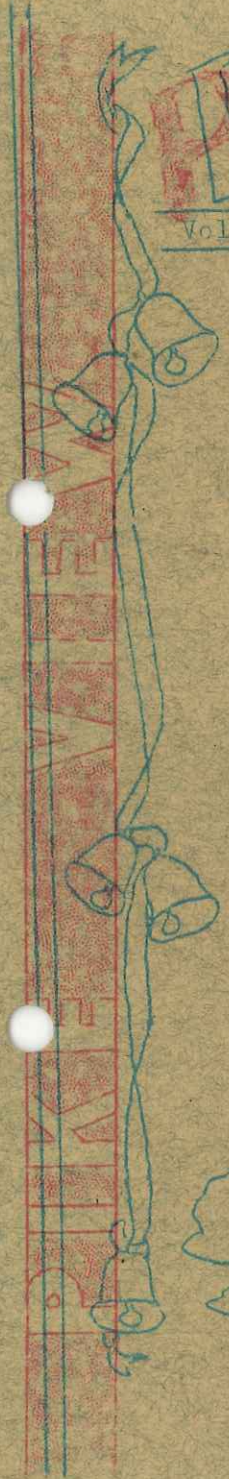


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## Thoughts On Christmas

"And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save the people from their sins".

Christmas, that joyous season which all of us look forward to is here! Most of us have cherished memories of many previous Yuletide celebrations. Ever since childhood Christmas has been the high point of the year. We have memorized little pieces, given short plays, and have told of the Great Tidings by singing Christmas carols.

In this year, 1943, the commemoration of Christ's birth in Bethlehem will bring warmth and joy anew into the hearts of millions. Jesus' coming into the world by way of a lowly manager marked the beginning of a new era. Why should we not be joyful? Why should we not sing songs of praise and adoration? That beautiful and meaningful birth of our Lord means that we can have a new, Christ possessed, and eternal life.

Just as millions will be enjoying Christmas this year, likewise in millions of homes there will be sadness and want. Instead of gathering at home for a feast, for the exchange of beautiful gifts and the giving of a Christmas program, they will be seeking shelter in their shattered houses, huddle under a few rags, and their Christmas dinner will have to consist of a few crumbs of black bread. Christmas to many in the armed forces may mean enduring the pains of battle wounds, living in the bleakness of the North, or wading-knee-deep in mud while a tropical rains drenches their weary bodies.

We do not want to celebrate a selfish Christmas this year but wish to remember those who are less fortunate than we. We will pray for them and in the spirit of Christ give to alleviate their suffering. We will pray that the Prince of Peace will send peace into this world. We will worship our Christ, the Lord of Lords, and the King of Kings. It is our hope that by our testimony, our life at home, in camp, or wherever we are, we will cause this Holy Child born in Bethlehem to enter into the hearts of men.

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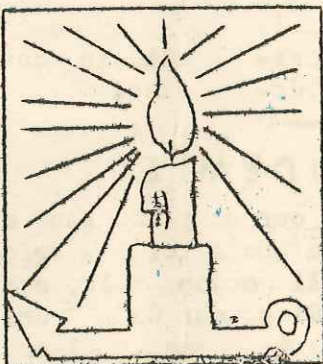
# IN MEMORIAM

Friday morning, Dec. 10, we received one of the greatest shocks we have experienced. We received a telegram that Mrs. Elsie Bohrer, our nurse-matron and director's wife, was killed in an auto accident near Herington, Kans. the preceding afternoon. Al and Elsie were returning from Emporia, Kansas to Hillsboro, having visited one of Elsie's best friends. Having lost her parents at an early age, she depended on friends and relatives to help her in her early training.

Elsie was born Sept. 23, 1914, near Hillsboro. She attended and finished the Hillsboro Bible Academy and Hillsboro High School and then found employment as office assistant with Dr. A. C. Eitzen. It was here that she became aware of a call to serve humanity as a nurse. As a result she began nurse's training at the Halstead Hospital in the beginning of 1936 and finished in 1939.

Because of her training as a nurse, she found an almost

unlimited field of service to suffering humanity in various communities. Her interest here as well as her definite conviction to be of service in line with what she believed to be true to the teachings of the Lord, led her to become greatly interested in CPS. Seeing this need she volunteered her services as a nurse. When she received a call to become camp nurse at North Fork, Calif., she accepted with a willing heart. It was here at North Fork that she met Albert E. Bohrer and on March 17, 1943 they were married.



In Oct., 1943 Mr. Bohrer was asked to accept the directorship and Elsie the duties of nurse-matron here at Colorado Springs. They assumed their respective duties on Oct. 15.

She was always faithful to her duties, and we feel her stay here was cut all too short by her sudden death but are assured she has gone to her greater field of service to be with Christ.

---EJS

## MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD IN CAMP

Monday evening after supper we quietly retreated en masse to the chapel where Mrs. Sallaska was softly playing "Beside the Cross." The chapel was dark with the exception of a light focused on Mrs. Soarer's solemn picture.

Gordon Enloe and Aldo both gave tributes to Elsie. Anna Laufman sang "The Lord's Prayer." Rev. Wort, very appropriately, used the letters found in the name, "E-L-S-I-E", as a basis for remarks symbolizing various characteristics of the departed.

## SONNENBERG HEADS UTAH UNIT

Congratulations, Arlo, on your new assignment as leader of the CP Hospital Unit 127, Utah State Training School, American Fork, Utah.

Your outstanding work as leader of the Trinidad Side Camp is highly commendable. In our main camp we will miss your leadership, your cheerful, helpful, and efficient way of doing a job.

May God bless you and the unit in our new field of service.

--HC

---HW

## EPIDEMIC

Last week Wednesday, our camp had the misfortune of being invaded with the influenza epidemic. DeFor was the first victim and before nightfall Gordon Enloe, our infirmary attendant, was sick in bed. Since our Camp Nurse, Mrs. Soarer, was visiting with her relatives in mesa, Sister Laras was asked to take charge. Thursday morning a number of boys were not feeling too well, and since it was snowing, the CO personnel decided to let the men stay in camp and have two safety meetings during the course of the day. By evening seven boys were sick in the infirmary and seventeen others scattered in the other dormitories.

Friday we reached the peak of the epidemic when twenty-four boys were put into sick quarters. Sunday, however, found most of the boys feeling pretty good again.

At present, Marvin J. Schmidt, our camp business manager, and Milton Grundman are recovering from influenza.

## BIBLE CLASS

For the past weeks of this quarter we have again had the privilege of attending a Bible class. Reverend Nervig from the "Our Saviors" Lutheran church in Colorado Springs, has again led us through an interesting and inspirational study of "The Sermon on the Mount."

The sermon was preached by Jesus following the setting aside of the 12 apostles and was given in the second year preceding his crucifixion. It was primarily preached to the apostles. The sermon is a blueprint of the duties and the

purpose of a Christian life.

Friday night was the final session of our study, the end but only the beginning of real study of the sermon. We greatly appreciate what Rev. Nervig has done for us.

—J.S.

## Our Christmas Prayer

Let the Forces of Might bring illumination to mankind.

Let the Spirit of Peace be spread abroad.

May men of good will everywhere meet in a spirit of cooperation.

May forgiveness on the part of all men be the keynote at this time.

Let power attend the efforts of the brothers of humanity.

So let it be, and help us to do our part.

We know, O Lord, of Life and Love,

About the need.

Touch our hearts anew with love

That we too may love and give.

—Mrs. Eugene Grace

## CANTATA

The Men's Chorus, which was reorganized about a month ago, has been working hard in preparation for the rendition of the Christmas Cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem".

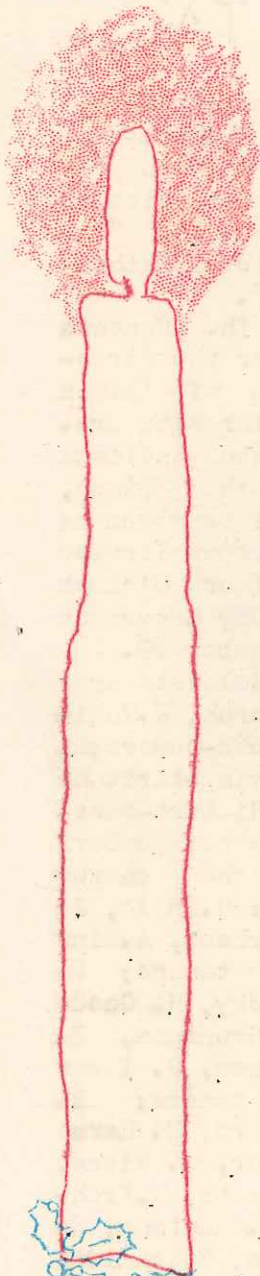
The Cantata under the direction of Alvin Buller with Mrs. Eugene Sallaska at the piano, will be given as a Vesper Service at four o'clock Sunday afternoon December 19.

Soloists are:  
M. Unruh, W. Wohlgenuth—tenors; E. Quiring—baritone  
O. Hiebert—bass.

Other members of the chorus are: G. Engle, J. Doerksen, A. Hinz—1st tenors; P. Stucky, H. Gade—M. Grundman, B. Loewen, D. Toews—2nd tenors; R.

Duerksen, E. Gaeddert, W. Harris—R. Unrau, E. Miller, A. Wiens—baritones; K. Busenitz, W. Krehbiel, A. Dick, G. Kaufman, E. Franz, E. Matthies, O. Schmidt, C. Porter and E. Sallaska are basses.

—A.B.



NOEL

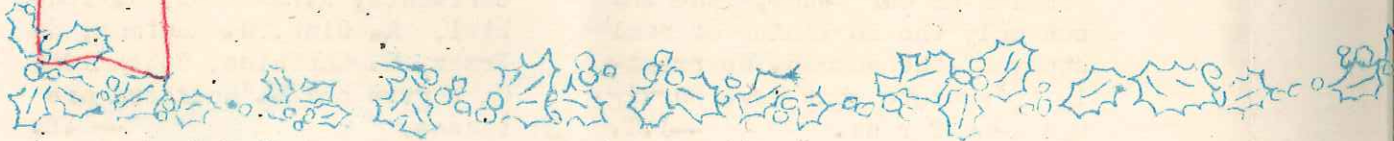
INTO a world of bloodshed, a world drunk with power and greed, Jesus was born some nineteen hundred years ago. The glory of the Caesars was still evident all over the empire, and Herod, though at times benevolent, was a brutal, bloodthirsty ruler. Herod's brutality was evidenced soon after the birth of Jesus when he commanded all male babies to be killed. The shepherd must have thought it paradoxical for the angels to sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men"--and the shepherds' reactions are ample evidence of the paradox. For the Messiah to be born of humble parentage in a manger was certainly not what the people were expecting. The Messiah's Mission was as misunderstood then as it is today; the Jews were anticipating an earthly ruler who would throw off the yoke of tyranny which they had borne for such a long time. They were certainly not looking for a spiritual lead-

er. In this day we, too, more concerned with the material things of life than for spiritual things.

CHRISTMAS, with its message of peace and brotherhood, strikes a strange note in this world. It almost seems an anachronism to celebrate Christmas this way, for seldom has there been such an opportunity to enthrone within our hearts the Wonderful, the Mighty Counselor, the Prince of Peace, as now. Longfellow wrote:

"I heard the bells on  
Christmas day  
Their old familiar chimes  
Of peace on earth,  
Goodwill to men."

AND that is the message of Christmas--peace on earth, goodwill to men.



# NOEL

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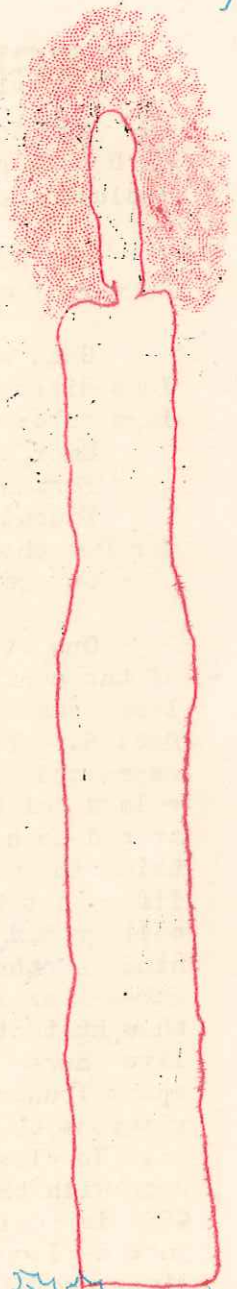
CHRISTMAS, with its message of peace and brotherhood, strikes a unique note in this world at war. It almost seems an anachronism to celebrate Christmas this year. More than ever at this season we want to observe Christmas in a new way, for seldom has there been such an opportunity to bring peace within our hearts. The joyful, the Mighty Counsellor, the Prince of Peace, as now. As the fellow wrote:

I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar chimes play  
Of peace on earth,  
Goodwill to men."

that is the message of this Christmas--peace on earth, goodwill to men!

---RF

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger...



# REGIONAL CPS CONFERENCE

The Annual CPS Conference was held at North Newton, Kansas on December 4 and 5. Seven CPS camps or units were represented, including our camp here in Colorado, Springs.

Our main speakers of the conference were Dr. Fast, J. N. Weaver of the N.S.B.R.O., and Harry Martens.

Some of the main problems discussed in the meetings were:

Emergency Farm Labor  
Permanent Conscription  
Educational Program  
for Detached Units  
Dependency of C.O.s

One of the highlights of the conference was the last session on Sunday, Dec. 5. The feeling was expressed on the lasting values of CPS. A camper stated he had gained something in one year of camp life that three years of college had failed to give him. Another of the delegates expressed the thought that the lives we live here in camp will speak louder for our convictions than the work we do. We closed the conference with the feeling that CPS is doing more than just a place to stay. It gives us lasting values that will stay with us through our entire life.

--W.W.

## Christmas Mail

With the coming of Christmas increasing activity in the crafts has been quite noticeable. Many of the fellows have taken a renewed interest in the making of rugs and leather articles. Among the most popular gifts leaving this camp for distant points is the handmade billfold. Besides these billfolds, there are various other leather articles such as belts and handbags.

A few of the men have been making their own Christmas greetings by means of a block printing outfit which Waldo Voth has set up for the men's use.

There is still a very great demand for the rugs which the campers can make so well. They rank high as one of the favorite gifts to be sent from the men in camp.

This out-going mail is not all that there is to our Christmas, for many and varied sizes of packages and Christmas greetings have been received by the men.

--G.E.



## OUR GUESTS

On Sunday morning, November 28, Rev. ROY E. BENSON of the Bethany Luthern Church of Colorado Springs was our minister. The subject of his sermon was "Reconciliation."

On Thursday, December 2, Rev. J. Y. SWARTZENDRUBER of Timber Church, Mennonite (oil) of Kalona, Iowa, arrived in camp for a few days visit.

Friday afternoon, JOE N. WEAVER of the National Service Board paid us a short visit. He did have opportunity to see a few men in regards to some matters needing immediate attention. Mr. WEAVER was on his way to the Regional CIS Conference held in Newton, Kans.

Bishop and Mrs. MISSLEY and Bishop and Mrs. HERSHBERGER of the Conservative Amish group at Kalona, Iowa, were with us for dinner Saturday night. Sunday afternoon they held a service in the Chapel. The services were conducted in "Pennsylvania Dutch."

Rev. W. F. UNRUH of the West Zion Church of Moundridge Kansas, arrived Saturday. His sermon Sunday morning was "It pays to be a good Neighbor."

Sunday evening he spoke on "The Glory of working for Christ."

Bishop CHRIS J. YODER of the West Union Congregation at Wellman, Iowa, and Bishop ELMER G. SWARTZENDRUBER of the Upper Deer Creek Church, a Conservative Amish Church of Wellman, Iowa, stopped in for a short visit of the camp the following Thursday.

Saturday evening Miss EDITH PETERSON told us of her work in Mexico. She was working under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. The work carried on there by the AFSC in Mexico is educational, public health and sanitation.

Sunday, December 12, we welcomed Rev. J. W. VOGT of the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethern Church to our pulpit. His sermon was "When does Christmas come?, It comes when mankind is ready to receive it." Sunday evening he gave a short talk at the C E meeting, after which the subject "How to improve Christian Endeavors" was discussed. Monday evening he lead in the Memorial Service for Mrs. Elsie Bohrer. He left Wednesday morning for Denver.

W.M.M.

## Acknowledgements

Friends from the Old Mennonite Churches of the La Juanta community again remembered us this Thanksgiving season by sending 148 lbs. of dressed turkey for our annual dinner. The same group sent us turkey two years ago. The East Holbrock Sewing Society, which contributed so generously all summer, donated canned tomatoes and tomato juice.

From the Corn, Oklahoma, collection center, we received 2500 lbs. of canned fruits and vegetables. For these and other contributions we are grateful. --EJS

### TRANSFERS AND NEW ARRIVALS

Sam Kauffman has replaced Jake Guhr on the John Vandenberg dairy. Jake transferred to CPS #27, Mulberry, Florida.

Ben Ewert has replaced Dale Palmer on the N. A. Shoemaker Dairy. Dale is a Colorado Springs boy and has returned to camp.

LeRoy Shetter has replaced Benno Martens on the El Paso Dairy. He also has returned to camp.

John Nightingale is now on the Mundell Dairy at Fountain, Colo. He replaced Amos Yoder, who has returned to camp.

Allen Miller has been placed on the A. L. Gearhart Dairy east of Fountain.

Walter Owens has been transferred from the Scott O. Sharp Dairy to the George T. Sinton Dairy.

Wilmer Harms, who is a member of K.M.B. Menn. Church of Hillsboro, Kans., was a farmer and has had one year of college.

David E. Beals, a member of a Friends Church in Wichita, Kans., was a student at the Friends Univ. in Wichita.

Walter R. Grundman, a member of the Gen. Conf. Mennonite Church, from Valley Center, Kans., was a farmer and has had one year of college.

Paul R. Koehn, who is a member of the Gen. Conf. Mennonite Church, from Perryton, Texas. Paul was a farmer.

Ervin Ratzlaff, a transferee from CPS #60, Lapine, Oregon is a Gen. Conf. Mennonite from Newton, Kans. Ervin is married and has had some experience in printing. --EMS

# Recreation



## McPherson College Basketball

McPherson College Deputation team from McPherson, Kansas presented an interesting and humorous program before the evening meal of Saturday, November 27. The program was closed with general singing in which campers participated.

### Pictures

On Wednesday, December 8, Rev. Lee Kendall showed Brethren Service Committee pictures of Civilian Public Service. Asa Mundell showed pictures a week later of the CBS "Smoke-Jumpers Unit" which trained at Seeley Lake, Montana, from where he was transferred.

### Party

Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Spaulding of Palmer Lake have invited us campers to a Christmas party to be held this evening, December 18, because of services rendered by men last October at Palmer Lake in helping to control a fire there.

Basketball practice continues every Monday evening with twenty to twenty five men turning out regularly. Four tournament teams have been organized with Elmer Gaeddert, Bud Stuckey, Ed Schmidt and Gordon Kaufman as captains. To date the teams have only been playing among themselves in an effort to determine whether changes in the lineup should be made in order to make their relative strengths more equal.

### Skating

To satisfy camper requests the entertainment committee planned a closed skating party on Thursday, December 9, for campers and their friends. The date was changed to Thursday, December 16 due to a local flu epidemic which put many of the men in the infirmary. A large number turned out with their wives and girl friends. It was a hard time for those who did not bring pillows. --GK

# The New Year

When the next issue of this paper will greet you we will have started the year of 1944. Thousands are asking the same questions. What does it have in store for us? Will the present war occur during this year? Will we be able to go back to those dear and near to us?

The answer to these questions and many more that we have, no one knows save the One in Whom we have our trust. The New Year is like a closed book but as we once again review the book of this year we are assured, that in spite of the darkness and insecurity that hovers over us, God will take care of those who trust in Him.

--Harry Martens

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