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Thanksgiving for Blessings

Holy God, our Father, who hast made us and placed us on the good earth to love and serve Thee and our neighbors as ourselves, we praise Thee for Thy gifts to us, the beauties and the bounties of field and forests, or mountains and plain, or river and sea, for the skills and precisions of our hands, the noble inspirations of our minds, and the affection and tenderness of our hearts. Fill us with a desire always to worship Thee and thank Thee and obey Thee. Help us to use and share all Thy good things with our fellowmen so that our world may become a rich and happy dwelling-place for all and Thy glory may shine forth in all our lives. A M E N.



NOTICE!!!

Beginning with this issue, the Pikes View Peace News will be comprised of the weekly camp Bulletin along with additional editorials and news of general interest. --Editor

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOIN'

Let's take a brief look at the record and see just what we have been doing by way of project work. The statistics for the three months--July, August, and September--are the only complete records to date and will therefore be considered here.

We see that by far the greater part of our time has been spent on farm labor. This has consisted of general farm work from the planting to the harvesting of crops for farmers in this vicinity. At one time we had as many as 52 men on farm labor as compared with a high of 68 for the 1944 summer season. At this writing the farm labor has fallen off to an average of about 8 men per day. In the third quarter of this year we spent a total of 1,931 man-days on the farms.

Other work which has been done this summer includes 826 man-days in irriga-

tion work. 506 man-days were spent in preparing and caring for cattle pastures. We spent 760 man-days in constructing water supply systems for stock. Preparatory work necessary to the work on the project, together with the time required for equipment repair totaled 1,196 man-days. 255 man-days were spent on hydraulic research and 25 more days on emergency flood control.

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EVALUATION OF THE CAMP EXPERIENCE

After almost four and a half years of living in CPS #5, Colorado Springs, you get attached to the place. As a result it is rather hard to leave. I am glad to say I do not feel the time I spent here was wasted; but rather, that I wasted a lot of off-duty time, which I could have used to better advantage. I know of no better place where we can learn to tolerate and appreciate our fellow man's beliefs and viewpoints than here. This achievement will no doubt help us immensely in our future community life. Where could we hope to find a better place to live and grow in our spiritual life than here? I am sure I will miss the fellowship I have enjoyed during my stay here very much.

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CAMP BULLETIN

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GPS # 5, Colorado Springs, Colorado

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I listen to the agony of God--

I who am fed,
Who never yet went hungry for a
day.

I see the dead--
The children starved for lack of
bread--

I see, and try to pray

I listen to the agony of God--

I who am warm
Who never yet have lacked a shelt-
ering home.

In dull alarm

The dispossessed to hut and farm
Aimless and "transient" roam.

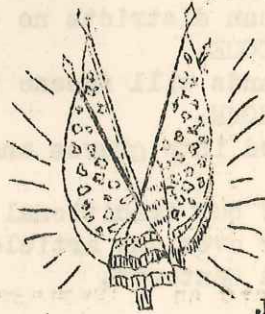
I listen to the agony of God--

But know full well
That not until I share their bitter
cry--

Earth's pain and hell-
Can God within my spirit dwell
To bring His kingdom nigh.

Georgia Harkness

ARMISTICE
DAY



NOVEMBER
11

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 11

10:00 A.M.

Sunday School

11:00 A.M.

Worship Service

Monday, November 12

"ARMISTICE DAY"

Tuesday, November 13

7:00 P.M.

Labor College

Wednesday, November 14

7:00 P.M.

Basketball

Thursday, November 15

7:00 P.M.

Labor College

7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting

8:00 P.M.

Teachings of Jesus

SUNDAY SERVICES

John Koppenhaver, from Hesston, Ks.,

will be hear to conduct the Sunday morn-
ing worship service.

EDUCATION

Those of you who plan to continue
your education should contact Koppenhaver
for details on post-CPS education. He is
one of the Mennonite College represent-
atives visiting CPS Camps to inform us of
the plans provided for CPS men by the
Mennonite schools,

PEACE TIME CONSCRIPTION

Now is the time to express your
opinions on peace time conscription. A
letter to your congressman will help.

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November 16, 1945

IN A LAND
OF PLENTY
WE LIVE



OTHERS LIVE
WHERE WALK
STARVATION

A SONG WITH AN AWFUL REFRAIN

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME,
Children are dying like flies from undernourishment.
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME;
A ration that supplies half enough to support life.
ALL IS SAFELY GATHERED IN,
Food supply at 1,200 calories a day.
HERE THE WINTER STORMS BEGIN;
Ten million likely to die this winter of malnutrition and disease
GOD, OUR MAKER, DOTH PROVIDE
No coal or any other heating fuels this winter.
FOR OUR WANTS TO BE SUPPLIED:
In some European districts no child born in 1945 is still alive.
COME TO GOD'S OWN TEMPLE, COME.
Tens of thousands will freeze to death before Christmas.
RAISE THE SONG OF HARVEST HOME.
Dead are tipped into graves and the coffins resold.

Before we indulge in one of our traditional American Thanksgiving Dinners, all of us should read and ponder over the article, "Are We Murderers?" found in the last issue of the "Christian Century".

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. M. M. Troyer will be the visiting minister this week-end. Rev. Troyer represents the Old Mennonite Church and comes from Conway, Kansas. This being the third Sunday of the month, the service will be in charge of the Dairy Unit.

THE STORY OF THE PURITANS will be told by lantern slides at 3:00 P.M., Sunday evening. The C.E. is sponsoring this program.

DIRECTOR LEAVES

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt suddenly left us when a call came from Akron asking Paul to assume new responsibilities in the business office at Akron. We regret to see the Schmidts leave so suddenly, but we wish them joy in their new work. Acting as director, until a replacement arrives, is Ed. J. Schmidt. Waldo Wedel, recently returned from the Tiffin, Ohio, unit, has taken over the responsibilities of business manager.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Thanksgiving Day a dinner will be served at 4:00 P.M. A short program will follow the supper. Rev. John Schmidt is expected to be here for the occasion to give a short talk. All campers and friends are invited to enjoy the supper.

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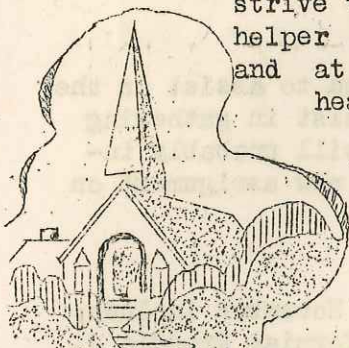
CPS Camp #5, Colorado Springs, Colorado

November 23, 1945

SERVING WITH CHRIST--A Prayer

Lord Christ, I thank Thee that Thou art my Leader and my Saviour, who hast given Thy best for me, even unto the Cross, and who demandest my best from me. Help me to give my all in service to Thee and my neighbor; a body trained and pure, a mind disciplined and true, a spirit loyal and brave. May I follow where Thou leadest and spend myself unstintingly for others; obeying when duty is stern, forgiving when forgiveness is hard, loving when love makes great demands. May I strive to become like Thee, a faithful friend and helper to others in days of toil and days of ease, and at all times a worthy son (or daughter) of our heavenly Father. May I have a glad and living faith which wholly trusts in Thee, "Father, not my will, but Thine be done."

A M E N .



As we anticipate our discharge from CPS, may we not overlook the responsibilities we have in "preparing to go home." A fitting part of such preparation would be an earnest consecration to service for Christ, as expressed in the words of the above prayer. Our discharge must mean more than merely a "going home" and a "becoming established" in our civilian pursuits; it ought to be a renewed pledge to the "World-Wide Mission of the Christian Church,"

CPS MEN AND RELIEF WORK

Among the men in MCC-CPS who will be released for over-age or length of service reasons by the end of 1945 are 23 applicants for foreign relief service. They will go to Paraguay, Italy, Northwest Europe, and the Far East. The Puerto Rico Unit will have at least seven vacancies. If you are interested in post-CPS relief work, make your application to the MCC. After January 1, it is expected that there will be vacancies in all MCC relief units except Northwest Europe.

HOW LONG SHOULD MCC-CPS CONTINUE?

The Friends have decided to end Friends CPS on March 2, 1946, six months after the surrender of Japan. On that date the American Friends Service Committee feels that it has completed its agreement with the government in the CPS program. The government then will take over all Friends units and administer them. The Brethren and Methodist will make their decision shortly. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OUGHT TO DO??? Do we favor ending MCC administration of CPS before all men are released? and, if so, on what date? This matter will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the MCC late in December. If you have an opinion in this matter, let the MCC know about it soon. Write: Albert M. Gaeddert, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER WELL ATTENDED

A sizeable group of campers and dairy unit members, their families and friends, gathered in the camp dining hall at 4:00 P.M., Thursday, for the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner and devotional program. The tables were beautifully and appropriately decorated. A quartet sang and Rev. John Schmidt of Pueblo spoke.

CHORUS PROGRAM

The camp chorus gave a program of sacred music in the Old Mennonite Church in Manitou on Sunday, November 4. Wilbur Nachtigall accompanied the chorus and gave a short talk. The chorus is planning another program for December 8th, to be given at CPS #33, Fort Collins.

CHURCH SCHOOL VISITATION PROGRAM

The Mennonite and Brethren in Christ colleges are interested in making it possible for many CPS men to return to school in order to continue their education. So that we might be well informed about these plans, representatives were sent to all the units during the month of November. Professor John Koppenhaver, field representative from Hesston College, visited this camp. He counseled with men who plan to go to school after they receive their CPS discharges, and gave several very interesting talks before the camp. One evening was devoted to a discussion of the interesting subject: "Choosing a Life's Work".

JOHN SMITH RECEIVES MCC APPOINTMENT

Notification was received that John Smith has been selected to assist in the MCC "Food for Relief" program. It is expected that he will assist in gathering relief supplies from the various MCC food centers; his duties will probably include truck driving. He left camp for Newton, Kansas, and his new assignment on November 28th.

TRANSFERS INTO COLORADO SPRINGS

Transfers into CPS #5 from other camp during the month of November include: Willard Schmidt, Wichita, Kansas; Harry A. Fast, Reedley, California; Freddie J. Miller, Hutchinson, Kansas; Curtis J. Koehn, Ulysses, Kansas; Ivan E. Holdeman, Greensburg, Kansas; and, Dalmer D. Kaufman, Moundridge, Kansas. Schmidt, Miller, Holdeman, and Kaufman transferred from the Smoke Jumpers Unit, Missoula, Montana. Fast came from the Hospital Unit at American Forks, Utah; and, Koehn, from Terry, Montana.

The transfer of Otto Bartel and Art Penner from the Smoke Jumper unit to Colorado Springs has been approved. Requests for transfer to Colorado Springs have been made by Ben Penner from Medaryville, Indiana, Robert Schertz from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and Paul V. Unruh from American Fork, Utah.

Most CPS men have always enjoyed moving around from camp to camp. It is a unique experience to meet new men, work at a new job, and see new places. The following camps have vacancies as announced by the MCC:

15 men needed at Gulfport, Mississippi; Mulberry, Florida, has 11 vacancies for men interested in relief training; the Christian Workers School at Clear-springs, Maryland, begins December 1st; Lincoln, Nebraska, Farm Units, 1 & 2, have 14 prospective vacancies; Terry, Montana, farm school will be able to accept more men; Medaryville, Indiana, School of Music, formerly Tiffin, Ohio, music unit, has room for more members.

RECENT MINISTERIAL VISITS

Ministers, who recently visited the camp, are: Dr. P. H. Richert, Tabor General Conference Church, Newton, Kansas; John Koppenhaver, Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas; Rev. M. M. Troyer, West Liberty (Old) Mennonite Church, Conway, Kansas; Rev. C. E. Mast, Mennonite Brethren Church, Buhler, Kansas; Rev. E. Paul Gamber, Trinity Evangelical Church, Colorado Springs; Rev. John F. Schmidt, Congregational Church, Pueblo; Rev. Gerald Bernecking, First Christian Church, Colorado Springs; and, Bishop Nelson Kauffman, (Old) Mennonite Mission, Hannibal, Missouri.

NEWS ON DEMOBILIZATION

After several false starts, CPS demobilization is finally getting underway. The total "systematic" releases from Mennonite Central Committee units stood at 175 as of November 21. According to the latest Selective Service announcement, all men 38 years old, those 35 to 37 with two years of service by December 31, 1945, who had not made application for release previously, were instructed to do so. This qualified an additional 111 men in MCC-CPS. This means that all men who classify in one of the above three categories will be released before Christmas. The same announcement also stated that no other applications would be called for before January 1, 1946.

At CPS #5, the following men have received their releases:

Jake Smith	Fairview, Oklahoma
Alvin Dirks	Liberal, Kansas
Clarence R. Omo	Pratt, Kansas
Willie J. Hohman	Moulton, Texas
Edwin J. Schmidt	Buhler, Kansas
Ezra Stauffer	Milford, Nebraska
Jake J. Plett	Lehigh, Kansas
Albert V. Regier	Inman, Kansas
Noah A. Miller	Hutchinson, Kansas

The applications of the following men are still pending Selective Service word:

Martin J. Stucky	Moundridge, Kansas
Alvin W. Buller	Henderson, Nebraska
Elmer L. Froese	Clinton, Oklahoma
Walter H. Krehbiel	Moundridge, Kansas
Andrew Pullman	Frankfort, S. Dak.
David A. Toews	Kremlin, Oklahoma
Samuel J. Yoder	Haven, Kansas
Victor J. Smith	Fairview, Oklahoma

In the dairy unit, CPS #97-M-4, the

following have been released by virtue of having completed four years of service:

Abel J. Epp	Buhler, Kansas
David W. Pauls	Buhler, Kansas
Leslie L. Schultz	Pawnee Rock, Kan.
Henry T. Loepp	Inman, Kansas
Melvin V. Gaeddert	Buhler, Kansas
Donnell W. Bartel	Hillsboro, Kansas

Applications pending with SSS:

John C. Nightingale	Halstead, Kansas
Philip H. Stucky	Pretty Prairie, Kan.
Marvin Janzen	Clinton, Oklahoma
Martin Schmidt	Cordell, Oklahoma
Glen C. Stucky	Douglas, Kansas

After January 1, 1946, it is expected that demobilization will progress at a more rapid pace. Unofficial rumor has it that three-year-men will be discharged by the early days of March, 1946. That will still leave over 3000 men in Mennonite CPS.

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PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION

Provincial newspapers in Paris are reporting more and more tragic deaths as a result of German mines planted in the soil of France. Reports like the following are heard nearly every day: "Five children blown to pieces while playing in woods," "Farmer killed when plow hits mine," and "Seven killed, 20 injured, as an old ammunition cache explodes." It is estimated that at least 30,000 lives may be lost before the last of these mines will be removed. At first sight we are tempted to condemn the Germans for their cruelty. But, let us glance into the remote past for but a minute before we pass judgment.

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PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION--continued

France was the first nation to adopt the conscription law. As early as 1793 the French Convention decreed that all able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 25 were liable to military service. In 1800 Napoleon seized upon this method to forward his imperial dreams. He said: "I can afford to expend 30,000 men a month." Such an attitude toward human life is the very antithesis of Christianity, and comparable to the disregard for human life today. Did France protect herself with a conscripted army? The answer is emphatically, "no." She actually lost five wars under conscription. The imperialistic dreams of Napoleon are now costing the lives of his own people. Again we see demonstrated the principle of Jesus: He that takes the sword shall perish with the sword. We reap what we sow.

Following the example of Napoleon other nations tried the method of conscription and experienced the same devastating results. Spain tried it and lost a war. Prussia tried and bowed in defeat. Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Russia, Turkey, and Japan have tried and unanimously have discovered that conscription does not assure peace for all of them lost at least one war with conscripted armies.

Napoleon's fantastic dreams of huge armies brought upon this world one of its greatest evils. In Caesar's time it cost 75¢ to kill one enemy soldier. In the Napoleonic wars the cost had risen to \$3,000. It cost a tidy \$40,000 during the World War I. Now it takes a

cool \$127,000 to snuff out the life of a single enemy soldier. What price our "victory"? Conscription isn't cheap!

Now, in the name of peace our own nation is contemplating the passing of a suicidal law in the form of the Wadsworth bill and the May bill. Have not previous examples been proof enough for the futility of conscription? Major General Frederick B. Maurice, Director of Military Operations on the British General Staff said: "As a soldier who has spent a quarter of his life in the study of the science of arms, let me tell you I went into the British army believing that if you want peace you must prepare for war. I believe now that if you prepare thoroughly and efficiently for war you get war." General Smuts: "I look upon conscription as the taproot of militarism; unless that is cut, all our labors will eventually be in vain." Norman Thomas: "There is not a nation in the world among our allies or our enemies which will not see in that act a sure sign of American imperialism, and a reason for saddling itself once more with its own conscript hosts." Benjamin Franklin: "An army is a devouring monster."

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WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS

- TO -- Jefferson Johnson, who on October 28th changed the name of Miss Edna Giesbrecht at Nontezuma, Kansas.
- TO -- Harry Froese. Wedding bells rang for Harry and Letha Marie Evers at East Holbrook Mennonite Church near Cheraw, Colorado.

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