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SCHLICHTING NEW MCC AUDITOR-SCHMIDT
NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

HARRY MARTENS NEW CAMP DIRECTOR
SOMMENBERG TO TRINIDAD

Ray Schlichting of Weatherford, Oklahoma, who was recently chosen by the M.C.C. to be the Auditor of the books of M.C.C. operated camps, left our camp Monday night, Jan. 4, for his new duties.

Harry E. Martens arrived in Colo. Springs on December 31 to become the Director of C.P.S. Camp #5. Martens comes to us from Newton, Kansas, where he has been in charge of the student work program at Bethel College.

Most of the time Ray will be traveling from camp to camp, auditing the books and giving advice on the handling of camp finances. His headquarters will be at Akron, Penn.

He attended high school at Buhler, Kansas, and entered Bethel College at Newton in 1933. Following his graduation in 1937, he became a member of the college staff with the title "Director of the Student Office". Later his title was changed to "Dean of Labor". His responsibilities in this position were concerned with student selection, student work jobs, and community service.

Ray came to our camp July 15, 1941. Prior to his induction he was a student at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas and Southwestern Institute of Technology, Weatherford, Okla. where he received his degree, majoring in
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During 1939-40 Martens enrolled in Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, and at the close of the year obtained his M.A. degree in personnel administration.

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VISIT BY ALBERT GAEDDERT

Everyone was glad to see Albert Gaeddert back in camp December 30 to January 1. It seemed like old times. Albert was greeted as usual when he stepped into the dining hall with applause. After supper he told us about advancements in hospital projects and various forms of detached service.

With Martens are his wife Olga and his two year old son, Duane Lee. The camp extends to the Martens family a hearty welcome, and promises wholehearted cooperation in working for the welfare of the camp.

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DENVER HOSPITAL UNIT

On January 31, Dr. C. A. Reimer, Superintendent of the Colorado Psychopathic Hospital came to interview men. Mr. Gaeddert ably handled this interviewing and helped Dr. Reimer in his selection of men.

On December 31 Dr. Reimer from the Colorado Psychopathic Hospital at Denver came to our camp to choose ten persons who are to go to the Denver hospital as soon as they receive their transfer from Selective Service.

During his stay here, Mr. Gaeddert held a good many interviews, giving counsel, advise, and encouragement. From Colorado Springs, Albert went to Utah to see about the opening of two new hospitals there.

Quite an interest was revealed among our campers for this type of
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TO TRANSFER OR NOT TO TRANSFER?

"To transfer or not to transfer?" is the question uppermost in the minds of many campees these days because of the requests for men to go to Terry, Montana and to Trinidad, Colorado.

When the technical staff and the camp director are confronted with such a request, problems immediately arise as to who would be available without disrupting the present camp and project work too much and still fulfill the needs of the new camps.

Another factor which is taken into consideration, the one which is probably the most important one at the present time, is the attitude of the campee himself regarding a transfer. It seems that this is certainly a factor which cannot be overlooked if we want to keep the camps as democratic as possible. Even from the practical side it is, in almost every instance, unwise to send a man to do some work he dislikes as long as there is available work which he enjoys more. Naturally a person will put forth more effort to do satisfactory work if he is given the opportunity to do work which he enjoys.

One advantage of transferring which could apply to all campees would be that they have the opportunity to meet with new situations. Many do not recognize this as an opportunity for personal growth, while others feel that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages.

Home ties is a factor why many campees do not care to volunteer for new camps which may be further removed from their homes. It seems that in some instances this should certainly be recognized, especially in cases where the campee's wife lives at their former home and may even try to support herself and possibly a family. Especially should this be recognized as long as there are single men available for these new camps which may be further removed from home. It must constantly be remembered though, that the above mentioned disadvantage may be over-emphasized by many. After all, many C.O.s have asked for dangerous jobs in war areas. This makes it seem unfair when others aren't willing to transfer, especially when they have no family ties.

There is another group of individuals found in almost every camp who are hesitant about volunteering to transfer when a request comes, merely because they are not certain about conveniences of the new camp and how they will like the climate, etc., etc. In some instances, of course, certain campees have to be careful about localities because of health, but it seems that in most cases a desire and a willingness to adjust to new situations can really be called a trait which is very necessary to a C.O.

It is hoped that all needs can be filled by volunteers, but in case drafting of men must be resorted to, we all hope that a satisfactory method may be used. One of the campees expressed himself concerning this by saying that if men had to be drafted, he would like to see many more men interviewed than needed and those eliminated who had valid excuses for not going.

This editorial has not been written to solve all transfer problems but merely to present a few problems concerning transfers. Each man should feel it his personal obligation to seriously consider such a request when it comes, and if possible, try to accommodate to his ability. --W.B.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Martens, Duane Lee, and I are happily settled in our new home, which we have in partnership with other staff members and some 150 boys. We have accepted this job with humbleness and after much prayer. The challenge presented by this work looms larger every day.

The verse, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Phil. 4:13, has taken on new meaning. This is so, not only because we have felt His strength, but also there is no doubt in our minds that the boys are also experiencing His strength as evidenced by the fine spirit in which they go about their daily tasks. The work they do is not done for compensation the world can give, but as a witness to the world of the Christ they serve.

The strength that lies in the morning devotional services here at camp can only be appreciated by those who have shared in them. For instance, the thermometer stands at five degrees above zero, a deep darkness hovers over the camp except the stars overhead, unusual stillness prevails because of towering mountains round about us, while the boys assemble in the dining room for breakfast. After breakfast has been served, they pause and some 150 men in work clothes join in singing:

"What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in pray'r!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in pray'r.

"Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in pray'r!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness--
Take it to the Lord in pray'r!

"Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in pray'r!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in pray'r!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there."

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The members of the camp chorus, under the direction of Arlo Sonnenberg were privileged to give the Christmas Cantata "The Music of Bethlehem" this year. The music for this cantata was loaned to us by the community surrounding Lehigh, Kansas.

The boys worked rather hard, having three rehearsals a week. The cantata was given the first time on Tuesday evening, December 22. Mrs. Brandt, from the Free Methodist Church in Colorado Springs played the piano accompaniment. Several carloads of people from various churches came to hear our program.

Upon request, the chorus boys agreed to sing the cantata at the Friends Church, of which Oscar and Lela Battin are pastors. Again upon request the chorus sang the cantata twice New Years Eve, first at the Calvary Evangelical Church, Rev. Francis Bayles, pastor, at 7:30 and at 9:30 in the First Nazarene Church, Rev. Gough, pastor.

The boys enjoyed singing this cantata. We wish to thank Mrs. Brandt for her services, for the interest shown by each of these churches, and the owners for the use of the music books.

OUR SHARE

by John Crenham

And we ourselves? Are our hands clean?
Are our souls free from blame
For this world-tragedy?
Nay, then! Like all the rest,
We had relaxed our hold on higher things,
And satisfied ourselves with smaller.
Ease, pleasure, greed of gold--
Laxed morals even in these--
We suffered them, as unaware
Of their soul-cankerings.
We had slipped back along the sloping
way,
No longer holding First Things First,
But throning gods emasculate--
Idols of our own fashioning,
Heads of sham gold and feet of crumbling
clay.
If we would build anew and build to stay,
We must find God again
And go His way.

WORK AT IDAHO SPRINGS

The unusual job of tearing down a CCC camp fell to a fifteen man crew of CPS Camp #5 this week. The site of the abandoned camp is near the mountain town of Idaho Springs which is located on U.S. Highway 40, just 35 miles west of Denver.

Much care is being taken in disassembling the buildings of this camp because they are of a semi-portable type and are to be erected again at Colorado Springs. The tearing down and transporting process will take the crew approximately two weeks. Mr. Caton of the Soil Conservation Service is directing the work at Idaho Springs.

SONNENBERG TO TRINIDAD CONTINUED

Arlo Sonnenberg, versatile assignee from Fleming, Colorado, who has served Camp #5 as Acting Director since Dec. 7, will take over the Directorship of the Trinidad side camp next week. Sonnenberg has retained the respect of everyone during his year and a half at camp, and the camp feels that his remarkable ability and fine personality will assure him success in his new position.

NEW AUDITOR-BUSINESS MANAGER CONT.

accounting and business administration. During summer months he helped his father with farm work.

Ray assumed the responsibilities of Business Manager of the Colo. Springs camp Oct. 1, 1941 and has performed his duties faithfully to the time of his leaving.

We are very sorry to see Ray leave us and his absence will be keenly felt here, but on the other hand we are very glad for this new field of service that has opened to him. We want to again congratulate Ray and wish him all the success in his new job.

The highly important post of Business Manager is now being filled by Edwin J. Schmidt who previously acted as Ray Schlichting's assistant. Before being drafted Ed was employed as the head of the Order Dept. of the Hutchinson Bag Co. This experience coupled with his year at a business school serves him well as a background for his new duties.

FRIESEN CHOSEN FOR PUERTO RICO

John Friesen, Inola, Oklahoma has recently been selected by the Brethren Service Committee to join the Puerto Rican Reconstruction Administration project on the island of Puerto Rico located in the West Indies.

It is not definitely known just when this new unit will leave or where the men from the various camps will meet for embarkation.

To John goes the distinction of being the only selectee in this group which hails from a Mennonite camp--all the others coming from camps operated by the Church of the Brethren.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Dramatic Club of CPS #5 presented their first play during the Christmas week. They produced the one act play entitled "Dad" written by Paul Moffett. The length of the play was about 35 minutes and it was directed by Gerhard Peters and Otto Pauls.

The characters of the play were portrayed by the following actors:

"Dad"--a man of 70.....Gordon Engle
 "Mose"--a faithful old Negro..Dave Pauls
 "Adam"--a son about 40....Art Fadenrecht
 "Tom"--another son age 38.Franklin Harms
 "Ted"--a brother age 60.....Rahlen Unrau
 "Ed"--a friend age 60.....Erwin Schrag
 "Jim"--a friend age 60.....John Friesen
 "Mayor Beck"--about 50....Gerhard Peters
 "Lane"--a stranger age 25.....Otto Pauls

In the near future the club will try to present a one act comedy entitled, "The Catalogue".

THOSE WHOM WE HAVE MET

Paul Hofer, Carpenter, South Dakota
 Taught school before CPS and would like to teach or be a clerk after CPS.at the present time is cooking for the men in the side camp at Trinidad, Colo....Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

Lloyd Toews, Cement, Oklahoma
 Quiet and very sincere.....farmed before being called by his country.... likes to sing hymns...hopes to go back to the farm at the close of his C.P.S. days...Ch. of God in Christ Mennonite.

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TRINIDAD SIDE CAMP

Details are being worked out for a side camp at Trinidad, Colorado. Six men left Thursday morning to get living quarters ready and to begin work. The six are:

- Rodney Kochm
- Paul Hofer
- Martin Schmidt
- Jacob Doerkson
- Harry Buller
- Leonard Johnson

At least nine more men and their Acting Director, Arlo Sonnenberg, will go to Trinidad the middle of next week. Quite a number of men have volunteered for this side camp.

Plans are to operate the camp until the first of May. The farmers in this district are furnishing everything necessary to the maintenance of the camp. This includes some bedding and all food.

trol with quite a bit of concrete and masonry work. This will mark Colorado Springs' first venture in side camps. Quite a number of other camps have been operating "adjacent" camps for some time.

NEW COUNCIL CONVENES

The most important policy making group in our camp is the camp council. The council is composed of the chairmen of the eight dorms plus the five members of the camp staff--director, assistant director, matron, dietitian, and business manager. Meetings are usually held fortnightly, although it has not always been possible to maintain this schedule.

Each quarter elections are held to choose the dormitory chairmen who also become the new council members. At the organization meeting held Tuesday, Jan. 5, Roy Wenger was elected council chairman, and Selma Linscheid, secretary. Following is the list of council members for the Fall and Winter quarters:

Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter
1. Alvin Buller	Franklin Harms
2. Jack Janzen	Titus Jost
3. Ezra Stauffer	Rahlon Unrau
4. Arnold Wall	Marven Janzen

- 5. Gerhard Peters Ervin Schrag
- 6. Paul Graber Glenn Stucky
- 7. Leo Jantz
- 8. Elton Krehbiel Carl Busonitz

GINGERICH VISITS

Dr. Melvin Gingerich, professor of history of political science at Bethel College, visited this camp recently after paying similar calls to the CPS camps at Hill City, S. D. and Fort Collins, Colorado.

His address on Sunday morning was centered on the theme, "Why I Like the Bible."

On Saturday evening he addressed an assembly on the rural life background of the Mennonite Church, stressing the place of a rural culture in preserving the higher values of civilization. The contribution which a rural culture can give to the nation in times of crises is significant, said Dr. Gingerich. Discussion followed on some of the post war problems of rural life.

DENVER HOSPITAL UNIT CONT.

service, for 26 men were interviewed by Dr. Reimer. Of these the following ten were chosen:

- Wesley Bartel..Hillsboro, Kansas
- Dewis Bridges...Okla. City, Okla.
- Robert Burkle.....Geneva, Iowa
- Albert Ewert.....Quinlan, Okla.
- George Fadenrecht..Hillsboro, Kan.
- Leslie Harms...Hillsboro, Kansas
- Bruce Neal.....Ames, Iowa
- Jake Pauls.....Inman, Kansas
- Ezra Shenk.....Wellman, Iowa
- Ramon Unruh....Bethany, Oklahoma

These men will be used as attendants in the psychopathic wards of the hospital. There is a great demand for such service and it is very likely that more men will be chosen in the near future.

Albert Ewert has been chosen by the M.C.C. as the leader for this hospital unit in Denver. It will be his duty to keep the group in close contact with the M.C.C. and to keep the necessary records. Albert recently returned from the school for assistant directors in Washington, D. C.

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THOSE WHOM WE HAVE MET CONTINUED

Ben McConnell, Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Had been in school...spent 6 months in reformatory standing up for his convictions...an electrical engineer but plans to attend seminary...Episcopal.

Harold Schrag, Burrton, Kansas

A farmer by profession and hopes to re-enter this work after CPS...is married and has one son...quiet by nature General Conference Mennonite.

Wesley Bartel, Hillsboro, Kansas

Has been chosen to go to the mental hospital at Denver....was a student before coming to camp and hopes to join the teaching or farming profession after CPS....hobbies are music first and reading second....says that he hopes to see many of his friends in Denver--not as patients but as visitors...General Conference Mennonite.

Paul Schmidt, Cordell, Oklahoma

Spent his last few years before draft on the farm...likes the farm and cherishes hopes of returning to farming, his life ambition.....likes to travel...going to Trinidad Side Camp.. General Conference Mennonite.

Marion Wichort, Fairview, Oklahoma

Another fellow who likes the farm.. ..it was his past experience and hopes to continue the work after leaving camp.....hobby is music, preferably instrumental....he plays a guitar.... Mennonite Brethren.

Tobias Yoder, Thomas, Oklahoma

Finds his interest in the agricultural world....wants to make farming his life's occupation...is quite a man for woodworking....Old Order Amish.

Dewis Bridges, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Okla. City is the place where he worked in the advertising business prior to draft....would like to enter this same field as soon as he can.....

going to Denver hospital.....Disciples of Christ.

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A parting word from a camper--

"Unless I am responsible for building principles of life which help us adjust ourselves to changing economic situations, and principles which further everlasting and universal peace, I have failed in my efforts in C.P.S. life." --Dewis Bridges

NEWS IN BRIEF

Camper Harold K. Hjelmstad became an extremely happy man upon receiving his release from camp. His release came to him because of his physical disability.

With the Christmas season, came an unusual flurry of business for Cupid. A number of cases of "unfinished business" became "finished" with the marriages of Harold Reschly to Miss Lolabelle Halverson, Bruce Neal to Miss Barbara Holly, and Ezra Stauffer to Miss Dorothy Boschard. Along with the many congratulations showered upon those happy camperz came also the "wedding candy-bars"!

A Christmas present came to W. J. Dye one day late in the form of a new baby daughter, Carolyn Joyce. She was born on Dec. 26. The camp's heartiest congratulations goes to you W. J. and to your wife!

PEACE NEWS FINANCES

As is generally known, the PIKE VIEW PEACE NEWS has been financially supported by a 50¢ per year subscription fee. The total income from these subscriptions in 1942 was \$748.70. The total expenses (which includes the purchasing of the addressing machine and a stapler) were \$739.92, leaving a balance of \$8.78 in the treasury. The inventory at the end of the year was \$75.36. --Gorhard Peters, Bus. Manager

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HEROISM

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

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

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