than two days of illness. Specialists have tentatively diagnosed his case as brain tumor. Curt came to our camp on March 10, 1942. Before conscription he had been farming. His home was Corn, Oklahoma. Curt had observed his thirtieth birthday anniversary last week on the 28th of August.

Each camper expresses his deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Curt during this hour of great sorrow.

## MONTANA CAMP TO OPEN

On the edge of Glacier National Park in the northwestern corner of Montana a new MCC-administered camp is to be opened by the middle of September. The Belton, Mont., camp has been given the highest priority rating of camps now available.

Project work will be under the supervision of the US Forest Service and National Park Service. Work will consist of fire prevention and reforestation. The Glacier Park region is one of the most scenic areas of the nation.

Three railroad carloads of veteran campers from eastern and midwestern MCC camps will be sent to the Montana camp. Thirteen Colorado Springs men have volunteered for the work. No word has been received as yet as to whether all 13 men will be transferred to the Belton camp. The men expect to leave sometime after the 10th of September.

## GAEDDERT CONFERS WITH WRA

Albert Gaeddert returned Sept. 2 from a two-weeks trip to California where he had met with War Relocation Board officials negotiating about the establishment of CPS units in Japanese evacuee camps. Albert also visited the two MCC camps in Calif.: North Forks and Camino.

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## THIRTY ONE NEW CAMPERS ARRIVE

Thursday, September 3, a group of 27 men invaded Camp Colorado Springs, filled the dormitories to overflowing, brought the total camp population to a new high of 168. These men were C.O.'s assigned by local boards to do work of "national importance under civilian direction."

This is the largest group to report since August 15, 1941, when 35 men arrived. Since the eight dorms do not have a capacity to accommodate all 168 campers, about ten men are living in temporary quarters until the Montana volunteers are transferred. New clothes closets for 14 men were built last week to help care for the Sept. 3 group.

Three assignees arrived a week in advance of Thursday's group, coming on the 25th of August. Dale Palmer, former Colorado Springs camper, was transferred from Ft. Collins August 23. The total number of arrivals for the past ten days is 31.

The new men claim a variety of occupations: 17 are farmers, 7 students, 2 teachers, 1 filling station attend., 1 painter, 1 clothing salesman, 1 hatcher man, 1 flour miller. Six of the new arrivals are married. Twelve of the men have had college training. 27 men are from Kansas.

## IF YE WERE ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN

During the early part of the sixteenth century Europe was being turned through the influence of great leaders that justification was not by works but by faith in Jesus Christ.

During the same time there also came into existence another group. This group, the leaders of which were Grebel, Blaurock, Mantz and others, differed with the former in that: the Church and State were two separate and distinct institutions set up by God; church members should be accepted by baptism upon confession of faith; and that the Christian can have no part in carnal warfare.

Because of their beliefs, severe persecution became their lot. They were beaten, drowned in rivers, burned at the stake and torn in pieces on racks. Those who survived were driven from their homes. Under the protection of Almighty God, Menno Simons, whose name we now bear, although hunted as a partridge, championed the cause for many years.

When we, their descendants, think of their courage in Christ Jesus, we rejoice and proudly own them as our fathers. Jesus in speaking to the Jews, who prided themselves in the fact that they were Abraham's sons, said, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham". If we then would be called their sons, we must experience and live the things they experienced and lived, not only to those of us in the Civilian Public Service camps, but all those who bear the name as being their followers.--E.D.

## MRS. LINSCHIED

Buttons, bluing, and boys--gobs of them. Knee pads, pajamas, pins--need more of them. Books, borrowing, beds--even dreaming of them. That for Mrs. Linscheid.

There are countless patches on the knees of trousers, countless darns in heels of socks, even new collars on shirts because of the untiring work of our camp matron. There are drapes and seat covers in the lounge, that room of which we are all proud, because of her help. There are books kept in place in library shelves, even bits of philosophy copied and posted for our inspiration. There is a sewing machine used more than ever before to mend our clothes. No display, no glory, just unknown hours of bending and close looking in the quiet of her room.

There is a friendly smile always there in greeting. It's an inner attitude that only one who has left home and family and security can seem to miss and hope to find. I am sure she does not know how much it means to us here.

There is a creed hanging on the wall in one of her rooms. It expresses to us her life. I'm sure she will not mind sharing its lines even as she lives them:

Let me be a little kinder, let me be  
a little blinder  
To the faults of those about me, let  
me praise a little more;  
Let me be, when I am weary, just a  
little bit more cheery;  
Let me serve a little better those  
that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver when tem-  
tation bids me waver;  
Let me strive a little harder to be  
all that I should be;  
Let me be a little meeker with the  
brother that is weaker;  
Let me think more of my neighbor and  
a little less of me.

Mrs. Linscheid, we need you, we want your presence. Thanks for coming to us!

Paul Comly French is reported to have said at Camp San Dimas that there are now 5000 campers in the CPS program with the prospect of 10,000 by the end of 1943. The budget for the entire program now soars over a million and a half dollars.

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## TRANSFERRED

Some have gone. Some have left our group in search of integrity. They have chosen to serve in an army camp rather than work in a service camp. And for many of those, condemnation rings in their ears.

Comments are hard to put. To many their leaving seems like the end of a book--a saga of experiences and memories through time--cut off, leaving suspended the ruthless reality of it all. We have read our books too long and as the back cover is turned to close the book, we close tired eyes and say that's just the way it is.

Some joined the other way feeling that they and their dependents could not live on charity here. And one wrote back a rending letter of sorrow soon after. One tall blond boy said goodbye with a catch in his voice. Crops had failed; he felt there was nothing else to do. "Don't think I'm going to run you fellows down. After all I have been one of you," one said as he bent up to rest a back tired from thinning beets, I gazed as I thought of the struggle he was making to be consistent and to maintain several loyalties. One crew member weighed his words as he said he wished there would be a medical corps apart from the army.

There may be those who left for adventure, something besides the wear of working day after day after day--sort of waiting the war out. Then too there are those who heard the bugle call as well as the pleas of pacifist parents.

These men are gone. Their camp book may be closed but it lives in our minds. They have contributed new thoughts. They have stimulated us in our position. But above all they have worked for their own integrity and freedom--priceless freedom in their own minds--the kind CPS men everywhere are fighting for. That we must revere not condemn. We believe the individual is of supreme importance. Even though disagreeing, let us respect these men for determination, courage, and the will to maintain that oneness of thought and desire that gives purpose to life. Now may our prayers go with them.

300 quarts of peaches were canned by the kitchen crew this week.

## FRANK OLMSTEAD IS CAMP VISITOR

Pacifism has gained a lot of ground within the interim of the two world wars, said Frank Olmstead, one of the veteran leaders of the movement, while fellowshipping here for several days, enroute to CPS camps on the West Coast.

"The world is steadily moving toward a different pattern," he said. Discussing a "wider picture of the war resisters," Olmstead, who was released without bail for refusing to comply with the April 16 registration, said that the most significant contributions coming from the CPS program were the following: 1) deepening of the life of the spirit; 2) training in cooperative living, and 3) awareness of the larger implications and meanings of democracy.

"Religion," he said, "is the development of the utmost capacities within us. God planted a seed within which blossoms into an awareness & maturity, carrying with it a sense of brotherhood--love--binding all humanity together in fellowship. The awareness of the sense of oneness is uniting pacifists all over the world," whom he termed "the most mature of humanity." Their pressure and faith is undermining the war system.

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EMANUEL C. HERTZLER

Emanuel C. Hertzler, Assistant Director of the Ft. Collins CPS Camp, has been serving as acting director here during Albert Gaeddert's absence.

Mr. Hertzler was born and raised near Norristown, Pa. After receiving his B.A. degree at Goshen College he took two years of graduate study at the University of Michigan during which time he received his Master's degree in the field of biology.

Before he was appointed by the MCC to the Ft. Collins post he taught science in the Pittsburg school system. He expects to return to the field of teaching following the war.

Mr. Hertzler was married June 14, 1942, and spent his honeymoon traveling to Ft. Collins where he began his new duties June 18. Mrs. Hertzler is matron of the Ft. Collins camp.

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Patapsco, Maryland: The baseball team of Camp 3 gained a 10-4 triumph over a team from the 29th Engineer Corps.

## II. MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Mennonite Central Committee arose in 1920 as a joint relief organization of the American Mennonites. Their purpose was to rush aid to the suffering, starving peoples of South Russia.

Who were the early leaders of the MCC? Who guided and nurtured the Committee during those first years? Meeting in Chicago in September of 1920, the MCC selected an executive committee. P. C. Hiebert, Mennonite Brethren of Hillsboro, Kansas, was chosen chairman. Levi Mumaw, (Old) Mennonite of Scottsdale, Pa., became the first secretary-treasurer. M.H. Kratz, General Conf. Mennonite of Philadelphia, was the third member of the committee. Many another well-known Mennonite gave of his services during those early years of the MCC.

Beyond the borders of Russia filtered news of the misery, terror, starvation in South Russia. Why did famine plague the fertile lands of Russia? At the close of World War I the Czarist government collapsed and with it the whole social and economic structure. Revolutions and counter-revolutions laid waste the land. During 1920 and 1921 and 1922 little rain fell and the earth became parched. Hot winds scorched the earth. Food was exhausted. Livestock died. People began to eat leaves, bark, corn-stalks, cats, dogs, crows, gophers. In the heart of these famine areas were large Mennonite colonies in the river valleys of the Dnieper and the Molotschna.

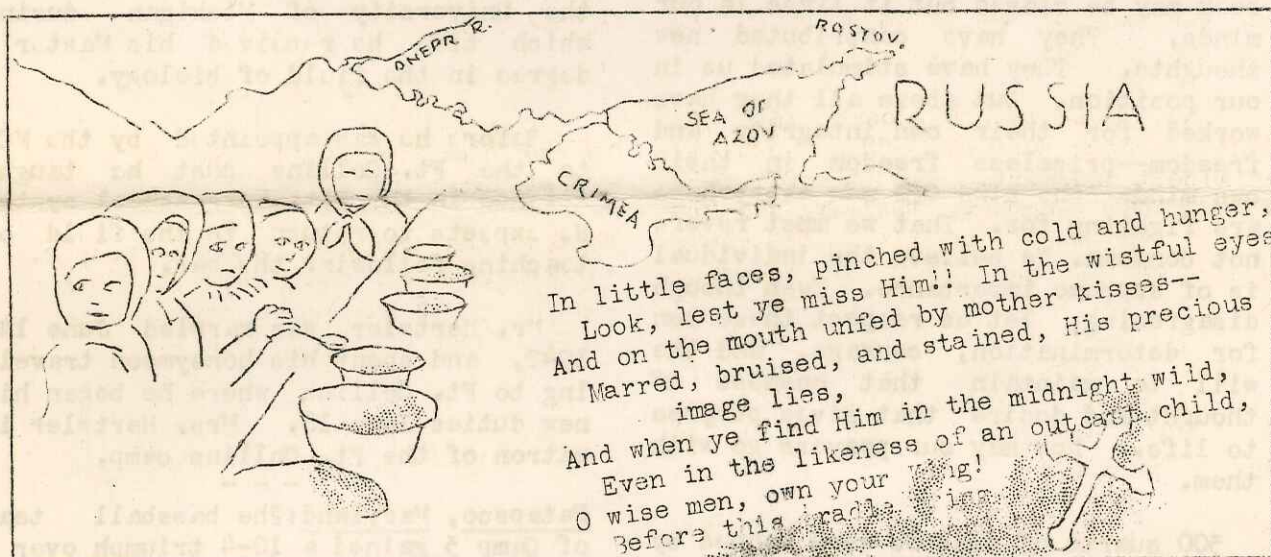
At this point the newly-formed Mennonite Central Committee threw its resources into a program of feeding these unfortunate people. Their purpose was three fold: "First....interpreting the spirit of the donors in America; second, that of saving the lives of our people in Russia, giving them the moral support and encouragement they needed, and raising their sunken hopes; and, third....to relieve the needy in the territory in which they worked regardless of their race or creed and creating a spirit of good-will on the part of the government and the Russian people in general.

Personnel for this difficult relief work was selected. Among the qualifications emphasized were the following: "American citizenship....previous experience in relief work; adaptability to varied and trying conditions; willingness to endure hardship without complaint; a desire to render service and a readiness to work; willingness to obey orders as well as give them; moral character which would be representative of the best standard of true Christians in America; and sympathy with the work of the Mennonite Central Committee.

Late in 1921 the door was opened for relief service in Russia. Soon relief workers with supplies of food were entering South Russia on their mission of mercy.

An interesting, readable account of the MCC relief activity in Russia is to be found in P. C. Hiebert and Orie Miller's book, Feeding the Hungry.

(This is the second article in the series on the MCC)



## ROSTER OF NEW CAMPERS

Bartel, Wesley.....Hillsboro, Kans.  
 Butz, Howard L.....Harper, Kansas  
 Busentiz, Karl.....Newton, Kansas  
 Duerksen, Abe A.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Duerksen, Alvin.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Duerksen, Roland.....Lehigh, Kansas  
 Duerksen, Paul.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Ediger, Elmer.....Buhler, Kansas  
 Engle, Donald.....Detroit, Kansas  
 Engle, Gordon.....Abilene, Kansas  
 Ens, Pete D.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Fadenrecht, Art.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Harms, Franklin.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Hostetler W. Lester....Harper, Kansas  
 Jantz, Elmer.....Greensburg, Kansas  
 Jehnde, William.....Ransom, Kansas  
 Jost, Titus.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Kauffman, Samuel.....Gynon, Oklahoma  
 Kopper, Eugene.....Ingalls, Kansas  
 Krehbiel, Elton....North Newton, Kansas  
 Loewen, Bernard C.....Meade, Kansas  
 Loewen, Bernard F....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Pauls, Otto.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Plenert, Arlo.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Schrag, Harold.....Burrton, Kansas  
 Schmidt, Bennie.....Hillsboro, Kansas  
 Thomas, Martin.....Thomas, Okla.  
 Troyer, Theodore....Crystal Springs, Kans.  
 Voth, Willard.....Newton, Kansas  
 Wiens, George R.....Meade, Kansas  
Transfer Arrived Aug. 23  
 Palmer, Dale.....Colorado Springs

Gaeddert Confers with WRA... (cont.)

The San Francisco regional WRA board declined to use CPS men in their region, although the Washington office had given approval of the project to use C.O.'s as teachers, recreational leaders and social case workers in Japanese camps. The San Francisco officials have refused to use C.O.'s in WRA centers because they felt that the Japanese as a group would prefer not to be associated with a unit of C.O.'s who are opposed to the war effort.

"The issue is not closed with the San Francisco regional office," explained Albert Gaeddert. The WRA officials stated that sometime they may see fit to use CPS men. The officials spoke highly of the qualifications and capabilities of the CPS men who have applied. The National Service Board now intends to approach other regional offices of the War Relocation Authority to secure approval for the use of CPS units in camps.

Marietta, Ohio: On August 23 Camp Marietta dedicated their newly constructed chapel with Dr. Henry Fast and other leaders participating.

## LOFTIEST WORK PROJECT IN NATION

"The most lofty CPS work project in the nation" is the honor claimed by Camp Colorado Springs. High and lifted up is the work of the Glen Cove forestry crew. One of their jobs has been that of shingling the roof of the Summit House of Pikes Peak (elevation, 14,109 feet).

An eight-man crew has been working for the U.S. Forestry Service on Pikes Peak, along the winding road to the summit and in other sections of Pike National Forest. Among their jobs have been repair work at the Summit House, maintenance work on the highway leading to the summit, carpentry at the Glen Cove side camp.

Another manly occupation of the Glen Cove crew is their job of drilling and blasting a tunnel into the side of the mountain to find a hidden water pocket. A hundred foot tunnel has been cut into the heart of the mountain. When the hidden reservoir is tapped a constant source of water will then be available for flooding the Glen Cove ski course.

The only difficulty with these work projects on the summit, say the crew members, is that when one walks 100 ft. to pick up a board one must stop several times on the way back to refuel with oxegen.

The forestry crew stays at the Glen Cove side camp during the week, Monday through Friday. The camp is at an elevation of 11,000 feet. Cooks at the side camp complain that they must labor under most difficult circumstances. Cooking time for boiled potatoes is three hours, for an egg 20 minutes.

## SEPTEMBER 1941

In the Pike View Peace News of a year ago we note:

That of the 125 men listed as campers on September 6, 1941, only 70 of them remain. 12 have been transferred to other camps, 17 have been released by the Medical Advisory Board, 15 were released because of being over 28 years of age (most of these are in other camps), and 7 have transferred to the armed forces.

That there were 20 CPS camps with approximately 1000 campees. Now there are 48 units with approximately 5000.

ONLY 38 OF OUR ORIGINAL SUBSCRIBERS HAVE RENEWED THEIR YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION. IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE THE PUBLICATION OF THE PEACE NEWS, WE NEED YOUR FIFTY CENT RENEWAL TODAY.

Send your 50 cent contribution to Gerhard Peters, CPS Camp 5, Box 1576, Colorado Springs.

NEWS IN BRIEF

This is the anniversary issue of the Pike View Peace News. Twenty-five issues were published bi-weekly during the past year. With this issue we begin our second year of publication.

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Miss Billie Jean Schroll of Hutchinson, Kansas, became the bride of CPS Camper Ed Martens of Inman, Kansas, at Hutchinson late in August.

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Unrehearsed comments of new campers upon arrival in camp:

"That sure is good water."

"After I am here 15 months I will know more about CPS."

"Say, how do you get a job in the office?"

"This reminds me of a boarding school."

"What time do we eat?"

"What do we work at tomorrow?"

"I wish I would have brought my tennis racket."

"This is mighty fine cooking."

"While in camp I expect to get my PhD (Post hole digger)."

"How do you get places?" Answer: "Walking isn't crowded."

"Hay, are you the guy that gets the mail?"

"When do we get furlough?"

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Twelve new magazines have been added to the camp library to meet the reading needs of the men of Camp 5.

Four farm magazines have been added: Cappers Farmer, Country Gentleman, Successful Farming and Wallace's Farmer. Other recent additions are the following: Atlantic Monthly, Christian Digest, Christian Herald, Home Craftsman, Hygeia, Nature Magazine, Omnibook, Saturday Evening Post. The library has a wide selection of newsmagazines, religious periodicals, and miscellaneous magazines.

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San Dimas, Calif.: Forty new men & transfers arrived early in August which swelled the camp strength to 161 men. The transfers were made possible because of the higher priority rating of fire-fighting work at San Dimas.

First aid instruction has been started on Saturday mornings as part of the work project. The first aid skill is of immediate importance in forest fire fighting.

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Rodney Koehn returned to camp last week following an apendectomy at Beth-El Hospital... Jay Dahl of Colby, Kans., was transferred to the army September 1 to engage in noncombatant service... Among the guest ministers of recent weeks were Ed Manthei of the Congregational Church and Rev. Nervig of the Lutheran Church of Colorado Springs... A reception for the new campers was held Friday evening, September 4..... A doubles and singles tennis tournament is now in progress. Results will be announced in the next issue.

Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and appreciating what ever is noble and loving in another.

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