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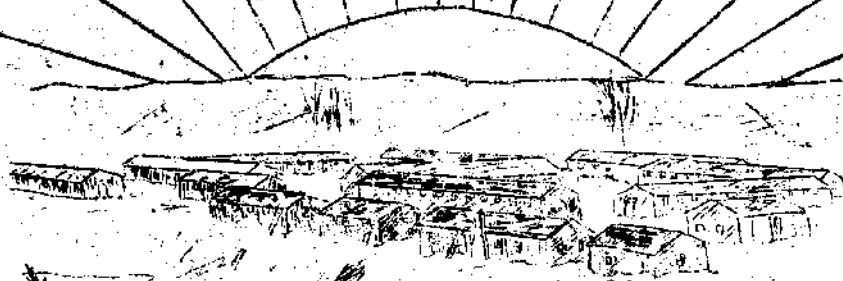
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Maj. S.M.I.  
Roberts



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Dedicated to Major Roberts

Major Roberts entered the CCC service at Fort Sheridan, Ill. June 19, 1933. He was assigned to Camp Mercer, and arrived here June 20, 1933. The Major, when interviewed, disclosed the following observations.

"It has given me the greatest pleasure to watch the progress in this company, both in the terrain and the buildings. We have had high type men in this camp who were willing to cooperate in every respect. This has been augmented by considerate and interested commanding officers. I am only too willing to take this opportunity to thank the men of this company, both present and past, for the interest shown the Medical department.

At first no Educational program had been contemplated, but over the months past the ideas of education were furthered. We have been extremely lucky to have had assigned to this camp Mr. A.A. Kelton, an Educational Adviser, who immediately developed an educational program that was acceptable to all. All my dealings with the Educational department have been most pleasant, and I am well able to state that there has been a definite growing interest in the minds of those taking school work. Doubtless that if the CCC work continues, the educational work will play an important part, and it will be necessary for the work to be carried on by men of Mr. Kelton's ability.

I am sold on the idea of the CCC as a relief program. I think it is the finest thing in the world morally, physically and spiritually".

The Mercer Monitor and the Educational department wish to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to Major Roberts for his splendid cooperation and participation in all the work

under its jurisdiction. We feel that we have been exceedingly fortunate in having a man, who has worked so hard so he has to aid in the development of all phases of camp life, from his own Medical department to the fields of Education and athletics.  
 A vote of thanks to a mighty fine officer and a splendid fellow.

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Emergency Conservation Work  
 Office of Director  
 Washington, D.C.

Memorandum for press.

Incendiary fires in National forests have been reduced nearly 50 percent since the organization of the CCC, according to a report forwarded by F.A. Silcox, Chief Forester of the U.S. Forest Service. "The presence of the CCC as an organized firefighting unit has largely reduced the temptation to set fires for the sake of employment" says Mr. Silcox. "In the past many incendiary fires have been set by those who hope to earn a few dollars".

"Incidental to the maintenance and operation of the CCC camps, a large number of both Army and Forest Service trucks has been traveling the roads day and night. Each driver is a patrolman in fact and a deterrent to the incendiary." End.

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and the boy who was on K.P. went home

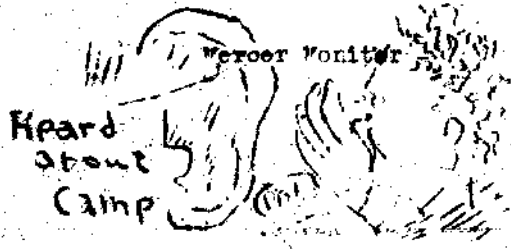


MEN LEAVING CAMP MERCER, MARCH 30, 1935

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Known By His</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Prophecy</u>
Alsteen, John	Niagra, Wis.	Jigging	1 yr.	On the stage
Am, Arthur	LaCrosse, Wis.	Connection with ambition	1 yr.	Meteorologist
Beatty, Calvin	Tomahawk, Wis.	Knot-Hole Bender	9 mths	Government Surveyor
Benson, Sherman	Clear Lake, Wis.	Canteen Annie	9 mths	Owner of a 2nd Hand Store
Berg, Donald	Marinette, Wis.	Pugilism	1 yr.	Pugilist Champ
Boyle, Adrian	Shullsburg, Wis.	Dropy Drawers	1 yr.	Second C. Gable
Chalsma, Leslie	Holmen, Wis.	Tower Man	1 yr.	Border Patrol
Cook, Paul	Marshfield, Minn.	Cooperation	9 mths	Truck Driver in Siberia
Currier, Leroy	Tomahawk, Wis.	Ladie's Man	9 mths	Clerk in Tomahawk Hotel
Daily, Thornton	Darlington, Wis.	Two-Man	1 yr.	Fat Man in a Ringley's Circus
Damsheuser, Harvey	Appleton, Wis.	Monkey Jacket	3 mths	Ball Player
Dawson, William	Cuba City, Wis.	Wild Bill	1 yr.	Agriculturist
Dingeldein, George	LaCrosse, Wis.	Roswell Sisters	1 yr.	Sec. for Ford
Drinkwine, Joseph	Polley, Wis.	Name	9 mths	Cowboy
Fleming, Francis	Shullsburg, Wis.	Talking	1 yr.	Mushroom Farmer
Frederick, Herbert	Frederic, Wis.	Pranks	9 mths	Detective for Scotland Yard
Genz, Ferdinand	LaCrosse, Wis.	His Dry Humor	1 yr.	Chem. Engr. in Yugo-Slavia
Gritsmacher, Harold	Wausau, Wis.	Love-sickness	3 mths	Owner of largest Barbershop in Wausau
Gumz, Frank	Abbotsford, Wis.	Mess Hog	9 mths	Owner of a Bull Frog Ranch
Hamilton, Wilford	Gransburg, Wis.	Singing	9 mths	2nd P. Crosby
Harker, Ray	Shullsburg, Wis.	Romantic Eyes	1 yr.	Head Butcher Armour Meat Co.
Hartig, Edwin	Wausau, Wis.	Clean Hands	9 mths	Pool Hall Owner
Heller, Howard	Wausau, Wis.	Lazy Bones	3 mths	Chef
Hillary, John	Benton, Wis.	Truck Driver for State	1 yr.	Supt of Auto Factory
Hoyt, Harold	Webster, Wis.	Book Lover	9 mths	Forest Ranger
Ingerson, Leonard	Clear Lake, Wis.	Whimpy	9 mths	Chauffeur for Heavy Long
Johnson, Carl	Minneapolis	Cat Driver	9 mths	Airline Mechanic
Korman, Kenneth	Pittsville, Wis.	Silent Ken	3 mths	A tailor
Lindell, John	Clayton, Wis.	Co. Barber	9 mths	Elect. Engr.
Malone, Betty	Amery, Wis.		9 mths	Tavern Owner
Mundquist, Vernon	Frederic, Wis.	Co's tallest Man	9 mths	Owner of a Medicine Show
Melby, Harold	Spoooner, Wis.	Accordion	9 mths	In Heine's Band
Monti, James	Merrill, Wis.	Smile	9 mths	Wine Maker
Newbauer, Walter	Tigerton, Wis.	Cream of Crop	6 mths	Auctioneer
Roberts, Virgil	Linden, Wis.	Timid Lad	7 mths	Garage Owner
Rebinson, William	Mineral Point	Card-Shark	7 mths	Math Prof at Princeton
Rooker, Stanley	Marshfield, Wis.	B.B. Ability	7 mths	Athletic Dir. at Yale
Scheelk, Martin	Fenwood, Wis.	Bar. 5 Barber	3 mths	Tonsillar
Springer, George	Danbury, Wis.	Happy	9 mths	Recently Married
Stapel, Miles	Mililtown, Wis.	Noisy	9 mths	Lieut. Col.
Sterling, Carl	Darlington, Wis.	Cue Ball	1 yr.	Bookkeeper
Stroming, Raymond	Tomahawk, Wis.	Initiative at the table	9 mths	Director at Elgin, Ill.
Valsted, Tanvick	Barneveld, Wis.	Zarimba Kid	7 mths	Catholic Priest
Williams, Forrest	Montfort, Wis.	Grease Monkey	7 mths	Mechanic for Sir. M. Campbell
Williams, Joseph	Highland, Wis.	Sister's Boy	7 mths	Wagon Steward
Burmeister, Glen-don	Seymour, Wis.	Last Roundup	3 mths	Speaker in House of Repr.
Krysiak, Ed-in	Krakow, Wis.	Krakow Flash	3 mths	Artist
Page, Fred	Athelstar, Wis.	Texas Fidler	1 yr.	Violin architect

The Monitor wishes to take this opportunity of wishing you the best of luck and success in your future undertakings. We hope you have gained something from your stay in Camp that will always re-

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT NEWS  
by  
Fred Haag Sr  
(Camp Superintendent)



We are all glad to see Spring approaching for more than one reason.

The snow is settling and we are better able to get some of our Winter's work cleaned up. Most of the men are still burning brush, but will soon be on Fire Lane Construction again. Our wood pile is getting low and will have to be replenished. The Fire Towers soon will have to be taken care of and it won't be long till we will have to answer the first Fire Call. But here is hoping that these will be few and far between this Summer.

Billy Summers, Ray Prippe, & Ed. King's crews are working like beavers to build a Dam and Fish Hatchery on Rice Creek and will have it completed by April 15, 35. How they do like their job.

Art Evenson and his gang are putting the finishing touches on the Garage and Office at the Mercer Ranger Station, and will soon be able to take to the brush again.

The Tree Planting Season will soon be here and we are planning to plant 200 acres of pine and spruce this Spring.

If our plans carry through, we will also re-establish a number of side camps this Spring.

And last but not by any means least, Pat Thomas and his crew have finished planting their last brush refuge. They certainly were glad as this certainly has been a tough job.

All in all, we will be able to see better results from our work than we have seen during the past months.

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Reading-Room Re-modeled

The reading room has been rearranged to make more room and add to the comfort of the enrollees. Side wall lamps will be installed to take the place of the overhead lights. This will relieve a lot of the eyestrain, which is caused by the overhead lights. At present the class-room is also going thru some very noticeable changes. Our educational facilities will be the best ever.

Forestry Pictures

The following six reels of Forestry pictures were shown in the Recreation Hall by Operator Dennis of Camp Riley Creek, March 26: Rightness of Trees, 3 reels; Routing Rodent Robbers, 2 reels; and Forest Health, 1 reel. Approximately 175

Roger Olson left Camp Mercer, March 18, to accept employment in an automobile plant in Milwaukee. Best of luck, Roger.

Orville McConnell left Camp, March 25 to accept a job in Darlington, Wis. Best of luck, Mac.

Armas Lampi, whose home town is at Saxon, Wis., was transferred to this Company from the Ghost Creek Camp. We wish to take this opportunity of welcoming him. He entered this Camp, March 13.

Lee Block's brother visited in Camp over the weekend of March 16 and 17.

Through reliable information the following gossip has been gathered:

Bubbles has offered to give Eddie White of the Pelham Club a few lessons in the more intricate dance steps.

Two of the enrollees still find walking to Mercer a pretty invigorating exercise.

Pontiac couples have a habit of running out of gas on the Highway at night.

Our Camp Foreman has found new outside interests.

The Leaders of Barracks 2 and 7 are real Simon Learners.

Some of the enrollees still find the cushions of the pool and billiard tables a good place to park the largest part of their anatomy.

Bill Rozner is still the hardest working man in Camp.

It seems that Carl Marschke gave the fellows of Barrack 2 quite a scare last week.

Schweigart doesn't mean it, when he says, "For you I feel so sorry." Hartig has accepted a position.

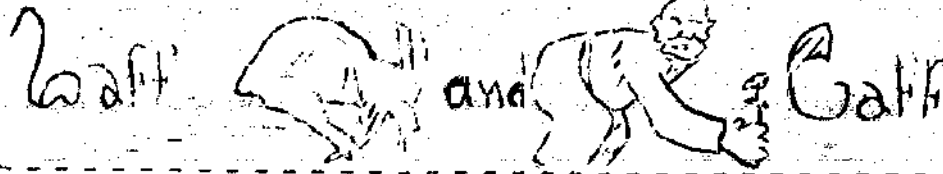
Mr. Fatek, who is an Attorney-at-Law in Ironwood, gave a very interesting lecture on 'Law'. This lecture was given in the Recreation Hall on Monday, March 25.

Captain Gissel gave a short talk in the Mess Hall to the men this week. The Chaplain's talks are very much enjoyed by the men.

Watson claims that he can put on a better comedy than we had at the last show, by just acting natural. We'll have to take you up on that, Will, if the next comedy doesn't provide us with any laughs.

It is expected that we will receive two boxes of books from the Wisconsin Free Library Commission within the next few days.

Why has Dietrick gone poetic? How can Yerosh think up all the bright remarks?



Ahles - How much liquor can a Scot drink?

Avery - Any given amount.

Bratina - Kobs told me he paid \$1.40 for a handkerchief.

Singleton - Gosh, what a lot of money to blow in.

Zina - What is the strongest water power?

Folwarski - A woman's tears.

Schampers - If you keep looking at me like that I'm going to kiss you.

She - Well, I can't hold this expression much longer.

Batthazor - Do you let the boys kiss you?

She - No, but I'm not very strong.

The young man had just driven home from college at the close of the term (Saari).

Mother - (anxiously) Did you pass everything?

Saari - Everything but two Buicks and a Hudson--darned if they musn't have had aeroplane motors in 'em!

Thayer - Two men outside to see you, Bill. One is a salesman and the other is stone deaf.

Watson - Well, tell the salesman the deaf man is the Steward.

The old apple tree hasn't anything on some family trees when it comes to being shady.

Korpela - What would you do with a nickel if I gave you one?

Allord (sarcastically) - Get a new suit, mister, an' some supper, an' a night's lodgin', an' breakfast an' dinner tomorrow.

Korpela - My good fellow, here's a quarter. Go and support yourself for the rest of your life.

Alvey - Good mornin! I called to see if 'Doc' couldn't give me something for my tonsils.

Eidsaune - I'm sorry, but he never buys tonsils.

She - You were at a terrible disadvantage when you met the bear without your gun.

Nelby - Yes, I was a stranger in the country and didn't have any road maps.

F. Smith - Is there any field for

new poets?

F. Smith - Yes, potter's field.

Dingeldein - I've got a half a mind to get married.

Ames - Well, that's all you need.

Valstad - Just think, a single woman would have as many as ten wives.

Roberts - Lord, how many did the married ones have?

Hoyt - (appearing at the county judge's office asking for a license.)

Judge - What kind of a license? A hunting license?

Hoyt - No, ay tank ay bane hunting long enough. Ay want marriage license.

Berg after leaving the CCC asks the proprietor of a circus for a job. He is informed that he can become a lion-tamer. He is assured that it is easy--that the whole secret is in forcing the lions to believe he isn't afraid of them.

Berg - No, I don't think I'll take the job. I couldn't be so deceitful.

### The Lover's Club

Hear, ye! This is the first information given out relative to this Club. The first meeting was held by the Club last Saturday. At this meeting the following by-laws were formulated:

Go to town whenever possible.

Have at least one girl write to you once a week, a 12-page letter.

Comb your hair as Gene Raymond does. (Imagine Har-lotte doing this) To have a tooth brush mustache.

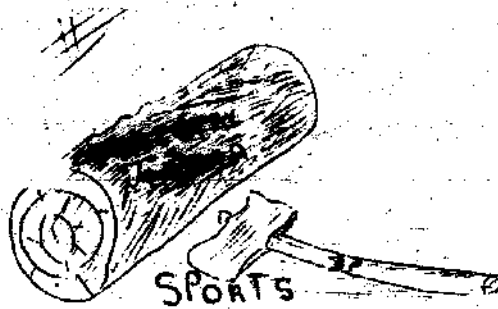
Wear a yellow bow-tie in town.

The following officers were also elected;--Hayes--Pres., Rozner--Vice Pres., Wallace--Sec., and Gullickson--Treasurer.

As you all know these enrollees are well-known for their ability to attract the opposite sex.

The members of the Club are quite confident, that they will succeed. It is difficult to forecast any prophecy as yet, but we will at least take this opportunity of wishing them well.

As the Club is just in its infancy, we regret that we have no other news for this issue. Look for the next issue as we expect to have the lay-down by then.



KETTLES and SWILLERS

We know everyone is anxiously awaiting the departure of the snow and the drying of the athletic fields so we can get started on the summer athletic program. The construction of a new kittenball field and a new tennis court will probably be the first steps in the athletic program this spring. There was a decided need for both of these last year and we know that followers of both games will be delighted with these new features.

The athletic department is planning a program for the summer which it is hoped every man in Camp will participate in. There will be baseball, kittenball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, track and horseshoe. We feel that it will be extensive enough so that everyone in Camp will find at least one of them to his liking.

There will be a baseball nine for outside competition and eight team leagues in kittenball and volleyball. This will enable each team to play once a week. There is also some hope for an all camp kittenball team to meet outside competition. This of course depends on the action taken by the other camps in the district.

Detailed plans are in the making now and we will probably have some good news on this subject by the next issue of the Monitor.

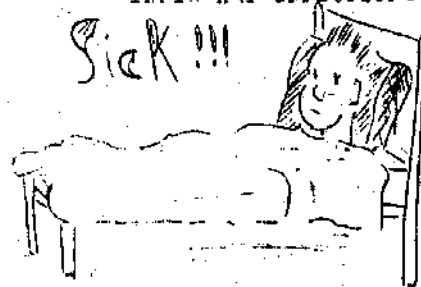
Bill Loue came through as expected and won the Camp Billiard championship. Bill defeated Bill Robinson in the finale by a score of twenty-five to fifteen.

The following menu was served to the fellows of Camp Warner for supper on Thursday, March 28:

- Roast Turkey
- Buttered Asparagus
- Cranberry Sauce
- Giblet Gravy
- Washed Potatoes
- Celery
- Pineapple Sauce
- Parkhouse Rolls
- Jelly Rolls
- Butter
- Bread
- Coffee, Milk, & Sugar
- Ice Cream

(by T. H. N.)

INFIRMARY INFECTIONS



Alterations are complete at the present writing in the Dispensary. The Dispensary gives one the impression of ultra-modernistic. You are welcomed to see the place by the Dispensary force. However, the Dispensary is not only ultra-modernistic in appearance, but also practical as well.

The boys are busily terminating the repair work of the Ninth Forestry District, and looking forward with anxious anticipation of entering the new District within the near future.

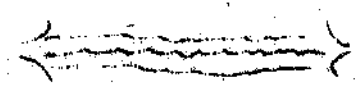
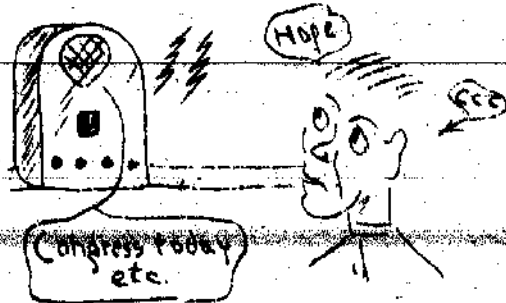
This Dispensary is an integral part of the Camp and a cordial and gracious greeting is extended to all those needing medical attention.

As usual sick call is from 7:00 to 7:30 A.M. and 4:30 to 5:30 P.M.

(Robert 'B.B.' Avery)

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DON'T FORGET THIS APRIL 1st IS APRIL FOOL'S DAY. DON'T LEAVE ANYONE OUT SOMETHING OVER OF YOU!



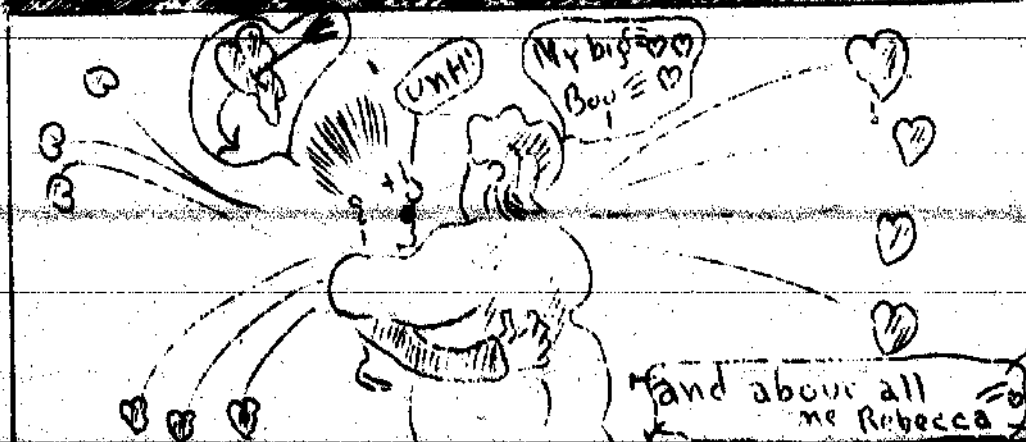
# SYLVESTER

HOME!!!

David Nathan



an old Abrahm vill be wait'in Zoo, heppy ta see me!!



DEDICATED TO



RALPH S. JOHANSEN (1st Lt. Engr.-Res.)

We can't play ALONE in the game of life--  
Are dependent, my friend, on OTHERS;  
We cannot "get by" in the struggle and strife,  
Except for the help of our BROTHERS!  
Whatever we plan, or whatever we do;  
Whatever we give of the best of us,  
Is meant to include all our FELLOWMEN; too--  
And add to the joy of the rest of us!

(James Edward Hungerford)