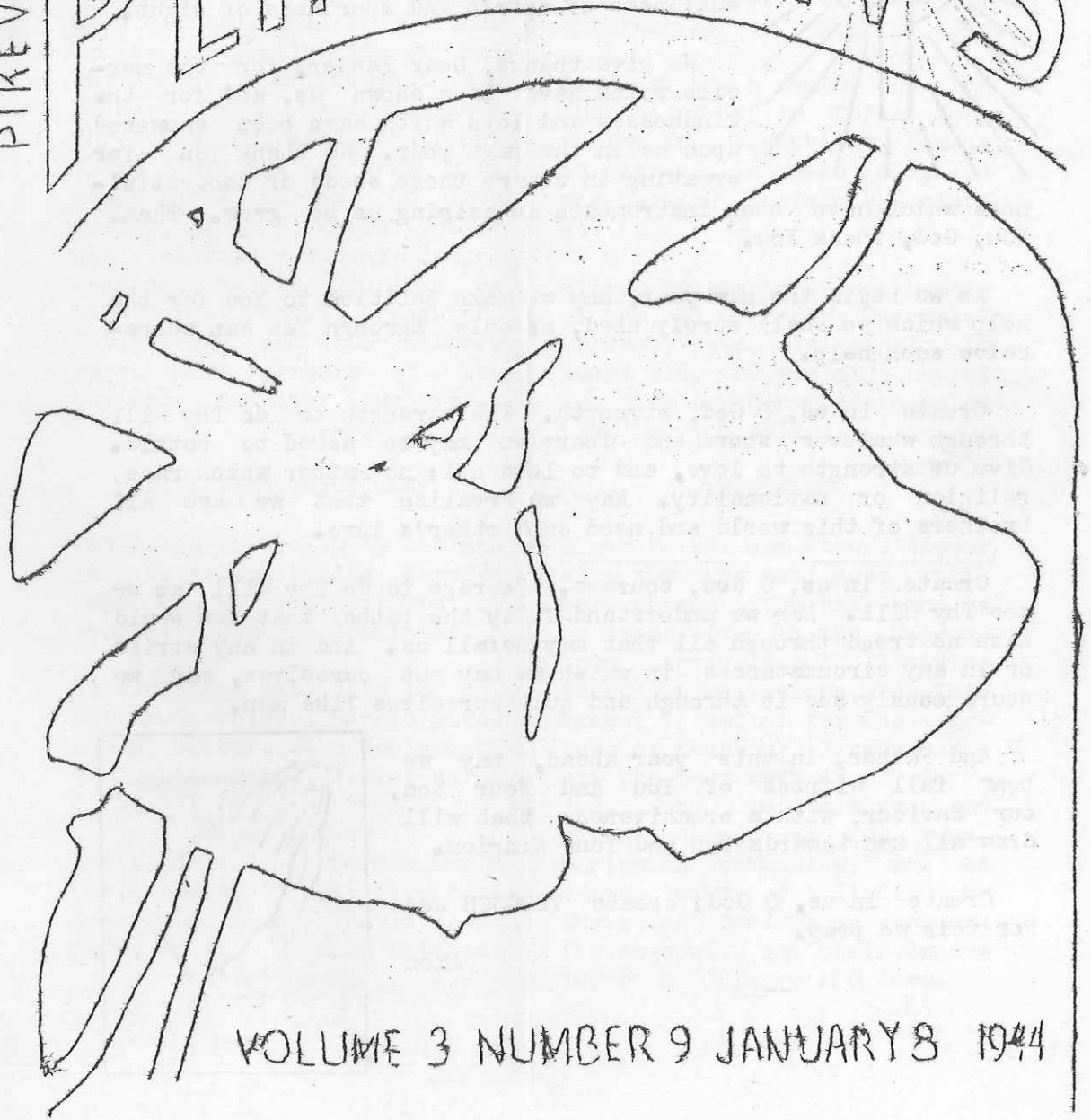


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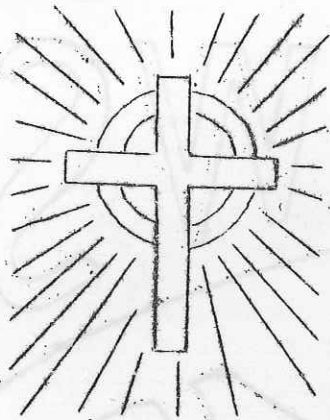
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Create in us, O God

Our Father, who art in heaven, and yet who art with us as we have need, we humbly bow our heads in shame, for we are not deserving to lift our eyes up to You. Forgive our smallness of spirit and shortness of sight.

We give thanks, Dear Father, for the mercies which have been shown us, and for the kindnesses and love which have been showered upon us in the past year. We thank You for creating in others those seeds of thoughtfulness which have been instruments in helping us to grow. Thank You, God, Thank You.

As we begin the new year, may we make petition to You for the help which we shall surely need, as only through You can we receive such help.

Create in us, O God, strength. The strength to do Thy Will through whatever storm and fears we may be asked to battle. Give us strength to love, and to love all; no matter which race, religion or nationality. May we realize that we are all brothers of this world and need each other's love.

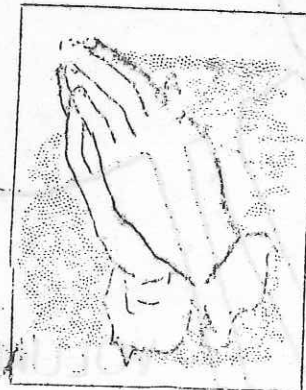
Create in us, O God, courage. Courage to do Thy Will as we see Thy Will. May we understand fully the paths that You would have us tread through all that may befall us. And in any strife or in any circumstances in which we may put ourselves, may we courageously see it through and quit ourselves like men.

And Father, in this year ahead, may we bear full witness of You and Your Son, our Saviour, with a creativeness that will draw all men towards You and Your Kingdom.

Create in us, O God; create THROUGH us!
For this we pray.

Amen

--AM



ELECTIONS

On Friday, December 31, following breakfast, the Sunday School superintendent and the Christian Endeavor chairman were elected. Phil Stucky took up the responsibility of Sunday School superintendent and Wilmer Harms was elected Christian Endeavor chairman. These elections are held once every three months. On Wednesday, Jan. 5, Alvin Buller was elected Sunday School teacher; Walter Grundman as the Sunday School treasurer, David Toews and Otto Hiebert were made members of the Christian Endeavor Committee.

--DB

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NEW ARRIVALS

Willard Diener, is a member of the Old Mennonite Church of Hutchinson, Kansas. He is single, 18 years old, and was a farmer before coming to camp.

Sam Jantzen, a member of the Church of God in Christ Mennonite from Moundridge, Kansas, is married, 22 years old, and was engaged in farming before C.P.S.

Wilbur Swartzendruber, a member of the Old Mennonite Church of Wellman, Iowa, is single, 18 years old, and was also one of our farm brothers before Selective Service called.

TRANSFERS

Elmer Frantz and Eugene Kopper were the two assignees that were chosen from this camp to be transferred to the Hagerstown Agricultural Training School at Hagerstown, Md. This school is set up for the purpose of teaching farmer campers the best methods of farming, the maintaining and strengthening of our rural Christian community, and to learn ways of living the Christian beliefs we profess. The boys will get their training on a 160 acre MCC farm.

--ES

CHRISTMAS DINNER

THURS. evening December 23, about 160 campers and friends gathered in the dining hall for the annual Camp Christmas Banquet. Dr. E.G. Kaufman made the invocation after which a hearty dinner was enjoyed. After the meal followed a short program with Elmer Frantz as toastmaster. The message "This Christmas" was brought by Rev. Claud Wilson, pastor of the Mountain Church in Colo. Spgs.

LOUNGE PARTIES

THE evenings of Dec. 24-25 were spent in the lounge room.

Dr. E. G. Kaufman led discussions on "Why are Men in Camp" and also what they got out of it. Refreshments consisted of candy, nuts, doughnuts & cocoa.

MUSIC CONCERTS

PROF. H. W. HOHMANN and son Rupert from Bethel College, presented two evenings of concert music to us on Jan. 5 & 6. Prof. Hohmann played several selections on the piano and also accompanied Rupert who played masterful music on his violin. He also gave two short dissertations on the "Conservation of Music", especially the songs used in our Mennonite hymnals.

EBEL PRESENTS ILLUSTRATED LECTURES

WE were fortunate in having Prof. A.R. Ebel, from Tabor College, with us on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 & 2. His first evening's program consisted of an object lecture showing us different kinds of glasses and representing them as various attitudes we take towards life. His art work was centered on "The Home" with such pictures as "Drawing Together", "Swanee River" and "The Holy Book".

ON New Year's Eve he presented a few thoughts on "I talked as a child, I understood as a child and I thought as a child". After drawing a few sketches of comic and humor, he drew two in color, "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin" and "The House by the Road".

On Sunday night he gave a short talk on the Miss. River. It begins as a little stream which can be stepped across, but as it flows it grows to a width where it cannot be spanned by a bridge. Illustrations drawn that night were "The Parable of the Sower", "I will lift up mine Eyes" and Abide with Me". --WH

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Many friends of our CPS Camps have again remembered us with some very generous gifts. We received a shipment of canned fruits and vegetables from the Calvary Menn. Church at Greensburg, Kans. We also appreciated the home-like effect on the Holidays of home-made cookies received from the Inman Mennonite Church at Inman, Kans, and from Mr. & Mrs. Liedman, one of our SCS men here at the camp. Besides these gifts we also received some dressed chickens from the Sewing Societies of the Bruderthal Mennonite Church at Hillsboro, Kans. and a shipment of dressed chicken, noodles, dried corn, and lard from the Amish Congregation of Bishop John A. Yoder at Weatherford, Okla. -GE.

ICE SKATING

Old Man Winter has again scored in giving the boys in C.P.S. something to do. The newest in sport around here is ice skating. Almost every moonlit evening one can see a bunch of men with skates over their shoulders heading for the local dam to try the art of skating. Many of the new skaters find out that the school of ice skating experience is accompanied with plenty of hard knocks. It is a comical thing to watch a new skater on ice. With arms swinging and the whole body in contortions the rookie skater looks like someone going through a violent calisthenics warm-up without the rhythm.

Anyway, we all enjoy the sport and we hope the ice will last for awhile. -WJW

TRIP TO UTAH

Last week Rahlen Unrau and I with seven SCS employees had the splendid opportunity to take a trip to Mt. Pleasant, Utah, to get some additional equipment for the Colo. Sps. and Ft. Collins CPS Camps.

The equipment consists of the following:

- One 15-ton truck.
- Three track tractors.
- Two 1-ton pickups.
- Six 3-ton stake trucks.
- One 6-yd. carry-all.
- One 2-yd. tumble-bug.
- One sheep's foot roller.
- One single tooth rudder.
- One Martin ditcher.
- One hillside plow.
- One 5-tooth rudder.
- One terricer.
- One road grader.
- One cement mixer.

-C. Joe Unruh

AT DAWN

Darkness enveloped the earth--that kind of darkness that penetrates every nook and cranny. "And God said, 'Let there be light', and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God, divided the light from the darkness."

As He spoke on the day of creation, so He spoke the other morning; and as He did the sun's rays came into view, though the sun itself was still not visible. At first there was just a brilliance, but it was not long till all the glories of an exquisite sunrise was to be seen. The clouds were illuminated by the sun's rays and assumed various hues--light pink, a variety of shades of blue, here and there a bit of lavender or dark purple, and many other colors of the rainbow. All the eastern sky became a veritable galaxy of color and rare beauty. Looking to the hills, the east side of each hill seemed a mirror catching the rays of the sun in a way that caused it to have the brilliance of a many faceted diamond. Slowly the sun came into full view and let its rays beat down upon the earth, giving warmth and light freely to all.

It seems that God is trying to give man beauty even if man is spending his efforts upon destruction and the unlovely, and as the sky, not long ago so very dark and dreary, was transformed, my soul rejoiced with the poet who exclaimed-- "When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, 'May Jesus Christ be praised!'" --RF

VISITING MINISTERS AND FRIENDS

SUNDAY, Dec. 19, Rev E.E. Showalter from La Junta delivered the morning address on "The Five Judgments".

REV. HOMER ENGLE from Abilene, Kans., father of Gordon Engle visited here in camp from Dec. 30 to Jan. 2. He gave the morning message last Sunday on "Five Charter Members".

REV. ALBERT UNRUH of Montezuma, Kansas, and REV. A. T. KOEHN from Calif. visited camp Dec. 17 and after supper gave some fitting remarks on the values of CPS.

ON Jan. the 6th Albert Bohrer returned to pack his belongings in preparation of transferring to Mulberry, Fla. Mr. & Mrs. Leonhard Rempel of Hillsboro, Kans., accompanied him.

CATS CATS CATS

Behind the kitchen, under the kitchen, and at times on the roof, are seven quadrupeds of the carnivorous family, called cats. First, there is "The Rat" so called by "K.P" Bowen. She is gray colored, and greatly resembles a rat--hence rightly named. Then there is the sister to "The Rat", the same color only larger in size. The aroma of frying meat, one day, tempted her to sneak into the kitchen. The floor, slick with wax was not an even match for the soft feet of our pest. Being chased from door to door the paws would not hold at that crucial time when even with the door. She would be well past the exit by the time traction was regained. Finally after four or five unsuccessful tries an all out effort was made and banking like a P-38 with her tail twice the normal size she scurried out the doorway.

Then there is "Whing Ding", a long-haired, tame, very cute but always hungry creature. He is Greyish in color but has definitely won the admiration of both Bowen and Miss Kaufman.

Next there are the two coal black ones. They were so wild when small that not even Bowen with all his friendly philanthropic, and pacifistic ways could convince them they should be caught and petted.

Finally, most important is the mother of these cats. She is black with white feet, white whiskers, and a few white spots. Her offspring are not all of the same size. The first three are of the most recent generation. At one time it was rumored that they would all starve even before winter came, but Bowen, Edna, and Firestone compassionately disposed of "left-overs" on the back porch. Fortunately, they show no signs of famine.

As a tribute, may I mention the small white one sister or brother to "The Rat". Unfortunately, its life was snuffed out by the wheels of the camp pickup. Three year old Duane Lee blames Ted Troyer as the hit and run driver.

Oh yes, I must tell you these are our camp cats. They keep the rats and mice from the camp grounds, or do they? --DT

LIBRARY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

With PROF. A. EBEL'S illustrated talks on "The Home Beautiful" we opened our new course on "The Home and Family Relations". The Educational Department has secured MRS. WILLIS RICH to speak to us on "The Ways of a Wife". We are trying to get speakers to lead us in the discussion of such subjects as "Getting over the Bumps", "A Physician's viewpoint of Marriage", "The Complete Home", and "Friends and Courtship".

We are looking forward to the evenings when the speakers for these discussions will arrive.

Our library has grown considerably in the last few months. In the Family Relations group we have such books as "The Fine Art of Living Together" by Albert W. Beaver, "Marriage, Marital Relations, and the Home" by John R. Murman. In all we have twelve new books and pamphlets on this subject.

Two of our new books on Mental Illness added to the library are "The Psychology of Insanity" by Bernard Hart, "The Mentally Ill in America" by Albert Deutch.

Some books on agriculture have been added to our shelves.

These books will add much to our pleasure and enlightenment during these winter evenings. M.M.M.



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Phil. 4:13