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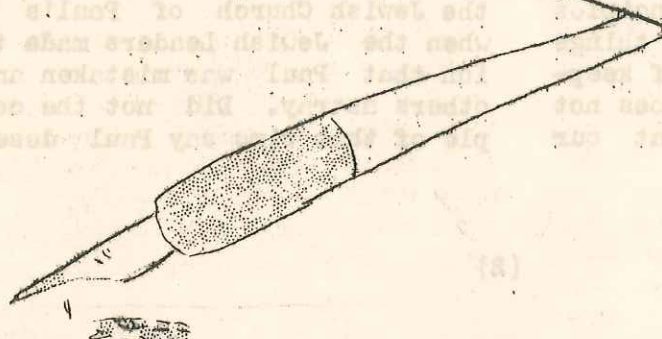
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To whom it may concern:-

Please excuse my boys for their absence of the past 4 months in not publishing a camp paper. They have been absent because of work, growing pains, traveling fever, and other reasons.

I will see that their attendance is better in the future.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Pike View Peace News



# EDITORIAL

It does us good to rethink our position. It would be very profitable for us to look upon CPS as a critic and pick her faults with the plan to remedy them. In this article it is not my plan to pick apart the camp, only mention some things, that we should ever shun. Possibly we can profit by what is to be written and lift ourselves above the temptations that might come to each of us in the camp.

The first question to come to the minds of the people looking upon CPS is, "What is its purpose?" The government looks upon it as an organization to make it possible for men to have an alternative service to war; for those that could not for conscience enter the armed service. Two of the purposes for which the churches operate the camps are - 1st, the moral and spiritual uplift to the boy's in the way of Christian principles and practices in conjunction with the study of the ways of peace. 2nd, to make a public testimony to the world. As far as the church is concerned, if the camp does not fulfill the two purposes for which it was set up, they might just as well turn them into government camps.

It will never hurt us to think which is the most important, the job we do or the life we live. We all agree we are fulfilling the purpose the government has for the camp existing. We should be thankful for the work to replace the duties of army life but we must fear the danger of becoming content and complacent in that one duty and purpose. If we are not careful we will defeat our Christian ideal to save the one purpose to have an alternative service to war. Should we give up Christian principles to save our own heads? If we do things against our conscience, in view of keeping the help of someone that does not see things as we do, we will defeat our

purpose. It would have been much easier for the disciples to have covered the deeds of the Jewish rulers in not testifying to the resurrection of Christ. I am sure they would have been looked upon as doing the right thing by the rulers but the cause would have been lost.

We very often see people sacrificing greater things to save something that has saved them some suffering. If a thing that has been of great service to us becomes a god to such an extent that we will sacrifice our better self to save it, we are doing injustice to ourselves and to those we are trying to influence. Should we condemn the government for sacrificing freedom to win the war when we sacrifice good principles to keep the good opinion of those we work with each day.

Some of the men in camp who want to become more active in promoting peace and teachings leading to peace are often faced with the question, should I remain in a place where I am protected from facing realities and problems that would face each person taking the way of peace, or should I go out and brave the storms? If a person thinking thus is compelled to take action by his conscience, should the rest of us sit back and say he deserves it just because he goes against the way we see? We do not think we deserve to be in a camp of this kind, therefore, can we say he deserves the thing he received for following his convictions. The reason he acted the way he did might be because the camp has not filled his life with the necessary things. Many times we think a person is doing wrong when he is only advancing beyond what we have ever gone. Is it possible we would take the same attitude the Jewish Church of Paul's time did when the Jewish Leaders made the decision that Paul was mistaken and leading others astray. Did not the common people of that time say Paul deserved the

punishment he received, for he continually stirred up the people over the Crucifixion of Christ and His resurrection? If a person brings reproach upon himself for the cause in which he believes, we should not take the attitude of the Jewish Church, even if he is mistaken to our way of looking at it. He may be entirely wrong but don't let us hinder our chance of helping him by expressing our opinion against him. Is it not possible we may find in days to come that some things we thought to be of little importance, to be of greater value than we expected?

Are we going to be as quiet about the ways of peace after the war as we are now? We are apt to be just as busy tomorrow in promoting peace as we are today. If the camp does not create in the individuals in the camp a desire to be active in promoting peace in the days to come, the church will go back below the level they were before the war started. If we are going to give a public testimony it must be when it will strike home to the hearts of the persons with whom we are dealing. Are we doing all that is possible? Men love darkness rather than light therefore we must take the light to them no matter how much they dislike it. Does not the light have greater results when the darkness is the greater? Then why not do all we can to bring the light to them in the darkest hours? Christ did the most when he was treated the worst. It would have been tragic if the early Christians would have been complacent when the church began to put pressure on them. We even find them coming to the very place of strongest opposition and speaking boldly. If we have a cause to be promoted that is worth while should we not be willing to suffer for that cause rather than become humbly complacent? I wonder if the Mennonite Church would exist today if Menno Simons had remained quiet when the church of his day told him to quit teaching? I am afraid we might even consent to the crucifixion of Christ if he were to appear as a common man and do the things He did during His few years on earth.

JM

## THE PAST AND FUTURE OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

In looking back it appears as if the recreational and educational program the past quarter consisted of lawn watering and lawn mowing. So many men had jobs in town that organized activities were difficult to maintain. Nevertheless, a class in Soil Conservation was taught by Mr. Dean Griffith, Project Superintendent on Saturday mornings. In the field of recreation, croquet seemed to have its enthusiastic adherents. Tennis, horseshoe, and volley ball also have shared in the popularity. Keen competition characterized the softball league between the dorms.

This quarter classes have begun in First Aid, farm bookkeeping, Bible study and typing. One of the Sunday School classes is studying Old Testament Law and History. Other courses that will be started soon are mental hygiene and public speaking. Along the crafts line, a group will begin soon to make Christmas Cards, etc. from linoleum block prints. Those interested in leather work will find opportunities to make articles while receiving instruction in that type of work. We hope to have a garage in order to study the principles of auto mechanics. The camp chorus is singing twice a week, having some excellent talent. That is our direction for this quarter. Its success depends upon the interest of the participants. There are no limits as to what we can do--only our interests limit us.

PS

### CAMP REPAIR

Dick Wooten and his henchmen Menno E. Schmidt and Ogen Harms have been repairing coal bins, door latches, windows, etc. It is only incidental that they happened to work within earshot of a radio during the World Series. A new water tank has been placed in apartment B under the direction of Ben Bergen.

PS

## "A Testimony of What"

A testimony of what? is the question. It is a question because our action, rather inaction does not bear out our professed belief.

Justification for finding such a dilemma seems to seek explanation only in the facts of the past months observations. After all, what will bring out man's true convictions better than the way in which he lives his life.

After passing through some period of internment in camp such as this, it is easily seen that we possess not the extremely divergent cultural patterns, morals, and creeds found in a complex group of society; but, are a more or less selected, rather, culled-out group; ear-marked with quite similar cultural patterns, morals, and creeds, which all date back to the same origin.

So there are in this culled group, individuals believing in certain underlying principles, which, have determined their presence among the elements of this environment, one of the principles finally reasoned out to be is, Love, the nucleus of Christ's life. Endeavoring to lead more profound Christ-like lives, the aim of every Christian. This principle has been adopted; but, what has become most discouraging is, why not wholeheartedly as Christ lived it. Surely He did not preach love to a few, a religious clique, but to all; even as He admonished His apostles of the Early Church to seek out all. Then, how can there be any exemptions? Simply, why is there discrimination in our group, a group who professes Love as Christ lived it and whose ultimate aim is to strive forward in Christ's footsteps? Did He distinguish among different doctrines, dogmas, or cases of extreme pigmentation and forsake all who thought not as He on these issues? Rather, I believe that Christ had two requirements, repentance and belief in his authority.

Are we to judge over the wisdom of God? Why do we allow a few insignificant dogmas govern Love? Did Christ? Who are we going to continue to serve, dogmas or life a life of love? Also, shall we continue to stand idly by and remain indifferent to situations where the law of Love asks for immediate and mutual support or shall we do as Christ did, face situations, carry to the fullest extent His code of Love regardless of what others think; and thereby bring about the liberation of the underdogs of our social order?

This has been the case. Have we still a religion of Christ or have we begun to substitute for a religion of narrow dogmas? Herein lies a fault, thus, it is time for a reversion, perhaps a conversion, back to the fundamental principles of Christ.

Our church is one foundation, but is it Jesus Christ, Our Lord?

Elect from ev'ry nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food;  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

GK

### NEW EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

O.P.S. Camp No. 5 is fortunate to obtain a well qualified man to take the place of Waldo Voth as Educational Director. Waldo Voth is taking care of the Dairy Unit here at Colorado Springs. Paul Schmidt comes to us from the camp at Mulberry, Florida. Paul has been in camps at Henry, North Fork, Goshan, Gröttees and Mulberry. Paul's home is at Newton, Kansas, where he graduated from high school in 1938. The following 3½ years he spent at Colorado University at Boulder, majoring in accounting. He could not finish school because of being drafted in January of 1942. The educational program is progressing nicely as outlined in this issue by the educational director.

PQ

Every individual will have to meet life himself, and what a challenge life is to him. It is important that we do not only see the things which we are doing, but also see the spiritual value in the thing being done. When Christ met the woman at Sychar He did not only see her in the body, but He saw the sins in which she had been living.

Much of the work in camp seems to have no future value what so ever. If the boys work month after month, and year after year without seeing many results of their work, there is a tendency to become discouraged. During the summer months the camp is doing a lot of emergency farm labor. The work in Colorado is mostly garden farming and therefore it is hard work. If we plant cabbage week after week, can we only see the places with which we are working or can we see something in it which cannot be seen?

Certainly there is a greater value in this kind of work than can be seen with the human eye. Even if some of the men for whom the boys work use the money for some sinful habits, there is a threefold mission in this kind of work. First of all we help the individual, for whom the work is being done, to prosper financially. Secondly, there is an opportunity to teach him how to use the money wisely, after it has been earned. Thirdly, it is helping to feed humanity. PROCC

#### MAGNOLIA MEN

A group of 9 men from the Magnolia, Arkansas Camp are to arrive here soon. The camp at Magnolia has been closed so it became necessary for these men to transfer somewhere. We are fortunate to have these men come to C.P.S. #5.

Rev. J. J. Plenert, pastor of the First Mennonite Church of Philadelphia was with us from Oct. 8 to the 15th. He was formerly a minister in Hutchinson, Kansas and served as student pastor at the West Zion Church in Moundridge. He has been active in young people's work, home missions, orphans aid and the World Christian Endeavor Union. During his stay here, Rev. Plenert conducted a series of 45-minute Bible Classes on Acts 1 to 10. Also he served us with 3 or 4 additional talks on the central message of the Mennonites--the Bible. The classes were on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Everyone was urged to attend and to bring their wives. Rev. Plenert spoke to us on both Sundays during his stay here. The meetings were well attended and very worthwhile.

#### PEACHES! PEACHES! PEACHES!

The first week in September, Walt Krehbiel and Ed Schmidt made a trip to the Western Slope. They returned safely with 116 bushels of peaches, some pears, grapes and plums. Most of the peaches were canned and the rest used in lunches and meals. Latest reports are that 1224 quarts of peaches have been canned.

#### LABOR COLLEGE

The Colorado Springs Labor College opened Sept. the 27th with a variety of classes. There is a \$2.00 enrollment fee which must be paid when registering for the courses on the 26th and 27th. There are two periods of classes--7:30 to 8:30 and 8:30 to 9:30. Some of the courses that will be offered are short-hand, Corrective English, You and Your Child, Book Reviewing, Speech, Bookkeeping, Spanish, Current Events, Aircraft

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# FIRST IMPRESSION OF C.P.S.

To tell of one's first impressions of something, and in so doing to be all together fair with one's self is often times very unwise. To be specific, it would be unfair to our camp here in beautiful Colorado Springs, unfair to the other men who are also here, as well as to myself were my very first, my earliest impressions of what we have here to be known.

Too often first impressions are proven to be incorrect and unfair, because they are determined by such factors as one's state of mind, the type of weather, the time of day, and other existing conditions, which when changed, usually completely alter these early impressions. That is exactly what happened to me.

We left Tulsa on a beautiful spring afternoon where the new green glory of her had been decorating our fair city for a number of weeks, and had to come into a land where old dame winter was still in "full bloom". The trip was made by bus, took 25 hours, seemed like 25 days, for we went so far out of the way that we were certain we had gone by way of Salt Lake City. Draft Boards, in trying to keep abreast with the impracticabilities and inefficiencies of other government offices, seem to delight in scheduling trips here to see exactly how far out of the way they can send us, and still have us ultimately arrive. They never seem to be able to grasp the fact that science has long since proven that the shortest distance between two points is the straight line.

With all this my first thoughts were not, and perhaps could not have been fair, so they must forever remain hidden. However, I did have an impression of C.P.S. long before I arrived, which I brought with me to be a healthy and true impression, and which has not been altered one bit by changing conditions, and which, in fact, has been made an even more powerful part of my being.

I have believed for a long time that if anything is worth doing it's worth doing well. The cause for which I am here certainly make my being here "worth doing". If I can satisfy myself that what I am about is of worth, then for me to do the thing well is just an automatic result. If what I have to do is not worth doing well, if I find myself doing the job below my usual standards of accomplishment, then the job is of no worth whatever, and I must discard it.

All of us who are here are making sacrifices to be here. To some it is the sacrifice of delaying an education and the laying of plans for the future. To others there is the sacrifice of income and continuing plans for the future. Some have left farms to be kept by parents too old to have to work, other farms left to tenants. Others have left businesses of all kinds. All are tremendous sacrifices for the concern they are to the camper. Some were the sole support of parents before induction, many were husbands, some were fathers—all sacrifices.

Because I believe, as well as all of us here do, that wars are sinful and cruel and unjust, I am anxious to make my sacrifices and to be a part of CPS, but therefore, to do my C.P.S.'ing in the very best way that I know how. If I found that I could not do this "well", then I would have to doubt whether or not the sacrifices were worth it, and in turn, if wars are really as bad as I know them to be.

Are our sacrifices worth this? Is what we have had to give up worth what we must now endure? The only reply can be an unquestioning, a powerful affirmative. Then I must do the very best that is within me, else there would be something lacking in that for which I am doing this.

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# CAMP SPORTS

Athletes come and go at Springs, but upon leaving they seem to be just a bit more "refined" as a ball player. It makes no difference what field of sports newcomers are interested in because we here at #5 offer a six-sports program throughout the playing seasons. During the summer months it's softball, tennis, horseshoe, and volley ball. During the fall it's touch football and during the winter it's basketball and ping pong that take the spotlight.

Here is a close-up of the sports activities during the past four months. First a word about softball. Softball started out with a bang in the early season but due to numerous harvest furloughs it subsided and was not resumed until late in the season, when the camp staged its own Little World Series. Four teams captioned by Martin (Bud) Stucky, Gordon Engle, Norman Bauman, Menno E. Schmidt, and Edwin J. Schmidt, (The last two co-managers) engaged in the series. The championship game of the series was copped by Dorm 4 and 5, who defeated "Bud" Stucky's softball ten by the margin of 15-8. A previous game between the two teams had resulted in a two all deadlock. The final play-off game was played in a blinding, chilling mist and contributed to the high scoring.

Two or more tennis courts could have been used here this summer due to the high interest among the boys. As it was the one court was in almost continuous use. Judging by the present tournament which is drawing to a close, a little, dark-haired fellow from Tulsa, Ed Belan, seems to be about tops around here.

For more relaxing recreation the boys turn to horseshoe and croquet. These activities are especially popular in the evening because they can be played under the lights.

At present, touch football takes the spotlight. With four able ball carriers in Leon Friesen, Gordon Engle, Gordon Kaufman, and Menno Schmidt, the games are rather free scoring. In the fast moving, six man game, a passing attack is proving to be the best ground-gainer, although running plays pay dividends once the fleet-footed backs get in the open.

With winter coming on the sports gossip in the bath house is turning towards basketball. As a result of the pre-season basketball fever, a basketball goal has been erected adjacent to the tennis court. The boys want to be ready when the season will officially open. A gymnasium has been rented in Springs for the coming season. MES

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My earliest, lasting impression of C.P.S. is that if I was willing to give up that which I had to, even before actually knowing what spending perhaps years of my life in camp would be like, then I would have to spend those years in the most beneficial and profitable way possible doing the very best that I know how. It actually takes so little more effort to do one's best--then not to, thus the rewards of a clean conscience, and the peace of mind of a task well done by far outweighs the extra little effort. EB

## GRASS FIRE

September the 20th approximately 22 men were called out on a grass fire several miles south of the camp just before supper. The fire was quickly placed under control with wet gunny sacks and back pumps. This was the second fire call so far this summer.

# Statistics

OUT OF 147 MEN

IN CPS CAMP NO. 5

ON OCTOBER 1, 1944

WE FIND THE FOLLOWING:

## OCCUPATIONS REPRESENTED

Farmers	103
Students	7
Teachers	5
Mechanics	3
Feed Mill Workers	3
Filling Station Atts.	3
Carpenters	2
Electricians	2
Printers	2
Truck Operators	2
Laborers	2
Janitor	1
Road Worker	1
Typesetter	1
Steel Worker	1
Blacksmithing	1
Hardware Worker	1
Order Dept. Head	1
Creamery Operator	1
Dairy Herd Tester	1
Decorator	1
Hatchery Worker	1
Machinist	1
Radio Technician	1

## RELIGIOUS GROUPS REPRESENTED

General Conference	57
Church of God in Christ	23
Old Mennonite	20
Mennonite Brethren	16
Old Order Amish	7
Immanuel Mennonite	2
Evangelical M. B.	2
K. M. B.	1
Total Mennonite Groups	128
Non-affiliated	5
Brethren in Christ	3
Jehovah's Witnesses	3
Immanuel Missionary	2
First Divine Association	2
Church of God	1
Church of First Born	1
Congregational	1
Christadelphian	1

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS

	Grade School:								High School:				College:							
Years in school:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No. of men:	0	0	0	2	1	2	9	49	14	6	6	40	6	4	4	2	1	0	0	1
Median Average:	1st year in high school																			
Approximate Ratio:	Grade - High School - College: 4 - 4 - 1																			

## AGE DISTRIBUTION:

Years Old: 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

Number: 4 20 10 13 16 19 14 11 10 5 4 4 5 2 4 2 1 2 0 0 1

Median Average Age: 23 years old

## STATES REPRESENTED

Kansas	75	Alabama	2
Oklahoma	47	Colorado	2
Iowa	5	Ohio	1
Texas	5	Louisiana	1
Nebraska	4	Indiana	1
Missouri	3	South Dakota	1

## MARITAL STATUS

Single	92
Married	53
Widower	1
Divorced	1



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EDITOR'S NOTE:

It is the plan of the Editing Staff to produce the "Pike View Peace News" on a monthly basis. In the past the paper has been a bi-weekly issue. For some unknown reason no staff had been elected for the summer months; the result was that no paper was printed. This issue brings you a summary of things that happened during the summer months. Suggestions for improvement of the news paper are welcomed by the editing staff.

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FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

The first Christians  
Were real Christians  
They died for their faith.  
Before dying for Christ's sake;  
The first Christians  
Fed the hungry,  
For Christ's sake.  
Clothed the naked,  
For Christ's sake.  
Sheltered the homeless,  
For Christ's sake.  
Instructed the ignorant,  
For Christ's sake.

And because they did  
All these things,  
For Christ's sake;  
Their pagan contemporaries  
Said about them,  
"See how they love each other."  
The first Christians  
Did everything  
For Christ's sake,  
And nothing  
For business sake.

A large number of books have been added to the library during the summer months. Some of them are: Who's Who Among the Mennonites, Who Walk Alone, The Story of the Mennonites by C. Henry Smith, Modern Home Medical Advisory, Consolation, Springs in the Valley, David Livingstone, John Wesley, Teacher's Training Course, Handicraft and others. We have a large library and many hours are spent in worth while reading.

MRS. LINSCHIED RETURNS

Word was received several weeks ago from Rev. Gaeddert, that Mrs. Linscheid would return to Colorado Springs to assist ably in the capacity of Camp Matron. Her return was a pleasant surprise to the campers. Her return was scheduled for some time between Oct. 5 and 11. The last day of that time saw her returning. Mrs. Linscheid received a very hearty welcome upon her return. We welcome you, Mrs. Linscheid and may your stay here be a profitable and happy one.

FUTURE WORK

After some tractor repair the D and E project has begun about 35 miles from here. The work will consist of two tractor crews building a large reservoir. This will mean a side camp for several weeks. Some more work in rip-rapping needs to be done on the Lewis Dam. Approximately 25 miles of fire breaks need to be plowed.

LABOR COLLEGE

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Welding, Machine Shop Practice, Aircraft, Sheet Metal, Radio, World Peace, etc. As in the past years the camp will furnish transportation to the classes provided you enroll... According to reports from the educational director, quite a number of men have enrolled. The work and study should be quite a benefit to those men enrolled.

HOLLYWOOD CREAMERY

Tuesday morning, Aug. 22, the Hollywood Creamery crew was taken off pending investigation as to the type of work they were doing. Some of the non-C.P.S. laborers had insisted that lard they were loading in box cars was going to munitions factories. Dave investigated the matter, discovering that the lard was being sent to the West Coast and was the property of the Department of Agriculture. The Bill of Lading disclosed that it was intended for export but did not indicate its final destination. The nine-man crew agreed to return to work after the investigation.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES IN AGRICULTURE

Pennsylvania State College is offering a number of extension courses in farm courses without cost. A wide selection of courses are available. It's a great opportunity for some man who is willing to work. A few of the courses offered are: Tile Drainage, Principles of Breeding, Beef Production, Butter-Making, Dairy Breeds of Cattle, Poultry Keeping, and Fertilizers and Manures.

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The new staff has been busy with this new issue of the PIKE VIEW PEACE NEWS. With your suggestions we hope to make the paper a success.

If you know of anyone desiring this paper please have him mail his name and address with 50¢ to the editor for a year's subscription. NA

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TRANSFERS

Numerous men are transferring at the present time. A group is leaving for the new unit at Lincoln. Several men are transferring, or have transferred to hospitals recently. The camp strength remains about constant because new men arrive. We wish the transfers--out many worthwhile experiences. We welcome you new comers.

CUPID IS BUSY!



When do we have ice cream? When some one gets married. Have we had ice cream lately? Yes! MARRIAGES have been quite frequent during the summer months. It is the policy of the newly weds to furnish ice cream for the camp at large. Thank you men.

The men who recently found happiness in signing a life-time contract are: Norman Abrahams-Sept. 26, Ed Classen- on July 30, Pete Friesen-Sept. 24, Elden Koehn-July 30, Art Rediess-Aug. 6, and Allen Wiens-Aug. 27.