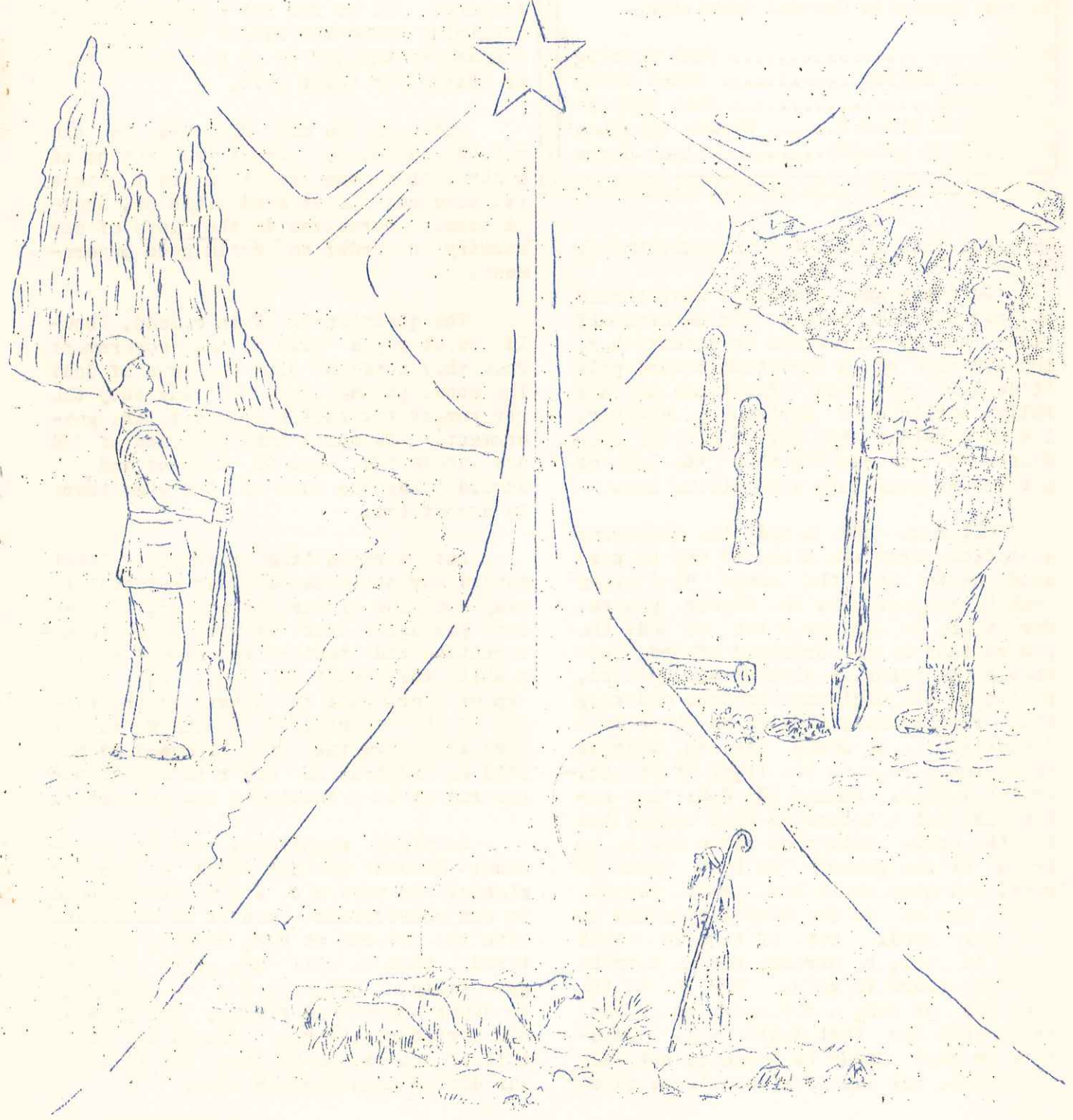


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UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY ~



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THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD GOVERNMENT

We often ask ourselves what should be our attitude toward our Government? It is not my intention to discuss here the attitude of a Christian toward politics since political functions are not fully outlined in scripture. However, let us consider the matter of our obedience to governments when the law of government conflicts with divine law.

Often we have heard the following quotation from the Bible to try to persuade us to join the army: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the powers, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation". We would like to discuss these two verses in the light of the following verses. Romans 13: 3-5: "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise for the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."

As we look into the passage we must conclude that Paul speaks only of the authority given to the government to make laws and keep order within its own boundry. It is for the purpose of disciplining those who refuse to discipline themselves and not to go punish the other States for their evil.

Although we may disagree in the methods used, we expect the nation to control crime and maintain order within its borders. We as good citizens, should submit ourselves to the laws of our country in order to build good government.

The question is often raised, Should we obey the laws of the government when they conflict with the laws of God? The above passage does not say obey the government but rather submit to the government. We admit that the laws of God are above the laws of Nations and we should obey the laws of God when there is a conflict.

Let us raise the question, What should our attitude be after refusing to obey the law of our government. The above passage leaves us with only one alternative and that is to submit to the penalty for conscience sake. Just as we expect a criminal to submit to the ruling of the courts, so should we submit ourselves and take the consequences. This we must do in order to assist our government in maintaining law and order.

We might rightfully ask the question: Should we not stand up for our rights? In answer we say we should hold to our convictions even if it conflicts with the government but, holding the attitude that we will accept the penalty gracefully. Often we say we should go to court and demand rights, but what do the Scriptures, say we should do? They tell us not to go to law, but to settle our differences through love.

If we were in the position of Deacon Stevens what would we do? We see him telling the authorities how he felt, and for that stand he was stoned. The whole picture would have been changed if he had taken the attitude most of us carry. He might have prayed for God to punish them. As he was stoned we see an example of great love, as expressed in his saying, "Lay not this sin to their charge". He realized they were blind to the truth and hoped for a change in their attitude. The final example is the act of our Divine Savior as He died upon the Cross. On His lips were the words "Forgive them for they know not what they do." Christ obeyed the laws of the Romans insofar as they did not conflict with Divine Law. Man's decisions are unjust, and yet Christ bore His suffering whole-heartedly.

J.M.



## PEACE ON EARTH ?

Amid the noise of the bomber and the din of guns-----amid the rumbling of tanks-----amid reports of attacks and counter-attacks, amidst a global war, the immortal message of the angels of long ago presses in on us. Faintly we can hear the old but longed-for strain-----  
**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.**

Today there is no peace.

The prophets of old too were living in a day when there was no peace. They were looking forward to the coming of this Prince of Peace-----the promised Messiah. They were longing for the time when "...crooked paths would be made straight.....," when the PROMISED One would ".....feed His flock like a shepherd and gently lead them.....,"-----when He would "....comfort His people."

When in due time the little Christ-Child came, the world was not ready-----there was no room in the Inn, so that He had to be born in a lowly manger outside the city gates.

Should it be true that even today, the world has gotten into such a condition that there is no room in the Inn for the Prince of Peace? Could it be that the song of the angels fails on deaf ears? Could it be that we-----you and I-----fail to make room for him in the Inn?

Surely the true meaning of Christmas-----LOVE-----PEACE-----GOODWILL-----has not lost its power. Probably we need to learn anew of this Prince of Peace-----of this Jesus Way of Life which He gave to us. Probably the world will yet need to learn that PEACE, LOVE, GOODWILL-----must kindle the hearts of men-----must become the driving motive if Peace is to become a reality. Truces can be legislated-----they can be politically maneuvered-----they can be forced, but the kind of Peace that Jesus talked about can come only through LOVE and GOODWILL.

May it please God soon to bring such a Peace into a war-torn world, and if He sees fit to use us to that end, may we be ready and faithful in helping toward that end.

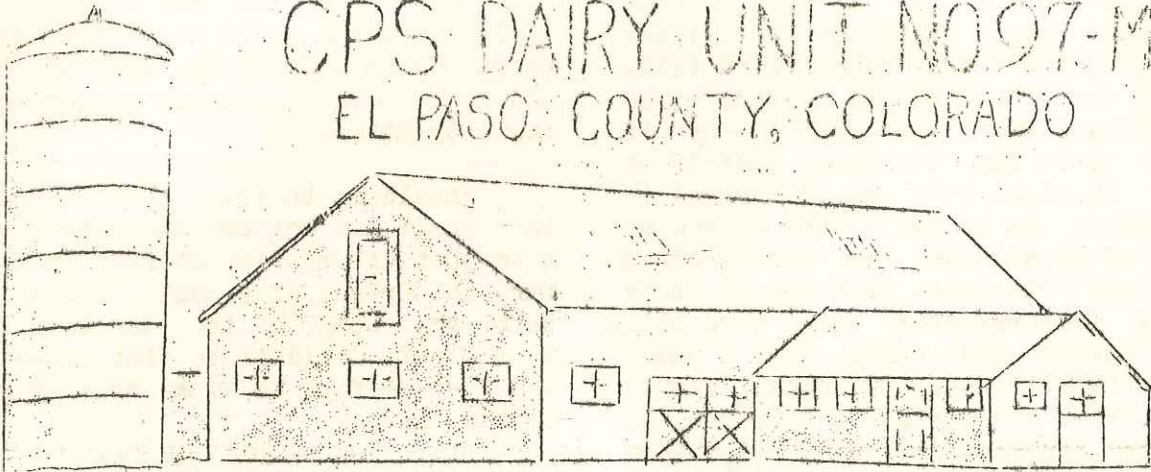
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### RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Rev. E. M. Yost, pastor and evangelist, conducted a series of meetings in camp beginning on Sunday, Dec. 10 and concluding on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The meetings were well attended and proved inspirational to the camp as a whole. The Sermon Sunday morning was on "The Magnificent Glory of the Cross", and the concluding message on Wednesday was on "Love, the Supreme Commandment."

# CPS DAIRY UNIT NO 97-144

## EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO



INSTRUCTIONS BEING ISSUED TODAY TO RELEASE TWENTY DAIRY FARMERS FROM COLORADO SPRINGS AND FORT COLLINS CAMPS TO YOU FOR POOLED INTERVIEW MORNING OF TUESDAY THIRTEENTH. WIRE IF DATE UNSATISFACTORY

This was the telegram received by the local United States Employment Service on the 10th of April, 1943. Several days later Selective Service authorized the enlargement to twenty-five men which is the present strength. Up to this time approximately one third of the men have been replaced for various reasons.

The farmers pay the prevailing county wage rate for the use of the men. For the present this was set at \$100.00 per month by the County Wage Board. Of this \$50 may be retained by the farmer if he boards and rooms the assignee. The other \$50 is paid into the United States Treasury out of which the assignee is later paid \$15 allowance for clothing and incidentals.

Assignees are granted 15 days of furlough per year for which the farmer does not pay but the assignee gets his allowance. The assignee may take an additional 15 days if the farmer agrees and is willing to pay the treasury for these 15 days. Assignees are also to have one Sunday per month where they will not

be expected to do chores. The average day for dairy labor in this county was set at ten hours by the County Wage Board. Generally the farmers are very reasonable in what they expect of the men.

A compensating factor in dairy work is the fact that men are qualified for this type of work and feel that they are working where their labor is really needed. A compensation for the married man is the fact that he can live with his family and have a greater opportunity in the training of his child. Approximately half of the assignees live with their family in quarters furnished by the farmer. The remainder have various arrangements for board and room.

Necessary medical aid of assignees is paid out of the frozen farm fund. Dental and optical work has to have prior approval by Selective Service before being paid. Farm assignees carry an insurance policy which is paid out of the frozen farm fund. It covers injuries and hospitalization.

The County Extension Agent is the official Selective Service representative and cooperates with the Area Supervisor in the administration of the unit. The Area Supervisor, who is appointed by the Monarch Central Committee and approved by the National Service Board and Selec-

tive Service, has approximately the same duties as a Camp Director. It also is his duty to receive payments for monthly wages and forward these to Selective Service.

Some of the assignees are rather isolated from many of the camp and town activities. Every third Sunday of the month however, they plan to attend church services in camp and remain for dinner and the afternoon of fellowship. Work along educational lines has been difficult and men have had to develop hobbies and reading habits of their own. The Area Supervisor tries to take visiting ministers to the various men once every two months besides his monthly visits.

The average number of cows milked per farm is around fifty. One dairy milks as many as one hundred sixty cows per day. Several of the dairies have to purchase all of the feed from neighboring hay ranches.

On the whole public and work relations have been excellent. Several of the men have been assigned foremanship positions while others take an active part in community church activities. It is of course impossible to evaluate the total influence of these twenty-five men working on these dairy farms but it has in many instances been a new experience for the employer and the community to hear of the is Way of Life. It is our hope that the impressions left by the men will be of credit to them and the Cause.

### IN THE PAST 3 YEARS AGO

#### CAMPERS ALLOWANCES DISCONTINUED

Monday evening, December 1, the campers filed past Business Manager Ray Schlichting to receive their last monthly gift of \$1.50 from the Monmonite Central Committee.

The MCC decided to discontinue cam-

per's allowances for the Monmonite-Operated camps as an economy measure. Director Gaeddert presented the facts that in the past approximately \$200 was spent each month at the local camp on camper's allowances. For the period of a year this expense would approach \$2,500 for the Colorado Springs Camp. This sum would be a sizeable item in the proposed local camp budget of \$32,000 for the year. Discontinuance of the allowances among all six of the MCC Camps would mean an annual saving of well over \$10,000.

A portion of the money thus saved will be diverted into other channels of expense such as education and recreation. However, much of the saving will go toward a lessening of the total CPS financial burden.

The universal response of the camper's to the discontinuance of the allowance was favorable.

#### OBJECTORS MAY WORK IN MENTAL HOSPITALS

Word has come from the National Service Board that two projects have been established whereby men in CPS Camps will be enabled to work in Mental Hospital units. The two work units of 20 and 25 men each would be assigned to the State Hospitals in Elgin, Ill., and Gardner, Mass.

The men accepted for the work would serve as attendant nurses, laboratory technicians, kitchen and dining room assistants, clerical workers, and psychiatrists.

Sixteen men from the local camp have indicated an interest in the projects. No announcement has been made concerning the method of selecting the men.

#### 2 Years Ago

#### SAFETY MEETING

With Christmas drawing near, the work shop seemed to be the place of numerous boys, working on some gifts in their leisure time. Therefore on Dec. 4, a safety meeting was held in relation to the safety in the work shop.

## (CONTINUED) IN THE PAST

Ray Schlichting and Arlo Sonnenberg who were in charge of the meeting, worked out a short program. Make-shift machinery was made with which Otto Pauls, one of the actors, worked being very careless and doing the work wrong. Harold Reschly, starring as the shop attendant, came up to correct him, to show and tell him the safety measures.

Many humorous, but true antics of amateur craftsmen were portrayed which drove the safety points home and provided the audience with many laughs. Major McLean, Selective Service inspector visiting our camp voiced his satisfaction of the program.

On conscription of women: "I don't see how you can administer women with quite the certainty that you can men. There's only one way I have ever had any success at all with women and that is let them do as they please."

General Lewis B. Hershey.

### HEAD DIETICIAN VISITS

Mrs. Ralph Hernley, chief dietician for MCC Camps paid Colorado Springs a visit during the last week in November. The chief purpose of her visit was to inspect our kitchen procedures and to help solve our food problems. Since Mrs. Hernley has already visited quite a number of camps, she was able to tell just how other camps were solving the problems all camps have in common.

### HERTZLER LEAVES

Emanuel Hertzler, our acting Director for over 3 months has left CPS No. 5 as a result of the call to serve as head of side camp located near Buckingham, Colorado. This side camp is in reality, a part of CPS Camp No. 33, Fort Collins, Colorado where Mr. Hertzler served as assistant and Educational Director before coming to Colorado Springs.

The successor to the post of Acting Director is now Arlo Sonnenberg, who just returned from the school for assis-

tant directors held at Washington D.C. Arlo, together with Ray Wenger, Assistant Director, make up the team which is to be responsible for the camp until a new director arrives.

### SPORTS

Basketball seems to highlight sports activities in CPS No. 5. Two camp teams have been organized and are participating in a local Y.M.C.A. league. The league schedule is set up on a round robin basis. Each team plays one game a week. Our teams are known as Camp CPS and Camp Templeton Gap. Camp CPS played their first game Thursday Dec. 14 defeating 316 th Bomb Wing 60-23. Camp Templeton Gap defeated the 315th Bomb Wing 52-44 Friday Dec. 15 in their first league game.

The Y.M.C.A. is very gracious in allowing us the privilege of using their gymnasium without being required to take out memberships.

Ice skating is also quite popular at the McKnight Dairy reservoir only a short ways from camp. Many of our men have learned to ice skate since they have come to CPS and judging by the number of men on the pond almost every night of the week it seems to be great sport.

Work has begun to convert what used to be Dorm 8 into a recreational hall. Plans are in process to fix a shuffleboard court, move in a ping pong table and make provisions for some table games. This hall should provide good wholesome entertainment for winter evenings.

### CAMP CHORUS

Last Sunday the camp chorus gave a program at the Church of the Brethren. It was reported that all but 3 places were filled at the church or an approximate attendance of 125 people. The program at the Evangelical Church has been cancelled as result of objection from the church board. The chorus has been invited to sing at the Friends Church Sunday evening at 7:30.

FORUM

IF POST WAR CONSCRIPTION BECOMES A REALITY? SHOULD THE MCC SELECT A PROJECT OR A WORK PROGRAM? IF SO, WHAT TYPE?

Amos Yoder                      Weatherford, Okla.  
I think the majority of people are against Post War Conscription. The churches should do what they can to prevent it; but, if the law is passed I think we should be ready to present to Selective Service a program of Alternative Service similar to the one we have with some modifications. More relief work at home and abroad; more projects like the Hookworm Control Project in Florida; Slum clearance and others where the poorer people would receive the help. Soil Conservation is good work but, I feel we spend too much of our time working for wealthy ranchers.

Wesley Voth                      Goessel, Kansas  
I definitely feel that the MCC should select a project or work program because they already had experience with certain projects and would be able to handle problems better when they arise. The work should be of National importance like Soil Conservation and Forestry; however, the work projects could be enlarged from what they are now. I believe that relief work after this war should be considered quite important.

Roland Durksen                      Lehigh, Kansas  
If Post War Conscription Becomes necessary, I think the MCC should be ready with a project or work program. I think a relief program here in the U. S. A. would be a very good idea. I think that if such project is completed then I think going over Seas is next in place.

Edward Isaac                      Durham, Kansas  
Should a Christian give an alternative service in peace time conscription? I would say no. I believe in time of war it is somewhat different.

Christ says in Luke 20:25; "Render unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and to God the things which be God's." Paul writes in I Cor. 6:19; "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own." Since our bodies belong to God we should give them a living Sacrifice in service to Him instead of to our Government.

Waldo Wedel                      Tampa, Kansas  
If Post War Conscription becomes a reality I believe we should have a relief program outlined for our young men. With a good relief program before them the men will be conscious of our peace principles that we are trying to uphold. I believe the relief program could be carried on in different ways. Some of these are: sanitation, malnutrition, housing projects, and others wherever the need would present itself.

SPACE FILLER

Ed Isaac bought a car and gets a lot of enjoyment having it pushed to and from work.....Hiram Engle allowed the nurses to catch him at the Walsenburg sidcamp. The Editor, Paul Quiring, now has added responsibilities since the birth of Margaret Ann.....Ogun Harms was operated on appendicitis in Clinton, and is enjoying an absent sick leave.....Jonathan Bochs attended the chorus program at the Brethren Church.....Mrs. Ed Linscheid, Camp Matron, has taken the job of supervising the MCC clothing depot in Newton Kansas. In the week from Dec. 16-22, 3,700 qts. of home canned foods were received from Enid, Corn and Montezuma communities.... Rev. Adrian of Buhler got in on butchering hogs on his visit here.....Victor Olson, Selective Service Inspector spent several days in camp....Regular visitors to Denver include Harry Froese, Swartzendruber, Clayton Jantz, Hostetler & Plymouth. Presumably they have cousins there.....

## PROJECT EDUCATION

Mr. Kean Griffith, Camp Supt., is doing a fine job of conducting project education each Saturday morning. The talks on various subjects of Soil Conservation are very interesting.

The subject matter the past month is as follows: Planting of Trees. In his discussion, Mr. Griffith pointed out that not only will the trees a help to prevent erosion, but, will also serve as a game refuge. a Will provide recreation and revenue. It also becomes necessary to provide for wild life in allowing some food to remain in the field near the timber. It was indicated that over 16 million muskrats were trapped each year in the U. S. Spring Development. Several types of springs were noted and a method of diverting the water to stock tanks was indicated. The purpose of developing these springs was to provide continuous supplies of water, save labor and have much cleaner water for the stock. It was emphasized that all jobs be done neatly in order to receive no criticism and for the educational value received. The type of structure and footing depended upon the type of soil upon which the building occurred. Justification of Expenditures. From the examples cited, a well rounded Conservation Program brings immediate returns. One does not have to wait scores of years to see the results. Yields are increased considerably, often more than doubled.

### THE END OF THE STORY

A year ago in September Ted Troyer, then assistant Business Manager, either lost or had his billfold stolen containing \$50.00. Oct. 28 the billfold was returned in an envelope addressed to Civilian Public Service-without the \$50.00

### TALE ON PARAGUAY

Ernst Harder, a student from Bethel College, stopped here on Wednesday evening on his return from a tour of the Western camps. He comes from Paraguay and has been studying in this country for five years. He lived for 4 years in the Chaco Mennonite settlement and 11 years in Germany while awaiting a chance to get to Paraguay. He gave an interesting talk on the history of the people's migration out of Russia to South America.

# Season's

# Greetings

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