

PIKE VIEW PEACE NEWS

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> EDITORIAL <

We are approaching the fourth Easter since the establishment of CPS camps and it brings to our minds the importance of a Redeemer to us personally and collectively. We see the suffering of the world ill as well as for the sins of each individual. If only the people would receive the Spirit of Grace in accordance with God's will. The spirit of Grace is the only means of loving our enemies and bringing about the world of peace we are seeking for at this time. The world peace we look for will never come until each individual has received this Spirit into his life. This fact can be as real to each of us as we know we live. We cannot love the world and people abroad until we love the enemy in the bed next to us.

Why was it that Christ should suffer and die and have His Father turn his face from Him and let Him die as a sinner? One of the reasons for this is that He gave it to us as an example. He also had to suffer to divert the penalty of sin from each of our lives. He suffered and bled and died that we might be freed from the power of sin.

What is the sin that made him to suffer for us to divert the penalty? It was the fact mankind disobeyed the authority of God. They used their own plan of action instead of God's. They used the things of evil to get gain when it was to their advantage. We often look upon the vile sins as drinking, murder, and debauchery as the thing Christ died for, but that was only the results of man choosing his own way. We have only had the worst of these as the standard of evil to be held up to us. It is the disobedience to the Spirit of Grace that is sin in the eyes of God. If we are filled with our own ways in the eyes of God we are as bad as the one who has gone to the bottom of sin.

If we are to see the peaceful world we want, we will have to all meet in the blood of Christ and let him be the one to unify Nations and people by His Spirit. As long as man looks to his own reason and ways to bring about peace, it will fail. We can even use the plan layed down in the Scripture as the plan of peace and fail to have the Spirit that revealed the plan and it will fail in its purpose. The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life. It is the people of the world living under the guidance of the spirit that makes it possible for us to live at peace with one another.

The reason for speaking of the Spirit with the sufferings of Christ is because the spirit is the person of the trinity that make the suffering of Christ effective in the life of each sinner. When each person in the world has the knowledge of their sinfulness and has repented and received the knowledge of pardoning Grace, we will have the peaceful word for which we are longing to see.

-- J.M.

Forum

QUESTION: "The CPS CAMPS have the conservatives and the liberals, and all say something is wrong with the program. Give a few thoughts on how to make this a better thing."

Clarence Yoder Wellman, Iowa

"I don't think we, as a group here at camp, are trying to get out of camp life all we could to better ourselves for the future.

Talks and classes that are given by visitors or campers are not too well attended.

Is the work worthwhile that we do? I think we are doing too much for the rich fellow and the fellow that just depends upon us to do his work. I think we should have more projects of our own as was started in Mississippi. But let us remember that; all things work together for good to them that love God."

John W. Franz Buhler, Kansas

"When we study the characteristics of human nature we generally find those that are conservative in their ideas and others who are liberal. This condition exists the same in CPS. The majority of the boys in camp get along alright but at times do get upset about the entire program or parts of it.

One of the great difficulties of camp is that we have so many churches represented and each have different ideas. Quite often we hear some heated discussions. To improve the camp we should be broadminded enough to consider the next man's viewpoint on certain things and adjust ourselves as much as possible to the conditions in which we are. We should lift our eyes, look up and rise above the clouds of life, and commune with God in Jesus Christ our Savior. If we do this there will be peace, strength, courage, contentment,

and we will learn to live. Shall we step up anew into the light of the glorious promises such as we find in the following passages: Psalms 55:22, Phil. 4:6, I Peter 5:7."

Leonard Raney Ada, Oklahoma

"It has been the prevailing condition in CPS for many of the men to come to camp with a zeal for Christ and after two or three months we find them losing that zeal and doing things they would not have done before. Some have said "What can be done to remedy this illness?" Most of us would shake our heads at the thing that will remedy this condition. We try to get men to worship together and fail to reach the need. The fact is many men come to camp discouraged and in need of spiritual help. They go to the camp service and it is different from what they are used to and they do not get the encouragement they need at the time they need it most.

There are six groups in camp that have seven or more men in each group. Each one of those groups should have some kind of a service at least once each week beside the regular camp service. When a new man comes to camp the leader of his group should know when he is coming and invite him to their services and show him the prayer room. They should be ready to give him spiritual help. As a example, I was in camp a week or two before I knew there was a prayer room in camp. The other men in camp that are not that large could attend the services that are most like theirs. You may say this will divide the men. I think the men already disagree. We should recognize it and try to meet the need of each man."

Dayton Becker Galva, Kansas

"One way in which to improve camp is to conserve our conversation. We must
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A VISITING MINISTER WRITES!

A minister visiting the men in the CPS Camps goes there with the purpose of mind to lift up the hands that hang down, to strengthen the feeble knees, and to make straight paths for their feet. However, he realizes that he faces a group of men from various churches with different opinions and beliefs on some articles of faith except the doctrine of nonresistance. He also feels the possibility of two classes of men: the Redeemed that walk in the newness of life, and those that need to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Redeemer, knowing that old things have passed away and beholding all things have become new. With the knowledge of the field he is to cover and yet be true to all, he finds himself in a position where he in the fear of God cries out "What shall I preach?" Finally he arrives at a conclusion to strike on a certain point which he considers essential.

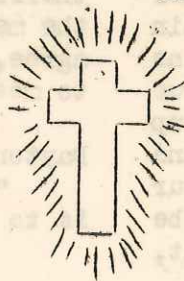
He, through his love for them gives the truth, finally hears the results which are: some feel he is rubbing it in, others that he is narrow minded, while others say Yea and Amen, while most of them are not there to judge.

A bird's eye view of the spiritual temperature in general is neither cold or hot. Camp as well as Christendom generally needs a revival, a turning to God, and infilling of the Holy Ghost.

To date after 3 years of camp life for many men, they are boiled down to where they show their colors from the inside out. Some make good while others break. In general a pastor's assistance is needed and appreciated.

By observation there are at least three types of men in camp: the conservatives, the happy mediums, and the liberals. In the face of the fact that there is a wide range of opinion, the men seem to appreciate if we graciously differ with them and be frank to let them know it. Even if some do not appreciate it, we feel we must preach the truth. We feel, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32) is necessary so we give the truth without fear and favor.

Rev. Erwin Harms - Montezuma, Kansas
Church of God in Christ Menn.



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After the YMCA basketball league, in which we had two teams entered had to fold up because the local Army Air Base teams had to withdraw, our two teams agreed to play a three-game series to decide which team would be considered the champion. The Templeton Gap team won the first game 34-33 in an overtime game. The second game was won by the CPS team by the score of 36-29. In the final game CPS put on the heat the second half to win by the score of 41-35 after trailing 20-14 at the half.

--- Team Personnel ---

<u>Templeton Gap</u>	<u>CPS</u>
Paul Schmidt, Capt.	Ed. J. Schmidt, Capt.
David W. Pauls	Memmo E. Schmidt
Elmer Gaeddert	Melvin Gaeddert
Walter Krehbiel	Walter Grundman
Memmo A. Schmidt	Paul Quiring
Leon Friesen	Elmer Neufeld
Melbourne Stucky	Waldo Wedel
Roland Duerksen	Martin Stucky
Wilmer Harms	

Our basketball season is now over and we consider our season highly successful. Each team played 12 games with CPS losing 2 games and Temp. Gap losing 5. Besides these games they combined forces and beat the Fort Collins Camp and lost to the Boy's Club. Some men from the camp played the YMCA team four times to date losing two and winning two. Basketball was offered to everyone interested, at the North Junior High School Gymnasium in town. (Sports contd. Pg. 8)

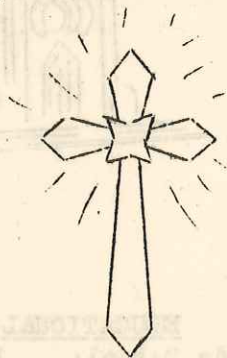
VISITING MINISTERS:

March 4th Rev. LeRoy Wedel was with us for the services. He is a former camper and is acquainted with the camp. Rev. Wedel is of the Church of God in Christ Mennonite Church of Goltry, Okla.

March 11th Rev. H. Lawrence Linton of the Friends Church of Colo. Springs was with us for the morning service.

March 18th Rev. Edwin Stucky of Goessel, Kansas and a former CPS #5 Camper was here for the morning service. Rev. Stucky teaches in the Goessel High School and serves the Goessel Church.

March 25th through 28th Rev. Erwin Harms was with us from Montezuma from the Church of God in Christ Mennonite Church to give us a series of messages during the Passion Week.



Calvary and Easter Day

A song of sunshine through the rain,
Of spring across the snow;
A balm to heal the hurts of pain,
A peace surpassing woe.
Lift up your heads, ye sorrowing ones,
And be ye glad of heart,
For Calvary and Easter Day
Were just three days apart.

With shudder of despair and loss
The world's deep heart is wrung,
As, lifted high upon his cross,
The Lord of Glory hung----
When rocks were rent, and ghostly forms
Stole forth in street and mart;
But Calvary and Easter Day,
Earth's blackest day and whitest day,
Were just three days apart.

---Author Unknown

OUT OF 129 MEN

IN CPS CAMP NO. 5

ON MARCH 16, 1945

OCCUPATIONS REPRESENTED:

Farmers	100
Students	8
Laborers	5
Teachers	5
Carpenters	4
Dairy Workers	3
Mechanics	3
Truckers	3
Creamery Workers	2
Feed Mill Workers	2
Barber	1
Blacksmith	1
Dairy Herd Tester	1
Decorator	1
Hardware Worker	1
Janitor	1
Machinist	1
Order Dept. Head	1
Printer	1
Radio Technician	1
Road Worker	1
Service Station Attn.	1
Telephone Lineman	1
Typesetter	1



WE FIND THE FOLLOWING:

RELIGIOUS GROUPS REPRESENTED

General Conference	58
C. of God in Christ Menn.	21
Mem. Brethren	16
Old Mennonite	13
Old Order Amish	6
Evangel. Mem. Brethren	4
Immanuel Menn.	2
Krimer Menn. Brethren	1
Total Mem. Groups	121
First Divine Assoc.	11
Jehovah's Witness	3
Non-Affiliated	3
Brethren in Christ	2
Church of First Born	2
Church of God	2
Congregational	1
Friends	1
Immanuel Missionary	2
Pentecostal C. of God	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	7	11	53	10	6	6	35	7	4	3	2	1	0	0	1

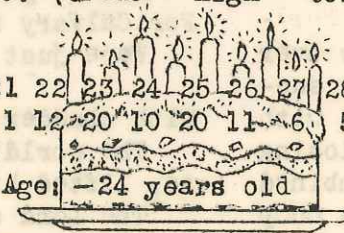
Median Average: 1/2 year High School

Approx. Ratio: (Grade - High - College) (4 - 3 - 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:	1	19	13	11	12	20	10	20	11	6	5	2	5	2	2	3	1	2	2	1	1

Median Average Age: 24 years old

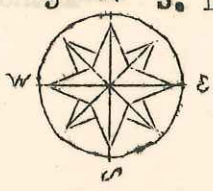


STATES REPRESENTED:

Kansas	70	Missouri	3
Oklahoma	48	Nebraska	3
Texas	14	Alabama	2
Colorado	3	Louisiana	2
Iowa	3	S. Dakota	1

MARITAL STATUS:

Single	93
Married	55
Divorced	1



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be conservative in telling the offender of his mistakes and faults in the "Telling-off" spirit. We should tell it to him in a "for his own benefit" way. We should be more conservative in talking about our fellowmen's errors behind his back. This very seldom if ever improves his mistakes but reveals the quality of our religion. We should be more liberal in respecting our fellow campers in spite of his beliefs and ways and in admitting our own errors. We must conserve our language in expressing our thoughts. Christ says in St. Matthew 5:37; but let your communication be, Yea Yea, Nay, Nay, for whatsoever is more than these words cometh of evil."

-CONSCRIPTION CONFERENCE -

Sam Jantzen and Paul Schmidt were elected by the camp to attend the Conscription Conference in Newton on March 10 and 11. They were elected at the Mass Meeting of the camp after they had discussed the problem of conscription. The conference at Newton was very interesting and all there felt that no alternative service should be presented to congress but other plans were discussed for alternative service to conscription.

-TRANSFERS*

Charter King left for Dennison, Iowa on Monday, February 26.

Melborne Stucky arrived from Marlboro, N. J. on Tuesday, February 27 to join Our Happy Fellowship.

-STORK ARRIVES*



Judy Karen Smith was born March 20th 11:45 A.M. to Mr. & Mrs. Vernie Smith.

-LATEST REPORTS ON CUPID'S WORK-

The box score on Cupid's work indicates the following:

1. Edward Isaac returned from his wedding very happy.
2. Wilmer Boehs was married March 15.
3. Marshall Defoor was married March 16.
4. Alvin Buller no change in status yet.
5. Waldo Voth - No luck yet.
6. Wilmer Harms - Our Secret Service is unable to receive accurate information.
7. Harvey Schmidt kept quiet for a while but those furloughs always let the cat out of the bag.

-DAIRY MAN'S TROUBLE-



Bonnie Habonicht, the expert milker at McNaughts Dairy, says: the cows there don't give milk, you have to take it away from them.

-Job Rotation -

March 2, 1945 the job rotation plan for the overhead of #5 was approved by the majority of the campers at the breakfast table. The score of the voting was 56 to 18 for the measure.

Before the camp started functioning on this plan the MCC started to make it a reality. They have sent Harry Martens to Puerto Rico. Erwin Goering to be the Regional Director of Eastern District, Dave Suderman to be Regional Director of Rocky Mountain District, Paul Schmidt replaces Dave Suderman as Director of the camp, and Wesley Prieb, now at the Mulberry, Florida Privy Factory, becomes Educational Director of CPS #5.

The camp elected Ed Martens and Ted Treyer as the committee members to act with Paul Schmidt to make the rotation work according to plan.

-SPORTS Cont'd.-

The Ping Pong tournament is terminating March 31. At present Gene Sallaska is occupying the top berth. David Beals holds down second, and Walter Krehbiel is in third place. Ping Pong has been a very popular pastime for the last three months with a big score of campers participating.

With Spring coming an interest in summer sports is popping up. The tennis court is getting a 2 inch coat of fresh clay to put it in playing condition. You can hear horseshoes ring sometime during every day. Softballs are being tossed around, volleyball attracts its share of attention, etc. We expect in another month almost every camper will have participated in one or more of these exercises.

Edwin J. Schmidt

-TWENTY MEN TO LEAVE-

The camp has been informed there will be twenty men transferred to Belton, Montana May 8. The camp strength will be cut to 130. It looks as if we will be doing only emergency farm work and sanding out tractor crews during the summer.

There are several rumors going around about who will be the ones to go. Some feel they are not likely to be one of the twenty for they are essential to the work project. The new men say it must be the old-timers place to thin out and be the fellows to leave. Others are trying to get on jobs and side camps to be deferred. It will be impossible to know who will go except for those who have volunteered.

J. L.

C.P.S. #97-M4-Dairy Unit NEWS

1. Merlin Schweitzer has transferred from Fort Collins to the Charles Janitell Ranch near Fountain, Colorado.
2. Glen Stucky has changed from the Field Bohart Ranch, southeast of Colorado Springs to the J. R. Thomas Ranch, northwest of the city.
3. Martin Thomas has transferred from the J. R. Thomas Ranch to the Grand View Ranch.
4. Irvin Hiebner from the Grand View Ranch has transferred to the New Jersey State Hospital, Marlboro, N. J.
5. Waldo Voth, the CPS #97-M4 Area Supervisor, has transferred from Dorm 6 to the "Bachelor's -- -- Mansion" in Apartment A.

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