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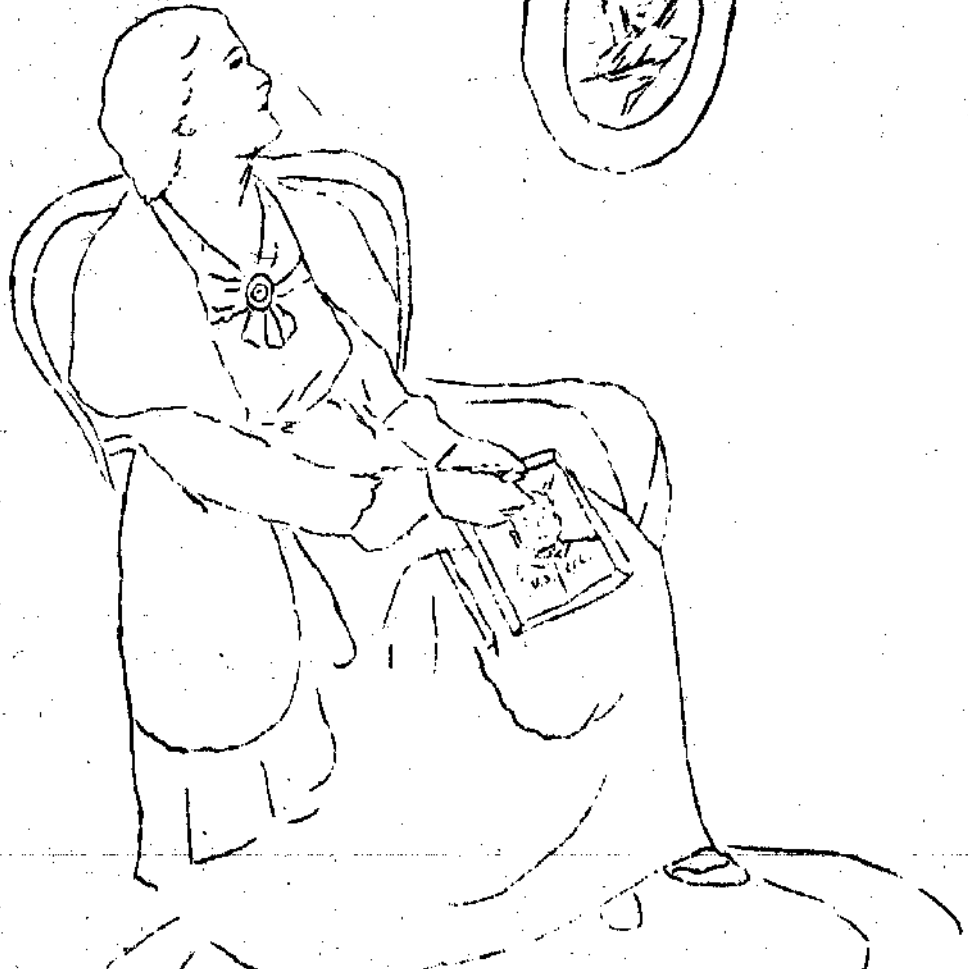
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Dedicated to the

MOTHER'S OF AMERICA



To one who bears the sweetest name,
And adds a lustre to the same,
Who shares my joys-
Who cheers when sad-
The greatest friend I ever had
Long life to her for there's no other,
Can take the place of my dear
MOTHER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS
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The machinery for expansion of the CCC to a peak strength of 600,000 men was set in motion today by President Roosevelt. At his direction, Robert Fechner, director of Emergency Conservation Work, called upon all cooperating departments to push ahead plans for building the CCC to 600,000 men by August 31. The War Department promptly sent out instructions to commanding officers of all corps areas directing them to begin the enrollment of new men on June 15 and to have all men in forest camps by the end of the final week of August. To carry out the program on schedule time, it will be necessary for the Labor Department and the Veterans' Administration to select and the War Department to enroll 250,000 new men and estimated 100,000 replacements during the months of June, July, and August. To house the new men, the War Department will construct 1,276 new forest camps as promptly as possible. When the program is complete the CCC will consist of 600,000 men working out of 2,916 camps distributed throughout 48 states and the District of Columbia. The present authorized strength of the CCC camps is 353,000. The number of camps in operation is 1,640.

One important change has been made in the rules of eligibility. Under the expansion program, the age limit for juniors, which is now from 18 to 25 years, will be changed to 18 to 28 years. The time which a junior may remain in the CCC camps has been lengthened from 12 months to 18 months.

The quotas each state will be entitled to send to the CCC camps are to be based 50% on the population of the states according to the 1930 census and 50% on the basis of the number of families actually on relief in each state.

According to War Department officials, the CCC expansion program represents one of the greatest peace time tasks ever handed the Army. The expansion program will greatly increase the duties of all cooperating agencies, Director Fechner said. "The huge task of supply, enrollment, transportation, welfare and camp administration will, as heretofore, be handled by the Army. To command the camps, the War Department will call to active duty some 3,000 additional reserve officers, bringing the total number of reserve officers on CCC duty to between 9,000 and 10,000.

The work which these men will perform will prove of great benefit not only to our national forests and national parks, state forest, private forest lands and large acres of agri-

A Lyric For May

All the earth will soon be bright
 With a twinkling amber light--
 Vagrant airs will gently stray
 Down the shady wooded way,
 Then the brooklets will rejoice
 In a limpid, rippling voice.

Then will come the gladsome hours
 By an unseen spirit led,
 And the field will flame with flowers
 Veryl, lavender, and red.

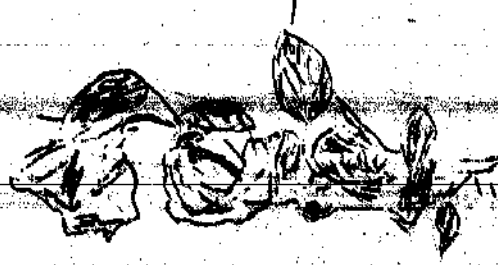
Soon the cozy nest will sway
 In the honeysuckle spray;
 And the happy bird will sing
 Through the garden on the wing;
 And the tulips all unfold
 Cups of purple, rose, and gold.

Then will wave the fragrant clover,
 'Neath a peaceful, turquoise sky,
 For the bee, the merry rover,
 And the prett' butterfly.

Prithee, do not fancy now,
 When no leaf is on the bough,
 When the earth is white with snow,
 That't will always rave and blow.
 Soon the birds will come and cheep
 Winter, surly soul, to sleep.

nd, by magic song overtaken,
 In a pleasant drowse'll stray
 All the summer, but to waken
 When the birds have flown away.

(Munkittrick)



Trouble In Sight

The front line skirmishers of a very distressing and irritating army has already arrived at this Camp and adjacent territory. Altho at present, there are but a very few of the enemy, you may be assured of the fact that we will notice them more and more everyday. At present they don't appear very aggressive, but instead seem to be making their plans for future maneuvers. With the coming of the first scouts, we may be quite certain that within the next few weeks their army will lay a siege about our Camp.

You can kill one but there is a hundred, yes a thousand to take his place. They remind one of the ancient Macedonians; no matter how many are slaughtered they still persevere with their relentless attack on us human beings.

With a slap here and a slap there and a good deal of cursing their ancestry, we will try to halt and subdue them as much as we possibly can.

Yeah, you guessed it, the Mosquitoes have again taken it upon themselves to help us solve the question--what to do with our leisure time for the next few months.

Rooks, beware of them! The 'Vets' verify the statement that they are almost as large as sparrows. They certainly should be a good authority on the subject.

THE PESSIMIST

Nothing to do but work;
Nothing to eat but food;
Nothing to wear but clothes,
To keep one from going nude.

Nothing to breathe but air;
Quick as a flash 'tis gone;
Nowhere to fall but off;
Nowhere to stand but on.

Nothing to comb but hair;
Nowhere to sleep but in bed;
Nothing to weep but tears;
Nothing to bury but dead.

Nothing to sing but songs,
Ah, well, alas! alack!
Nowhere to go but out;
Nowhere to come but back.

Nothing to see but sights;
Nothing to quench but thirst;
Nothing to have but what we've got;
Thus thro' life we are cursed.

Nothing to strike but salt;
Everything moves that goes.
Nothing at all but common sense
Can ever withstand these woes.

(Anon.)

New Schedule

The following schedule was resumed for the summer months starting May 1:

Week Day Schedule:

6:00 A.M. First Call
6:15 A.M. Assembly
6:45 A.M. Breakfast
7:00 A.M. Sick Call
7:15 A.M. Inspection
7:25 A.M. First Work Call
7:30 A.M. Assembly Work

12:00 A.M. Dinner
12:55 P.M. First Work Call
1:00 P.M. Assembly Work
5:20 P.M. Retreat
5:30 P.M. Supper
9:30 P.M. Taps

Sunday and Holiday Schedule:

7:00 A.M. First Call
7:30 A.M. Breakfast
7:45 A.M. Sick Call

12:00 A.M. Dinner
4:00 P.M. Mess
5:00 P.M. Retreat
9:30 P.M. Taps

The Lover's Club

The Lover's Club has not much to report for this issue of the paper, as they are extremely busy picking out the best looking 'rooks' for their Club. You may be quite certain that they are not lagging in the job of picking new recruits to fill the ranks of those who have left Camp.

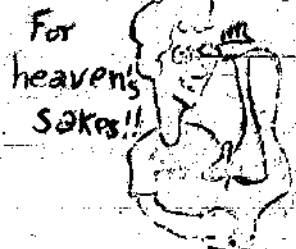
The Dancing School of Barrack 2 should help along a great deal in converting some of the 'vets', who couldn't be persuaded before, to join their group. Even Melvin 'Reber' Reber has taken interest in dancing. It won't take long and he will be able to do the intricate steps of the 'Continental'.

It appears as if Don Sutton should be admitted to this illustrious Club. He already has a very bushy mustache, altho we don't know if he has received a twelve-page letter from a fair young maid. Don should make a typical member.

What has happened to 'Romeo' Hayes? For two successive week-ends he has been sticking close to Camp. 'Rudy' Salzman has joined up with the Minocqua Night Raiders. Another good man falling by the wayside!

More than likely Tomahawk will be the scene of much hustle and bustle this coming week-end.

Until the next issue, I am your Lover's Club correspondent.



HEARD
ABOUT
CAMP
BY
(Heck')

Yes,
and that's
not
all -
bls -
bls -



Clarence Lindow of Bell Plans, Wisconsin left Camp Mercer, April 25, to accept a position on a farm near his home. Lindow was a member of this Camp for approximately 3 1/2 months. Lots of luck in your future undertakings, Clarence.

George 'Happy' Springer, who left Camp Mercer March 31, 1935, has joined the 'ball and chain' gang. 'Happy' married a girl from Ironwood, April 23. It is understood that they intend to live in Ironwood. Best of luck to you and your bride, 'Happy'.

Why does Art Ahles prefer to sleep beneath the bed at times.

We are wondering if there are any good imitators of wild fowl in the ranks of the new rooks. Tyler needs some competition for his well known cawing.

It is understood that Vechalski is a very tough guy. In fact almost as tough as some other tough guys.

What magnetic force is drawing many of the boys to the fair city of Minocqua of late. It certainly has had a powerful influence over them.

We wonder what will happen next. Foehrke has started a dancing school in Barrack 2. It is reported that 'Cossack' Yargosh and 'Finnie' Bergschultz are developing into excellent dancers. Even Walczyk has become enthusiastic over this new movement. Probably he will take up fan-dancing or the carioca.

It is rumored that 'Slim' Peterson was the cause of a epidemic of turtles in Barrack 3 recently. One of the fellows woke up with a turtle as a bed-partner.

Mcour has been given a new name - Elmer. Why?

Twining and Lindahl are looking for something which will make them grow. Can anyone help them out?

Biederman says he won't stop playing checkers until he has conquered Frank Kurek, champion of the Camp. So far he has lost about 22 games to Kurek. We believe that is the height of something or other.

Boy can those 'rooks' ever eat. If they keep on at their present rate, two or three more men will have to be made into K.P.'s.

That is the big attraction in Winchester, 'Box'?

Don't you think the nickname, 'Outie' is an adorable name? Someone in Camp doesn't.

Howard Peterson and Arthur Kamp never have moved out to the Pine Lake Fire Tower, where they will be on duty for the coming summer.

It appears as though Lincoln County is fairly well represented in Camp Mercer. At the present writing there is 37 men from that county.

Birthday greetings to Stanley Zima. Were the waters of the Manitowish quite chilly, when you were immersed in them last week?

We wonder when Hannie is going to become 'Ole' Leum's son-in-law.

Oliver Peterson says the ride home from 'town' last week-end did not agree with him. That is easily understood.

'Bob' Dietrick tells us he has enrolled in a number of classes at Manitowish. He must believe in the saying, "You can never learn too much."

The 'rooks' had better prepare themselves for the big needle.

The 'rooks' are impatiently waiting for their monkey jackets and leavings so they can go to 'town'.

Captain Kiersey, formerly one of the officers of this Camp and now the Commanding Officer of Camp Ontonagon, was married recently. Congratulations, Captain Kiersey.

Casual Observances of the 'rooks': Will they be able to find clothes big enough for Friday. We think Czech will have a hard time trying to fit him.

Cross seems destined to take the place left vacant by McLaughlin. Boy, this fellow would make a good auctioneer.

Higgins and Wolfarth appear to have magnacious inclinations.

Zimmerman got two pair of perfect-fitting slacks thanks to Czech and his understudy.

VanRens, the new Company Barber, appears to be quite capable of handling his job to the satisfaction of the entire Company.

Gerald 'Red' Kouschinski of Wisconsin and Albat 'Shorty' Twining of Snooner left Camp Mercer, May 1, to accept positions. Both of them were in this Camp for 10 months. Loads of luck in the future.

Here are some odd size clothing asked for by the 'rooks': a 6 7/8 cap, drawers size 34 x 31, and another cap size 8 1/2. Quite an assortment.

We understand that the 'rooks' are very impatient to get into the...

Gaffs and Gaffs

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Allord - My feet burn like the dickens; do you think a mustard bath would help?
Bergschultz - Sure! There's nothing better than mustard for hot dogs!
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 An adult is a person who has stopped growing at both ends and started growing in the middle.
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Rock - I have the faith that moves mountains!
Elock - Fine! Just turn it loose on that pile of wood and split it up.
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Twining - Can you keep a secret, Casimir?
Yarosh - Sure thing, but it's always my luck to tell it to some one who can't.
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Hayes - So our engagement is at an end?
She - It is!
Hayes - I suppose you will return the engagement ring?
She - Certainly, if you wish it. Call around some evening, and pick it out.
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Salesman No.-1 * So you are a salesman too. What do you sell?
Salesman No.-2 - Salt.
No.-1 - I'm a salt seller, also.
No.-2 - Shake.
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Dietch - No girl ever made a fool out of me.
Noziska - Who was it then.
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 A goldfish, they tell us, is a sardine that benefited by the prosperity wave.
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 Why do they call it a 'shipment' when it goes in a car, and a 'cargo' when it goes in a ship?
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Dentist - Will you take gas?
Reber (absentmindedly) - Yeah, and you'd better look at the oil, too.
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Mosur - I'd like to buy some chains for my tires.
Clerk - I'm sorry--we keep only groceries.
Mosur - I thought this was a chain store.
 #####
1st soldier - Where were you when the battle was raging?
2nd soldier - Right where the bullets were the thickest.
1st - Where was that?
 #####
 What we can't understand is how the ant ever earned its reputation for industriousness considering the number of picnics it attends.
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Eidsgume - I want my book bound in Porocco.
Varecki - Why not patronize home industry?
 #####
 Beneath the spreading chestnut tree The smith works like the dickens For now he's selling gasoline And sandwiches made from chickens.
 #####
O. Peterson - And what would I have to give you for just one little kiss?
She - Chloroform.
 #####
Viley's Girlfriend - He says he can read you like a book.
Hirsh's Gf - Yes, and darn him! He wants to use the Braille System!
 #####
Mr. Haag - Did you water the rubber plant, Frank?
Hon - Why, no, sir. I thought it was waterproof.
 #####
Jansen - Who is that fellow with the long hair?
Bruss - He's a fellow from Yale.
Jansen - Oh, I've often heard of those Yale locks.
 #####
Freshman, home for vacation - Yep, I made the football team!
His Best Girl - Honestly? What part did you play?
Freshie - I did the aerial work.
H.G. - Aerial work? What's that?
Freshman - Why, I blew up the footballs.
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INTERESTING
FACTS
ABOUT
CAMP
MERCER

American Boy-2 Adventure-1
Field & Stream-3

Eleven of the fellows of this
Camp have no favorite magazine. Al-
together there was twenty-eight
different magazines named.

Here are a few more interest-
ing items about the men of Camp
Mercer. As this census was taken
before the 'rooks' arrived, they
are not included in the tabulation.

Religion:

The Catholic Religion has 82
men of this Camp, while the Luth-
erans run a fairly close second
with 53 men. The other Religions
are namely:

- Protestant - 15
- Baptist - 1
- Methodist - 13
- None - 4
- Presbyterian - 10
- Congregational - 3

Sports:

Baseball proved to be the most
popular sport of the Camp. This
Sport has 76 followers. The other
sports were as follows:

- Football - 26
- Skating - 3
- Basketball - 17
- Track - 2
- Swimming - 16
- Pool - 1
- Hunting - 10
- Gymnastics - 1
- Hockey - 5
- Hiving - 1
- Kittenball - 3
- Walking - 1
- Boxing - 3
- Tennis - 1
- Volleyball - 3
- Horseshoe - 1

Five of the fellows do not care
for any form of sport.

Candy Bar:

The favorite candy bar is the
Milky Way Bar. This bar was chosen
by 23 men. Wars run a close second
with 21 consumers. Other bars men-
tioned were as follows:

- OhHenry-17
- Head O'Time-2
- Baby Ruth-17
- Champ-2
- Hershey-11
- Hot Tangle-2
- Mounds-10
- Denver Sandwich-2
- Nut Roll-7
- Milk Chocolate-2
- Ice Cream Bar-6
- Fudge-2
- Snickers-5
- 3 Musketeers-2
- Almond Hershey-5
- Salted Nut Roll-2
- Ziegler-4
- Pecan Round-1
- Leaving Lens-3
- Nut Hershey-1
- Tangoes-3
- Dream-1
- Chicken Dinner-3
- Mr. Goodbar-1
- Powerhouse-3
- Nut Goody-1
- Butterfingers-1

'Strange as it may seem there is
21 men, who have no favorite bar.

Magazine

The favorite magazine is the
Liberty magazine, with 25 readers.
The next favorite is Collier's,
which has 20 readers. Others named:

- Popular Mech.-19
- Sports Afield-1
- Sat. Eve. Post-18
- True Detective-1
- True Story-15
- Photoplay-1
- Western-15
- Grit-1
- Outdoor Life-10
- True Confessions-1
- American-8
- Natural History-1
- Cosmopolitan-6
- Wonder Story-1
- Funt. & Fish-6
- American Farm-1
- Best Easy Dig-5
- Pop Science-1
- Read. Digest-3
- Science & Inv.-1
- Redbook-1

INFIRMARY

INFECTIONS

The following have been sick in
quarters with influenza:--Wilfred
Hayes, Elmer Neuman, Raymond Sauritz,
Howard Langendorf, Edward Jellen,
Valentine Hoppens, Frank Begler,
Frank Traczyk, and Harlan Rice. There
is also a great many cases of Coryza
(head cold) in Camp, which if not
taken care of will develop into in-
fluenza. Don't hesitate to report for
sick call if you have the slightest
cold for it can be checked much eas-
ier if treated regularly.

Hours for sick call are:

Week Days -- 7:00 A.M.

and

4:30 P.M.

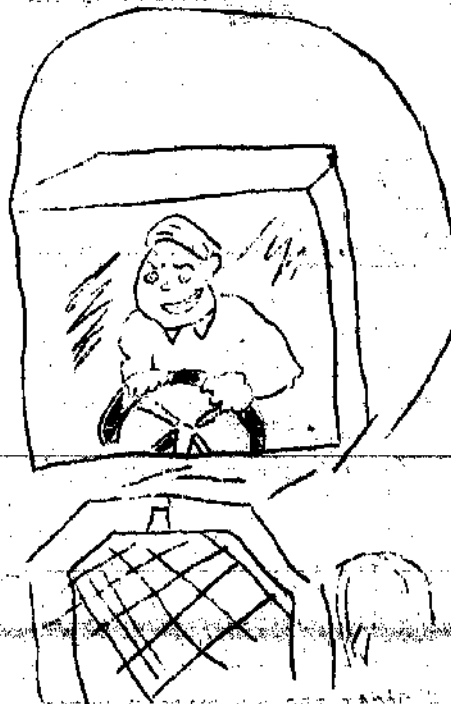
Sundays & Holidays --

8:00 A.M. and

4:00 P.M.

Don't come at any other time,
unless it happens to be an emergency.

The 'rookies' have one more 'shot'
to take before their processing is
finished. Lt. Goldsmith from the Blue
Lake Camp has been handling this work.
It is not known as yet who will be our
permanent Camp Surgeon.



MERCER SWEETHEART

New Enrollees Arrive

The following new enrollees arrived in Camp Mercer within the past week; Welcome to your new home, 'Rooks'.

Sixteen men from Onieda County arrived April 24:

Biermier, Ray - Rhinelander, Wis.	Hicks, Gordon - Rhinelander, Wis.
Christensen, Glen - "	Kurlinski, Helford-Robbins, Wis.
Clure, Melvin - "	Lakowski, Martin-Pelican Lake, Wis.
Cross, George - Marshau, Wis.	Lass, Eddie - Pelican Lake
Durbin, Robert - Rhinelander	Keisler, Adolph - Rhinelander
Gloyd, Charles-Eagle River, Wis.	O'Brein, Lester - Crandon, Wis.
Graneau, Carl - Minocqua, Wis.	Scheidegger, Edwin-Rhinelande
Hendrickson, Howard - Marshau	Wohlfarth, William - Rhinelander

Five enrollees from Eau Claire County arrived April 25:

Anderson, Williard - Eau Claire, Wis.	Seaton, Axelander-Eau Claire
Bailey, Paul - "	Brandon, Norman - "
	Card, Axel - "

Twenty-seven men from Lincoln County arrived April 27:

Alery, Carroll - Merrill, Wis.	Ledger, Alfred - Merrill
Bishop, Milton - Tomahawk, Wis.	Leopold, Paul - "
Boetz, Harley - Merrill	Miller, John, - Tomahawk
Friday, Howard - "	Olson, Norman - Merrill
Fuller, Edward - "	Radloff, Elver - "
Fust, Arthur - "	Rutell, Woodrow - "
Hatton, Norman - Tomahawk	Smith, Donald, - "
Harlan, Cyrus, - "	Torkelson, Adolph, - Tomahawk
Hehling, Eldor - Merrill	Venne, Arthur - "
Higgins, Carl - Tomahawk	Venderheid, Norman - Merrill
Hodge, Burnett - "	Wetzel, Arno - Merrill
Kleinschmidt, Elmer - Merrill	Zellmer, Robert - Tomahawk
Krueger, Arnold, - "	Zimmerman, Harold - Merrill
Krueger, Wilfred - "	

One enrollee from Taylor County arrived April 27:

Monroe, William - Medford, Wis.

All told forty-nine 'rooks' arrived in Camp Mercer over the past week.

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



A Few Worthwhile Tips

The Editorial Staff of the Mercer Monitor wishes to take this opportunity to mention a few tips pertaining to you new 'Rooks'.

Life in this Camp will be either happy or unhappy; depending upon how you will conduct yourselves about Camp or otherwise.

Possibly once in a while your Camp Paper will give you some good natured razzing or mention your name in one way or another. If so, pass it off as a joke.

Cooperate to the fullest extent with your fellow-workers and they will do the same by you.

And last but by any means least, do not be a grumbler over anything which you think is not fair to you. Remember that there is more than one bump in your lives. Govern yourselves accordingly.



Just - A - Rook



He swallowed a
whole box of CCC
Pills

