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The Big J.C.C. JAMBOREE!

A parade, hockey, basketball, pool, ping-pong, music, and dancing! Sounds like the formula for a good time, doesn't it? Those are some of the things that are on the program at the Ninth Forestry District Carnival which is to be held at Wakefield, Michigan - Saturday, March 2. All the camps in the District are expected to take part in the events. Champions in hockey, basketball, skating, pool, and ping pong will be crowned.

Although Camp Mercer will not compete in basketball or hockey, it will send its pool and ping pong champions to compete in the tournament.

The ping-pong championship was decided Tuesday night, when Seeger beat Avery four games out of six in the final round of the elimination tournament, in which thirty men took part. The scores were 21-12, 17-21, 21-17, 19-21, 21-15, and 21-18. The tournament on the whole was full of close matches and brilliant play. In the semi-finals, Avery had to go five games to eliminate Genz; while Seeger was

Forestry Class Going Strong

The past few weeks the forestry class has received new impetus from the prospect of obtaining forestry positions later on. This class is conducted under the able guidance of Major Roberts.

The Major has exhausted every avenue of information to give this class pertinent facts of forestry. Many members of this class recently took a Civil

Service examination, held by the state, for a position as Junior Forest Ranger.

Others are hoping to qualify for such work later on, as all have shown a keen disposition toward this work.

We wish to thank Major Roberts for the time he is devoting, not only to this class, but other educational projects as well.

Every enrollee in Camp is urged to do some studying along the forestry lines. You should know more about our forests and forestry problems confronting this country at the present time.

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To Major Roberts and Relatives

We realize how weak and fruitless must be words, which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of the loss of a father. We cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found only in the cherished memory of the loved and lost. May the anguish of your bereavement be assuaged and leave you the solemn pride and consolation in memory.



The Civil Service student is off to school.

pushed to the limit to beat Ahles in straight games.

A pool tournament is now in progress with 16 hopeful aspirants displaying their skill in the nightly matches. Next week a billiard tournament will be conducted to give the would be 'Willie Hoppes' and 'Jakie Schaefer's' a chance to show the spectators their assortment of plain, fancy and trick shots.

And don't forget, attend the Gigantic Winter Carnival at Wakefield next Saturday! We know you will have a big time. Watch your favorites in action in the afternoon and early evening and make the day complete by taking your best girl to the Jamboree at night.

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The following is a list of athletic events, that are to be held at the City of Wakefield for the 'Winter Carnival':

- 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Hockey and Ice Races
- 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Ping Pong
- 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Pool Tournament
- 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Basketball Tournament



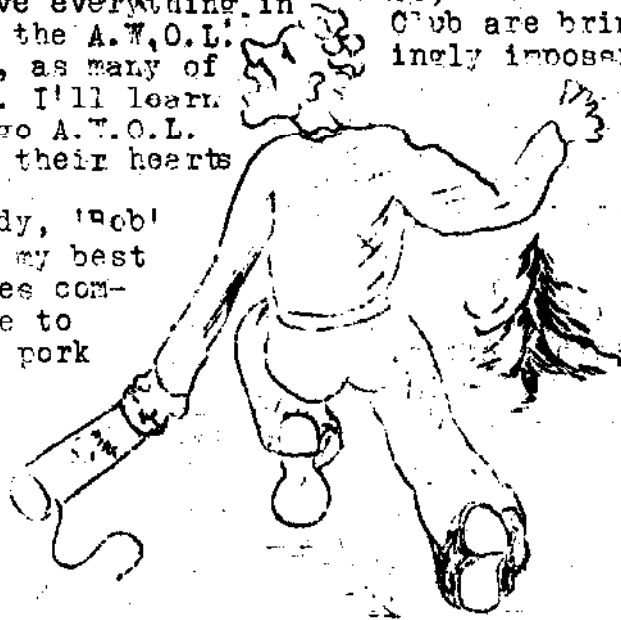
Kettles by 'Bill' Watson

In celebrating the Father of Our Country's Birthday, it turned out very nicely for the enrollees of 660. As the A.T.O.L.'s got

the pleasant job of shining things up, saving the other members of the Company from that pleasant task. I always manage to have everything in readiness and greet the A.T.O.L. with a cheery smile, as many of them have found out. I'll learn the 'rooks' not to go A.T.O.L. I will either break their hearts or make men of them.

For my understudy, 'Bob' Dietrick, I will do my best so that when he takes command he will be able to serve many pies and pork chops.

I am surprised, that I was so dumb for the past ten months in not putting, a good man like Piccinelli on as K.F.



"Open Sesame", and again the golden gates of the renown Hermit Club are opened to satisfy the curiosity of the outside world. I call the gates golden, but may I add that they are getting rusty. The Hermit Club, which started out so pretentiously, seems to be headed for a downfall. Just as Rome once fell, thus does it seem is the future for this once popular aggregation of illustrious CCC's of 660. But mind you, these Hermites are of the first flight and won't go down without putting up a great fight.

As I had feared, the two members, who were left out of the Club are bringing about the seemingly impossible. These two have asserted their influence over the 'rooks' to such an extent, that they are going over to the 'Lover's Club' ranks in large numbers. Also they have influenced two of the Hermit's officer's, namely: Van Rens and Block to desert their ranks and go to town with them on Saturday nights. When these two men were elected to their office some time back; I was in doubt of Block, but I never thought that VanRens

Forestry News by Fred Haas Sr. (Camp Supt.) to our fire fighters

The fourth period of this Camp is fast coming to a close and no doubt a good many changes will take place within the next month or so.

Looking back over the life of this Camp, we may well ask the question; has it all been worth while? Have we accomplished things that are a credit to our self and a benefit to the country at large? Have we grown in character as well as in body? Have we gained something in our work and life in Camp, which will fit us better to meet the future?

As far as the work in the field is concerned a great deal has been accomplished, that will show great results in time to come.

- (1) 45 miles of fire lanes have been built.
- (2) 60 miles of telephone lines constructed.
- (3) 100 miles of telephone line maintenance.
- (4) 4 new fire towers constructed and maintained by us during the fire season.
- (5) 80 miles of fire lanes and high-ways have been cleaned for a distance of 4 rods on each side,

would be a two-timer. He seemed such an innocent lad. But as the old saying goes, 'Still water runs deep', this truthfully applies to him.

Possibly because of the fact that Spring is not so very far away, has caused many of the 'rooks' to go over to the 'Lover's Club'. In Spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, as you probably have reason to know.

Watch this column in the next issue for further details of the strife between these two clubs. Until then, adios.

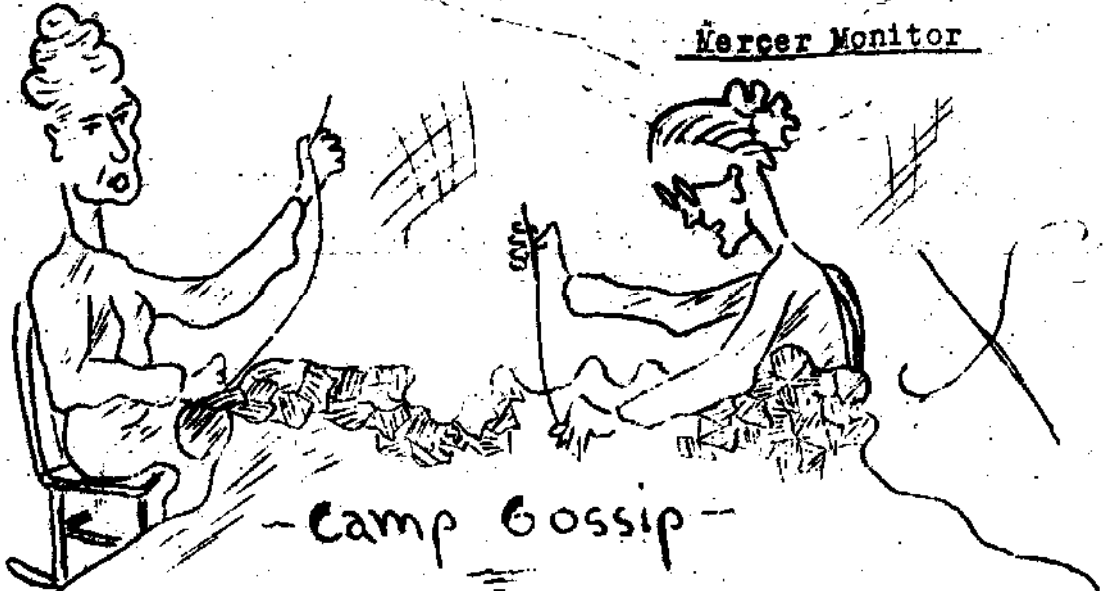
- Reporter - (E.W.H.) -

of all snags and slashings, to help make a better fire break and prevent fire from starting along high-ways.

- (6) 8000 man days have been spent on fire fighting alone, no one will really know how much this means except the Rangers that fought fires in this district for the past years.
- (7) We also have planted 1500 acres of pine, or about 2,000,000 trees.

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by
'Heck'



- Camp Gossip -

Did you ever notice the number of Vans in Camp. I can call to mind five, namely! Van, VanRens, VanRuth, VanEpps, and VanBlarcom. We certainly are well represented with men from the 'country of wooden shoes and windmills'.

Who is next in Barreck 2? --- So far we have had Berg, White Dog, and Oberg on successive Saturdays.

Since when did McConnel and Leum develop so much initiative to push people about Camp on a sled? For what?

The health-scale goes through the acid test, whenever Valentine Hoppens crawls upon it: Wall makes it creak and squeak at 205 pounds.

A CHALLENGE! In the February 16 issue of Happy Days, Enrollee Gerit Lindmans of Co. 1692; Milwaukee, Wisconsin puts out this claim for high honors. He has three brothers and thirteen sisters living. Is there anyone in Camp, who can equal or surpass that?

Why didn't 'Dick' Davis wait until Spring to fall into the lake. Some fish?

Eddie Young left Camp Mercer, February 12, with an Honorable Discharge. He has accepted employment in St. Paul. Best of luck, Eddie.

Why are Currier and Leum so ambitious to learn something about Indian folk-lore?

We wonder if Stables had a pleasant trip home, last week-end.

Hether, what do you think about the Hatchet City and the City of Parks? Do they remind you of LaCrosse? We understand that you learned to take care of the cows, while you was there anyway.

For once 'Pinky' is kept from scouting and hiking about the nearby country (within 15 miles of Camp). He was kept in bed for about a week, with the measles.

Hon, the ranger's dog-robber appears to be very ambitious. He

My advice to a 'rook' called 'Whitey' is to stick to cherry pop.

'Slim' Peterson should be very proud of his fire-fighting wood-sawing crew.

Won't someone please find 'Bubbles' a good place, where he can wash his clothes. Why don't you try cutting a hole in the Manitowish, 'Bubbles'?

Bill Watson says we need some new butcher knives. We wonder why?

Rove will be ho s, but I guess 'Check' will have to put bumpers on the Supply House doors.

'Tex', kindly explain why you were on the Highway at 4:00 A.M. Sunday.

We hear quite a bit about people going Hollywood, but Hinke appears to have gone Ironwood.

Valstad, why do you prefer blondes?

Oberg has a satisfied look on his face since he called the candy bet off.

The big question at present is Are You Going To Wakefield This Coming Saturday?

Major Roberts is enjoying a fifteen-day leave. We wish the Major a good time, for we well know he is entitled to it.

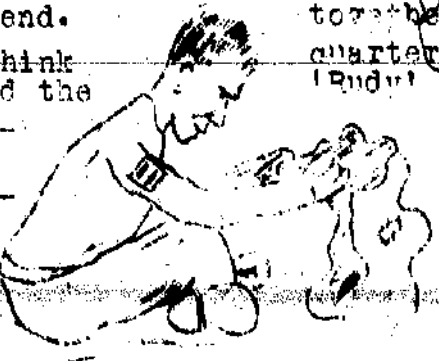
Today is Pay Day again. It certainly came in time to fill our depleted wallets for the Jamboree at Wakefield.

We wonder how Rudy' Salzman and Bill' Watson are getting along together in their sleeping quarters. We suspect that

Rudy' is kept awake by Bill' snoring and possibly Bill' is kept awake by Rudy' talking about his best girl in his sleep.

Oliver Peterson seems to be quite anxious to see Wisconsin take the Big-10 Championship. Was he got a big bet on them?

Why does Daily eat sugar on his pie? Possibly to keep that girlish figure.



Peterson's Tailor Shop



Dr. Smith had almost succeeded in dismissing Mrs. Jones, when she stopped in the doorway, exclaiming, "Why, doctor, you didn't look to see if my tongue was coated!"

"I know it isn't," said the doctor wearily. "You never find grass on a race track."

Another poor way to get rich is to open a hat and cap store in a college town.

Executioner (to condemned man in chair)-Is there anything you want before I turn the juice on?

Condemned-Yeah--loosen the laces on my left shoe; my corns are aching!

Axelson - Why didn't you get your wrists clean when you washed your hands?

Alvey - The soap wasn't long enough.

Farnsworth - My dad is an Elk, a Lion, a Moose and an Eagle.

Ingerson - Wot does it cost to see him?

Judge - What is this man charged with?

Officer - Intoxication, your honor.

Prisoner - Judge, I'm as sober as you are this minute.

Judge - Pleads guilty--ten days! Next case!

Melby - What do they do with old barber chairs?

Lindell - Ship 'em to Central Africa for thrones.

Hornick - What's the difference between a pugilist and a man with a cold?

Hirte - I don't know.

Hornick - A pugilist knows his blows and a man with a cold blows his nose.

P. Thomas - What kind of lip-stick is that you have on?

Her - Kissproof.

Thomas - Well, rub it off. We've got work to do.

Boyle - I'll give you a quarter, Tommy, if you will get me a lock of your sister's hair.

Tommy - Make it a dollar and I'll get you the whole bunch. I know where she hangs it.

Urmanski - If there is anything in a man, travel will bring it out.

Teuke - Yes indeed, I found

First Cannibal - The chief has hay fever.

Second Cannibal - Serves him right. I told him not to eat that grass widow.

Rink - Why are you scratching yourself?

Otto - I'm the only one who knows where it itches.

Anklam - Ouch! That wasn't the tooth I wanted pulled.

Doc. - Never mind. I'm coming to it.

The minister was describing what happens to the sinner, using a ship drifting on the rocks as his figure of speech. A sailor in the audience followed him with deep interest.

"The waves dash over her," bellowed the preacher. "Her sails are split! Her yards are gone! Her masts are shivered! She is drifting on the reef! Is there no hope? Can nothing be done to save her?"

The sailor stood up, eyes shining with excitement.

"Let go the anchor, ye lubber!" he shouted.

Laedtke - She was only a photographer's daughter.

La'ere - Yes, she sits in a dark room and awaits developments.

Lieutenant Johansen Goes To Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Lieutenant Johansen was transferred for temporary training to Fort Sheridan, Ill.; where an officer's training school is being held for prospective company commanders.

It is not known at the present time whether he will return to Co. 660 or be transferred to some other Company.

Forestry Pictures Shown

On February 12, forestry moving pictures were shown in the Mess Hall to approximately 225 men of the Camp. This entertainment lasted for about 1 1/2 hours and consisted of 3 reels about the fur industry, 1 reel relative to unburned timberlands and 2 reels pertaining to the question, forest or wasteland?

The man thoroughly enjoyed these pictures and hope that they may see more in the future.

These pictures were shown by

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I don't believe there is one of you in Camp, that helped plant these trees; but would wish to come back in years to come and wander under those same pine plantings. May you all have this opportunity.

Have we helped to accomplish all this in a spirit of willingness, or have we only done as little as possible to get by?

My own connection with this Camp, with the Officers in Command, and the men in the field has been most pleasant. Most of you men have applied yourself to the work in a fine spirit, and I have wished many a time to be able to reward a greater number by ratings or promotions; but you know in this we are limited. I feel that one's contact with this Camp has been a great benefit to all of us.

The work in the field is going along as usual; mostly the burning of brush.

Infirmary Infections

by
Bob Avery

As most of you know, Major Roberts has been granted a fifteen day leave. He will return on or about March 7th. While he has been gone, the Infirmary has undergone a complete remodelization. The sleeping quarters of the attendants has been moved to the front of the building, all stained wood-work have been painted white, and the walls and floors are also to be painted.



DOWN
WITH THE
MEASLES

This month has seen very few on sick call in comparison with January, although there are still too many colds prevailing among the men.

'Airplane' Haulotte had one of his wings frost bitten and is he up in the air? If he appears unbalanced, it is probably due to the large proportion of one of his ears.

The First Aid Department is proud to possess a man, who can characterize so many manequins. Little Arthur Ahles in the last few days has acquired these nick-names; 'Little Andrew', 'Little Roy Blue', 'Doc's Little Jewel', 'Opal'. Art has also proved to be quite efficient at sizing walls. He has proven that a man can work 'over his head' all day if necessary.

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Lectures and Services

The following lectures and services were conducted in the Recreation Hall for the benefit of the men the past few weeks:

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Tonic</u>	<u>Date</u>
Major Roberts	Fire Prevention	Feb. 11
Chaplain Cissell of 10th Forestry District	Testing of One's Ideas and making the most of them	Feb. 15
" "	"What Shall We Be? Trappers or Builders"	Feb. 25
Rev. Harries	Religious services and also showed pictures taken in nearby Camps with moving picture machine.	Feb. 15 Weekly
Capt. W. H. Henry	safety	Feb. 25
Father Paul	Religious Services	Bi-weekly
Asst of Sid Gordon	Brush Refuges and the Purpose They Serve	Feb. 15

The men of this Camp certainly can be thankful of the fact, that they are being supplied with plenty of oratorical recreation.

SYLVESTER

A Day As K...P.

H. Heller

