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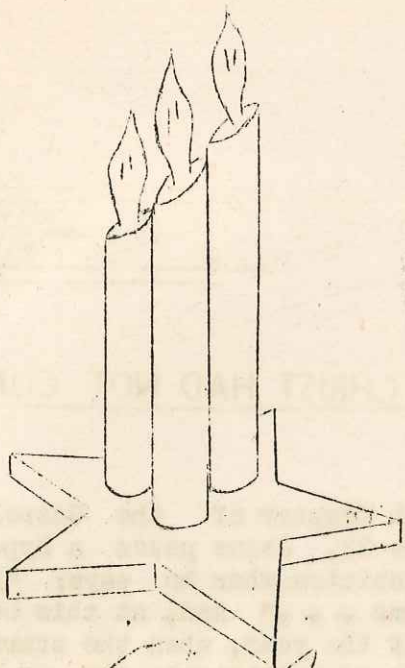
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Greetings

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY
THEIR OLD FAMILIAR CAROLS PLAY,
AND WILD AND SWEET THE WORDS REPEAT
OF "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN."
--LONGFELLOW

INNKEEPERS

And yet in years of warfare, hate and blood
We heap upon that inn-host prideful scorn.
At Christmas we do fete Him, eve and morn.
But time is with us, and in truth we should
More clearly see our Lord than he who could
Not pierce the womb to see our Christ unborn.
And seeing, we use tinsel, tree, and horn
to magnify our gain of highest good.

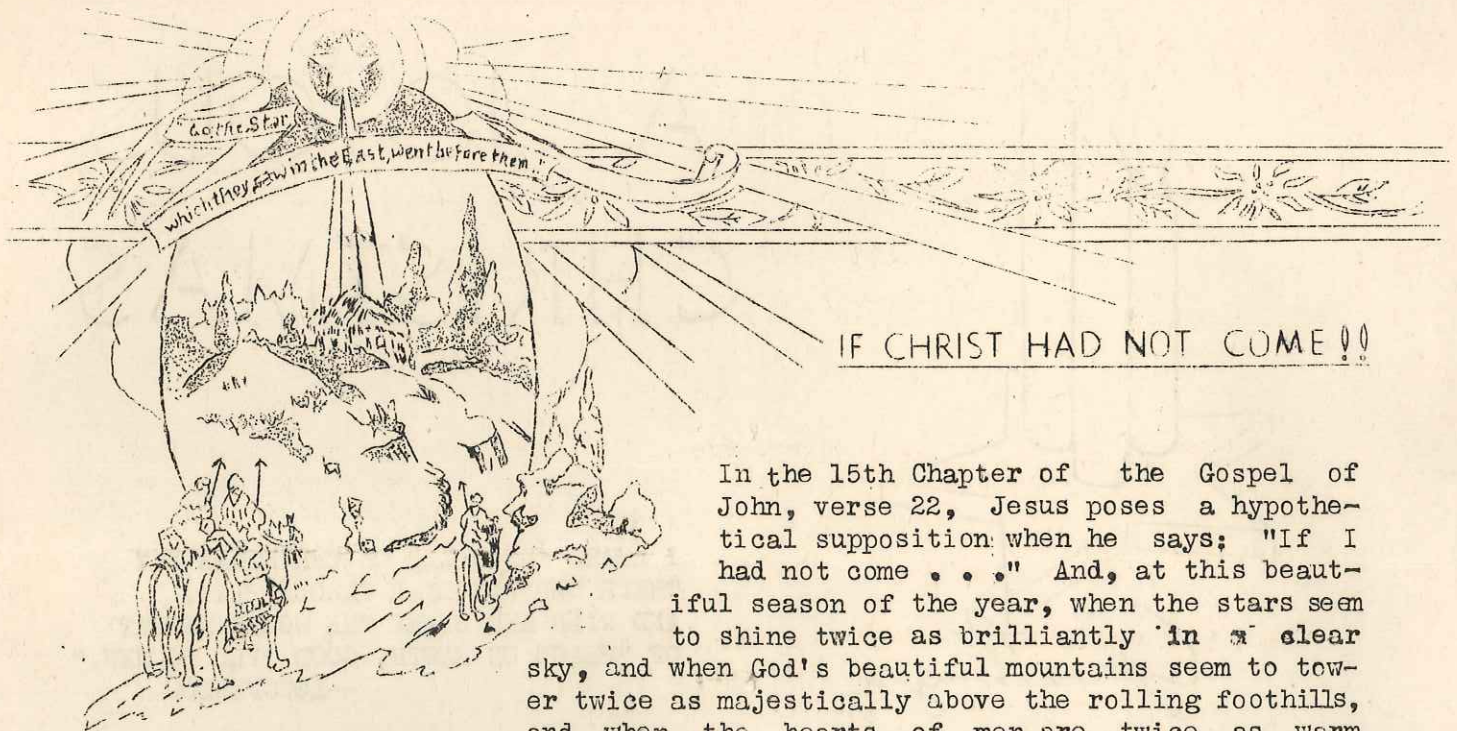
The Babe was sweet, He hushed to angel's song.
The Child was fair, It gardenéd in the wild.
The Man was wise, He saved men from wrong;
The Man was loving, humble, firm and mild.
The Child grew up to lead us in God's plan.
We take the Child, and yet take not the Man.

--Leo Goertz

UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY A SAVIOUR WHICH IS
CHRIST THE LORD

DECEMBER 1945

C.P.S. CAMP # 5, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO



IF CHRIST HAD NOT COME !!

In the 15th Chapter of the Gospel of John, verse 22, Jesus poses a hypothetical supposition when he says; "If I had not come . . ." And, at this beautiful season of the year, when the stars seem to shine twice as brilliantly in a clear sky, and when God's beautiful mountains seem to tower twice as majestically above the rolling foothills, and when the hearts of men are twice as warm with friendly good will, and when all Christendom rejoices in the age-old song that echoed from the heavens almost 2000 years ago: "For unto you is born this day. . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. . .", the Christian's heart chills when it ponders Jesus' supposition. "If I had not come. . ." Evidently Jesus wanted us to ponder such a negative statement in order that we might realize the positive truth of our Christian religion--"I am come that ye might have life."

If Christ had not come, we would be deprived of our most adequate and satisfying knowledge of God, our Father. The world of nature speaks a language that increases our reverence for a Supreme Being and for a Creative Spirit, whose wonderful works are manifest all about us. Yet, these only point toward God. We have the revelation of His Word in Holy Scripture. Yet, when the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us" we experienced our God as One whom we understand, love and adore as our nearest friend. When He said: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," multitudes who could never have grasped the profound spiritual Truth any other way, looked and believed and were saved.

If Christ had not come, we would be deprived of the light upon which we depend in trying to live effectively. Jesus said; "I am come a light into the world that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." Since Christ came, a flood of brilliant light has been shed upon all that we can otherwise only dimly perceive. Not only has He illumined the eternal verities of life, but he has brought meaning to ordinary, everyday living. Birth, childhood, marriage, parenthood, eating and drinking, sowing and reaping, love and friendship,--all these experiences and enterprises of our ordinary, workday life shine with a new radiance and assume new meaning because Jesus has come.

If Christ had not come, we would be deprived of that vicarious Love by which the lost are found and redeemed. Jesus said to Zacchaeus in Jericho, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." In those words He stated His unique mission for coming into this world. Some are lost today like sheep,--lost through their own carelessness, indifference,--simply adrift. Some are lost like the coin that fell from the woman's hand,--lost through the mischances and the misfortunes of life. Some are lost like the elder brother in Jesus' story of the Father and his two sons,--lost through pride, self-will, and

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HAVE YOU EXPRESSED YOURSELF ON PEACETIME MILITARY CONSCRIPTION?

The Militarists Say:

Peacetime Military Conscription will aid us in winning the next war.

A strong, ready and trained reserve force will guarantee peace.

Military training will prevent high casualties in case of another conflict.

Peacetime Military Conscription will give us a healthier nation.

We Say:

Germany, Japan, and Italy all had excellent systems of Peacetime Conscription. Did they win?

If conscription guarantees peace, Europe would have been the most peaceful place in the world. They have had Peacetime Conscription longer than any place on the globe.

Against the atom bomb, what defense is there? The technical skills which won this war were learned in high school and college.

Good health must start long before age 18. If health is the object, these billions would be better spent for adequate food for all, medical care, better housing, more recreation and vocational training.

FLU EPIDEMIC

An epidemic of influenza and colds has crowded the infirmary and kept more men "sick in quarters". Fifteen have been confined in the camp infirmary at one time or another during the last two weeks. The latter half of this week, however, has seen a decrease in the number of new cases.

JOHN SMITH TRANSFERS

John Smith, assignee from Ringwood, Oklahoma, left camp Wednesday evening, November 28th, bound for Newton, Kansas, where he will receive his new assignment with the MCC "Food for Relief" program. He will assist in the transportation of relief food supplies.

MILLER AND BULLER RELEASED

Noah A. Miller, assignee from Hutchinson, Kansas, and Alvin W. Buller, Henderson, Nebraska, became no.'s 9 and 10 respectively in this camp to receive their discharges from CPS under the "Systematic" demobilization of Selective Service. Both men have been in camp over four years.

NEW ASSIGNEES SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE

Notification has been received of the assignment of two new men to CPS #5. They are: Eldo Benjamin Buller, Cleo Springs, Oklahoma; and, Sam Boehs, Jr., Fairview, Oklahoma.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID TOEWS announce the arrival of Galen Bruce, 7 pound youngster, born on November 26th in Memorial Hospital, Colorado Springs. Mother and son are reported to be doing nicely, and the father is given a fifty-fifty chance to recover.

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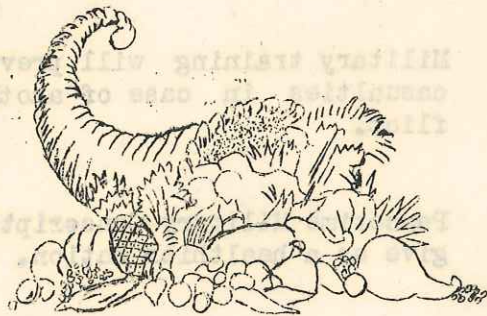
December 7, 1945

LEST WE FORGET !!!



EUROPE

"Victims of Hitler's concentration camps were slowly reduced to starvation on a diet of 1500 calories a day, but people in Vienna are receiving today only 760 calories. This fact was made known by Dr. Robert Boehringer, director of the Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross. In Germany the situation is so bad that six ships of 10,000 tons each would be required every day for six months in order to supply the population with enough food this winter" "German prisoners of war at Fort Custer, Michigan, have donated \$10, 147.58 to be used by the International Red Cross. The money, given voluntarily, was saved by the prisoners out of the 80¢ daily wage specifically for families of concentration camp victims, regardless of race, religion or nationality". "The National Council of [British] Women adopted today a resolution expressing their willingness to accept any necessary cuts in already skimpy rations to feed the hungry millions of Europe." "It is hoped that during the winter months no refugees in the Province (in Italy) will be living in windowless rooms." "As of September 15, 5,163,000 displaced persons had been repatriated from their respective occupation zones in Germany. A total of 1,380,000 still remained, including 826,000 Poles:



AMERICA

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED

The Mennonite Central Committee has announced the appointment of David L. Ebersole as the new director at CPS #5. A telegram received this morning indicated that Mr. and Mrs. Ebersole and their daughter will be arriving in Colorado Springs at 9:00 PM today, December 7. Ebersole's home is in Sterling, Illinois. He has been in CPS over two years, having served most recently as director of the Curlew Valley Side Camp (Downey) near Holbrook, Idaho, and before that as office man in CPS #18, Denison, Iowa.

CPS #33 vs. CPS #5 at FORT COLLINS

The CPS #5 basketball team will be trying to even the count with Fort Collins, #33, when they meet the latter in a basketball game at Fort Collins at 7:30 PM, Saturday, December 8th. The unsettled account is a crosspoint defeat that the Fort Collins softball team handed Colorado Springs' team last fall. Elmer Gaeddert is the captain of the Colorado Springs team.

MORE RELEASES

The fortunate men to receive their releases this week are five assignees in the dairy unit,--Philip Stucky, Marven Janzen, Martin Schmidt, Glen Stucky, and John Nightingale; and two campers in #5,--Walter Krehbiel and Elmer Levi Froese.

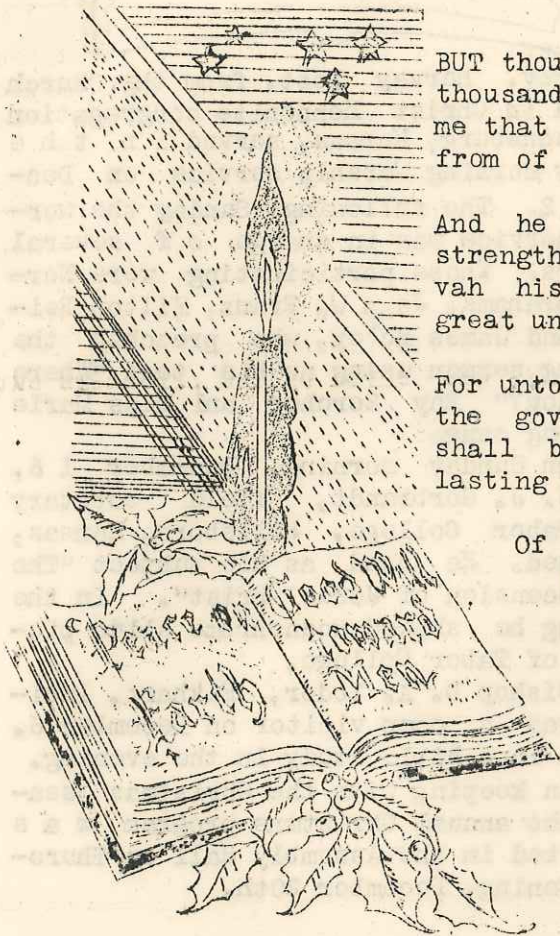
A communication from Colonel Kosch of Selective Service Headquarters caused the hopes for early release of several more men to soar high. The following can expect their release in December: Martin Stucky, Freddie Miller, Andrew Pullman, Samuel Yoder, David Toews, and Victor Smith. Men, who can expect their releases in January, are: Elmer Quiring, James McVey, Wilbur Nachtigall, Arthur Pauls, Marion Wichert, Arnold Wedel, Rahlen Unrau, and Pete Epp.

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BUT thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, which art little among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

And he shall stand, and shall feed his flock in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah his God; and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from henceforth, even for ever.

From the HOLY BIBLE.

(The Prophecy of the Birth of Christ according to MICAH 5:2, 4; ISAIAH 9: 6-7)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

December 20, 8:00 P.M.

Assembly Hall

Christmas Program

Sponsored by the C. E.

December 25, 4:00 P.M.

Dining Hall

Christmas Dinner

Campers and dairymen, their wives and families and friends are invited

December 25, 8:00 P.M.

Lounge Room

Christmas Party

Everyone is invited to attend this Christmas party. There will be games, fun, and refreshments. Only admission charge is a gift (anywhere up to 25¢ in value) for A Christmas grab box.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

An NSBRO bulletin states: "Federal Government employees have been granted a four-day holiday, December 22-25, inclusive. The usual work-day, Monday, Dec. 24, will be made up on Saturday, December 29. Also, there will be a three-day holiday for New Year's from Dec. 30, 1945, to Jan. 1, 1946, inclusive. Monday, Dec. 31, will be made up on Saturday, Jan. 5, 1946. . . . Camp Directors are, therefore, permitted to authorize leave for CPS assignees, as follows: end of work-day, Dec. 21-25, inclusive; and, end of work-day, Dec. 29-Jan. 1, 1946, inclusive. Of course, any of these long holiday leaves, taken in connection with furlough, must be charged to furlough time.

WHAT WOULD I DO?

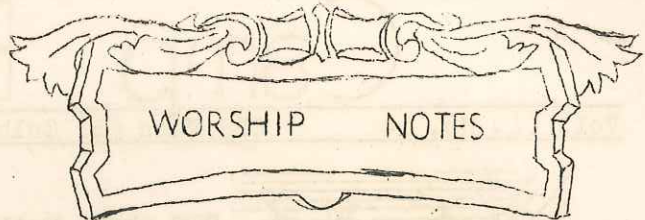
What would I do in case of another war? Would I participate in it in any form? or, would I again join with the minority group that believes in retaining life rather than destroying life? I believe that God being a righteous and just and Holy God, He does not intend for man to kill his fellowmen. He does not intend for men and women to suffer needless pain and agony when we could have peace in place of war; God being a loving God does not intend for man to have hatred in his heart toward his fellow men, and what does war do but just that? No man can kill another man if first there is not hatred in his heart.

There are other ways in which we can defend ourselves than carnal force. Matthew 26:50-54; 27: 12-14. Paul also did not resist when he was stoned. Acts 14: 19-21. Christ teaches us to love our enemies and to do good to them that hate us. Luke 6:27.

Militarists today use the rallying cry of "Remember Pearl Harbor", in order to stir up revenge. I believe in "Remember Calvary", and this thought should be in the mind and spirit of those who truly follow Christ. Christ left us an example that we should follow in His steps. I Peter 2: 21-23.

We certainly hope and pray that no war will come, but if there should be another war I could in no wise take part in it and still expect to retain the Spirit of our Master and obey the positive teachings of His Word. I would accept the alternative type of work providing it would be work that I believe is worthwhile and not connected with the war. Some projects that CPS has provided I think are worthwhile; others I believe are not necessary. I would accept the present CPS set up again, should another war come.

Harold Graber



Rev. Harvey Yost, from the Church of God in Christ Mennonite congregation in Greensburg, Kansas, served in the Sunday Morning Worship service on December 2. The following Sunday the worship service was in charge of several campers. Those participating were Norman Abrahams, John W. Franz, Milton Reimer, and James McVey, who preached the morning sermon using as his text "Where Art Thou?" Ray Zercher and Miss Marie Groening sang.

On Sunday morning, December 16, Rev. J. J. Gerbrandt, field secretary for Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, preached. He used as his subject "The Condescension of Jesus Christ". In the evening he showed kodachrome slide pictures of Tabor College.

Bishop D. A. Yoder, Elkhart, Indiana, was a camp visitor on December 6. He led in a Bible study in the evening.

In keeping with the Christmas season, the annual Christmas program was presented in the Assembly Hall on Thursday evening, December 20th.

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"The Nature of Christ's existence is mysterious, I admit; but this mystery meets the wants of man.--Reject it and the world is an inexplicable riddle; believe it, and the history of our race is satisfactorily explained." --Napoleon



RELEASES THIS MONTH

The following campers received releases in December:

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

The following dairymen received releases in December:

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

Selective Service has requested that Herman J. Smith, Fairview, Oklahoma, be given a physical examination, prior to discharge, and it is expected that his release will arrive soon.

TRANSFERS

Transfers have been approved for Carl R. Andreas, camper from Beatrice, Nebraska; John M. Yoder, Goshen, Indiana; John W. Franz, Buhler, Kansas; and, Arthur C. Graber, Loogootee, Ind.

Andreas is transferring to Camp Bernard, Gulfport, Mississippi; Yoder, to Mulberry, Florida; Franz, to Unit 1, Lincoln, Nebraska; and, Graber, to Western State Hospital, Staunton, Virginia.

Transfers into CPS #5 in December are: Otto Bartel, Arthur Penner, and Ray Funk from the Smoke Jumpers, Missoula, Montana; Richard Weed from Laurel,

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Maryland; James Rother, Belton, Montana; Jonas Schultz, Dairy Unit in Tillamook County, Oregon; and, Ben Penner, from Medaryville, Indiana.

Among those who will be transferring to CPS #5 soon are: Paul Unruh, American Fork Hospital, Utah; Walter Martens, Tillamook County, Oregon; David Beals, Robert Bixler, Lloyd King, and Carroll E. Yoder from Missoula, Montana; and, James G. Buller, Paul J. Enns, Wilbur Holderread, George D. Rempel, and Eugene V. Siebert from Downey, Idaho.

PRIEB ATTENDS MEETING

AT GOSHEN COLLEGE

Wesley Prieb, Educational Director, left on December 12 for Goshen, Indiana, where he met with other members of the planning committee for the "Sourcebook for Church and Community". This Sourcebook, which is to be published soon, is intended especially for CPS men.

VETERANS SPEAK

Of interest is the attitude of the Veterans League of America, an organization of some 49,000 service men and women of World War II, which is urging the demobilization of CPS on a basis more nearly comparable to that of the armed forces and is calling for a more just treatment of C.O.'s in prison. A statement to this effect was made public at a convention sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union in New York. On the grounds "that the only justification of our ordeal (the war experience) is the affirmation of our dignity as individuals and of our rights as individuals to be guided by our consciences, irrespective of the national will," the VLA termed discrimination against CPS men at this time as "both ungenerous and unjust" and the treatment of C.O.'s in prison as "unwarranted" and such harshness as "inconsistent with democracy". "As veterans we are grateful to the many C.O.'s who voluntarily served as human guinea pigs and thereby helped control wartime epidemics, such as typhus, jaundice,

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lovelessness. In any case, it is as St. Augustine prayed: "It is not by our feet, but by our affections that we leave Thee or return unto Thee." But, just suppose if He had not been "wounded for our transgressions" or "bruised for our iniquities"? What, if facing Calvary, the Son of God had not said, "For this cause came I unto this hour"? Mankind has not discovered a substitute for the Cross, and for the redeeming love of Christ. Sin brings a consciousness of estrangement from God, and Christ came to bring us a vicarious Love by which we may be redeemed.

Finally, if Christ had not come, we would be deprived of our hope for the future. The hope we have for individual man, we derive from Christ, because He can renew the individual life. The only hope we can find for a society that has undergone the devastating effects of war with its prejudice, hate, and wickedness is in Jesus Christ and His Way for

humankind. He will prove a safe and practical Guide through the tangled, chaotic national and international problems, if He were truly to be crowned Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

What if Christ had not come? But, He has come!! And, He invites us at this Christmas season to come to Him, and prepare Him room in our hearts!

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing."

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VETERANS SPEAK

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dice, and malaria. We are aware of the unselfish aid they gave to hundreds of thousands of patients in mental hospitals throughout the country while working as hospital attendants. As veterans we recognize the importance of the improvements of the standards of mental care which resulted in their efforts. . . . Now that the war is over, the Veterans League is convinced that these men have earned the right to discharge from service."

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