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### MISSIONARIES VISIT CAMP

Thursday night the campers had the privilege of hearing missionary John Hiebert speak. The Hieberts went as missionaries to Nigeria West Africa in the winter of 1938. They were sent by the Sudan Interior Missions. They spent 3½ years there bringing the Gospel to the natives.

Last May the Hieberts had to return to America because of the poor health of Mrs. Hiebert. Since then they have spent most of their time in Dallas, Oregon recuperating.

The Hieberts are originally from Corn, Oklahoma. They attended North-Western Bible Institute and then Tabor College. Mr. Hiebert intends to work for his Th.B. in Portland, Oregon before returning to the field.

Rev. Hiebert showed slides of the natives, their homes, their various forms of pagan worship, and their ways of farming. He stressed and illustrated the need for missionaries.

### TEMPLETON GAP MALE CHORUS

The Templeton Gap Male Chorus will make its first appearance of the new year here in camp in the Sunday morning services this week. They will sing under the direction of Paul Ratzlaff, their newly elected leader.

In preparation for a program schedule with various churches in Colorado Springs and for camp services the chorus meets for rehearsal on Monday and Friday evenings.

The new music repertoire of the chorus will consist of hymns, spirituals, and semi-classical numbers. Just recently new books were received making possible a larger choice of selections.

### NEW INTEREST GROUP

From time to time in the history of our camp new interest groups have been introduced by new campers. In the last several weeks a new craft has rapidly been gaining popularity. Its popularity is due largely to the interest and skill shown in leathercraft by W. J. Dye, a camper from La Junta, Colo.

Tuesday night, 38 campers gathered in the lounge room while Mr. Lester Griswold of Colorado Springs explained and demonstrated some of the methods of the craft. The demonstration included carving, tooling, lacing, braid-int and various other things.

Mr. Griswold is nationally known for his work with all crafts, instructing Boy Scouts, students, etc. He has spent the last seventeen years exclusively in craft work. Recently his book "HANDICRAFTS" has been published which deals very clearly with all the crafts. Several copies of this book are in camp.

The camp store has obtained a fine supply of leather which will be on sale to the campers. The camp has also two sets of carving tools available for the campers to use.

All indications are that leathercraft will gain just as much popularity in camp as rug making and woodwork have.

### CAN IT BE SPRING?

With the coming of unusually warm weather, the revival of spring recreational activity is getting underway. The past several weeks have found large numbers of hikers invading the scenic bluffs which surround our camp. These rock covered bluffs with their  
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## POST WAR WORK FOR EVERYONE

When we think of post war work our minds center on reconstructing, rebuilding, and reorganizing the war torn part of the world. We think of the places where bombs and cannons have ruined the production of food and the shelter of millions of individuals and have brought starvation to the nations.

We must not think of post war reconstruction, rebuilding, and reorganizing as being only on foreign soil, though that work is very necessary, because this would include only those few individuals who have had technical training and experience in those fields of work. This would include a very small minority of the people of this country and other nations.

There will be work in three essential fields in which everybody will be able to help. The community will have to be built so that it will be an ideal place to live. The church will have to be organized for a perfect place of learning and worship. The home and family life will have to be perfected within that community and church.

The majority of the communities have been torn apart with the young men being drafted and sent to various camps over the country. The men will come home and will be looking for an ideal community in which to live--a community even better than the one they knew before the war. These communities will have to organize entirely on the basis of cooperation and giving everybody the same opportunity. Men who have been classed in the II-C classification will have the greatest opportunity to get a good start in future life while the men who are now in camps will be wanting that same opportunity to get their start in life, after getting into the home community. Every individual should have the same chance. This time no man should own most of the land and property while his next neighbor works on WPA to earn his daily bread. We will have to build a community which will be able to face the depression following the war.

The churches do and will have a very vital part in building the foundation of the world. The churches were torn apart when many leaders were called away into various fields of service during these crises. A large number of the Mennonite churches have not fully agreed to the non-resistant way of life. Groups of individuals have divided themselves within the church so that the unity is broken. A church divided against itself cannot stand. We cannot let our personal opinions take the advantage over our spiritual life. It wouldn't be true to God's plan if everybody had the same opinions of life; God has given everybody a mind to think; but we should use our minds in working toward a perfect church which is pleasing in God's sight instead of ruining God's church by disunity.

The greatest project of reconstruction for the churches will be to develop a deeper love toward our neighbors and fellow men. The church will have to put LOVE instead of hatred into the human hearts. Some of the men who are in the armed forces are learning to hate our neighbors across the waters. After the war LOVE will have to penetrate into the souls of these men. It will take every church member's total Christian effort to reorganize the church so that it will be the corner stone of the foundation of the world.

Not one individual is excluded in post war work if he helps build a Christian home. Unity in home and family life will be a great help in reorganizing and rebuilding the community and church.

What the world will need after the war is another firm foundation on which to work its principles of peace. And there is no better place to begin this foundation than in the community, in the church, and in the family. It will be every one's "Post War Work" to reorganize, rebuild, and reconstruct these three institutions so that they will be stronger within the world.--G.P.



## TRINIDAD SIDE CAMP

from Mr. Waneka  
to us!

When the irrigation water starts coursing down the main canal of the South Side Ditch Company of Trinidad this coming spring, pushing before it the debris of the Winter's dry, cold winds, the construction refuse, and the inevitable foam that precedes the first big run, there will be fifteen men from the Side Camp out of C.P.S. #5 largely responsible. These men are working hard, against time, so to speak, to get the job done prior to the "big thaw". Most of them seem to take a sort of personal interest in the job apparently, working long hours on days when there are big concrete pours taking place, laboring under rather adverse circumstances.

This article is a statement from the District Conservationist, Mr. C. Waneka to whom we are responsible in our work here at Trinidad.

The Purgatoire Soil Conservation District Supervisors and Soil Conservation Service employees, for whom the Side Camp boys are working, are exceedingly pleased to see that this small group is producing much more than was anticipated. Their only hope is that continued cooperative and coordinated relations can continue to exist, so that as many projects can be completed on the District as possible before someone rules that the Side Camp is to be abandoned.

## INTRODUCING the Soil Conservation Staff:

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Mr. Lynn J. Olsen  
Assistant Soil Scientist

truly A FINE GROUP OF MEN TO WORK FOR...



## MEN CUT ICE

Fifteen men out of our group helped during the last two weeks in the ice-harvest for the American Refrigeration and Ice Company at the lake near Monument, approximately 25 miles north of Colorado Springs.

The company provided transportation each day in a warm bus which was a luxury in comparison with our breezy stake-trucks. Of course, we will remember the morning when the bus balked for lack of "power fluid" at the little station of Husted; and we trust the station manager will remember the sudden soaring in the sale of candy bars. And we hope we didn't scare the owner of a load of hay as the bus brushed the hay in passing. Outside of such minor incidents and the "barnyard concert" on the bus, our going and coming was pleasant and orderly.

The ice company had close to 20 men in addition to our group. The lake crew cut and floated the 200 pound ice cakes upon a long slat conveyer which carried the ice to the waiting railroad cars. With five men to each car, our job was to slide the ice from the conveyer and load it into the cars. Loading fifteen cars per day was considered a fair run. Because of frequent delays we did almost as much waiting as working; however, a few of the boys assumed the duty of entertaining at such times with "Hill-Billy" songs, and a conglomeration of sense and nonsense.

As a whole we enjoyed the few days of useful and muscle-building work.

## BRIEFS from MCC CAMP NEWS LETTER

Bro. O.O. Miller had an interview with Ex-Governor Lehman, now head of the government's Relief and Reconstruction Bureau, Thurs., Feb. 4. The purpose of the interview was to find where a small private relief organization would fit into the scheme of things and to make an important contact with an agency which will likely be the most influential in the relief field.

The interview was a most cordial one, Bro. Miller reports. Mr. Lehman was interested in the MCC, its constituency, and what type of service it would be most capable of doing. He

gave assurance that there would undoubtedly be a place for a private organization in the relief effort.

A total of \$540.24 was donated to the MCC Relief Fund by CFS men during the month of Dec. General donations from six camps amounted to \$512.74. Three individuals donated a total of \$27.50. This spirit of sharing even when earning power is gone is gratefully appreciated.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt interviewed six of the men at Marlboro hospital, Jan. 19. Due to her interest in social work and through her acquaintance with officials of New Jersey mental hospitals the arrangement was made for this interview which centered mainly on the work the unit is doing and how the men like the work.

In her column "My Day" Mrs. Roosevelt stated: "We met here with some of the group of Menmonites who are conscientious objectors, and who have volunteered to serve in hospitals for mental cases. They are a fine group of young men and bring a spiritual quality to their work because of their religion. In many ways, this is probably raising the standard of care given the patients."

Approval of ten dairy testers for the state of Pennsylvania has been received. Prior to their duties as testers, the men will take a two-weeks' course at Pennsylvania State College. The course will begin on March 3.

## C.P.S. EXCHANGE

North Fork, California

Camp #35 just recently acquired a regular camp physician with the arrival of Dr. R. L. Bender of Elkhart, Indiana. Dr. Bender will not only serve the medical needs of the camp but will also extend his practice to include the entire North Fork community. Before Dr. Bender's arrival, this entire area was 50 miles removed from the nearest doctor.

Howard, Pennsylvania

The C.P.S. camp at Howard started out as a side camp of Camp Sideling Hill. It then rose to the status of an independent unit, as "#40". Due to the lack of year-around work for forty men, Howard is once again the permanent side camp of Sideling Hill.



## CAN IT BE SPRING? Continued

sunny nooks and fir-trees covered slopes are sending out their invitations to picnickers and those who love nature. Some of these visits are made by bicyclers who wish to cover more country than possible by foot. Others have ventured over the trails on saddle horses from farms nearby. The call of nature draws many campers from their hide-outs (dormitories) to the out-of-doors.

Along with the call of Spring other sports begin to vie for their share of our energies. Since we have no indoor basketball court our season begins on the tennis court in this 65 deg. weather. Quite a number of the campers are showing their interest in this sport as well as horseshoes and croquet. Spring and its beautiful days are welcome at CPS Camp #5.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, February 7

General Singing: led by Gordon Engle  
Sermon: "Parallel of Our Crops and Harvests to Our Religion"--Rev. Nervig

Sunday, February 14

General Singing: led by Paul Ratzlaff  
Quartet: Leroy Shetter, Phil Stucky, Orlando Warkentin and Erwin Schrag  
Sermon: "Christ" --Rev. Benson

Christian Endeavor

Topic: "Faith"  
Leader: George Classen  
General Singing: led by Franklin Harms  
Piano Solo: Gerhard Ens  
Topic: "What Is Faith"--Menno Schmidt  
Poem: "Believe Good Things of God"  
Topic: "Upon What Can We Put Our Faith?"  
--Irvin Richert

## WORK ISSUE DISCUSSED

With the recent ruling of the U.S. Comptroller General that any money earned by C.P.S. men on regular work projects must be turned into the general treasury of the government and cannot be used for relief work, new concerns have arisen for the campers. Mr. Titman, our project superintendent anticipating the local demand for help when the sugar beet work begins, asked that the men make a commitment concerning their attitude which would help him in planning our work program.

Two statements were prepared. In the first, the position was that the signers would not be able "in keeping with our consciences, to engage in any work projects where wages to the Government are involved." The statement went on further to say that "since our principal objection is to any semblance of support of the war effort, financially or in spirit, we are willing to participate in 'work of national importance' for pay if the wages can be paid to a satisfactory agency engaged in foreign relief." To this date 98 men have signed that statement.

The second position was that the men could do the work for pay "particularly in food production, processing, and distribution" even though the money would go into the treasury. In addition the statement said, "However, we would prefer that the wages be paid to an agency engaged in relief and reconstruction." 33 men have signed this latter statement.

The remaining 17 men have not yet made a commitment, but will very soon. The men in camp are all very willing to cooperate fully with Soil Conservation and Forestry Services in their work programs and they are sorry that they sometimes are unable to do work which the government agencies would like them to do.

Discussion Sidelight:

Quotation from recent issue of THE TURNPIKE ECHO, publication of Camp Sideling Hill, Pennsylvania:

"Because of the situation regarding detached farm service, Colonel McLean urges men to enter mental hospital work. He feels that public opinion unfavorable to conscientious objectors will increase if large numbers of them remain in camps located in agricultural communities at a time when the labor shortage on farms is so acute."

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## SOME RECENT STATISTICS

All of the statistics included here were compiled as of February 7, 1943.

## Age of campers:

The age range is from one man of 35 to ten who are age 20. The largest group is 27 men who are age 23. The middle age is 23. Half of the men are 23 or younger, the other half are from 24 to 35.

## Occupations:

The largest group is comprised of the farmers, and there are 96 of them. The next group is made up of students and totals 11. There are 6 mechanics, 6 teachers, 3 carpenters, 3 clerks, 2 feed millers, and 2 painters. Then there are 18 occupations with just one representative.

## Scholastic Opportunity:

The range is from fourth grade to graduate work in college. There are 41 that stopped after the eighth grade, 30 who stopped at the end of high school, and 31 who have had some college work. Six men had four years of college, two had six years, and one had seven.

## Months in camp:

The range is from 7 men who were here 20 months by Feb. 7 to 28 men here one month or less. The middle point is between the groups here 5 and 6 months. Half of the men have been here 5 months or less, and half have been here between 6 and 20 months. The largest groups in camp are 28 here one month or less, 25 here 5 months, 14 here 17 months, and 17 here 19 months.

## Marital Status:

There are 37 married men in camp. That is 25% of the 147 men in camp. The 37th man was Ben. C. Loewen of Meade, Kansas who joined the married men on February 7.

Rugged strength and radiant beauty--

These were one in nature's plan;

Humble toil and heavenward duty--

These will form the perfect man.

--Sarah J. Hale

## HENRY EDIGER IMPROVING

We are glad to report that Henry Ediger, a camper from Kremlin, Oklahoma, is recuperating from his operation very nicely at Bethel Hospital. Henry, Hank to us, had a badly infected right kidney removed.

Mrs. Ediger, Hank's mother was here for the operation. She has since returned home after being with Hank during his critical period.

## THOSE WE HAVE MET

Roland Duorkson

Hails from Lehigh, Kans..formerly a filling station attendant....hopes to return to farm after CPS....has vocal music and athletics as hobbies..... General Conference Mennonite.

Herman Warkentin

Knows the town of Colony, Okla. best because it is his home.....being a farmer and the son of a farmer, he hopes to continue as a farmer...favorite pastime is ~~sleeping~~ but often spends his leisure in the woodworking shop.....has been working on Forestry crew the past few months...Men. Breth.

Ralph Koehn

Isabella in Okla. is not his wife's name but is his home town.....he is a mighty man with an anatomy of large proportions...yes he has a wife and is the father of one daughter....likes to sing when not too many are present.... a man whose friendliness sticks out... Church of God in Christ Mennonite.

W. J. Dye

A married man from La Junta, Colo. ...has one child, a daughter.....is an experienced accountant and hopes to return to some phase of business after CPS....is interested in handicraft and is especially accomplished in working with leather...spends some of his time in the hobby of photography..(Old) Men.

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