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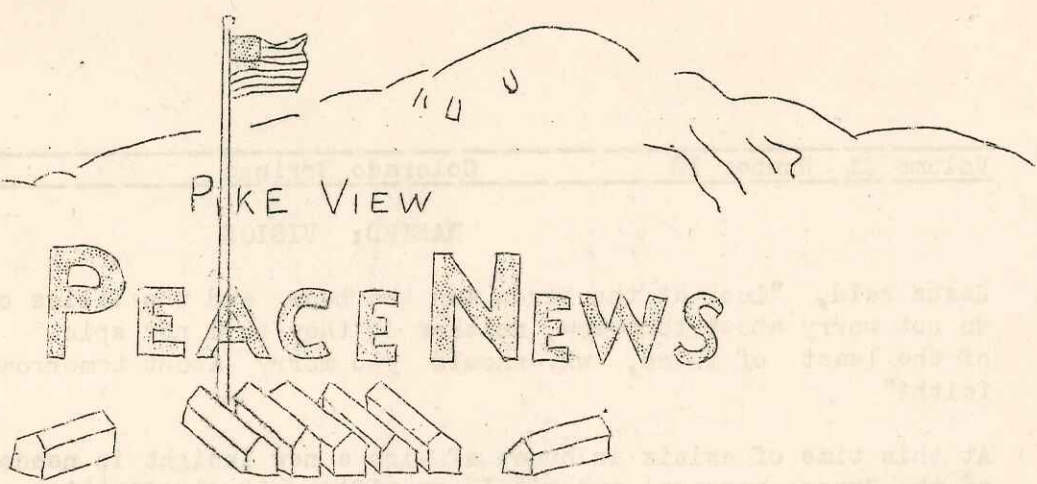
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SUB-ZERO WEATHER, THEN TERRIFIC GALE

A real temperature drop was experienced here when the weather suddenly sent the mercury scurrying to the bottom of the thermometers, following a snowstorm. The low record of last year was shattered when 28 below zero was recorded. For several days the mercury stayed on the minus end of the thermometer which made the frozen ground harder and the coal bill higher.

As if to compensate for the hostile cold, the weather softened and turned
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WINTER FIRE CALL

A forest fire call came to our camp Friday evening, Dec. 15 and a unit of ten men answered the call. The fire was located about 16 miles southwest of Colorado Springs in the ranges back of Cheyenne Mountain. About 15 acres were burned over.

The fire was under control by the time the men arrived but they spent about three hours doing mop-up work. The following morning a crew of ten men went out to finish the mop-up work.

The fire started when a sawdust pile in a vacant spot somehow became ignited. Then on Friday a strong wind came up which blew the live ashes from the sawdust piles into the surrounding dead brush.

MEN LEAVE

The ten chosen men from Colorado Springs left for their new field of service in the Colorado Psychopathic Hospital, Denver, Colo., on Jan. 15.

Nine more men were selected to join the original six-man crew at our side-camp in Trinidad, Colo. The camp site
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MONTANA BOUND!

A group of eighteen men left for Terry, Montana C.P.S. Camp #64 on Jan. 13, 1943. These men are starting a new and interesting project under the Federal Security Administration.

The men will reclaim sub-marginal land, irrigate it from the Yellowstone River and build 35 sets of farm buildings, fences, etc. The F.S.A. plans to develop 11,000 acres of land, ultimately to accommodate 410 families.
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NEW EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Study groups were begun this week in three fields. A Wednesday night group is concerned with the problems of World Brotherhood. This group expects to consider the causes of the present war, to study the plans which have been tried in the past for preventing wars, and to arrive at some conclusions on the kind of world organization which they can support. Considerable reading and study will be done by the members of this group prior to the weekly discussions.

On Thursday evening, the group in Agriculture has planned a series of programs around a number of soil conservation films. Last night the film The Land was shown, and discussed briefly. During the next four weeks the following additional films in soil conservation will be shown: The River, Muddy Waters, Rain on the Plains, and The Heritage We Guard.

On Monday night, Jan. 25, a Bible study group will begin work on the gospel of Luke. Rev. Nervig from Colorado Springs will teach this class. Rev. Nervig has already won the confidence of the men in CPS No. 5 through his Sunday morning sermons at camp.

WANTED: VISION

Jesus said, "Look at the birds and the bees and the lilies of the field, they do not worry about tomorrow, neither do they toil nor spin. And if I take care of the least of these, why should you worry about tomorrow, O men of little faith?"

At this time of crisis in human affairs a new insight is needed into the meaning of the Cross--personal and total sacrifice--if civilization is to be prevented from going to complete destruction. Peace must be waged just as forcefully as war.

St. Francis of Assisi was a great spirit because he renounced all of his riches and turned to a life of voluntary poverty. He gave all of his possessions away and even loved the birds. What would happen to the quality of our living were we to trust so completely in God? Gerald Heard observes here the difference between "tempting God" and "trusting Him."

With faith and imagination pacifists must tackly the ills of society brought about by our own silence and indifference and show to others that ours is a Way of Life--not an escape from "reality." Many CPS men are becoming aware of developments in cooperative farming communities as an expression of a Way of Life rich in creative fellowship. The writer takes the opportunity to share parts of a letter from Arle Brooks, a pacifist non-registrant, who after having served his first sentence in prison and CPS was located on a 300 acre farm in Mississippi, doing work in an area of Negro-white tension.

"Believing that all belongs to the Eternal, to God, then we cannot throw our arms around any part of the earth or of the gifts of the earth and cry out, 'Mine'. Nothing is mine when I draw near enough to the Spirit of the Eternal. When we draw close enough to that Spirit then all desires for personal property, personal possessions, personal recognition drop away...When we are filled with the spirit of love one for another it is natural and inevitable that we will want to come together and share what we have. We must know that brotherhood is poverty, not the degrading and involuntary poverty we know but voluntary poverty. We must become so disentangled from things that we can walk out from our homes, leaving everything behind, and never look back and never fool the vacant spot where these things were, for they were never really ours nor were we possessed by them."

We need a discipline which will overcome the fears and inhibitions which clutter out vision and progress. Eugene Debs, who spent his life in poverty and prison, said: "While there is a lower class I am in it; while there is a criminal class I am of it; while there is a soul in prison I am not free."

What would happen to the quality of our living and to our social order were we, like John Woolman, the early Quaker, or Phillipe Vernier, the contemporary Frenchman whose love and courage came out of four years of solitary, to trust so completely in God that we had no concern for building up a reserve for tomorrow, or if we, too, were to go about the country in voluntary poverty doing works of good will and depending for our food and shelter only upon the friendships we had earned? --GY

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MARGARET ROHRER-F.O.R.

Experiments in community living and in cooperative farming were the subjects for discussion in a recent meeting led by Miss Margaret Rohrer, the new regional representative for the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Miss Rohrer spent several months living in the Delta farm community in Mississippi, a short time in the School of Living at Suffern, New York, and a short time in the Harlem Ashram in New York City. These projects were explained and evaluated.

Finally our own home communities were discussed with a thought toward taking the lead in the development of better rural communities, and a more Christian economic system for the betterment of the local groups and of those when we do not know but who are a part of the same system.

Miss Rohrer is a graduate of the University of California. She is now located in Denver serving the F.O.R. in its many activities, and should be a source of great help to the camp.

RELIEF NEWS

With a unanimous vote of approval, MCC has been authorized to send three men to Africa and Palestine to seek further fields of relief service. It was felt a broad field of service open now would make possible a more intelligent and efficient service of reconstruction and relief after the war.

Two men, Brother A. E. Janzen of Hillsboro, Kansas, and Robert Geigley, formerly of Camp Crestview, were commissioned to go to Paraguay as relief agents. Brother Janzen will work with the Mennonite colony in the Gran Chaco while Robert will assist probably from Asuncion, capital of Paraguay.

It was decided to send a commissioner to England to investigate the relief work there. --CPS News Letter

When once thy foot enters the church,
be bare;
God is more there than thou; for thou
art there
Only by his permission. Then beware,
And make thyself all reverence and
fear.--Herbert "The Temple"

CAMPER'S LIFE LOST WHILE ON DUTY

Denton Darrow, a 22 year old Methodist lad from C.P.S. Camp #21, Cascade Locks, Oregon, paid with his life while braving the sea in a search for a lost Navy plane and its crew near Waldport, Oregon. Darrow was drowned when a large backwashing wave apparently injured him and then threw him into the ocean.

Though Denton was a strong swimmer, he made no effort to swim, leading those nearby to suppose he had been hurt. Coast guardsmen attempted at once to rescue Darrow but the sea carried him out beyond any help. His body was never recovered.

With his companions, Darrow was helping the Coast Guard search for a navy plane and its crew which had been lost off the Oregon coast. It fell to Darrow and several others to search an especially treacherous outcropping of rock and the accident occurred while he was making his way along the rocks.

Denton Darrow is the first C.P.S. man to die for his country while on active duty engaged in "Work of National Importance", though other C.P.S. men have died from illnesses suffered in camp. We of Camp #5 wish to offer our sincerest sympathy to all the relatives and friends of Denton and want them to know that we are proud of Denton! He truly died while serving his fellow man.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Church services are now being lead by our new Director, Harry Martens. The subjects of his sermons have been:

- Jan. 10... "What Is Expected Of Us By God"
- Jan. 17..... "Jesus Was Right"

Our Sunday School and Christian Endeavor leaders have been picked for this quarter which are:

- S.S. Supt..... Clarence Joe Unruh
- Teacher..... Leroy Wedel
- Teacher..... Erwin Schrag
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- C.E. Pres..... Phil Stucky
- Program Comm..... Irvin Richert
- Program Comm..... Bennie Schmidt

MONTANA BOUND CONTINUED

The campers leaving from Colorado Springs were:

Raymond Buller.....McPherson, Kansas
Marvin S. Dester...Deer Creek, Okla.
Harry D. Ensz.....Marion, S. Dak.
Joe L. Glanzer.....Yale, S. Dak.
Jacob E. Hofer....Hitchcock, S. Dak.
William Jaehde.....Ransom, Kansas.
Gus I. Janzen.....Custer City, Okla.
Henry H. Jerke.....Edgeley, N. Dak.
Menno Koehn.....Galva, Kansas
Fred S. Miller.....Choteau, Okla.
Reinhardt J. Preheim..Marion, S. Dak.
Dallas D. Rediger.....Wayland, Ia.
Ora J. Swoveland....Englewood, Colo.
Otto Thomas.....Marion, S. Dak.
Harvey A. Toews.....Cement, Okla.
Lloyd F. Toews.....Cement, Okla.
Mahlon Wagler.....Partridge, Kan.
Mike M. Waldner....Carpenter, S. Dak.

DETACHED FARM SERVICEMEN OUT

Due to the recent ruling by the U.S. Comptroller-General stating that all wages earned by the C.P.S. men on detached farm service were to go directly into the U.S. Treasury, these detached service men prepared to return to their respective camps.

Before they left however, Selective Service announced that if the men so desire, they can be placed in Class II-C or III-C rather than deprive the critical farm areas in which they work of help they had been counting on.

Under this set-up, the men so affected will no longer be subject to IV-E regulations and may keep their own pay if they so desire. However, they must remain on farms designated by the U.S. Employment Service. At present this offer of reclassification applies only to men now on farms.

MEN LEAVE CONTINUED

is located on the fair grounds and the buildings are of high quality adobe construction. Reports from the side camp have been very favorable and the technical men there are well satisfied with the quality of work done so far. The additional men are: Arlo Sonnenberg, Acting Director; Alvin Buller; Herman Quiring; Harry Ratzlaff; Arthur Rediess; Paul Schmidt; Vernie Smith; Marion Wichert; Tobias Yoder.

TEN NEW DRAFTEES

Eight good-byes were waved to Oklahoma boys set sail for service in C.P. S. Camp No. 5.

The new draftees reported for service the fourteenth and were welcomed by the campees at a "Sing" entertainment program Monday evening. Willingness and bravery, two characteristics of American boys, were displayed that evening as the new men capably introduced themselves, giving us a review of their past experiences and home life. They joined also in spiritual and musical harmony singing. "the more we get together the happier we'll be".

The draftees who arrived the fourteenth of January are as follows: Paul E. Buller, Goltry; Wilbur G. Dester, Deer Creek; Milton D. Reimer, Medford; Eugene M. Sallaska, Fairview; Menno A. Schmidt and Leland L. Ukena, Enid, Paul Horn and Ogen J. Harms, Corn, Oklahoma.

The nineteenth of this month the camp again welcomed two newly arrived Oklahoma draftees: Enos E. Mullett, Choteau, Oklahoma; and Johnny L. Smith, Ringwood, Oklahoma.

TERRIFIC GALE CONTINUED

extremely mild. Hard on its heels however, came a terrific wind of hurricane velocity. All night long on Jan. 20 the wind blew, reaching the 75 mile-an-hour mark. In town cars were wrecked, poles blown down, store windows broken, and buildings damaged. Several fires raged, the largest burning 22 buildings of the Japanese internment camp now under construction.

In camp, several S.C.S. trucks were somewhat damaged; the flag pole was blown down; and several garage doors were torn off. Volunteer nightwatchmen were stationed in each barrack all night long to safeguard the camp from fire. The wind subsided at daylight, but renewed its attack somewhat the following night and is still blowing at this writing.

Blow, blow, thou winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind

As man's ingratitude;
Thy tooth is not so keen,
Because thou art not seen,

Although thy breath be rude.

PARACHUTE FIRE FIGHTERS

Parachute forest fire fighters! This brand new C.P.S. project has already been given tentative approval by the Forest Service and Selective Service and will call for 60 C.P.S. men, scheduling to begin in June.

Fighting fires by using parachutists is comparatively new but has already proved itself practical. The idea is to get men to the scene as quickly as possible after a fire has been detected, thereby making tremendous savings in area burned, manpower and overall expenses. Fires attacked with parachutists cost on an average of \$247 per fire, whereas the old slow method of hiking across the mountains to reach the scene has cost \$3,500 per fire for the same fire. From June to Sept. 1942, 40 volunteer "smoke jumpers" answered 65 to 70 alarms.

The men volunteering for this new type of service will undergo training similar to army and marine parachutists. The men would probably be based in or near Missoula, Montana, regional Forest Service headquarters and center of one of the most rugged and remote fire areas in the country. Men would be used only during the summer fire season and during that time would probably have a secondary project in operation between calls.

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NEW MENTAL HOSPITALS

Three mental hospitals have been approved for M.C.C. units. They include:

New Jersey State Hospital at Greystone, N.J., for 40 men to be drawn from Camps Luray and Grottoes. This hospital has more than 5,000 patients and about 400 staff vacancies.

Utah State Hospital, Provo, Utah, 25 men from Placerville are now being chosen.

Mt. Pleasant State Hospital, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, for 25 men.

NEW PHYSICAL EXAM RULE

"Effective Feb. 1, 1943, all IV-E registrants will receive their final physical examinations at army recruiting and induction stations, according to a memorandum from Selective Service.

"The memorandum states that the men will be forwarded in the same manner as I-A registrants but under their own leader and with a separate delivery list. Following examination they will return home and await assignment.

"It was emphasized that IV-E registrants would not suddenly find themselves in the army as the result of taking the examination at an army induction station."--The Reporter

THOSE WHOM WE HAVE MET

Gus Janzen, Custer City, Oklahoma

Was formerly employed on a road construction gang.....took one semester course in aviation at Southwestern University.....expects to join the CPS Parachute Corps for aiding the Forestry Service in fighting forest fires... General Conference Mennonite.

Harvey Toews, Cement, Oklahoma

A farm boy who likes the farm well enough to plan it as his future occupation...likes to study his Bible...is a friend to everyone and a friend of everyone.....Church of God in Christ Mennonite.

Marvin Dester, Deer Creek, Oklahoma

Attended Bethel College for 2 years...a good worker...interested in farming after CPS....farming was his occupation previous to his coming to camp. General Conference Mennonite.

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THOSE WHOM WE HAVE MET CONTINUED

Harry Ensz, Marion, South Dakota

Always jolly and is always known for that laugh of his that is all his own...lived on a farm and was interested in agriculture before coming to camp but is undecided on what he wishes to do after his stay in CPS has terminated...Evan. Mennonite Brethren.

Ora Jerry Swoveland, Englewood, Colo.

Would find him calling it home..... has had varied experiences and work... worked in saw mill.....worked on railroad.....has a wife who lives in Nebraska while Ora is in camp.....he hopes to become a minister after leaving camp.....Disciples of Christ.

Henry Jerke, Edgely, North Dakota

Was in the farming work before CPS and after his stay in camp expects to keep his occupation in the agricultural field...quiet...sincere...thoughtful...Church of God.

Mahlon Wagler, Partridge, Kansas

Small but full of life...always has something to say...always eager to try something new.....calls Partridge his home....Old Order Amish

Fred Miller, Choteau, Oklahoma

Should make a good farmer.....is also interested in carpentry work..... expects to go back on farm after CPS.. ..jolly....a friend of everyone..... Old Order Amish.

William Jaehde, Ransom, Kansas

An easy going fellow who always seems to be happy....liked by everyoneanother camper who came from the farm and another one who wishes to return to that work...General Conference Mennonite.

"A peace is of the nature of a conquest;
For then both parties nobly are subdued,
And neither party loser."
--Shakespeare

C.P.S. NEWS IN BRIEF

High flood waters of the Ohio River entered the town of Marietta, bringing much danger and misery to the people there. C.P.S. Camp #8 rushed emergency crews to the flooded town where they cooperated with the U.S. Employment Agency in evacuating families and business establishments and administering necessary relief.

First reported grandfather in C.P.S. is Otis M. Stines, Camp Lyndhurst, Va. Stines became grandpa after his arrival in camp Nov. 6, 1942. He is 45 and veteran of World War I.

C.O.'s are now working six days a week with one hour for lunch, due to a new order sent out by Selective Service.

PROJECT STATISTICS

On Jan. 7 there were 5,560 men in C.P.S. with 661 more waiting assignment.

At the turn of the year the following numbers were on the various projects:

Non-Maintenance Projects	
Forest Service	2,024
Soil Conservation Service	1,808
National Park Service	666
Bureau of Reclamation	229
General Land Office	70
Penna. Turnpike Commission	50
Fish & Wildlife Service	41
U.S. Public Health Service	22
Puerto Rican Reconstruction Admin.	11

Maintenance Projects	
Mental Hospitals	301
General Hospitals	49
Detached Farm Service	38
Medical Experiments (Detached)	27
Administrative Agencies (Detached)	26
Columbia University (Detached)	15
Reformatories	15
Miscellaneous Detached Service	13
Dairy Herd Testers	3

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