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KREIDER, HARDER ASSUME NEW DUTIES

Robert Kreider, our able and well-liked Educational and Assistant Director from North Newton, Kansas recently called to take over an educational position in the MCC office at Akron, Penn. departed September 17. During the 13 months that Bob has been at Camp #5, he has been an interesting teacher, a good coordinator of all educational activities in camp, and an inspiration to his fellow campers. Though the camp is sorry to see him leave, all the men extend to him their heartfelt good wishes as he enters his new venture.

Jesse Harder, like many from this part of the country, heard the call to Montana and answered it in the capacity of Educational and Assistant Director of the Belton camp. One of his valuable contributions to this camp has been his ministry to the sick as infirmary attendant. We also give him a hearty wish for success.

GAEDDERT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Albert Gaeddert after meeting with the War Relocation Board in San Francisco, was called to Washington, D. C. for a conference with Paul C. French. On this trip Mr. Gaeddert plans to investigate again the possibility of an early opening of a CPS unit in the mental hospital at Hastings,

BELTON DIRECTOR HERE

Rev. Wilbert Nafziger the new Director of C.P.S. Camp #55, Belton, Montana, stayed here a few days before going the rest of the way to the camp. With him were his wife, who is to be the matron-nurse, and Miss Ellen Zimmerman, the camp dietician. Rev. Nafziger while here, told of his experiences as a relief worker in Spain.

DR. HENRY FAST VISITS CAMP

Dr. Henry A. Fast, General Director of Mennonite operated camps, paid a one-day visit to C.P.S. #5 on Sept. 14. The purpose of his visit was to inspect the camp and to render assistance in solving some of the current problems of camp.

At noon, he spoke to the men directing his words principally to the men leaving for Montana, giving them encouragement in the new undertaking; pointing out certain things to be careful about when traveling; and urging the boys to take along with them the best qualities of Camp #5. He also spoke of other new camps to be opened, one in the east, one in the middlewest, and one in the far west. Touching on detached service, he stated that the dairy farm problem was being straightened out and he hoped new hospitals would soon be opening up.

After his brief stay with us, Dr. Fast continued on his way to Fort Collins.

MEN TO MONTANA

Nineteen men from Colorado Springs left their home camp at noon, Sept. 15 to help open C.P.S. Camp #55, at Belton, Montana. They are scheduled to arrive at Belton on Sept. 17 when they will be greeted by their new director, Rev. Wilbert Nafziger of Harper, Kans. Two other men from this camp have also left but are scheduled to arrive a little later.

At Fort Collins, Colo., 19 campers joined the group from Colorado Springs. Shortly, other groups from various eastern Mennonite camps will also send men to Belton, for seasoned campers are preferred for this project.

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EDITORIAL

As one lives with fellows in camp day after day, the real selves show up. Frequently one hears comments such as, "He's a real fellow", "He's willing to admit his mistakes", or "He's always willing to learn." We like to associate with a fellow because he has a humble, unselfish spirit. Unfortunately such comments would not hold true for all of us. But such a spirit is essential to peaceful living.

Such a spirit is a product of our Christian thinking and belief. We must not merely appear humble but be humble. Those things we know, can talk about, can do, the good ideas we have are not of ourselves. "By the grace of God I am what I am..." Our rich Christian background, the good books we can read, the inspirational teachers we can have, the privilege of having such good friends--are not things of our doing. But, "by the grace of God" we can avail ourselves of them. And if they are God-given then we must act in a spirit of holy obedience. We use our knowledge and opportunities in a spirit of deep humility lest someone reject that which is good because of our arrogance and selfish desire for recognition.

We are Mennonites or members of a Christian minority. We hope that our witness will be acceptable and fruitful. So we must "watch and pray" lest we as a group are tempted to commit the sin of the "inner spirit." It is a danger of a group such as ours. We are very conscious of refusing to kill in order that we sin not outwardly. Do we thank the Lord that we are not such sinners as they who kill? Do we think more highly of ourselves than we ought, that we are better than others?

As the publican we must sincerely and continually pray, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Let us repent as sinners in that we have conflict and bitterness within our own "peace-loving" groups. Humbly we must admit we have much to learn in working together positively as a Christian brotherhood in all areas of our life. Often in our personal lives we allow the self-defending spirit "return an eye for an eye." If we are selfish "Hitlers" in our own small spheres, how can we deserve more opportunities from God for making our "peace" witness?

We are interested in living more peaceably with other people in camp and in our home community. We are interested that the message of our group will be more widely accepted and lived. Often there are some things about us which detract from the truth of our gospel. So let us cleanse ourselves of selfishness and become lowly in spirit trying to learn from others. Then, in the power that comes with such continual repentance and humility, let us train ourselves to give the spirit of Christ full sway. Through Christ and his redeeming love radiating every detail of our life, even "the heart of stone can be melted." --E.E.

THOSE WHOM WE HAVE MET.

(Montana men not interviewed before)

Elmer Kaufman, McPherson, Kansas

Jolly...plays pranks...farmer by occupation...3 yrs college at Bethel...lately on survey crew...leader of group to Montana...General Conf. Mennonite.

Henry Nachtigal, Inman, Kansas

Good worker...farmer at home...likes adventure...also likes sleep...truck driver and road equipment operator on forestry job...Gen. Conf. Mennonite.

Elmer Schrock, Kenedy, Texas

Filled with dry humor...former re-

tail grocer in southern Texas....did carpentry work for the SCS while in camp...Mennonite (Old).

Dan Mierau, Henderson, Nebraska

Infectious laugh...rural background...construction work in Calif...in camp crew work, night watchman, and cook...General Conference Mennonite.

Oliver Stucky, Moundridge, Kansas

Energetic...ping pong enthusiast...likes soft ball too...farmer at home...kitchen, and forestry spike camp claimed his time here...Gen. Conf. Mennonite.

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III. THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

"I was hungry and ye gave me to eat"

Into the starving communities of Chortitza, Halbstadt and Gnadenfeld of South Russia went relief workers of the Mennonite Central Committee in February of 1922. People were dying. No time was to be lost. Offices, warehouses, kitchens were established to begin at once the feeding operations.

One of the relief workers, Arthur Slagal, described their method of organization and work as follows: "The unit of organization was usually a Volost, corresponding to several townships and having as many as twenty thousand inhabitants scattered in five to twenty villages. A Volost committee was appointed, which was responsible to the Alexandrowsk office of the American Mennonite Relief....In each village there was a committee, responsible in turn to the Volost committee. The village committee arranged for the kitchen, chose the neediest people according to specific A.M.R. instructions, procured food supplies from the Volost warehouse, and proceeded to issue to those needy people their one cooked ration daily."

The standard daily ration was 778 calories. The diet consisted of: bread every day, cocoa twice weekly, beans once or twice weekly, and the rest of the time rice or corn-grits cooked with sugar and milk. The bread was nearly everywhere baked in biscuits weighing one-fourth of a pound. The other part of the ration filled an ordinary deep soup plate to the rim. One meal a day was not much, but the food was of such good quality and so well prepared that it brought the color back into the faces of the children....In one village a record was kept of the weights of the children. After several weeks of feeding they began to gain and continued to gain until their weight was about normal....

"The ration was based on the idea of supplementing rather than being the whole food supply for the day....When one must figure in terms of thousands of hungry people, it takes close figuring. One ration costs about two and one-half cents, or \$.75 a month." At that rate American Mennonite Relief was spending \$10,000 a month to feed 13,000 people of the Ukraine.

(This is article three in the series on the history of the Mennonite Central Committee)

Henry Buller, Bloomfield, Montana

Good hearted and very friendly..... farmer by trade.....tractor driver and cook in camp....glad to go back to his home state...Mennonite (Old).

Jesse Ray - Gracley, Colorado

Ernest Reimer - Inman, Kansas
Elmer Schrock - Kenedy, Texas
Oliver Stucky - Moundridge, Kansas
Henry Unrau - Lustre, Montana

MEN TO MONTANA CONTINUED

The following is a list of the volunteers sent from here:

Emil Albrecht - Richy, Montana
Leonhard Bartel - Hillsboro, Kansas
Henry Buller - Bloomfield, Montana
J. Russell Detwiler - Parnell, Iowa
Artvin Faul - Sawyer, North Dakota
Elmer Flickinger - Pretty Prairie, Kans.
Jesse Harder - Balco, Oklahoma
Elmer Kaufman - McPherson, Kansas
Ralph Kaufman - Havelock, Iowa
Clarence Kliever - Balco, Oklahoma
Frank Kliever - Henderson, Nebraska
Adolph Lentzner - Frazer, Montana
Daniel Mierau - Henderson, Nebraska
Henry Nachtigal - Inman, Kansas
Alvin Penner - Balco, Oklahoma
Elmer Penner - Colony, Oklahoma

GINGERICH TO BELTSVILLE

Orie Gingerich, likable camper from Hesston, Kansas, was sent to the Beltsville project which was the answer to his hope of long standing.

PROGRAMS

A reception and a farewell in less than two weeks time! Monday, the 7th. a reception was staged in the assembly hall for the 30 new men which proved to be a gala time. After supper on Wednesday, the 16th, a little farewell program was given for the 21 men leaving for Montana. Though built on a humorous vein, everyone knew it meant parting. The entertainment committee was responsible for both programs.

C.P.S. EXCHANGE

Coleville, California

Scattered among 11 camps, two of which are 170 miles apart, are the 151 public servants of CPS Camp #37. The "spike" camps range in size from 2 to 35 men, with the main concentration of manpower, usually about 65 kept at the main camp.

Ten forest, brush and grass fires were fought during the month of August covering a total of 67,000 acres. One brush fire had a 50 mile front and air-planes were used to coordinate the action of the crews.

Coschecton, Ohio

Phil Jacob, a Friend CPS fund raiser suggested that as COs we should (1) study probable post-war problems, (2) cooperate with the government insofar as we can, (3) direct public opinion toward securing humane relief policies, (4) prepare now to live with a foreign group by learning its language and customs, and (5) deepen spiritual qualities in our lives.

Magnolia, Arkansas

Two new courses are being initiated here which should be of value to prospective relief and reconstruction workers. These courses are: the Red Cross Standard Nutrition Course, covering a study of foods and food values; and the Canteen Course, which offers information on emergency group feeding and like subjects. Red Cross certificates will be given to those successfully completing these courses.

Puerto Rico

The newly arrived C.P.S. unit has started work under the direction of the Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration. Their job is to establish and operate a small hospital and ambulance service, engage in health education and reopen a recreation center at one of the model cooperative farm com-

munities set up by the PRRA in the island's interior. There are two doctors in the unit, one of whom acts as co-director. The other co-director recently spent two years at relief work in Spain and France.

The island is only 100 x 35 miles and there are 550 people per square mile. Mail can be sent there by regular steamer mail for 3¢ postage.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A memorial service was held Sept. 6 in memory of Curt Dyck, one of our campers, who died two days previous.

In a new election for Sunday School officers, Dave Pauls, Buhler, Kans. was chosen as the new superintendent, and Alvin Buller, Stockham, Neb., as secretary-treasurer.

Henry Mullett, Bloomfield, Montana, was transferred to the camp at Ft. Collins, Colo. a few weeks ago but he has again transferred from there to Belton. Harold Hjelmsstad, La Junta, Colo., was transferred here from Camp Demason.

Melvin Funk, former Colo. Springs camper and volunteer for China service, and Paul Miller have been recommended for immediate transfer to Camp Crestview, Florida.

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CPS men are in the following hospitals: Alexian Brothers, Chicago; Williamsburg, Virginia; Staunton, Virginia; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Twenty-eight CPS men are cooperating with the Rockefeller Foundation by nursing lice on their bodies in a research on louse control. The ultimate objective of the experiment is the control of typhus fever which has already appeared in epidemic proportions in Europe.

The louse is the carrier of the dreaded disease and the hope of its control seems to lie in finding a substance to eliminate the lice. To that end a number of lice powders have been prepared and will be tested on these lice-infested CPS men.

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He that is slow to anger
is better than the mighty;
And he that ruleth his spirit
than he that taketh a city.

--Prov. 16:32

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