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OLSEN VISITS CAMP

On Thursday of last week Mr. Victor Olsen of Selective Service came to our camp to pay us a routine visit. His work is to inspect the camp and see how the camp is being kept up, how the men and the technical staff are getting along, and how we make out in our public relations.

He offered some helpful suggestions for ways in which we might improve the safety in our camp as well as the sanitation. These are two things in which Selective Service is very much interested. As a whole he reported our camp as rating very high.

Horace Kohl was travelling with him. He is an assignee transferring from the Friends camp at Trenton, N. Dakota, to the new government camp at Mancos, Colorado. He is going there with the idea of possibly taking over the Chaplaincy of that camp. Being an ordained minister of the Episcopal Church, he gave us the message Sunday morning.

The two men left us Tuesday morning after reporting a very pleasant visit.

DAVID TOEWS TO RETURN SOON

On April 24th David Toews, one of our chief cooks, left for the Mennonite Central Committee Cooking School at Grottoes, Virginia.

Since the close of the three months cooking school course he has taken a furlough and on August the third was married to Rosa Marie Voth at the Mennonite Brethren Church, North of Enid, Oklahoma.

We look for David back next Monday and expect him to have many new and helpful ideas and suggestions on foods and nutrition, which will be of great value to our camp.

A C.O. ON A DAIRY FARM

written by Henry Epp, one of our El Paso County Dairy Unit assignees.

Some of you may have been wondering how we C.Os have been faring on the dairy farms. In talking to some of the other boys, I believe most of them are happy and satisfied with their work.

As one would expect, there are some disadvantages in farm service. The 25 men in this unit are scattered throughout El Paso County. Some are a considerable distance from camp, and, due to difficulties in transportation, are not able to get to camp as often as they would like. Long hours of work is another matter that some boys mentioned. Then too, equipment may not be of the best. Opportunities to attend church, Sunday School, or other religious meetings is another drawback in some cases.

In spite of these handicaps most of the boys would choose farm service in preference to returning to camp, so there must also be some advantages. The first to enter my mind is the fact that most of us are farm boys and farming is not new. Although farming practices may vary from those back home, this makes it both interesting and educational. New practices and methods can be observed and remembered for future use at home. One other advantage is a return to family living. I believe all the boys are enjoying excellent relationships with their employers and neighbors. For this we owe a tremendous thanks to the fine record of the camp and hard work by camp boys and camp staff, especially the director. It also offers an opportunity to prove we are not complete slackers and not afraid of work.

In addition to the above we have the knowledge that we are doing an im-
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NEEDED -- A PLACE TO STAND

If one's elevation of spirit is determined by the material found in current publications, he is apt to fall and rise and fall again in rapid succession. Newspaper stories will at one time lead us to believe that the people of the European element of the Axis powers are shouting "Peace, Peace" more vividly than ever shouted by the followers of Father Divine. We are encouraged to rise to the dream of a sudden end to the world conflagration. But as a recent cartoon portrayed very adequately, cold water is applied freely after the response to favorable reports begins to take effect in any display of optimism. It is about that time when some Admiral will conjecture for publication that the war may last until 1949.

The pictures that appeared in several periodicals recently depicting the situation in some of the race riots of Detroit and elsewhere were sickening and decidedly discouraging. It is horrible to think of such conditions existing in this nation. The pictures would tend to cut away all hope and drop one into an abyss of despair, and yet with the pictures was explanatory reading matter furnished a lifting effect to compensate for the previous sudden drop. In at least two magazines where pictures were shown, the attitude of the editors was extremely encouraging as they honestly presented the facts and as they condemned racial prejudice and paralleled the behavior of the rioters with the behavior of the followers of Nazism.

Some of our Congressmen have given a great deal of attention to securing legislation that would require honest grade labeling on the canned goods presented to the nation's consumers. That would seem to be a worthy cause. It would hardly be considered harmful to the citizenry on whose behalf Congress is elected to act. Yet the Congressmen who supported this bill are reported in the Co-operative League News Service of July 23 to have said that they had never been subject to such abuse as they were for their support of the honest standards legislation. The legislation was defeated. The fact that canners and "greedy advertising agents" could in this land combine to defeat in devious ways the best interests of the American people for their own selfish ends would kill any sudden sense of optimism concerning a high destiny even for this nation.

Vera Brittain in her most recent book "Humiliation With Honor" portrays another picture which might make one despondent and in despair regarding the possibilities of achieving a world of cooperation and brotherly love. It is only in a portion of the book that this picture is painted. The book as a whole points to considerations that furnish the faith to face the world and all of its inconsistencies without fear. She quotes from several English papers. "Blast and bomb, attack and attack, until there is nothing left where once men lived and worked. Do the job thoroughly. No sentimentality, no half measures." Another according to Vera Brittain stated with apparent satisfaction, "It is estimated that already not fewer than 1,000,000 persons throughout the Reich are homeless in consequence of the R.A.F. raids". What this author tells we could multiply from reading certain of our own papers, and even more quickly from the conversations of many of the people on the street who insist that this time it must be a crushing defeat of the enemy, possibly even to the point of annihilation, if we are to insure the peace which is our goal.

The illustrations above of the good and the bad ever present standing side by side are mild in comparison to others that might be sought out. For those that are the victims of the thinking which measures all of the values of the universe in terms of the devices created by the puny efforts of little men, there will be the constant change in the elevation of the spirit from the peaks to the depths and back again. When even those who have knowledge of the eternal nature of God and all of His plans, and those who are well aware of the imperishability of all God would have preserved, join in the milling and the thrashing of the fear-crazed multitude saying there is no alternative but to fight one another, there will be much rising and falling of spirits and a great instability among God's children. But when men plant their feet upon God and only things eternal from which there is no falling, all of life is at the peak though with the depths to which some men fall ever within ready view as a challenge to an active life of service in Christ's way. --RCH

PLODDING

Who wants to be still, to be waiting until
 Humanity learns of the truth and the light?
 Others are fighting, enemy targets they're sighting,
 They're pressing on to make the world right.

Who wants to be plodding among wild flowers nodding
 Digging a trench to help the grass grow?
 Real men are shooting, the enemy they're routing,
 No fooling around with mattocks and hoe.

Who wants to be one not to shoulder a gun,
 To say kind words make peace, not the war?
 What's love to the man who wants war again?
 It takes fierce hatred to make battles' roar.

Yet, who wants to be free and unbound outwardly,
 Though inwardly a slave to your thought?
 Freedom is heaven sent to bowed head and back bent,
 Liberty a feeling not a thing to be bought.

Bowed head and back bent, pain filled and toil spent,
 Bound to the work that never is done;
 Toil without ending, steps wearily wending,
 A servant works on from sun to sun.

Men fight to be free and yet fail to see
 There's no glory, no victory in war,
 No freedom in shooting, and hating, and looting,
 Only loss when the last battle's o'er.

I must be still, to be waiting until
 Humanity learns of the truth and the light;
 Servant of all men, forgive and forget again,
 Like others, trying to do what is right.

To serve may be slavery, forgiving, lack of bravery,
 But the Servant of all makes us free;
 Plodding and praying, digging and saying,
 May I be the man God wants me to be.

--from the Trinidad Side Camp

A C.O. ON A DAIRY FARM cont.

important job. It has been stated that dairy products will have to be rationed in the near future...The importance of milk, butter, and cheese in our diets are well known to all of you. From the nutritional standpoint, dairy products are perhaps the most perfectly balanced single food available to us at the present time. If these foods could be made available in larger amounts it would be a big help in solving the ever increasing food problem. I am sure everyone must admit the boys on the dairy farms are doing an important job--an important job worth doing well.-HE

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Sunday, July 25, was set aside for the dedication of the 25 Mennonite Hymnals which were donated to us by Rev. and Mrs. Sam J. Goering. Mr. Martens read the opening scripture from Daniel 7:13-14 and Luke 17:20-21 as requested by Sister Frieda, after which Rev. Albert Unruh, Meno, Okla. gave a short sermon.

Sister Helen Bartsch and Sister Frieda Kaufman, who are spending their vacation in Manitou Springs, came to help us with the dedication. Following
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MILTON REIMER CALLED HOME

Sunday afternoon, July the 25th, Milton received the shocking news that his 12 year old sister, Arlene, had drowned in a lake near the Reimer home at Medford, Okla. Milton left immediately to be with his folks and to attend the funeral on the following Wednesday.

The boys at camp extend to Milton, his parents, brothers, and sisters their deepest sympathy.

May the experience of the loss of a dear one in our earthly homes ever draw us nearer to the heart of God.

"When some beloved Voice that was to you
Both sound and sweetness, faileth suddenly,
And silence, against which you dare not cry,
Aches round you like a strong disease and new,
What Hope? What Help? What music will undo
That silence to your sense? Not friendship's sigh,
Not reason's subtle count... Nay, none of these!
Speak Thou! availing Christ!--and fill this pause." --E.B. Browning

RELIGIOUS SERVICES cont.

Rev. Unruh's sermon, Sister Helen played a few selections from the Hymnal and the mixed camp choir sang "The Beautiful Stream" also from the hymnal. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Mr. Martens. Sister Frieda Kaufman then gave us some inspirational thoughts on the verse, "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for their's is the kingdom of heaven".

Rev. Kehl, who is being considered for Chaplain at the new government camp at Mancos, Colorado, stopped in

"All growth that is not towards God Is growing to decay"--G. MacDonald

our camp for a few days with Mr. Olsen. On August 1st he delivered the morning message. He based his sermon on the third chapter of Second Timothy. The mixed choir, under the direction of Alvin Buller, sang two selections.

The regular C.E. meeting was again held in the evening with Rodney Koehn as leader. The main topic of the evening was "Love". The two discussions were led by Leonard Johnson and Menno Schmidt. Some questions based on Bible verses were prepared by Harvey Stucky and Alvin Buller gave a reading.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wednesday of last week we had another safety meeting. This was our first one since Mr. Caton became our camp superintendent. He talked concerning the use of tools and the source of water from which we are allowed to drink. Our water must be from a tested and approved source. In our case it happens to be only from the Colorado Springs and Fountain city supplies. Also the organization for fire drill was outlined.

Mr. and Mrs. Martens are in Denver Thursday and Friday of this week visiting the men of the hospital unit there.

Cabbage and more cabbage and sour kraut is all one sees in the kitchen now days. Leonard Johnson is busy making the sour kraut with the help of the staff women.

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