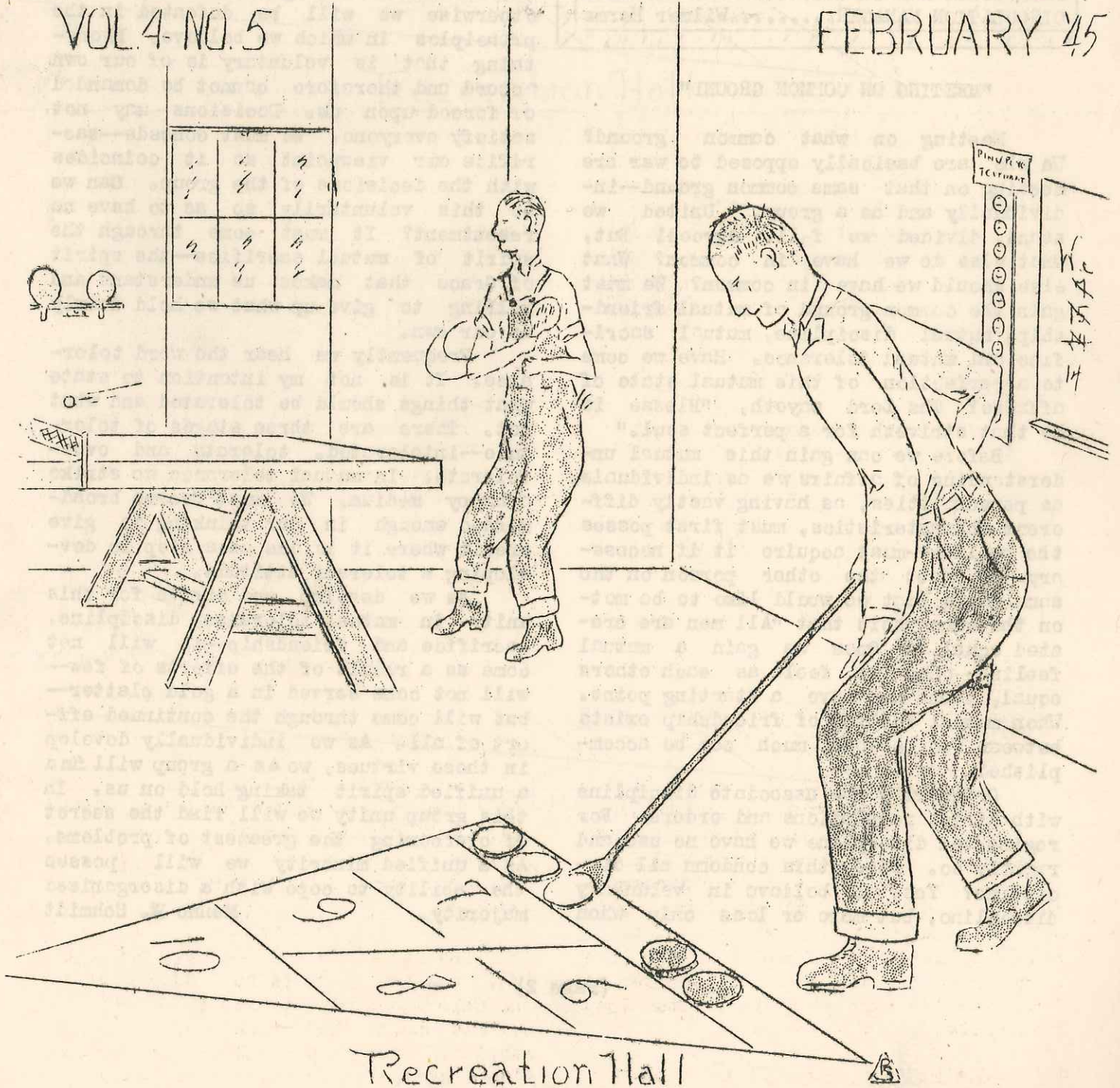


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"MEETING ON COMMON GROUND"

Meeting on what common ground? We who are basically opposed to war are meeting on that same common ground--individually and as a group. United we stand, divided we fall. Agreed! But, what else do we have in common? What else should we have in common? We must gain the common ground of mutual friendship, mutual discipline, mutual sacrifice and mutual tolerance. Have we come to a perfection of this mutual state of affairs? The Lord sayeth, "Blesse is he that striveth for a perfect soul."

Before we can gain this mutual understanding of affairs we as individuals, as personalities, as having vastly different characteristics, must first possess the ability--must acquire it if necessary--to meet the other person on the same basis that we would like to be met on the same basis that "All men are created equal." Once we gain a mutual feeling--once we feel as each others equal, then we have a starting point. When mutual feeling of friendship exists between two persons, much can be accomplished.

Ordinarily we associate discipline with strict regulations and orders. For regimented discipline we have no use and rightly so. Does this condemn all discipline? Yes, we believe in voluntary discipline, but more or less only when

it affects us as individuals. In rural communities, on the farm, individual voluntary discipline became a necessity and proved very satisfactory. In camp, we still have individual discipline but have come face to face with organized discipline as adhered to by a group. Matters pertaining to the group should be decided in a democratic way. Can group discipline become voluntary as was our individual discipline?--It must, otherwise we will be defeated in the principles in which we believe. Everything that is voluntary is of our own record and therefore cannot be demanded or forced upon us. Decisions may not satisfy everyone. We must concede--sacrifice our viewpoint so it coincides with the decisions of the group. Can we do this voluntarily so as to have no resentment? It must come through the spirit of mutual sacrifice--the spirit of Grace that makes us understand and willing to give up what we hold dearly as our own.

Frequently we hear the word tolerance. It is not my intention to state what things should be tolerated and what not. There are three stages of tolerance--intolerated, tolerate and overtolerate. In mutual tolerance we strike a happy medium. We must become broad-minded enough in our thinking to give credit where it is due as a step in developing a tolerant attitude.

As we develop and strive for this unity in mutual tolerance, discipline, sacrifice and friendship--it will not come as a result of the efforts of few--will not come served in a gold platter--but will come through the continued effort of all. As we individually develop in these virtues, we as a group will find a unified spirit taking hold on us. In this group unity we will find the secret of overcoming the greatest of problems. As a unified minority we will possess the ability to cope with a disorganized majority.

Memo E. Schmidt

Forum

Question: AS WE FACE THE PROSPECTS OF PERMANENT CONSCRIPTION WHAT WILL BE THE FUTURE OF THE MENNONITE CHURCH AS IT PRACTICES THE DOCTRINE OF NON-RESISTANCE?

Arthur Pauls-- --Inman, Kansas

The future of the Mennonite Church looks promising to me, as we see the growth of the idea of non-resistance from earlier wars to this one. Although it may be put to more test in the event of permanent conscription, the stronger we become in our convictions and organizations the more powerful will be our witness for Peace.

Rodney Koelm-- --Greensburg, Kansas

By the Grace of God I shall endeavor to give my light in it. I believe that under permanent conscription the church could not stand under such pressure very long. I believe the church would lose faith and would drift away from the true doctrine. The continual grind seems to me would cause us to grow weaker providing we didn't have the right attitude toward the whole matter. Should permanent conscription come, we as the children of God, sooner or later I believe, will face persecution. It is rather hard to say just what the future will be, but I have in weakness given a few thoughts on it.

God knows the future much better than we do. May we as the children of God be ready to whatever may come that we will be able to stand firm. Let us consider our future in the light of eternity.

David Toews-- --Cremlin, Oklahoma

I think that the doctrine of non-resistance in the event of permanent conscription will probably lessen the number of Mennonites, but those that remain will be more sincere and dedicated to the church which in the long run will make for a larger and a better

church. Especially will this be true if non-resistance is definitely made a part of the church-doctrine and taught to all members and not only in time of war.

Leonard Boehs-- --Fairview, Oklahoma

Since the eighteen year-old men are being drafted there are more going to the armed forces and less to C.P.S. In my opinion that would be the results in a permanent conscription. With that as a result it would not take long until Mennonites would lose their principles of non-resistance.

David Jones-- --Shipshewana, Indiana

As we face a world in war and are taking the stand of non-resistance and also face the possibility of peace time conscription, we sometimes wonder what the future will be for us. But I'm sure we all want to stand fast in our faith, peace time conscription or not, for most surely our witnessing for Jesus and trying to prove a better way of life would all be in vain if we wouldn't do so. Whether or not our effort is being taken by the people remains to be seen, so that they may approve complete exemption or service in C.P.S. But we want to keep in mind what Paul writes in Col. 2:8: however it still is up to the person involved how he feels right and best for him to serve. Let him look to God to lead and guide him in whatever he does.

Although we do not like to think of peace time conscription, I feel it has its point even for Christian people to the extent that it tends to make the people more mindful of what is before them, "but serving in C.P.S." I believe the majority would feel it far better and right to help out the needy instead of those that really don't need it and hardly know how to use what they have.

(Forum conducted by Gene Sallaska)

"I'll Challenge You to a Game of 'Ping Pong'"

Almost every one of us has a certain amount of excess energy that wants to and needs to come out of us. We all have some time each day, we must admit, that is wasted time. Why don't we strive to take part in some activity in camp that will occupy the time we now waste? This activity will serve as an outlet for excess energy.

Our recreation hall is one of the several places where we can spend some time. It offers ping pong and shuffleboard for those who desire light forms of exercise. For those who think wrestling in the dorms is the only answer to their need should try the boxing gloves, punching bag and mats in this same recreation hall. Basketball is made available one night a week to every one interested.

These places offer organized wholesome recreation and necessary outlets for unused energies. Shall we all plan to spend some time each week "Playing" with our fellow campers! --Edwin J. Schmidt

~ IN THE PAST ~

3 YEARS AGO: A 15 men crew from local C.P.S. began repair work on the Gold Camp Road.

Dr. Fretz led Rural Emphasis week: "The genius of the Mennonite Church is in the building of Christian rural communities which can be working-models for the larger communities."

Thirty-seven campers volunteered blood for local cases of need.

2 YEARS AGO: Store room well filled.

Men left for opening of new Denver Hospital Unit.

1 YEAR AGO: M.C.C. gave men in base camps \$5.00 monthly allowance.

Prof. M. S. Harder lectured on "The Christian Home".

RELIGIOUS LIFE

Our visiting ministers have been:

Rev. A. W. Epp from the Mennonite Brethren Church, Fairview, Oklahoma gave us the message on Feb. 4. Sunday evening we had for our visitor Miss Doris Larmon. She spoke to us on "Women in Mental Hospitals". February 11, Rev. Orlando Wiebo, E.M.B. from Meade, Kansas filled the pulpit. February 18, Rev. Swalm's message was "The Royal Pathway". He also spoke to us in the evening, telling us his experiences in the last war. Rev. Swalm is from Duntroon, Ontario, Canada. Rev. Charles Diener from Kansas City, Kansas was with us on February 25.

Miss Fast is still with us. Her presence is greatly enjoyed. She has told us many interesting experiences, about the time she spent in the war area in China. She also teaches a Bible class on the Gospel of John.

" A FRIEND "

We sometimes ask ourselves, what is a friend? We read in John 15:13- Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend. In Proverbs: He who wants friends must show himself friendly. It is human nature to want friends. Let us ask ourselves this question-do we show ourselves friendly to our fellow men? A true friend is one that would give his life. This must come from our Divine Father. Sometimes we think we have no friends. Who would give his life for us? Jesus calls His disciples friends. He says, "If ye keep my commandments ye are my friends". He gave His life for us, He is our true friend. Call upon Him in the time of trouble and He shall deliver us.

Sam Jantze

--"Friends have all things in common"--

"SUBMISSION TO DIVINE GUIDANCE"

Webster defines the word, submission as thus: a yielding to the power or authority of another; obedience; humility; resignation; and meekness; therefore in Eph. 5: 1-21 we read where the word teaches us not to grieve the spirit of God by disobedience. It points out the way of love, wherein we shall walk, that the true light may shine upon our way. There is the walk of lust, also the walk of the way of divine light; and the obedient will receive this light. When we receive this light we will be filled by His presence, knowing the good and perfect will of the Father.

Two great things are essential in the obedience to the Heavenly Guide, these are--to know the voice of the Guide and to have a heart of obedience to the Guide. Christ said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow me." To the Jews who rejected Him, Jesus said, "Ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep". In order to be led by the Lord we must have a will, surrendered to the evidences as to who the Lord is. If we accept Him as our Guide through life we will learn that He is a good Shepherd.

We have four ways in which God guides people; God begins in very simple steps to show His will to the minds of men. First, we have Godly parents who are entrusted with showing the elementary steps of life. Second, there are spirit-appointed teachers or ministers of the word. Third, there is the word itself; and Fourth, there is the Holy Spirit that comes into the lives of the ones that have accepted Him as He is, and are converted.

No matter how deep the trials and temptations are, God, with His mighty hand and everlasting love, stands ready at all times to guide us through those trials to victory if we but yield to Him our lives and service.

Elmer Schmidt

PROJECT EDUCATION

One of the more profitable half hours is spent in project education on Saturday mornings. Mr. Kean Griffith has been touching interesting material in connection with construction work. As work continues on the Sinton Dam, it becomes practical to discuss concrete work.

During January the subjects discussed were: The S.C.S. set-up or S.C.S. machinery. The following three discussions were on concrete. The importance of the proper mixture of cement, sand, rock and water was stressed. The strength of the concrete is dependent on these ingredients in right proportions. One method of determining the amounts of ingredients was presented.

The proper placing of reinforcement steel was discussed. Temperature stool was placed in the concrete to avoid breaking as a result of temperature changes.

Forms used in the concrete structures should be well built and properly tied to avoid bulging. During the pouring of cement it should be properly tamped to insure the removal of air and to cause the cement to surround reinforcement steel properly. Vibration is used in large structures to cause cement to settle well. An interesting fact was presented in the way in which cement absorbs water. In the first 21 days cement should be kept wet to insure proper hardening. This practice would be very inconvenient and is usually omitted.

P.Q.

Dear Subscriber:

We want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have been re-subscribing to our camp paper and who still will in the future. Especially do we thank those who are sending us a dollar bill to pay for their subscription. We appreciate it very much since 50¢ per year hardly covers the expense we have of publishing and mailing it out to you.

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NEWS FROM NO. 5

-- JOB ROTATION --

The council approved a final draft of the Job Rotation Plan which has been presented to the campers for final approval. The plan provides for a committee of three including the director to set up frequency of rotation and to handle selection of replacements. The base period for rotation has been set at 6 months with skilled jobs rotated less frequently.

-- CONSCRIPTION MASS MEETING --

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, a meeting on Conscription as it affects the Menmonites was held. Problems were discussed and delegates elected to a Conscription Conference to be held in Newton, Kans. on March 10 and 11. Paul Schmidt and Sam Jantzen were the delegates elected.

The problems of peacetime conscription will effect each one of us. Don Smucker has stated that it is one of the "most momentous issues confronting American Menmonites in 200 years".

-- SPRINGFIELD SIDE CAMP --

Dave Suderman, Waldo Voth and Kean Griffith returned recently from Springfield where they investigated the possibility of establishing a permanent side camp. The work would consist of fencing and other reclamation work. Reports were very favorable and work would be enjoyable if you like the wide open spaces.

-- NEW CLASSES --

Several new classes have been started, including Surveying and Red Cross First Aid. Several qualified men from the local camp are serving as instructors.

-- SINTON DAM --

The Sinton Dam is nearing completion. All the concrete has been poured. The Colorado Springs Gazette carried an article about the structure. It was mentioned that the Civilian Public Service Camp furnished the labor.

-- DIETICIAN --

Miss Marie Groening arrived the beginning February to assume her duties as dietician. She is indeed qualified in her position having known CPS men in Belton, Montana camp and men in Colorado Springs early in the camp's history. We welcome Miss Groening and hope she enjoys life in camp #5.

-- INTER-CAMP BASKETBALL --

The Denver Psychopathic Hospital Gymnasium was the scene of a fast basketball game Feb. 24. The game was played between the Fort Collins and Colorado Springs CPS teams to settle the question of who has the superior team. The Colorado Springs team emerged the victor by a score of 49-40. The game was fast; and hard play was a feature of the game all the way.

The Colorado Springs B team registered a 39-15 victory over the Denver Hospital Unit team in the curtain raiser.

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