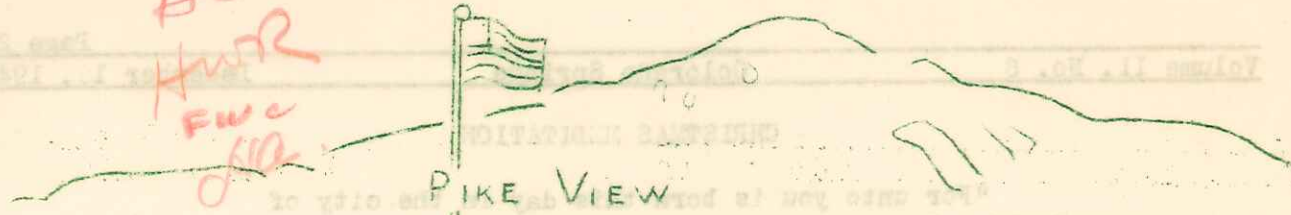


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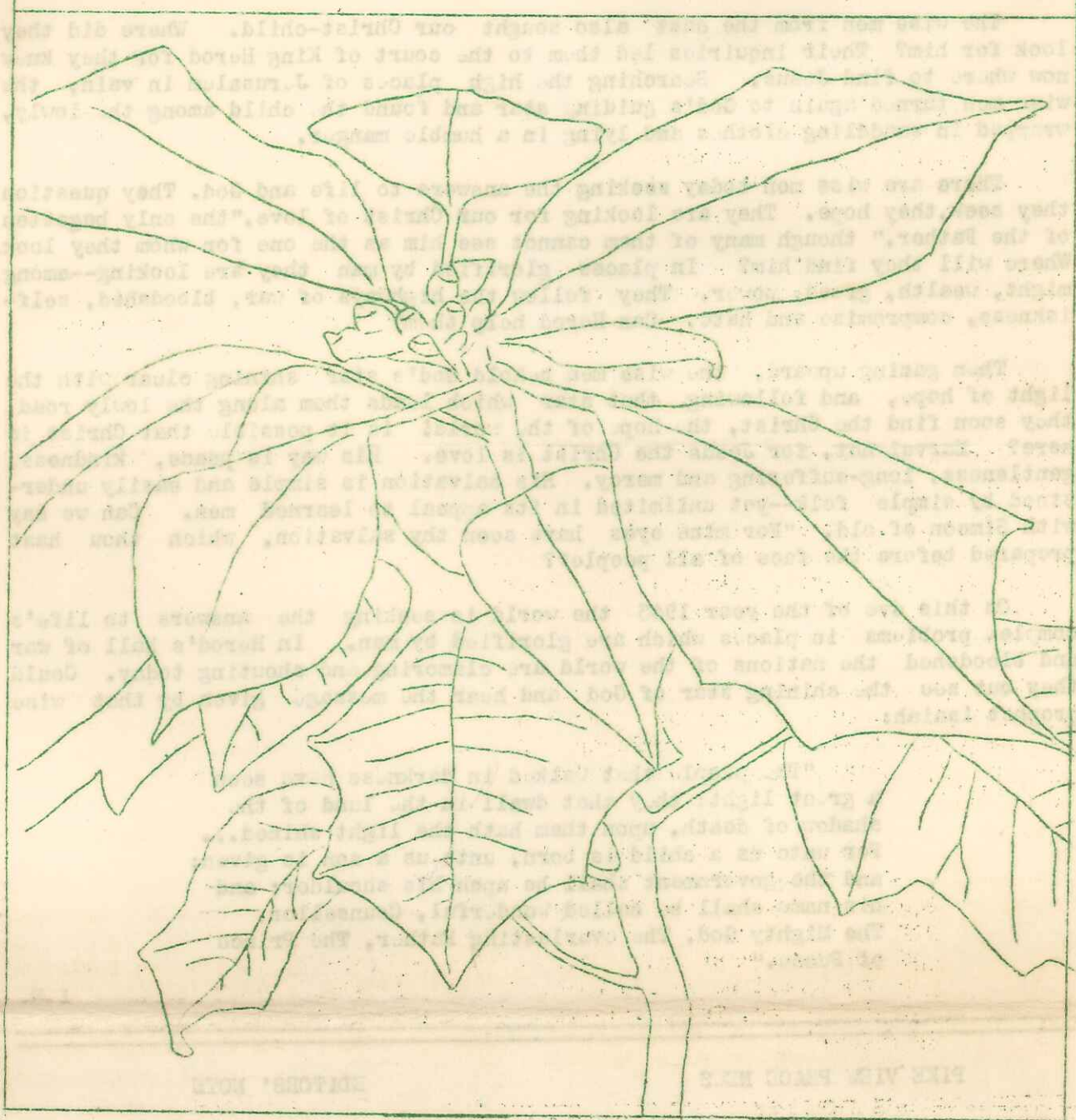
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

As we approach the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, there comes within our hearts an indescribable yearning for a closer fellowship with God. Upon entering this Christmas season, a fuller realization dawns on us of the true significance of that day nearly 2000 years ago when our Christ lay in a manger. "For unto you is born this day....a Savior." This day God was made flesh and dwelt among men and with his coming, a new day was ushered in for mortal man.

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

The wise men from the east also sought our Christ-child. Where did they look for him? Their inquiries led them to the court of King Herod for they knew now where to find Jesus. Searching the high places of Jerusalem in vain, the wise men turned again to God's guiding star and found the child among the lowly, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a humble manger.

There are wise men today seeking the answers to life and God. They question, they seek, they hope. They are looking for our Christ of love, "the only begotten of the Father," though many of them cannot see him as the one for whom they look. Where will they find him? In places glorified by man they are looking--among might, wealth, greed, power. They follow the highways of war, bloodshed, selfishness, compromise and hate. Can Herod help them?

Then gazing upward, the wise men behold God's star shining clear with the light of hope, and following that star which leads them along the lowly road, they soon find the Christ, the hope of the world! Is it possible that Christ is here? Marvel not, for Jesus the Christ is love. His way is peace, kindness, gentleness, long-suffering and mercy. His salvation is simple and easily understood by simple folk--yet unlimited in its appeal to learned men. Can we say with Simeon of old, "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people"?

On this eve of the year 1943 the world is seeking the answers to life's complex problems in places which are glorified by man. In Herod's hall of war and bloodshed the nations of the world are clamoring and shouting today. Could they but see the shining star of God and hear the message given by that wise prophet Isaiah:

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined... For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

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You have no doubt noticed the absence of an issue last week. Due to the holiday season it was decided to allow three weeks to elapse between the last issue and this issue, and another three weeks between this issue and the next. Thus, our next publication will come out January 9, 1943.

--The Editors

LAPINE TRANSFERS

Eleven men bowed heads with their director as they stood in silence before his desk Monday night. It was the night before they left for their new camp at Lapine, Oregon. They stood in a long row and felt rather serious. Tomorrow it would be different. When the sun came up it would mean saying goodbye to pretty swell fellows they know. Realities would become memories.

Tuesday came and trunks and boxes were bound down. Yes they were going! They visioned a new place where they could make new friends, see new things, and I am sure find new ways to serve. It does one good to see eagerness renewed in a man, hope raised higher, and then responsibility rooted deeper. They knew it was coming--a new chance to prove themselves, to show someone else a little finer way of life.

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HERTZLER LEAVES

Emanuel Hertzler, our Acting Director for over three months has left C.P.S. No.5 as a result of the call to serve as head of the side camp located near Buckingham, Colo. This side camp is in reality, a part of C.P.S. Camp No. 33, Fort Collins, Colo. where Mr. Hertzler served as Assistant and Educational Director before coming to Colorado Springs.

The successor to the post of Acting Director is now Arlo Sonnenberg, who just returned from the school for assistant directors held at Washington, D. C. Arlo, together with Roy Wenger, Assistant Director, make up the team which is to be responsible for the camp until a new director arrives.

LABOR COLLEGE CLOSES

Eight men have this week completed their courses for the quarter in the Labor College, Colorado Springs Adult Evening School. These men are James Boomersheim, Dewis Bridges, Pete Ens, Art Fadenrecht, Franklin Harms, Leonard Johnson, Eugene Kopper, and Bennie Schmidt. The courses which they have completed include Public Speaking, Corrective Speech, Review of Current Literature, Geology of the Pikes Peak Region, Bookkeeping, Typing, Welding, and Drawing.

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MAJOR MCLEAN VISITS

On Friday, December 18, Major McLean of Selective Service visited camp to inspect Selective Service property and observe the program of camp operation. He visited each of the camp buildings, giving particular attention to those features which affect the health and safety of the men. While he reported that the maintenance of the camp was quite satisfactory in most areas, he also suggested some measures which will improve the safety of our dormitories. The camp concurred in these suggestions, and they are now being incorporated into the camp program.

On Friday evening, following the camp safety meeting, Major McLean answered questions asked by the men about the operation of the CPS program. Most of the questions centered around the various detached service opportunities which, it is reported, are soon to open for the camp. The friendly and cooperative spirit which characterized the discussion was greatly appreciated by everyone.

HOLIDAY SEASON

Christmas won't be the same for this year. Many boys will spend their Christmas here in camp instead of around the fireside at home. It won't seem quite right; something will be lacking. But CPS men will still be happy.

The chorus has been working on a cantata. No one can take away our singing. Songs become nicest when going becomes hardest. There will be a play this Christmas season too. Religious drama takes on new significance now. We shall have Christmas legends, simply told. There shall be gifts from home and from friends. Ah yes, and there have been fellows diligently wrapping packages these days to mail home too, each box a wealth of thought tied with love and care. That is most of the joy of Christmas. We will have "pepper nuts" and candy, cookies, and maybe someone will get a cake from home (I hope). Plenty to eat, and Christmas day we will have a real Christmas dinner with roast chicken and everything. It's always fun to get mail, and greetings--well, greetings sort of make you feel like you're

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LAPINE TRANSFERS CONT.

They boarded the train for a four day's journey. I suppose they were not sure whether they wanted the train to go faster or slower. Each turn of the wheels meant further away from home and friends, each click of the rails must have reminded them of the reality of it all. But each blast of the whistle meant a new opportunity.

We're glad for these men and hope they will not forget our camp. I know we will not forget them. Even now we hear them laughing and talking, beginning work anew!

The eleven men are:

- Rudy Bontrager.....Haven, Kansas
- Alvin Duerksen.....Hillsboro, Kansas
- Paul Duerksen.....Hillsboro, Kansas
- Donald Engle.....Detroit, Kansas
- Noah Headings.....Hutchinson, Kansas
- Amos Hofer.....Dolton, S. Dakota
- Henry Janzen.....Henderson, Nebraska
- Pete Stauffer.....Wayland, Iowa
- Willard Voth.....Newton, Kansas
- Jacob Yoder.....Choteau, Oklahoma
- Emil Thomas.....Ringwood, Oklahoma

THOSE WHOM WE HAVE MET
(Men to Lapine Camp not previously interviewed)

Paul Duerksen, Hillsboro, Kansas
Good worker....likes to travel well enough that he transferred to Oregon.....farmed before coming to camp.....Mennonite (General Conference)

Donald Engle, Detroit, Kansas
Claims six feet of anatomy....likes to sing....worked on forestry crew until he left for Oregon....farmed before coming to camp...is interested in reconstruction work after CPS.....Brethern in Christ

Henry Janzen, Henderson, Nebraska
Quiet and a good sport....worked in kitchen...farmed before coming to camp and expects to return to same occupation...Mennonite (General Conference)

Alvin Duerksen, Hillsboro, Kansas
Brother to Paul.....Also likes to travel...tops beets well...a credit to anyone's acquaintance....farmed before camp and is interested in hatchery work after CPS...Mennonite (Gen. Conf.)

SINCEREST CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU!

Amos Hofer, Dolton, South Dakota
Jolly and full of life....his sense of humor needs no priming....worked on forestry crew...is a farmer by trade..Mennonite (General Conference)

Noah Headings, Hutchinson, Kansas
A farmer by trade.....short but mighty....did quite a bit of masonry work on SCS crew...Mennonite (Old)

Emil Thomas, Ringwood, Oklahoma
A farmer lad from Okla....pleasing personality...hopes to be a farmer....Mennonite (General Conference)

Jacob Yoder, Choteau, Oklahoma
A farmer before camp and hopes to continue the practice in the future...Mennonite (Old Order Amish)

Willard Voth, Newton, Kansas
Quiet but interesting...was in the farming occupation but hopes to become a mechanic....had been working in the laundry...Mennonite (Gen. Conf.)

HOLIDAY SEASON CONT.

home again. Our devotions in the morning are centered around Christmas. There's Christmas in the spirit of the fellows. We shall sing and share the old carols. "Silent Night" is a sermon.

And then there's the Christmas story read from the Bible. From earliest days we have heard it from the second chapter of Luke; we know what words are coming next. Our lips sort of move along. Each time it grows more lovely, more real. Now we come toward the end--"....and on earth peace, good will toward men." We close the Bible. The words linger in our mind. Civilian Public Service means more than it ever has before.

LABOR COLLEGE CLASSES CONT.

The opportunity to study for an extended time under competent instructors is a privilege highly appreciated by the men. In addition to obtaining personal help through these courses, the men become acquainted with a considerable number of persons in the community, and establish contacts which should continue to be valuable to the camp. We congratulate these men on the successful completion of their work.

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THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL

The CPS Assistant Directors School held in Washington from Nov. 3 to Dec. 2 was attended by three men from the Colorado Springs Camp. Sessions of the school met each morning, afternoon, and evening except on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. During the month there appeared on the program 36 different speakers of whom 20 represented the various church groups, 9 Selective Service, and 9 the technical agencies for whom CPS men are now working or may work in the future.

A major impression gained from hearing the representatives of the technical agencies--Soil Conservation, Forestry, U. S. Public Health, mental hospitals, U. S. Land Office, and U. S. Indian Service--was that CPS men now working with the agencies are doing good work and have won the respect and confidence of the officials of these agencies. Each agency was interested in obtaining more CPS men to help carry its projects.

The representatives from the technical groups spoke interestingly about the history as well as the present activities of their organizations, thus giving the members of the school a background of information about the various programs. When the total program of an agency is known, the part which one person can play in it seems to become more significant. If all CPS men could become thoroughly familiar with the long-range objectives of the technical agencies for which they work, their services would be both more enjoyable to themselves and more enjoyable to the agencies. Since CPS men have long-range objectives in mind for themselves, they should be able to see and appreciate the long-range objectives of such programs as soil conservation.

The chief interests of Selective Service in the school were to provide instruction in how to improve the services given by the men during the eight-hour work day, how to provide for the health and safety of the men, and how to properly fill out report forms. A camp staff must use more than 20 different types of forms in making reports to SSS and NSP on camp activities. Each of these forms was studied, and a series of problems in-

volving their use was worked out by the men at the school.

In summary, some of the impressions gained at the school were as follows:

1. Selective Service and the technical agencies as well as the National Service Board are greatly concerned for the success of the CPS program. They expect in return that CPS men will do all they can to become intelligent about their work and give it their whole-hearted support.

2. Selective Service and the technical agencies recognize that the work done by CPS men is of a high quality. This respect for the good workmanship of the men has also led to a respect for the men themselves.

3. Because of the high quality of the work done by the men, the technical agencies want to extend CPS to include a broader variety of activities. This extension into other activities is always subject, however, to public opinion, since it is a great concern of Selective Service that good public relations be maintained.

Throughout the sessions of the school, much time was spent in the exchange of opinion among the representatives of SSS, the technical agencies, and the men from the camps. Each seemed willing to learn from the others. This exchange of ideas and suggestions among the groups was one of the most satisfactory features of the school.

--R.W.

Our notebooks are filled with notes from the director school but far more important is the fact that our minds are filled with ideas, little impressions, memories of personalities, ringing words of understanding, truth and humor.

A great deal of our discussions and talks were stenotyped as we spoke, the material filling thirty typed pages an hour. Camps will soon be able to read a running account of what was said for an entire session, but it can never be as vital as it is to us. To hear one give his name and then say how he felt about some camp problem made one feel that it was not just talking going on

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THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL CONTINUED

but whole camps striving to speak. In our morning devotions it seemed that all Denison, and Big Flats, and Camp-ton, and Ft. Collins were praying with us. Arthur Sheehan spoke and we felt the multitude of Catholics behind him. Chairman Morgan talked and his camp became alive in our minds. Carlton Mabee became Petersham, Brown became Cascade Locks. Camps talked together, ate together. The National Service Board lived mentally with the camps.

And out of this all came a new understanding. We learned of problems unknown to us which some camps face. We felt some of the restlessness that comes because progress in some areas has been slow. We basked in the enthusiasm and verve with which the National Service Board carries on its work. We felt the enormity of that task of keeping track of who is where and what and why in CPS. Like Topsy this Program has just grow'd. Not content with just a few camps, our men are training in Columbia University, are attendants in hospitals, on farms, in Japanese Relocation Centers, and in Puerto Rico.

But we're all one group--and more so because we camps talked together and took down notes together. Together we were inspired by General Hershey. And together we shook the hands of friends as we parted for our own camps.

A.S.

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It was on October 30 when a group of eighteen men from the various Mennonite camps gathered at the MCC Headquarters at Akron, Pennsylvania, for a week's training period preparatory to the school at Washington. The purpose of this training period was to give us a better knowledge of our Mennonite heritage, a better understanding of our peace convictions, a better understanding of how to deal with the various camp problems, and how our educational program should be set up to attain these various goals.

Dr. Henry A. Fast, Director of our Mennonite camps, was in charge of this school, and everyone present learned to appreciate him for his untiring efforts and his deep concern for the success and advancement of CPS. Dr. Fast gave us his interpretation of our

peace convictions, basing most of his thoughts on Christ's teachings, particularly the Sermon on the Mount.

Dr. M. C. Lehman and Rev. Albert M. Gaeddert, assistants to Dr. Fast, interpreted the Mennonite practice of non-resistance and the Mennonite way of dealing with problems.

Orie O. Miller, Executive Secretary of the MCC, gave the history of this organization, and told of its service in a variety of fields, of which CPS has been the latest.

Dean Harold Bender of Goshen College related the history of the Mennonites, and dealt with the educational program in our camps. In the latter he was assisted by Robert Kreider.

Having received this preliminary training, we were more ready to go to Washington where we mingled with the other groups for further training.

SAFETY MEETING

With Christmas drawing near, the work shop seemed to be a place of numerous boys, working on some gifts in their leisure time. Therefore on Dec. 4, a safety meeting was held in relation to the safety in the work shop.

Ray Schlichting and Arlo Sonnenberg who were in charge of the meeting, worked out a short program. Make-shift machinery was made with which Otto Pauls, one of the actors, worked being very careless and doing the work wrong. Harold Reschly, starring as the shop attendant, came up to correct him, to show and tell him the safety measures.

Many humorous, but true antics of amateur craftsmen were portrayed which drove the safety points home and provided the audience with many laughs. Major McLean, Selective Service inspector visiting our camp voiced his satisfaction of the program.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near to God is man,
When Duty whispers low, Thou must,
The youth replies, I can.

--Emerson

HOSPITAL READY SOON

On December 21 Mr. C. A. Rymer from the Colorado Psychopathic Hospital in Denver will be here to interview men in our camp interested in working as attendants and orderlies in mental-hospitals.

All labor difficulties have finally been straightened out, it seems, and approval given. This will make the first mental hospital to be available for men in this section of the country and it is certain that it will be good news to many of the fellows.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The percentage of men on detached service and special projects has jumped from 6.6 to 11.4 in a little more than a month. The number of men in the various types of special projects is shown in the following table:

Academic Research (Columbia U.).....	15
Administrative Offices.....	25
Dairy Farming.....	36
Dairy Pastors.....	3
Forestry Research.....	7
Personnel Control.....	21
Hospitals, General.....	62
Hospitals, Mental.....	300
Dept. of Interior Det'ch'd Service.	2
National Research Council	
(guinea pigs).....	67
Puerto Rico.....	11
War Relocation Authority.....	1

RELIEF NEWS

Delvin Kirchhofer, formerly scheduled to go to Switzerland to investigate the possibilities for post-war relief and laying the ground work for such work, may leave for Syria instead.

Mr. Kirchhofer reports that it is still impossible for the M.C.C. to get food into Greece and what little does get there is under the auspices of a very few organizations.

On conscription of women: "I don't see how you can administer women with quite the certainty that you can men. There's only one way I have ever had any success at all with women and that is let them do as they please."

--General Lewis B. Hershey

HEAD DIETICIAN VISITS

Mrs. Ralph Hernley, chief dietician for M.C.C. camps paid Colorado Springs a visit during the last week in Nov. The chief purpose of her visit was to inspect our kitchen procedures and to help solve our food problems. Since Mrs. Hernley has already visited quite a number of camps, she was able to tell just how other camps were solving the problems all camps have in common.

Among the things inspected by Mrs. Hernley were: how the men are being fed; what use has been made of the funds for food; the kitchen equipment and its use; and cleanliness in and around the kitchen.

In a small informal meeting with the campers, Dietician Hernley stated that the Colorado camp was indeed fortunate in the matter of food costs and the ability to obtain a wide variety of foods. In most of the eastern camps, the food costs are higher and in some camps certain essential foods cannot be purchased.

Mrs. Hernley summed up the discussion by saying, "Food has a good deal to do with the morale of the camp. Of course the army has priorities, but our food is just as nutritious as theirs. We do not get the best in meat etc., but our meals are just as satisfying."

C.P.S. EXCHANGE

Magnolia, Arkansas

Camp Magnolia now has a herd of 14 milk cows which they purchased to help them solve their milk problem.

A new sanitation project has been started by the F.O.R. group. This work which is done during the spare time of the men, includes work similar to that being done by our C.P.S. camp at Crestview, Florida. This work consists of building sanitary privies for local farmers and starting an informal educational program for the farmers which stressed sanitation and health.

Bowie, Maryland (Beltsville)

Seven dairy cows and two small calves were given to the camp by the Brethern Churches in southern Ohio and northern Indiana to ease the milk situation of the camp. The fellows are quite enthusiastic about this project.

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C.P.S. EXCHANGE CONT.

Coleville, California

Two thousand man-days of work were spent in extinguishing 33 fires during this past fire season.

Walport, Oregon

C.P.S. Camp #56 reports that one of its side camps is located 200 miles from the main camp. This side camp lies in the state of Washington and exists to take care of a nursery there.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Nov. 28-29: Bro. Allen Erb, Supt. of the Mennonite Hospital and Sanitarium at La Junta, Colorado

Dec. 6: Rev. Edward Nervig, Pastor of the Lutheran church, Colorado Springs.

Dec. 12-15: Bro. Harry Diener, Bishop of the (Old) Mennonite church, Hutchinson, Kansas, and Chairman of the Advisory Council for the Colorado Springs Camp.

QUIZ PROGRAM

Friday evening, Dec. 11, was the night of the "Professor IQ" Quiz program held in honor of the latest newcomers to our camp. "Quizzer" Gordon Engle fired questions at one member after another of the unsuspecting camper audience.

Interspersing the periods of probing questions, came the announcements of "plugger" Leroy Miller, who advertised for sale various herds of decrepid farm livestock. Fun was had by all and the new campers were duly initiated.

Dairy Testers: "The dairy testers, two of them already selected, will work with the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, New Brunswick, N.J. The men will go from farm to farm testing milk with the Babcock Testing System. More applicants will be considered for this work if the first 30 days prove satisfactory." --The Reporter.

Paroles: "Selective Service has adopted a policy of refusing to permit violators of the Selective Training and Service Act to be paroled to C.P.S. camps. Its official attitude is based on the idea that a registrant has had fair consideration on his claim for IV-E when his case has been heard by the local board, the F.B.I., the hearing officer of the Dept. of Justice, the Camp Operations Section of S.S.S. and has been passed on by the Presidential appeal group....."

Representatives of the NSBRO have discussed the situation with officials of S.S.S., the Bureau of Prisons and the Dept. of Justice and are continuing to seek satisfactory solution of the problem." --The Reporter.

"According to figures as of Dec. 1, 220 men in camp have attended Mennonite or Brethern in Christ colleges. This is approximately 10% of the men in MCC camps.

The colleges and the number of men attended are as follows; Goshen 71; Bethel 48; Eastern Mennonite School 25; Hesston 23; Freeman Jr. College 16; Bluffton 15; Tabor 13; Messiah Bible College 9; Beulah 1."

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