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MANY NEW IMPROVEMENTS IN CAMP AREA.

New Volley Ball Courts

Continuing its athletic program, Camp Mercer erected two new volley ball courts. Freshly peeled white painted poles stretching a taught net in each quadrangle of the camp area, presents a neat vacation day appearance. We cannot grow a perfect green sward on these plots so why not devote at least part of each to volley ball courts?

Baseball Diamond Improved

We'll whip that diamond into shape yet. More clay and gravel have been hauled, and the Officers and overhead have done their part in spreading and surfacing.

Major Roberts makes as good a foreman as he does a baseball coach as the results show he is a fine promoter, and gets things done.

Stacks on Barracks Polished

Improvements have cropped out all over. For a "Brush-Shack", as one disgruntled CCC use to call the Camp, we think it bears a striking resemblance to some of the more urbane dwellings.

Now the smoke stacks have been polished, and from the highway they shine with a new silvery newness.

Windows, Ventilators and Doors Screened.

Carpenters were busy lately, adding new screen frames to the windows of the barracks and the bottom of the ventilators, as well as screen doors.

Flag Pole Painted.

Hester did a fine job painting the flag pole. It looks great.

Our Officers are putting forth every effort to constantly improve and build up our camp. However they cannot do it alone. It takes the cooperation and support of every man in Camp.

Areas Surfaced

The plague of the Camp and vicinity is, without a doubt, sand. On dry, hot, windy days, we wonder if we can "take it" like CCC's should. Fine gravel has been added in an attempt to harden the ground and keep the sand down.

Further we have been hearing rumors about cinders as a surfacing material. It would take many loads but the improved appearance and comfort would do wonders for us.

New Home for the Refrigerator

Cambell and Boucher have just completed a new home for the ice box. It is a fact that, however efficient the ice-box by itself, it could not protect such a quantity of food from the hot summer sun.

Wise investment is good economy and this seems to be an improvement that will save much for the Co funds.

Monkey Wagon Blown to Kingdom-Come.

A historic army vehicle, one seen in many Camps, and recalling particular incidents to CCC veterans was the so-call "Monkey-Wagon". Already a relic of war days, it made a record breaking trip from Fort Sheridan to Camp Mercer. Perhaps the record it set, was the number of times the old rattling cage had to stop for repairs, gasoline, and water.

Captain Henry ordered transportation for this famous old vehicle to its final resting place. Supt. Fred Haag undertook the task of dynamiting it. The explosion the end.

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English and the "Wood Tick".

"I have been wondering about this here talk about good grammar. What has a "Wood-Tick" got to use it fur. My Ma and Pa aint never spoke it - why should I? They wouldn't understand me if I did, they'd think I was high hattin' 'em".

" and whut's the good of some of them words like "swell" an "heck" an' "aint" an' "gonna" and all?"

" When I go swimmin' and do, a belly flop good, I mean good an' not just "well". The same with "lay down". I dont do it lik a teachur so nice an' lady-lik; no I just lay down at night not "lie".

" I heard an nice elokent speaker onct, but he gets paid for it. Anyways my Pa gave a better speech onct when he was drunk. An' I dont write much to anybody, but Hank an' Ma back home".

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"Yes, you are exactly right, Bill Wood-Tick. Dont use the finest grammar when you talk or write to Mother or Dad; neither the biggest words nor the choicest of phrases. The English they speak is genuine and as full of as much expression for what they want to say as Professor Goodrich's. "Do you know wheresome of the strongest, pithiest expressions in good literature have come from? It is from people like your Dad - the farmer's, Sailors, woodsmen, sportsmen, etc." Their speech may not be clean, but it is rugged and sincere.

"So is yours Bill and all the CCC boys. That is why "Happy-Days" likes to print such expressions as "swell", "dope it out" and all the rest. They are familiar, they're like your work, swingin' an axe an' taking it in a CCC Camp. You are more interested in human values, in friendships, work and sports than in how you talk. Slang has its place, and sometimes it becomes good English. The other jargon, too,

serves its purpose, with its easy idling-lip movements and modern vigor.

Never-the-less, just as you find that personal cleanliness and neatness pay, you will find that these same qualities in expression pay. Slang and easy going telegraphic and elliptical forms draw us together realistically and informally. Too much slang and slow expressions, however, make language shoddy, ambiguous, and incoherent. You will never lose these informal, snappy expressions nor the rugged pith of yourdad's language, but you will learn to use them with discretion, and with an eye to propriety, force, and clarity.

Farewell Veterans.

June 30th a large number of veterans will leave Camp Mercer. What a relief for the "Rooks". They will no longer have to be dominated, both mentally and physically, by those supreme beings - the "Vets". Probably two-thirds of the officers worries will depart with them also.

But those same "Vets" have done their part just the same. They came here from Fort Sheridan as pioneers - clearing the ground of brush and trees on which to build this camp. No task was too difficult or project too large for these sturdy pioneers.

Living in tents, squatting on the ground to eat from mess kits, fighting mosquitos and clearing land became part of their everyday activities. And, lest we forget, fighting fires became quite an everyday affair too. It was by the sweat of their brows that all future CCC's can enjoy the benefits and comforts that this Camp has to offer.

It is probably not without some fond regret that they will leave Camp Mercer and the many friends that they made in and about Camp. With all sincerity, do we wish them a bright and prosperous future. "Vets", we bid you a fond adieu.

Pine Grove Camp.

Andres was as joyous as a child on christmas morn the other day. He just finished his first axe grinding job.

Perhaps the most memorable event since the establishment of our camp was the snipe hunt. A pale moon lent a ghostly light to the white apparitions in the brush,

Men Receiving Discharges

Brown, Loren H.	Hayward, Wis.
Dixon, Harold F.	Baraboo, Wis.
Flag, Ed. J.	Green Bay
Miller, Leo L.	Hurley
Moos, A. G.	Green Bay
Voyer, Ed. L.	Spooner
Cannell, Willard A.	Hayward
Coxey, Wilson	Hurley
Doughty, Harvey	Hayward
Fee, Herbert	Superior
Hiller, Robert	Baraboo
Kollman, Milton P.	Green Bay
Leuthner, Clarence	Spooner
Smith, Ernest W.	Hurley
Thomas, Richard	Hurley
Wick, Ferdie N.	Superior
Wright, Edward L.	Superior
Arens, Norbert	Chilton
Bartagnoli, Robert	Hurley
Brown, William C.	Hurley
Bruneau, William	Hurley
Carley, Cecil V.	Hayward
Clark, Norman J.	Baraboo
Coon, Frank G.	Chetek
Dickson, Milo L.	Hayward
Eister, Francis E.	Spooner
Elwood, Harry R.	Baraboo
Endres, Elmer P.	Chilton
Foerster, William	Chilton
Gierczak, Clifford	Green Bay
Gilman, Douglas L.	Alma, Wis.
Haney, Joseph E.	Green Bay
Hart, Delos	Alma, Wis.
Hawkins, Wallace	Spooner
Hockstein, Edward	Baraboo
Hopkins, Kenneth	Spooner
Hopkins, William	Chetek
James, John W.	Hayward
Johnson, Myron E.	Superior
Karn, Alphonse	Superior
Karsten, Clifford	Green Bay
Kiesner, Ray W.	Chilton
Koberstein, Harlen	Baraboo
Kovacevich, Radomir	Hurley
Legacy, Morris D.	Chetek
Lillienberg, G.	Hayward
Majaski, James	Superior
Marsh, Harold E.	Spooner
Massoglio, Peter	Hurley
McGloakley, Ambrose	Green Bay
Moore, Gilbert	Durand
Murray, Leo E.	Durand
Novak, John S.	Hurley
Nowke, James F.	Durand
O'Bert, Paul	Hurley
Oberto, Egidio	Hurley
Olejnickak, E.	Green Bay
Olson, Roy E.	Antigo
Pecotte, Elmo P.	Hurley
Peters, Joseph C.	Green Bay
Peterson, George A.	Hurley
Peterson, Lyle O.	Chetek
Friest, Freddie	Baraboo
Rabideau, Robert	Green Bay
Keilly, Lloyd	Green Bay
Roberts, Richard	Hurley
Roe, Willard E.	Antigo
Sargent, Raymond	Hurley
Sokolaky, Andrew	Hurley
Slanski, Sino	Hurley
Spear, Harold N.	Hurley
Thomas, Charles	Hurley
Weigel, Wendelin	Marshfield
Wright, Carl L.	Superior
Wyszynski, Anthony	Hurley
Zierhut, John H.	Green Bay
Van Rens, Edward	Green Bay

Barrack 1

There was great commotion in this barracks the other night. The wires for holding the mosquito bars became veritable clothes lines, and, what an assemblage of clothes. At every bunk hung a complete wardrobe. Mighty unusual for a whole barracks to get the notion that they all need clean clothes at the same time.

It turned out that it was neither wash day nor a swim and tea party. The Vets took a swim.

Barrack 2

"Wild" Roe is looking for addresses of girls near Antigo. He is more than anxious to go home.

Pete Voyer and G. Lillienberg Inc., contractors on a big fire lane certainly have completed a masterpiece.

Kersten received a discharge.

He was called home at the death of his Grandmother.

Barrack 3 misses Bruneau, Alspin, Bubblas, and Chuck. How about Valentine? The whole company misses him.

Lee Block took a big jump from linesman to company foreman. Barracks 2 wishes you luck Lee.

Barracks 3

We are proud of the fact that we took honors in the elimination contests for Ping Pong and Horseshoe. Jack McCarthy place first in Ping Pong and Eister in horseshoes.

McCarthy should have his teeth fixed again. The volley ball court needs racking.

Thirteen veterans leave our barrack.

Barrack 5

Bob Astle is driving truck for the state.

We have some great fishermen in our barrack. They are Koberstein, Marsh, and Hiller. They never show anybody the fish they catch.

Fred Page joined the ranks of the cowboys and went to Mike Mead's sub-camp.

Does anybody know where Cletace Peet has been going every night for the last week?

Who is going to take Zierhut's place as a debater when he leaves? Where do King's white caps go?

Who can make McGloakley stop talking after the lights go out?

Captain Henry offers a reward for one cap.

Triangular Meet Held

Camps Gogebic, Upton, and Mercer participate.

Camp Mercer was host to Camps Upton and Gogebic in a field day meet held on Saturday June 23rd. The meet proved over-generous, but did, however, smash out two good victories, of ten points each, in volleyball and Kittenball. Gogebic took first honors with 49 points, and Mercer tied Upton for second, each having 33 points.

High Jump - 1st, Moor - Gogebic
2nd - Arena, Mercer and Raifield, Gogebic tied.

Shot - 1st, Hoffman, Upton
2nd-Koberstein, Mercer
3rd-Gipp, Upton

Standing Broad Jump
1st - Gipp, Upton
2nd- Lemplit, Gogebic
3rd - Schwantes, Upton

100 yard dash
1st - Bates, Gogebic
2nd - Gipp, Upton
3rd - Giudici, Mercer

440 relay
1st - Gogebic
Bates, Raifield, Hicks
and Whitebread.

Horseshoe
Singles
1st - Gogebic
2nd - Upton
3rd - Mercer
For Mercer - Bister
Doubles
1st - Gogebic
2nd - Upton
3rd - Mercer
For Mercer Leum and Legacy

Ping Pong
1st - Gogebic
2nd - Mercer
3rd - Upton
For Mercer - McCarthy

Volley Ball
1st-Mercer
2nd- Tied
For Mercer - Arena, capt.
Legacy, Hawkins, Lillienberg,
Leum, and Patrow.

Kitten Ball
1st - Mercer
2nd - Gogebic
3rd - Upton
For Mercer - Hiller, Ames,
Flak, Leum, Koberstein, Bister,
Gierozak, McCloskey, Gens, Mad-
den, Gilman, Peters, Johnson,
Maki, Rocky.

72 men, all told, participated in this meet.

Infirmity Infections

On June 21st Major S. M. Roberts and Captain M. H. Henry attended a district meeting of company commanders and Camp Surgeons at Camp Paint Lake conducted by Captain Volney W. Wortman, Commanding Officer of the Ninth Forestry District.

After the conference the Officers were guests of the Commanding Officer Lt. Sison, and member of the 663 company for lunch. It is reported that the better Metropolitan restaurants might acquire some excellent ideas on the preparations and serving of good food by visiting this mess.

E. Van Rens, R. Avery, and B. Hopkins enjoyed a swell Chicken dinner.

Major Roberts recently enlarged his zoo, but capturing two ferocious Goslins. However they were unable to withstand the rigid hardships of captivity and soon died.

"Red" Hawkins favorite song lately has been "Highways are Happy ways When they Lead the Way to Home".

Kettles and Skilleta

Bill says:

It's amusing to me when the boys come on KP, how they howl and belly ache. But when some one else is on K P they hang around the door and wait for something to eat. It will surprise me if they will be able to do anything when they leave here - after putting in the easiest thirteen months in their life.

I sure will miss some of them because when I ask them to do something all they say is "Three days More", "Three days More". I will sure feel for the Children, Children. Children when they leave here and have to look after themselves.

After they leave here and go to work they wont be told to do this and do that all day long. Warning- Private employers have another way of doing it. After telling you once or twice they give you your walking papers.

Wilson - (Asking Koski his first name)

Koski i " Oh I know"

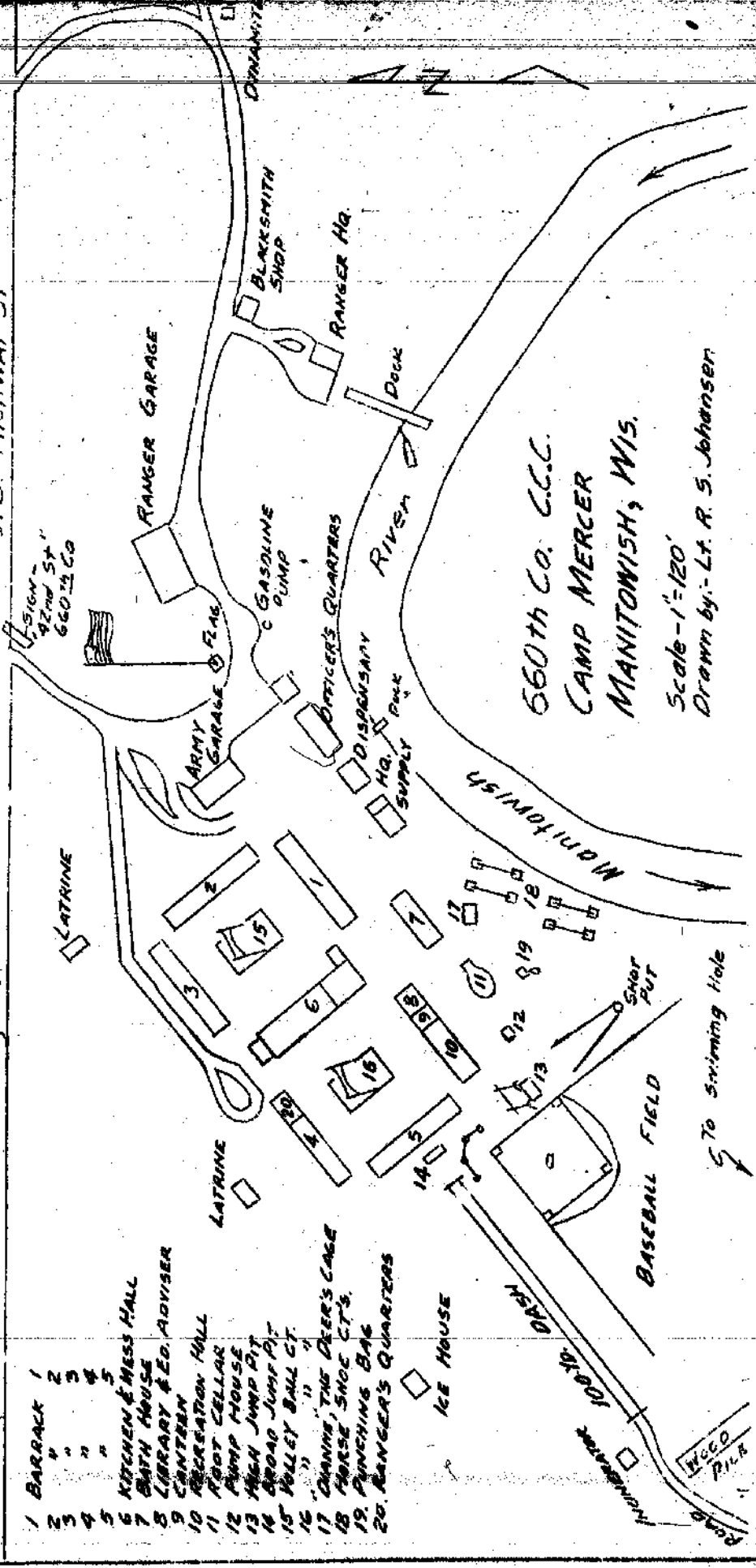
Wilson - "BHell it please"

Koski - " Bino"

U.S. HIGHWAY 51

3 1/4 Miles to Manitowish, Wis.

- 1 BARRACK
- 2 " "
- 3 " "
- 4 " "
- 5 " "
- 6 KITCHEN & MESS HALL
- 7 BATH HOUSE
- 8 LIBRARY & ED. ADVISER
- 9 CANTREIN
- 10 RECREATION HALL
- 11 FOOT CELLAR
- 12 PUMP HOUSE
- 13 MEN JUMP PIT
- 14 BROAD JUMP PIT
- 15 VOLLEY BALL CT.
- 16 " "
- 17 CHANNIE, THE DEER'S CAGE
- 18 HORSE, SHOE CT'S.
- 19 PUNCHING BAG
- 20. RANGERS QUARTERS



660th Co. C.C.C.
CAMP MERCER
MANITOWISH, WIS.

Scale - 1" = 120'
Drawn by: Lt. R. S. Johnson

To Swimming Hole

WEGO PILE