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DREAMS COME TRUE

Sunday morning, March 14, first thing came a telegram from J. N. Byler at Rochester, Minnesota. There was real excitement when the word got around that Brother Byler would be in camp on Wednesday to interview any men interested at this time in Mental Hospital work.

Finally Wednesday did come and quite a collection of fellows appeared for interviews. Some of the men were primarily concerned with learning more about these unique projects. When the questions were all asked and cleared away, there were 18 men on Brother Byler's list of candidates--17 from our main camp and one from the Trinidad side camp.

Mr. Byler had come here from visits at the Ft. Collins and Hill City camps. He is on an extended trip seeking 30 qualified men for the Minnesota State Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota; 25 men for the State Hospital at Harrisburg, Pa., and 50 for Norristown, Pa.

The men for the Minnesota Hospital will be selected from the applicants at the three camps already visited, and the appointments should take place within the next week. Brother Byler will visit several more of the western camps to interview additional men before selections are made for the Pennsylvania hospitals.

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY PROJECT

The Coast and Geodetic Survey has begun to select up to 100 men for its surveying field crews. The men will probably be sent to Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, and California. The work will consist of helping the surveyors to make contour maps of the regions. Also needed are 100 men for work in the Upper Yukon region in Alaska.

CHINA UNIT WILL OPEN (From the Reporter)

"After almost two years of repeated proposals, discussions and negotiations, CPS foreign service has opened up with the approval of a 70-man unit for China.

"The unit was personally approved in a letter from President Roosevelt to Clarence Pickett, executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee....

"The signature of General Hershey was secured soon afterwards and it was believed that the State Department.... would not offer any serious opposition in the face of the President's letter.

"Where the men will go in China, when they will go or specifically what they will do, has not yet been announced. John Rich of the AFSC is now flying to China to arrange all details and prepare a place for the men.

"Although actual administration will be under the Friends, the unit will be staffed cooperatively by all the agencies. Men in all camps and units will be given a chance to volunteer..."

CAMP QUARTETS

The quartet from our camp, composed of Gordon Engle, Franklin Harms, Paul Ratzlaff and John Friesen rendered three numbers in song at the funeral of Mrs. Olen McCaleb of the Nazarine church. The funeral was held at the Swan Mortuary in Colorado Springs, Saturday afternoon, March 13.

The LeRoy Shetter, Phil Stucky, Jonathan Janzen, and Erwin Schrag quartet sang at the evening service of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, Sunday, March 14.

IN CASE OF PEACE TIME CONSCRIPTION

There is another cloud in the sky tonight. We have seen it in the distance for a while, but now, like the little cloud Elijah saw, it is growing, darkening the horizon of our democratic nation.

We hear clearly claps of thunder burst from its foreboding mass, and as the thunder dies we hear strange echos angling from the halls of our national capitol, echos telling us that we must have post-war conscription to insure our democratic ideals.

Civilians hear the echo; soldiers hear it. Men in Civilian Public Service hear it too; they respect it and give ear to it, but from the clear sky of conscience they receive a kind command from the Son of Man saying, "If thine enemy hunger feed him; if he thirst give him drink", and again, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father."

Christ challenged the religious objector when He predicted that work greater than His while on earth would be done by His children. If a program of peacetime conscription does, in spite of all efforts to forestall it, become a reality, what will be the program for the vast numbers of young men who will register their objection to the preparation for any further wars?

A hungry world is stretching forth weary hands seeking food for dying bodies and peace for tormented souls. There is a channel of Christian service for C.P.S. Now we are restricted to service which is respectable but limited in its scope; contact with the public is regarded as an area requiring extreme caution. In peace-time, misunderstandings and prejudices will largely dissolve with the passing of major racial and political friction. The program of the objector will be observed by a sane public that will appreciate the need for building and rebuilding. Reconstruction centers will become a haven of refuge. Their capacity will be employed by the world. A program will be sought for the rehabilitation of a broken world, and C.P.S. may fill the need because of its tested sincerity and established success.

America, a land of plenty, will need the hands of devoted men to give aid in neglected areas. Forgotten slums of American cities need concern and work. There are too many localities with insufficient and inadequate public utilities, degraded homes and school buildings. There is a great need for work among the impoverished sharecroppers, for new plans of community living. Men with skills and yearning for service will be needed. Objectors to the unwanted conscription might find their place of contribution among these needs.

A reserve unit would be welcomed by our South American Mennonite friends as well as by the citizens of Puerto Rico. Ministers, doctors, instructors, farmers, technicians could give their unselfish contributions to improve the environment of these needy people.

Reconstruction in the war-torn continents abroad will require the supervision and actual manpower of many men and who should be more ready than men refusing to prepare for war but only for peace. The relief program following this tragedy will not be limited in scope but almost universal. Food and clothing will be distributed to a soul-sick people making an open road for the peacemakers; and we who are pacifists must answer that challenge.

A need greater than those here mentioned calls for staunch Christian men rooted in the faith of our fathers and living in the fear of the Lord, servants for the world giving testimony of the life of Christ. In serving the world with deed and prayer, pacifists can guide social and political zeal to the ultimate cause of the Savior who lived and died for all men.

Men! watch and prepare through the night at your limited post till you hear reveille of the early morning; civilian public service has only begun. -- PWR

This is a panorama of TRINIDAD.....
 There is not much to be said about it and some would say for it, but here we are and here we shall be and after all it's fun.

SIDE CAMP

Mr. Martens visited our camp from Wednesday afternoon, March 10, until Thursday morning. Mr. Brown, engineer at the Colorado Springs Camp, brought him on this, his first visit to the camp since the opening of it.

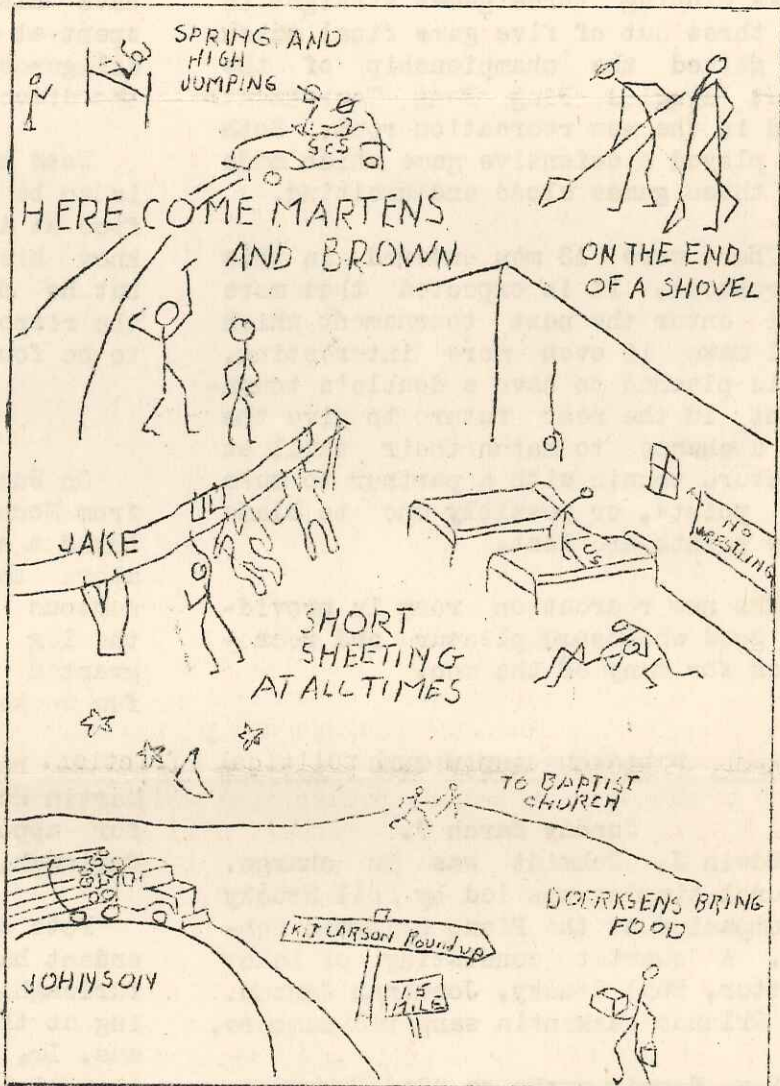
While here, Mr. Martens went out on the work project, concerned himself with living conditions, and talked of things past and things to come.

After our usual prayer meeting, we remained in a circle about the fire while we listened to Mr. Martens relate to us plans and progress concerning activities to engage C.O.s.

All of us were impressed and amused at his accounts of visits with State Senators in Washington. Mr. Martens had been greatly impressed in his visit to the Capitol, by the spread of CPS work as it now reaches not only those immediately surrounding, but also friends of friends. "Relatives of those in mental institutions will not forget the kindness shown by our men", he stated. He told us how unceasing were the remarks of the hospital superintendents concerning the changes our men had made in their hospitals.

Mr. Martens' talk gave us a new hope for CPS work, a new challenge to do our best in whatever line of work was ours. We felt again that although the number of people who are objectors is seemingly small, countless numbers are hoping with us, and believing in us and praying for us.

We are hoping that our director will soon return to lead us and talk to us again.



SERVICE

Last Sunday afternoon a group from the Assembly of God church came to present a vesper service to us. Their program included several musical selections and a short sermon by a full-blooded Indian evangelist.

FOOD

The grandparents of Jake Doerksen, brawny camper from Alamosa, sent nine dozen eggs and some pickles to our camp. Although our maintenance is provided for quite adequately by the farmers of this region, we do appreciate the spirit which prompts such gifts.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT

George Remple defeated Eugene Sal-laska winning three games straight in the three out of five game final match. He gained the championship of the first singles Ping Pong Tournament held in the new recreation room. Both men played a defensive game which made all three games close and exciting.

There were 13 men entered in this tournament. It is expected that more will enter the next tournament which will make it even more interesting. It is planned to have a double's tournament in the near future to give the men a chance to match their skill at miniature tennis with a partner to make the points, or possibly one to blame when points are lost.

The new recreation room is providing good wholesome pleasure and recreation for many of the men.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Sunday March 7.

Edwin J. Schmidt was in charge. General singing was led by Phil Stucky accompanied at the Piano by Erwin Schrag. A quartet consisting of LeRoy Shetter, Phil Stucky, Jonathan Janzen, and Orlando Warkentin sang two numbers,

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Director Harry Martens spoke on "Who Are the Laborers".

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The leader was Rahlen Unrau.

General singing led by Abe Epp accompanied at the piano by Mrs Martens.

Duets were sung by Gordon Engle and Gerhard Ens.

Topics were:

The Good Samaritan.....Otto Pauls
Love Your Enemies....Richard Hunter
Faith, Hope, & Charity.Gordon Engle

TRANSFER FOR RICHERT

Irvin Richert of Los Angeles is to have his reward for the long hours spent at work in the camp office with diligence and service as secretary to the director.

Word has been received that Irvin is to be transferred to the M.C.C. office at Akron, Pa. Irvin does not yet know his duties in the new position but he does know that he will enjoy the responsibilities and opportunities to be found at "the center of things".

MEDICAL ATTENTION

On Sunday, March 7, Walter Krehbiel from Moundridge, Kansas, fell and fractured a small bone in his leg just above the ankle. The break was not serious but it was necessary to put the leg in a cast. Selective Service granted Walter permission to spend a few weeks convalescing at home.

We have just received word that Martin Stucky underwent an operation for appendicitis while at home on furlough.

Pete Ens, our regular infirmary attendant has just returned from his first furlough. He spent 4 of his days studying at the Bethel Clinic in Newton, Kansas. Dr. Schmidt, who was a recent visitor at our camp gave Pete some valuable information and experience for his work in our infirmary.

Last weekend Orlando Warkentin suffered an attack of appendicitis. It was not necessary to operate. Orlando now on furlough plans an operation at home.

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BUSINESS AS USUAL

The little tap bell has just dismissed us from a good meal at the dining hall tables, when immediately a group of boys gather at the east end of the hall. We look again and what appeared to be a small group is rapidly becoming a crowd. What's going on--perhaps an accident? We must investigate. In the center of this eager group we find Franklin Harms--no he is not hurt--but behind the counter of our little store, he is making an almost hopeless effort to keep from getting confused as he handles the small coins from his many customers in exchange for a package of gum, a candy bar, a shoe string, stamps, etc.

That reminds me: Have you ever wondered who is in charge of the business dealings of our camp? Let me introduce you to Ed J. Schmidt from Buhler, Kansas, who is our business manager. He has a cheerful disposition and his 6 ft. 2 in. is topped with a mass of curly brown hair. The assistant-manager is Franklin Harms from Hillsboro, Kansas, who is short in size but big in service.

Every morning at 8:30 Franklin and the pickup go to town to take care of the business transactions for the day. Their first stop is at the post-office where there is considerable mailing and receiving of packages and letters to be taken care of. The next stop is in the heart of the retail district to make small purchases for individual campees. One may have ordered a dress shirt; another, a box of chocolates for his girl friend; or, a birthday card for Dad. The next stop is at the shoe shop, the cleaners, and the bank. In connection with the bank I should mention that our camp has a Service Club arrangement which makes for more convenience and security in the handling of the small funds of the campees. The bigger part of the business, however, still remains to be done. The Lumber Company, Packing Company, Produce and Merchantile Company, Bakery, and other wholesale houses must be visited. Before Franklin returns, he again stops at the post-office; and if he gets back to camp for noon he considers himself fortunate.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays Ed goes along to make purchases for the camp while Franklin buys the miscellaneous items for individual campees. On Friday Ed makes his round to pay the bills which have accumulated during the week.

Besides numerous other business transactions, there may be a boy to take to the dentist, one to get from the depot etc., etc., etc.

The boys are thankful that they can do their business in a city like Colorado Springs. They are met in a friendly and considerate way at every place and their business dealings are very happy. The prices are fair and reasonable in every respect; yes indeed, we are happy that this camp is located near Colorado Springs.--G.C.

WAYS AND MEANS

Some of our readers may be interested in knowing something about the equipment being used on the government projects. Gerhard Peters who is in charge of the warehouse has prepared the following report.

One of the big problems is the transportation of men and materials. There are several groups working at various places and at various times. Each requires its own transportation. There is a '41 Pontiac Station Wagon for use by the government engineer and the survey crew, a '36 Plymouth coach and a '36 Ford coach for use by the other government men for their trips into the field. There are 11 stake trucks of varying makes and models. Some of these are equipped with seat assemblies for the purpose of transporting crews. There are 6 pickup trucks, and two panels. And then there are 4 dump trucks including one very good Load-Lugger with three buckets.

With two large dams in the making we are using considerable large power equipment. On the Cucharas dam there is one 50 horsepower Caterpillar which is used to pull an Adams leaning-wheel hydraulic grader; one 60 hp. Cater-

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pillar used to pull a 6 yard carryall; and one 50 hp. Caterpillar to haul a two yard rotary scraper.

On our largest project which is the building of a dam in the Fountain River there is one 60 hp. Caterpillar with a bulldozer attached; one Caterpillar with a 22 hp. motor used to pull a rooter. There is also a 65 hp. Allis-Chalmers track tractor which is used to pull a rotary scraper; and a terracer used for leveling the dam.

There is one other 40 hp. Caterpillar used to draw a terracer in building terraces and check dams on various farms.

The two large general crews have the following tools checked out to them: 50 long handle shovels, 18 short handle square point shovels, 12 short handle round point shovels, 12 single bit axes, 6 double bit axes, 12 mason trowels, 20 claw hammers, 12 eight pound rock hammers, 6 twelve pound rock hammers, 6 crosscut and 3 rip saws, 50 mattocks, and other tools too numerous to mention. And then the warehouse has a large stock for replacement.

We are well equipped to do our work. Much of this equipment has been acquired for our use through the hard work of Mr. Titman, our project superintendent.

THOSE WE HAVE MET

Bernhard F. Loewen

Meade, Kansas....lived on the farm before coming to CPS....is interested in continuing this occupation....is one of our cooks....a fellow who is liked by everyone.....(Krimmer Mennonite Brethern.)

"I came from God, and I'm going back to God, and I won't have any gaps of death in the middle of my life."

--George MacDonald

Samuel Kauffman

From Guymon, Oklahoma....quiet but has something to say when he talks a farmer by past profession...a farmer by future interest....another of the camp cooks...(Old Mennonite)

Bernard C. Loewen

At home when near Meade, Kansas...is a married man...his wife works in Colorado Springs...wishes to continue his experience as a farmer after CPS days are over...(Kleine Gemeinde Church)

Titus Jost

Hillsboro, Kansas...was formerly employed in the flour milling industry.. is interested in mental hospital work. a kitchen worker in camp.....(Krimmer Mennonite Brethern)

Milton Reimer

Calls Medford, Oklahoma his home a carpenter by trade...has applied for position on "smoke jumper" unit....interested in the new hobby of leathercraft...(General Conference Mennonite)

AGRICULTURE CLASS

Members of the agriculture class have recently enjoyed the presentation of a number of interesting films. Namely: Democracy in Action in Puerto Rico; The Forest Ranger; and, Trees and Men. These films are distributed by the University of Colorado at Boulder and are available to us for a very small fee.

PEACE ETERNAL

A world so dark and full of strife,
Will it always be this way?
Or will again the calm of peace,
Reign over us another day?

There is a Peace that we can find,
Regardless of this sin and strife;
It's Christ, the only Prince of Peace,
Let Him come in, and guide our life.

--J.F.J.--

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