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### TRINIDAD BOYS GO HOME - TO TRINIDAD

With the close of the beet thinning on Friday night July 16 came word that the boys would start back on the next morning to the side camp at Trinidad. The side campers had been with us for a little better than two weeks.

A few changes were made in the crew returning. It was cut in size from 15 to 11. Five of the crew were retained here to help build our camp strength a little for the work program laid out ahead. One new man was substituted.

### HYMN BOOKS DONATED

For some time we have talked of getting new hymn books for the camp Chapel. The uncertainty regarding the duration of the camp did not give us much encouragement, however, but now that we feel assured that the camp will continue for a while, we sense the need more than ever. We have started a mixed choir with the help of some of the wives who are either working in town or on the dairy farms. Good hymn books it has been felt would serve to good advantage there.

An answer to our wishes and prayers came the other day when Rev. and Mrs. Sam J. Goering donated 25 copies of the Mennonite Hymnary to our camp. We feel deeply grateful to Rev. and Mrs. Goering for making such a valuable contribution to us. The gift will add much to the inspirational Sunday morning services, our evening programs of general singing, and our morning devotions and prayer meetings.

The plan is to dedicate the new Hymnaries this coming Sunday in connection with our morning services. It is our hope that Sister Frieda Kaufman of the Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Newton, Kansas, now residing in Manitou Springs will share in the dedicatory service.

### BEANS AND MORE BEANS

It was the 12th of July when Ed Schmidt, Milton Grundman, and Roland Duerksen drove the truck to Canon City to get a load of vegetables. The trip was enjoyable, but pleasure was secondary. It took until about noon to find beans and cherries. The three fellows picked 165 pounds of beans and 156 pounds of cherries. In addition to these things, the crew brought back carrots, cabbage, and beets.

On the 20th of July, four fellows went again to the same community. Because they knew where to locate the produce that they wanted, they managed to pick 180 pounds of cherries and 580 pounds of beans.

The cherries were canned on the evening of the 20th. With the  
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### SUNDAY PICNIC

Last Sunday morning, July 18, the boys from #5 together with the El Paso County Dairy boys and their wives went to Lazy Land in Palmer Park just east of the camp for the day's activities. Many of the members of the group hiked the 3/4 of a mile to the picnic area.

The religious services were held among the rocks on the side of the bluffs. The setting was excellent for appreciation of the out-of-doors. Martin Schmidt led the singing, several numbers were presented by the choir. Director Harry Martens gave the message with the 121st Psalm as his text.

The cooks had a grand picnic dinner, including ice cream, prepared following the service. For a while, the fellows visited in the park and then returned to the camp for a ball game and some other fellowship activities.

## HIS, NOT OUR BUSINESS

Perhaps you have heard it suggested at some time or another that it would be well if certain persons would tend to their own business, or possibly you have heard some people commending themselves for their virtue in keeping their noses out of the affairs of others. It is true that there may be a great deal of virtue in both of the suggested positions. Yet one may find that the two expressions are really self-defensive. The first attitude often is the way in which one will say that he is doing something that will not stand scrutiny. The second attitude often is the way in which one will say that he is so wrapped up in his own personal selfish activities that he does not wish to assume any responsibility for the crying needs of his neighbor.

From whence cometh the idea that anyone has business exclusively his own? It should be said that this is not written in defense of idle curiosity, or of loose talk and gossip. There is no defense for that type of nosiness. It is instead an attack upon the whole spirit of "laissez faire" - let us alone - which is basic in the isolationist attitude permeating the whole world in points high and low. We do tolerate group action and the idea of cooperation so far as it is expedient, but whenever either may transgress upon our own personal desires even for the common good, we are opposed to them.

Of course all of that is perfectly obvious, but what of it? Isn't that the normal thing to expect? Unfortunately it is, and it will continue to be the normal expected thing until we develop some new concept regarding the interaction of all God's children who, emphatically, do not have wings. It is only natural that one who is behaving in a questionable manner would immediately react in his own defense to suggest that others mind their own business. Examples taken from our own experiences are so numerous that specific illustrations are unnecessary. The same attitude is often existant among nations that have no other defense of their actions than reversion to the supposed sacredness of one's own business. Such has been the attitude of England toward the interest of other nations in her Colonial Empire. It is only natural that when one is approached with a request to participate in the accomplishment of some social cause no matter how worthy, he will excuse himself suggesting that he is not one to interfere in the affairs of others - if such activity might meet with intimidating disapproval, or if it might mean a threat to one's social position or source of income. There is a reluctance on the part of many to work for equality of opportunity among the races. "Yes I think that Negroes should have equal job opportunities, but it is none of my business if employers don't think that way, and I never stick my nose in other peoples business." The same position is taken by the nations. It has not been infrequent that nations with wide-spread interests for their own gain have been reluctant to cooperate with other nations in certain matters because of the possibility that the cause, though highly important from an international standpoint, would cost them something with no promise of national gain. The United States took a selfish viewpoint toward the original League of Nations. The past and present attitude of this country about England's policy on freedom for India is another illustration. The behavior of France during the Spanish Civil War will also serve to illustrate the point.

Men and nations have been content with such measly motives for existence that it is no wonder they are sensitive about the privacy they enjoy. If material things, or if comfort is the goal of men; or if narrow nationalism and self-aggrandizement are the goals of nations, then it is to be expected that the usual means for the attainment of those ends will create a hypersensitive attitude both regarding ones own privacy and regarding failure to assume social responsibility. Such will be the case until men one by one come to realize that there is but one legitimate end in life and that the attainment of the Kingdom of God. When that becomes one's single goal, and love is predominate, there is no corner in one's life that could not and would not be shared with others. Likewise, with none of the evils of prying, there is no sore spot in the lives of others or in the life of the community where one would, from fear for self, fail to minister. Nothing is hidden from the eyes of God. We must first fear God, and then if we can rest easy before His eyes, there will be nothing to conceal from men. If we sense first our own weaknesses and then the dependency of God upon us for our hands and feet and senses, there will be nothing to detain us from a ministry in a spirit of deep humility to the needs in others so far as we are able with complete love and with the guidance of the wisdom of our Father. -RH-

## BIRTHDAY COMING

With the third issue hence on Sept. 4, we will begin our third year of publication. Our first two volumes are each made up of 25 issues. The paper has been published every two weeks except at the Christmas Season each year when three weeks elapsed before and after the holiday issue.

We are proud of our record of never having missed an issue. We hope that the paper has been of help to those at home to know about the C.P.S. program, and that it has been worth the effort involved. It is our plan to continue according to the same arrangement during the coming year so long as we feel that we may be filling a need.

Another thing of which we are proud is that we have been able to keep the paper self supporting through the fine help of our readers. We have not been compelled to ask any part of our support from MCC funds. We wish to thank all of you for the part you have played.

With the last issue of this year many of the subscriptions to the paper will expire. We will indicate in the coming issues just which subscriptions are included. If it is the intention of any to resubscribe, we would appreciate their earliest attention to the matter.

## BEANS AND MORE BEANS (cont)

cherries from the first trip, we now have 179 quarts stored in the cave. The next morning, the 21st, the cooks, waiters, Miss Kaufman, Mrs. Martens, Mrs. Linscheid, and some of the office men went after the beans with great gusto. It was late in the evening when the crew quit after putting away 386 quarts. The balance was finished the next morning to make a grand total from the two trips of 608 quarts.

The beans and cherries cost 7¢ per pound, so although there was plenty of work involved in the canning, the venture should prove very worthwhile. We are planning on canning some peaches and tomatoes at a later date.

## DRESSED-UP KITCHEN

New linoleum was laid on the kitchen floor last week. It has a cream colored background with a mottled pattern of gray, black, and red. This has improved the appearance of the room very much and will facilitate cleaning.

Since the ranges could not be moved, the linoleum had to be fitted and glued down between meal times. It took part of three days to complete the work. The linoleum was varnished Saturday and was ready for use on Sunday.

We certainly appreciate Mr. Titmads effort in procuring the rug for us. He needed to get approval from the State Office of the Soil Conservation Service before we could have this improvement. He has our sincere thanks.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

The parents of Allen Miller were bringing Allen back from furlough. With them they had about 2500 lbs. of potatoes which were a gift from folks around Hydro, Oklahoma. At the Port of Entry to Colorado, the Millers learned that the potatoes could not be admitted to the state. That was a sad disappointment until special permission was secured from Denver on the grounds that the potatoes were for consumption only. Now they are in the cave just waiting to be consumed.

Visitors are increasing. Rev. Nichols and Brother Nightengale of the Church of God in Christ Mennonites of Fairview, Okla. and Rev. Yost of the same church in Montezuma, Kansas, have been with us recently. Rev. Schowalter of Perryton, Texas also spent two days with us.

The Martens and the Reimers, parents of our director and his wife, spent the last weekend visiting Harry and Olga, and also Menno Martens who is located on one of the Dairy Unit farms.

The camp has 8 pigs penned up behind the camp where they consume the camp garbage and fatten up for our table providing the War Food Administration will let us butcher them. The hogs were purchased at a local sale.

## FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Last Wednesday evening a series of summer programs was begun. The educational committee has found it difficult to plan a formal program for the summer. This series has been planned as a partial substitute. On every other Wednesday the men will gather around a campfire in the bluffs next to the camp for informal singing and for the singing of some hymns. It is also planned to have someone bring a short inspirational message at each.

Rain seriously affected our first attempt. It was necessary to hold the meeting in the assembly hall. The atmosphere was not as good as it would have been around a fire, but the singing was good, as was also some special music by Phil Stucky and Harry Froese. The message was brought by Rev. Nervig from town, and as always, his words in the brief talk were much appreciated. The program was followed with some refreshments to make the evening complete. The program committee under the leadership of Leroy Wedel is seeking ideas from the fellows in an effort to develop increased camp fellowship during these summer months.

## NEW SAFETY PROGRAM

The safety program for the camp has been reorganized. Milo Matthies has been selected as the new infirmary attendant. With that job, he will assume the responsibility of secretary to the camp safety council made up of the camp director, the project superintendent, and himself as safety assistant.

The camp safety assistant will be required to check the camp at regular intervals to discover any defects which might create a hazard. He also will be expected to inspect equipment used on the project. He will conduct a safety education program through regular camp safety meetings, and plan and conduct the minimum of two fire drills per month.

"There is no passion which steals into the heart more imperceptibly and covers itself under more disguises, than pride.—Addison

## S.C.S. TRANSFERS

Transfers, yes, but not assignees. This time it was our project superintendent, Mr. Tom R. Titman, who has been with us since the spring of 1942. His stay in camp has not been at all too long, since he has been well liked by the boys.

On July 16th, Mr. Titman was our supper guest, and spoke for a few minutes regarding his experience as superintendent. He was well acquainted with operating CCC Camps, but since this camp was quite a bit different than he expected or was prepared for, he had to make some difficult adjustments to us as well as we to him. He said that his last few months in camp had been very much enjoyed, and that he rather hated to leave, but his home is in Pueblo, Colorado and he has a good job open to him there. It was natural for him to choose that.

Mr. Titman has been replaced by Mr. W. S. Caton, our former project foreman, who was sometime ago transferred to the district office to do some engineering work. Mr. Caton is very capable, and it is expected that we will be able to work very well with him. He comes to us fully informed of what he is getting into. Consequently the adjustment period should be short. Indications are that he will be ready to do his part. That leaves the rest up to us. The SCS program is not yet completely in his hands but it will be as soon as the papers are all cleared. We will be ready to carry on for another span of months or maybe years.

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