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~ Our Pilot For 1935 - F.D. ROOSEVELT ~

We wish him, as over a 100,000,000
other people do—

~ A Happy New Year ~

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the classes being taught. Do not let the fact, that they have been taught for some time, stop you from entering. You are welcome to start at any time. Drop into any of the classes or into the Educational Adviser's Office and sign up.

Make use of the Recreation Hall. It is there for your benefit. We need some more ping-pongers for our league. Won't you join us? We don't care if you're a dub or a champ. It's all in fun and we want you to have fun. Lots of it! And there is lots of fun to be had here.

Are you interested in basketball? There'll be lots of it before spring! Join the squad. I know you'll be glad you did before the season ends.



an Boy! Oh boy! lots more to do yet! an

WELCOME!ROOKS!

Rooks, we take this opportunity to welcome you to Camp Mercer! We invite you to take part in our educational, recreational, and athletic programs. We not only invite you, we urge you to become a vital cog in the machinery of Camp life. The winter nights will be long and tedious, if you do not have some regular organized outside activities to occupy your spare time. Look over our educational program. Enroll in some of

You've been told, that a book is a man's best friend. We have several hundred of these friends in the Library waiting to get acquainted with you. No matter to what your tastes run to in reading material, we are sure you'll find something to suit you.

So come on Rooks--you are members of 660. Don't be dead members--they're no asset---be alive.---Help us put over the activities planned for you and leave us help you make your life here at Camp as pleasant and enjoyable as possible.
(A Teacher)

Kettles and Skillets

By 'Bill' Watson

Ten members of my Baby Class graduated Christmas Day and I certainly feel lonesome now. I feel disappointed though, in that they all couldn't have graduated at the same time. Two members namely; Piccinnelli and Hether were compelled to stay in my Class for an additional three months. Their grades were too low to warrant promotion to the adult class.

Of the 189 men, who went home on leaves over the Holidays, I believe I may venture to say, that only one wasn't glad to get back to my Mess Hall. That one I believe was Haynie. You can readily understand that, as he has gained over 50 pounds since he arrived in the Camp about six months ago.

May I take this opportunity of bidding all the 'rookies' a hearty welcome to the Mess Hall, but watch your table manners, Rooks. Keep an eye on the 'Vets' and you will be able to eat in society?

My new K.P., Gentile, is proving to be a very capable dishwasher and table setter. Have you noticed how clean the floors are since he has been present in my establishment.

Capt. Kiersey Leaves

Captain Kiersey left Camp Mercer, Dec. 27, for Camp Ontonagon, where he was transferred to become the Commanding Officer of that Camp. During his several months residence at this Camp, he made many friends and contributed much for the general welfare of the Camp.

Your many friends wish you and yours 'The Top of the World'.

The Camp Library received, just recently, 96 new books. Make use of them in your spare time.

Dispensary Infections

By 'Bob' Avery

With the advent of the new year many men have caught colds which in many cases have developed into influenza. An epidemic can easily find a home in this Camp if we are not careful. Every precaution should be taken to avert a situation of this kind.

Chester Czech, Supply Sargent, contacted the measles while home on leave and consequently was forced to remain at home a few days after his leave had terminated. He returned to Camp sooner than was expected and is none the worse from the attack. That 'army front' of his is still as large as ever.

Eddie VanRens, Ambulance Driver, is home on leave. No Doubt Green Bay will brighten up for a few days, tsk, tsk.

An inspection was made of five Michigan Camps in this District last Monday. Robt. Avery was pinch hitter for Ed. VanRens and altho you may not believe it, the Major is still walking around.

Notice--Bulletin—Anyone interested in playing the new and very enticing sport of yo-yoing;

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The Hermit Club!!

Alack and alas, I am sorry to report some very unfortunate news this time. The newly founded 'Hermit Club' was almost disrupted, when two of its presiding officers were found guilty of going to town over the Holidays. This would have been excusable, but when one was caught in the arms of a beautiful young lady on a dance floor while the other was caught, red-handed, receiving letters from a senorita; it almost caused internal dissension amidst the ranks of the redoubtable young men, who belong to this Club.

The charter members of the Club after ousting these hypocrites from their ranks, immediately decided to elect new officers in their places. Eddie VanRens was placed in the Vice-Pres. Position, while 'Lee' Block was installed in the secretary position. It is hoped, that these gentlemen will prove more trustworthy than their predecessors. If a little helpful advice would help them any,--I wish to suggest that if they will follow in President Beatty's and Treasurer Oberg's footsteps they will prove worthy of their high rank.

Now for some encouraging news! The following by-laws and rules were added to those mentioned in the last issue:

To receive no letter from feminine admirers (if one should come accidentally, to be compelled to read it before one of the meetings).

Not to read any books like The Wood's Colt, One Woman, Maid and a Million Men, Damsel in Distress, or Bad Girl.

The total membership of the Club at present is about 15, but it hoped that by the end of the winter the entire Camp will have joined this illustrious aggregation of trail blazers.

Until next time, Adios.

CAMP ! ! ! ! GOSSIP

We Sometimes wonder why:

The new 'rooks' always have such large feet and protruding ears.

Wilfred Hayes watches the mail so closely for other people's mail.

Picciannelli doesn't get more letters from a certain southern Wisconsin metropolis. P.S.--I love you.

Amer and Dingeldein didn't go home for the Holidays.

'Buck' Companski is so anxious to clean off Lake Mercer for skating.

Dick Davis wants to study Latin.

'Canteen Annie' always makes eyes at girls, when riding on the train.

McLaughlin wants rubber gloves to protect his hands.

A certain young lady in Hurley has gone romantic over our Company Foreman. How he rates?

Major Roberts recommends wool soap.

Calvin Beatty is called the 'Knot Hole Bender'.

The enrollees discharged Dec.31, will always be remembered for the following:

Astle--'Brute' The little man with the big ideas.

Belau--Is! Is! Is! Red here! I like to say hello.

Bender--'Eight Ball' The man with the steel bar guitar.

Boucher--The side camp boy, who loved Bobby.

Christensen--Remember the night Dillinger came and went.

Fischer--One tough egg.

Fisk--Look out for Hether!

Grinski--Will he miss Bill's pies?

Goad--Did the girl tourists ever fall for him?

Habermann--To join the ball and chain gang.

Howe--Salesman Sam from Mercer.

Kellman--Introduce me to that girl.

Koski!

Ladden--What was the attraction in Mercer, Mike?

Wolly--Farewell Mandy.

Treasure--And now my dear Congregation, Amen.

Nason--Many more happy years, Dad.

Hear Ye!

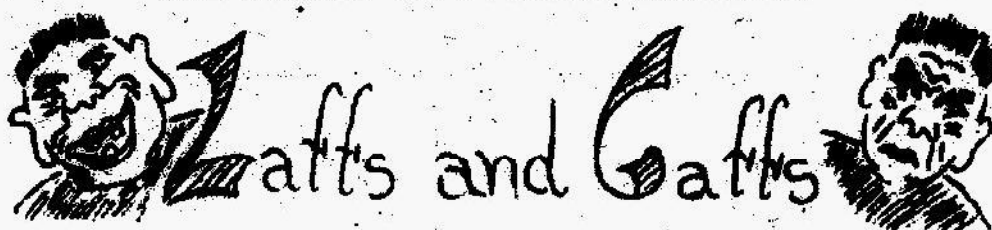
The following enrollees received Honorable Discharges, December 31, and left for their respective homes. Best of luck, fellows.

Robert Astle--Baraboo, Wis.	Harold Fisk--Lodi, Wis.
Woodward Belau--Cambrva, Wis.	Robert Gliniski--Robbins, Wis.
Orrie Bender--West Lira, Wis.	Dale Goad--Richland Center, Wis.
Stuart Boucher--Eagle River, Wis.	Marshall Habermann--Portage, Wis.
Ben Chalonder--Eagle River, Wis.	Floyd Howe--Gagen, Wis.
Carl Christensen--Manitowish, Wis.	Dale Keilman--Kerrimac, Wis.
Lowell DuBois--Baraboo, Wis.	Michael Padden--Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
Earl Fessenbecker--Milwaukee	Vernon Nason--Park Falls, Wis.
Edward Fischer--Richland Center, Wis.	Merle Treague--Turtle Lake, Wis.
Herrick Wolley--Wauston, Wis.	

The following 'rookies' have arrived at Camp within the past week: Welcome to your new home, Rocks.

Raynus Axelsson--Arpin, Wis.	Kenneth Bruss--Athens, Wis.
Theron Edgerton--Lindsey, Wis.	Harold Girtzmacher--Wausau, Wis.
Woodrow Erickson--Marshfield, Wis.	Howard Heller--Wausau, Wis.
Walter Hornick--Marshfield	Herman Knobaky--Edgar, Wis.
Kenneth Kormann--Pittsville, Wis.	Walter Myezka--Wausau, Wis.
Edward Kuehnickel--Marshfield, Wis.	Rienhold Prast--Wausau
Albert Rink--Marshfield	Martin Schulk--Fenwood, Wis.
Edward Scheunemann--Arpin	Winfield Spiegel--Edgar, Wis.
Wilfred VanRuth--Nekoosa, Wis.	Harry Urmanski--Wausau
Jerome Batthazor--Mosinee, Wis.	Jacob Zinkevov--Wausau

'Rocks' here's hoping, that you will follow in the footsteps of your predecessors and will prove to be fitting examples for other rookies in the future.



W. Weirauch--If I have talked too long it's because I haven't my watch with me, and there's no clock in this classroom.

Ridsaune--There's a calendar behind you.

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Stroming--I bet you didn't have a good time over New Year's.

Lineberg--Oh, yes, I did.

Stroming--Then why ain't you sick today?

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Judge--And how old are you, Madam?

Witness--I'm around 30.

Judge--So I perceive. Now, how many years is it since you got around it

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Koski--What is an illiterate?

Korpela--A person who has sense enough not to read or write.

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Mary--My husband says he married for beauty and brains.

Marie--Ah, then you're not his first wife.

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Major Roberts--Give me some of that prepared monoaceticacidester of salicylic Acid.

Ahles--Do you mean aspirins?

Major--Yes, I can never think of that name.

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They were scarcely seated before one of them nudged the other and asked: "What does that word 'asbestos' mean across the curtain?"

"Pipe down," said his companion, "and don't show your ignorance. That's Latin for 'welcome'."

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Bill Watson--(dining at small town hotel): "Why does that dog sit there and watch me all the time?"

Waiter--"You've got the plate he usually eats from, sir."

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Berg--I don't like these shoes. The soles are too thick.

Czech--Is that the only objection?

Berg--Yes.

Czech--Then, I can assure you that that objection will gradually wear away.

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Rook--What's the matter, truck driver?

Ben Dietsche--Can't get this confounded selfstarter to work. I think there must be a short circuit somewhere.

Rook--How annoying! Can't you lengthen it?

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Avery--Get up, the Dispensary is on fire.

Estberg--(ill with the measles)--I can't. The doctor told me not to leave my bed under any circumstances.

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* Athletic A NEW Program *

The Ninth Forestry District has been divided into two leagues. Each member of one league will play every other member of that league, two games of basket-ball and one game of hockey. This will be from January 1 to February 16.

Because of great distances between certain camps, the District has been divided into two leagues. They are as follows:

League A

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| (1) Ontonagon | (3) Sturgeon |
| (2) Porir | (4) Kenton |

League B

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| (1) Paint Lake | (3) Gogebic |
| (2) Watersmeet | (4) Upsen |
| (5) Mercer | |

The schedule for the day of tournament, February 22, is as follows:

(1) Hockey game between champions of the two leagues from 1:30 to 2:30.

(2) Ice skate racing (100 yard dash, 200 yard dash, 300 yard dash) from 2:45 to 4:00.

(3) Supper 5:00 to 6:00

(4) Basketball game between champions of two leagues from 7:00 to 9:00.

(5) Dance for CCC enrollees from 9:15 to 11:15.

The Athletic Director of each camp is responsible for the schedule of games his team must play. The choice of time and place of games, of officials, etc., must be agreeable with the two Athletic Directors of teams playing. To facilitate the arrangement of a basketball schedule it is suggested that the two games with each team be played successively, either in the same week or in the same two weeks.

The champion team of each league (basketball and hockey) will be determined by percentage of games won and lost. Immediately after each game the District Recreation Officer (Mr. J. J. J. J.)

Watersmeet, Michigan) will be notified of results in order that a record may be kept. In case of a tie there will be a play-off.

The Champion team (basketball and hockey) of each league will receive an appropriate cup or shield. The District Champion Team (basketball and hockey) will also receive an appropriate cup or shield; in addition the team members of District Champions will receive an appropriate medal. The winners of the skating events will receive awards. The selection, cost, and manner of payment of these awards will be determined by the Award Committee. The District Recreation Officer appoints Lt. Golden of Camp Jumbo, and Lt. Cizon of Paint Lake as members of this committee.

Each camp may enter one contestant in each skating event.

(which by the way is going over in a large way down at Vosinee, ever hear of the place? No, tsk, tsk!) please get in touch with Master Arthie Ahles any day and every day from 8:00 to 9:00 PM, Camp Mercer time. He requests a partner he can play with. He will give lessons to the new rooks at very reasonable rates! Come on; come all, don't pass up such a fine new sport.

Floyd Beardsley, a veritable sucker of these radio advertising broadcasts, hears the Bromo-seltzer Program and decides he is in need of a Bromo very badly. He comes to the Dispensary and asks for one to stop his splitting headache. What does he think this is, a prison camp, asking for a "Selt-zer"

Found: A black Army necktie in the Reading Room. Owner please call for and pay for lost and found ad.

SYLVESTER

That long wished For leave

Hordon Hether



Forestry Department News

By Fred Haag-Forestry Supt.

Forestry work is somewhat slowed up by the unusual amount of snow for this time of the year. Most of the crews are kept busy by burning brush.

Edward King and Crew are back out in their beloved Ox-Bo country, burning brush.

Art Evenson and his Gang are putting the finishing touches on the 70 foot Cement Block Garage at the District Rangers Station at Mercer. They are proud of their work, this kind of work has given the men quite a little experience.

The Cement Block Factory is about to close after a steady run of about three months. About 5,000 cement blocks were made there, during this time by Laverdure and his Crew. It will be kind of hard for these fellows to have to go out in the cold after this snug inside job.

Bill Summers is missing his snug Side Camp in the Cedar Swamp this winter. He has been staying quite close to Camp lately especially through the Holidays.

Ray Pripps likes this Camp and the men in it so well that he has moved his family in from Springstead to one of Neal LaPorte's Cabins in order to be close at hand.

Mike McAleavy, Andy Fisk, Art Papke and Dick Kalliomaa are doing a good job cleaning up the cutover area along Highway 51, and at the same time supplying fuel wood for the Camp.

Pat Thomas and Crew are working hard to save the fish in our beautiful lakes; but he wishes now his Brush Refuges would not be quite so big and heavy.

Keep up the good work fellows, future generations will thank you for it.
