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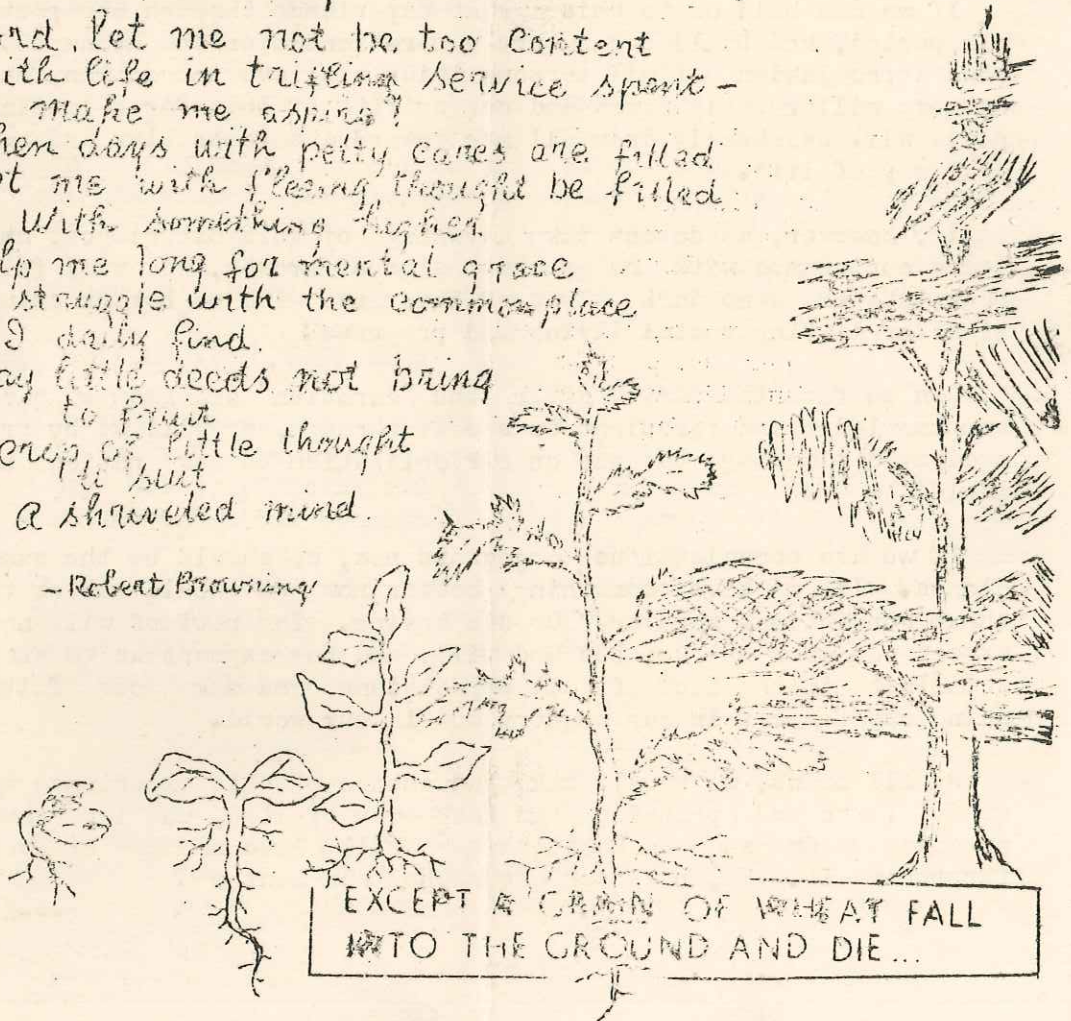
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Prayer for moral growth

Lord, let me not be too content
With life in trifling service spent -
make me aspire!
When days with petty cares are filled
let me with pleasing thought be filled
With something higher.
Help me long for mental grace
To struggle with the commonplace
I daily find.
may little deeds not bring
to fruit
A crop of little thought
to hurt
A shriveled mind.

- Robert Browning



EXCEPT A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALL
INTO THE GROUND AND DIE...

"THE DURATION, AND SIX MONTHS; AND THEN--?"

Some of the greatest experiences of our lives will be gained by this living in close contact with these many varied personalities. This is where we should mold a kindred spirit of love and tolerance. It is where we should find strength in unity of purpose. It is where we should melt all personalities into one caldron and come out with a more vital appreciation of all peoples, races, and religions.

If we can hold on to this great experience through our post-war period, and build our future generations upon the assumption that appreciation of all personalities is love in action, our numbers will greatly grow and our spirit of hope for a lasting peace will eventually draw all men toward a co-operative and natural way of life.

If, however, we do not take advantage of this experience; and leave our camps with no greater sign of growth, we will fall back into the same dark abyss of ignorance with no better solution for lasting social living and progress!

Can we face the period after the "duration" and know we have the knowledge and foresight to see it through, or will we by pre-meditated planning run out on our obligation to our nation and world?

If we are conscientious objectors now, we should be the same always. If we have something better now we should stick to those convictions forever. Or die trying. The nations will not expect too much of us, but God will, and He expects us to stay steadfast in the face of all oppositions and make our faith shine out forever in our country and in our world.

By all means, we should take advantage of this experience to study, learn and practice the best way of life, and let that practice become such a habit that we will have no fear of ever forgetting it. No, not even after the "six months"!

---AM

Our Educational Program

It has been stated at educational directors' conferences that never before have the Mennonites had so many boys together where they could educate them as they do in CPS. Should we say that CPS is a school or college? Yes, I think we should because everyone in CPS is being educated to some degree; some gain only a small amount of knowledge, but others gain a lot. Some gain only that which is presented to them and others go out and search for knowledge. According to God's word, as found in II Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approv-

ed unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." With this in mind and the fact that our average camper has only 10.35 years of schooling, we should strive all the more to educate and be educated.

A survey of our educational program shows that various means were used to bring education to the campers in the three months ending Dec. 31, 1943 -- speakers, discussion groups, slides, moving pictures, labor college classes, and our regular religious services.

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Probably the most valuable and best attended class was the Bible study on "The Sermon on the Mount" directed by Rev. Ed Nervig of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. There were eleven classes in this series with an average attendance of 29.

The class in First Aid was attended with much interest. Due to the transferring of Arlo Sonnenberg, who started the class and later the transfer of Al Bohrer who continued the

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Our General Office

When going into our General Office here in camp we find that it is divided into three separate offices. The door to our right takes us into the office of our new camp director--Mr. David H. Suderman. As his office secretary we see Eugene Sallaska who takes care of the general typing as well as keeping the files and records up to date.

Going back to our room of entrance and taking the door to our left we find Waldo O. Voth, our assistant director and educational director. His secretarial work is taken care of by whoever happens to have time.

Then, last but not least, we look behind the partition which is the office of our busiest man in camp, the honorable Edwin J. Schmidt. Ed is our efficient business manager and also rates a full-time assistant, Waldo Wedel. One of the main daily tasks for Waldo is to go to town every forenoon and do the camp shopping.

You will at all times find the office a busy place because there is always a lot of work to be done and a capable group to do it.

--WH

Transfers and a Release

MENNO BOESE, Galva, Kansas, received a transfer to a dairy unit in Green County, Wis.

ELMER JANTZ, Greensbery, Kans., is transferring to Dodge County, Wisconsin dairy unit.

VIRGIL BRENNEMAN, Kalona, Iowa, will transfer to a mental hospital at Norristown, Pennsylvania.

ELWYN BRENNEMAN was very fortunate and secured an occupational release. He will return to his farm at Kalona, Iowa.

We have enjoyed knowing you fellows, and we wish you the best.

GUESTS

Our camp has had as guests in the last two weeks Rev. Roy Benson of the Lutheran Church and Rev. L. C. Miller of the Manitou Mennonite Church. Rev. Benson very graciously consented to preach on quick notice when Harry Martens became ill. His sermon on faith was very well received. Rev. Miller preached Sunday, January 30 on love. The camp is always glad to hear the visiting ministers.

--RF

Who's Who in DORM I

Dorm One, now composed of seventeen members, is the largest in camp. Originally it was the next to the last dorm to open. With the arrival of 15 men and one camper the dorm came into existence on Aug. 15, 1941. The members are as follows:

Elmer Jantz, of Greensburg, Kansas, is leaving us for a dairy in Wisconsin.

Asa Mandell was a smoke jumper and jumped to several fires. He is a ministerial student from Salina, Kansas.

Jim Boormershein is the fellow who will argue with you on any subject and take either side. He is a former teacher and miner.

Oscar Zook hails from Kalona, Iowa. He was a filling station attendant.

Herman Quiring, a farmer from Corn, Oklahoma, is one of the camp barbers--and a good one!

Art Rediess was a rancher in Colorado. Since he returned from the Trinidad Side Camp, he receives a letter every day for some reason.

Ervin Ratzlaff, transferee from Lapine, Oregon, could have a paragraph written about him but he is never around. His wife who lives in town is one explanation.

Pete Epp is a farmer from

Turpin, Oklahoma.

Walter Krehbiel, of Moundridge, Kansas, is now an apprentice to Clarence Joe as blacksmith.

Bud Stucky, also of Moundridge, has a keen sense of humor, is liked by all and is married.

Alvin Buller a former school teacher of Henderson, Nebraska, is the hardest worker in camp as was explained in a speech recently.

Jako Doerksen is sometimes taken for a brother of Art Rediess. He is from Colorado and has an eminent girl friend from Kansas.

Paul Voth, known also as 4:30 (because he woke the kitchen staff an hour early one morning) comes from Newton, Kansas.

Alfred Hinz is another Okie farmer from Corn. He showed us a picture of his little defense worker wearing the "trousers."

Clarence Omo is a farmer and a married man from Pratt, Kans. He was one of the first campers and is at present dorm chairman.

Menno Schmidt is a student from Enid, Oklahoma. He probably won't commit himself.

Marion Wichert, a farmer from Fairview, Oklahoma isn't usually found in camp but out with his sister's-girl friend.

Our Educational Program, cont.

class, the course was not completed.

The Labor College which was conducted in the Colorado Springs High School was attended by ten campers. Courses required an enrollment fee of \$1.00 each and 12 sessions were held. Campers were enrolled in Bookkeeping, Public Speaking, Shorthand, Crafts, Welding, Spanish and Typing.

Four educational films were shown. One on the Friends camps, one on the Brethren camps, one on cooperatives and one on the Smoke Jumpers Camp at Huson, Montana.

Five Safety meetings were held with an average attendance of 61 campers. These meetings were large under the direction of James McVey, our safety director.

There were ten speakers and nineteen ministers that visited our camp and contributed to the educational program.

Other than the work under the educational director, the boys of the Church of God in Christ have their own classes twice each week. They

THE CHORUS

The chorus has been preparing for a series of programs.

Some of the numbers they are working on are: "Grace Be Unto You" -Throwbridge; "Fair-est Lord Jesus"-Crusaders Hymn; "Blessed Is He That Roadeth"-Colburn; "Rose of Sharon"-All-ers; "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"-Spiritual; "Jesus Is With Me" -Ackley; "Steal Away"-Spiritual; "The Heav'ns Are Telling"-Beethoven; "Teach Me Thy Way"-Adams. --AB

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study the Bible, several books on church history by John Holdeman and "The Thirty-three Articles of Faith" as published in the Martyr's Mirror.

As private enterprises in education two boys are studying a special ministerial course; three are taking college subjects, partly to finish courses started before they were called to camp, and partly to further their education; one is taking four high school Bible subjects in order to finish a Bible school.

Along with this it can be mentioned that 46 new books and numerous pamphlets were added to the camp library.--DT

Farewell to Louie

On Thursday evening, January 27, the fellows in camp had a farewell for Mr. Louis Liedeman who was Junior Soil Conservationist of the S.C.S. He is now working with the U.S. Forestry Service at Magdalena, New Mexico.

After the evening meal there was a short program which consisted of two numbers given by a quartet and Alvin Buller presenting a gift to the Liedemans from the boys.

AN EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Moving pictures are a very good means of education. As a part of our educational program Tuesday, January 25, a group of educational sound moving pictures were shown. "The Book for the World of Tomorrow", a film secured from the American Bible Society depicted how the Bible was handed down to us from the past, how we use it in this present day, and how we must be responsible for transmitting it to the future that it may light the paths of future generations as well as our own. There were two films on Mexico and its customs, and archeological expeditions made in that area. A trip in Yel-

Peeks ^{from} the Peak

One would think that after 16 months in one town that one would know one's way home, wouldn't one? Should we question Lester Hostetler's ability or was he just day-dreaming?

Harold Gaede - Lucky? - Yes. I don't suppose that it would have been so good for him to come back this far East after going to the west coast on furlough to see her when his parents were so much closer. Who but Gaede would want to spend so much furlough time traveling?

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Lowstone Park made up still another film. The life of Handel was the last picture shown. Willis Wollman operated the projector.

The following downtown churches cooperated with us by showing the film in their church: First Methodist (Rev. Cyrus Albertson), First Baptist (Rev. John Skeen), Church of the Brethren and four other west-side churches (Rev. Lee Kendall), Immanuel Lutheran (Rev. Walter Enge), First Christian (Rev. Gerald Berneking), and Our Savior's Lutheran (Rev. Edward Nervig). --RF

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"CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE IS THE GREATEST INTER-DENOMINATIONAL MOVEMENT THAT HAS HIT THE FACE OF THE EARTH."

So spoke M. R. Zigler, Chairman of Brethren Service Committee in an address to participants of a director's training school at Washington, D. C.

CPS is an expression of members from 150 or more different church groups. In fact, practically every camper represents a different religious and cultural background.

Furthermore, our occupational-interest range is very wide. The education level ranges from probably the sixth grade to a doctorate. Our mores and customs range from city life in the heart of New York to life on the wide open plains of Western Kansas.

Although the historic peace churches have a heritage that helps to unify, give common purpose, even there the differences are marked. We might be called a "melting pot."

We all share, however, the great ideal laid down by our Savior and Master as recorded in the Gospels--the Jesus Way of Life--the way of Love--of Goodwill.

May we dare to hope that our combined testimony, although numerically small, will point the way for a sick and war-torn world? We pray that it might. --DS

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"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right." - Lincoln