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ROSTER OF NEW COMPANY

Commanding Officer--Captain George
B. Lowe (Inf. Res.)
Junior Officer--Lieut. Cribble
Second Lieutenant (Infantry
Reserve)

Company Foreman--Howard Friday
Mess Steward--Robert Dietrick
Supply House--Winfield Spiegel
Company Clerk--Wilfred Hayes

Leaders:

Howard Hall Don Sutton

Assistant Leaders:

Francis Boucher	Mike McCarthy
Joseph Bratina	Loren Noll
Batiste Chiapusio	William Petersen
Clifford Haynie	Harry Strelow

Enrollees:

Arthur Ahles	Leon Kvaal
Carroll Alery	Howard Langendorf
John Alvey	Paul Leopold
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Raynus Axelson	Robert Manky
Paul Bailey	Frank Martino
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Frank Kurek	Jacob Zinkevocz
Leo Laverdure	

Company 3663, Camp Pattison
(SP-11) will be transferred from
this Camp on July nineteenth to
the Pattison State Park, which is
situated about twelve miles south
of Superior, Wisconsin.

On July 15, ten members of Com-
pany 3663 were transferred to their
new location to make preparations
for the arrival of the rest of the
Company. They were namely:-Dietrick
Sutton, Hall, Strelow, Venne, Krue-
ger A, Beaton, Dmytro, Laverdure,
and Bouche'r.

All was hustle and bustle about
Camp Mercer on the morning of July
19, when the rest of the new Company
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Accomplishments of the C.C.C.

Among the principal work items
completed by the CCC during the per-
iod from April 17, 1933 to April 1,
1935 were the following:

291,000,000 trees planted, most
of them on denuded areas.

67,000 miles of service roads and
trails constructed through timbered
areas principally for fire protec-
tion.

33,000 miles of telephone lines
built into the nation's forest and
park fire detection systems.

38,000 miles of fire breaks open-
ed up through forested areas.

Reduction of fire hazards over
1,143,000 acres.

2,200 lookout houses and lookout
towers constructed in forests and
parks for fire detection.

Forest stand improvement work com-
pleted over 1,841,000 acres.

A total of 11,250,000 acres cover-
ed in campaigns to control rodent
destruction.

A total of 4,824,000 acres cover-
ed in campaigns to reduce losses
caused by beetles, moths and other
insects.

Tree and plant disease control
work conducted over 3,929,000 acres.

1,144,000 check dams built in gul-
lies to control soil erosion.

Flood control work.

Completion of timber estimating
over 23,000,000 acres.

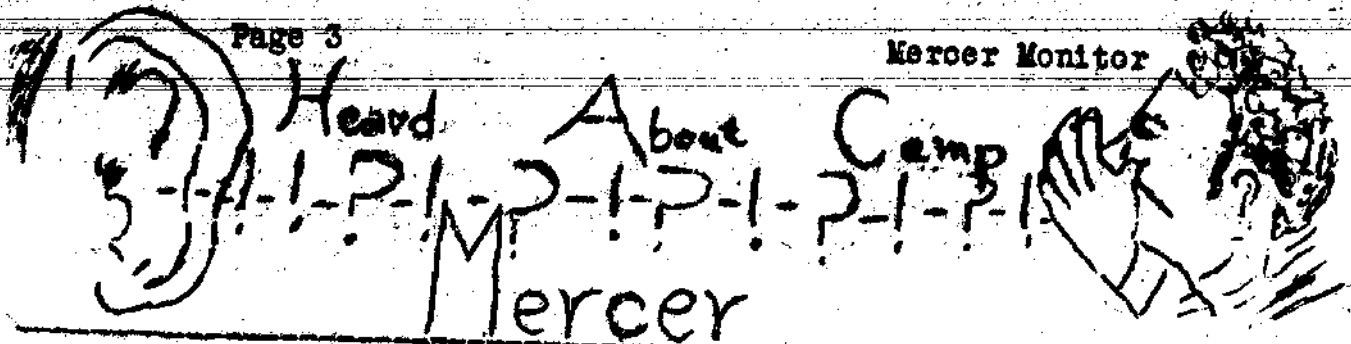
Construction of 30,500 foot, horse,
vehicle and stock bridges.

Improvement of 27,000 acres of
public camp grounds for recreation-
al purpose.

31,000 miles of roadsides and trail
sides cleared up as a fire preven-
tion move and 133,000 acres cleared
up for purposes other than fire pre-
vention.

Among other items of work complet-
ed were the building of 23,000 build-
ings and other structures, the con-
struction of 8,494 tool houses and
boxes, the development of 3,372

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It seems that Brandon can't take a joke, so Christensen says.

'Bob' Dietrick and Ole Leum go out stepping and with whom do you think? Well that's for you to ponder about for yourself. You certainly would be surprised.

It seems that Fuller likes to go to Mercer on payday nights.

We didn't know that the cooks and K.P.s were so snaky, that snakes could be found in their barrack. Possibly 'Snake-charmer' Torkelson had something to do with the snakes being in the Kitchen Forces' Quarters.

Rice has been worrying as to how he can preserve his blue denim cap from the ravages of bad weather, dust, and the moths. Why don't you put it in cold storage? It won't cost you much.

Why is 'Smitty' known as the big bully of Barrack 4?

What causes 'Slugger' Hatton to be so noisy at times?

At last we have found out the reason why there are so few mosquitoes and flies in the Reading Room and Library. Our new cook, who is a frequent visitor there has the habit of sleeping with his mouth open thus drawing into this cavernous cavity multitudes of these insects. We only hope that he will continue to use the Reading Room for his resting place.

The Hatchet City (Tomahawk) is going over big in Barrack 2. Moehrke plans on paying a pow-wow visit to Chief Wah-Ho's (Allord) wigwam in the very near future.

Why does Ben Dietsche prefer to take shortcuts through the woods? Possibly just to experience the thrill of being lost.

Pat Thomas' crew appreciate the good coffee he makes. The boys would even eat the grounds if it wasn't so much like sawdust.

It seems quite strange that leaders like 'Frenchy' Fafford would care to join a nudist colony.

What is the big attraction down at the Dam, Jimmy?

John Mareski returns from Chicago after a ten-day leave, looking quite pale around the gills.

Kurek, the office boy, gets a new job pulling weeds around the State House. Just to get a healthy tan.

Why are all the fellows so jealous of Mosur's good looks?

Czech intends on being a pugilist after his time has expired in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Gentile, what table manners you have!

This Camp won't be lacking a good bugler as long as 'Bubbles' is here.

Oliver Peterson claims to be an all-around athlete, but so far has been unable to convince us of his versatility.

Why was our Educational Adviser watching the mail so closely for the first few weeks of this month?

Knoll wishes to take off a few pounds. He probably will do so after he is transferred to the new Camp.

SPORTS

New Athletic Equipment

The following athletic equipment was received by this Camp recently:

- One Badminton Game with Guide
- One Bill Terry First-basemens Mitt
- Half dozen Pinkey Whitney Gloves
- One dozen Baseballs
- Half dozen Official Softballs
- One Tarred Tennis Net
- Two Volley Ball Nets
- Ten Baseball Caps (navy)
- One 16lb. Iron Shot
- One Gill Official Discus
- One 16 ft. Vaulting Pole
- One Volleyball
- One dozen Tennis Balls

BASEBALL

Camp Mercer journeyed to the Nine Mile Camp and engaged their team in a game of baseball, July 14.

This game was played in a field of mud as it rained almost continuously throughout the game. Numerous errors were chalked up against both sides because of the muddy slimey ball.

Although the Nine Mile Camp was outhit nine to four, they came through in the pinches to group their hits with errors allowing them to grasp the game from Mercer in the last half of the sixth inning. The game was to be played for only five innings, but at the end of the fifth stanza, the score was tied up at seven-all; thus forcing the game into an extra inning. In this inning Mercer came through with a run, but Nine Mile duplicated this plus adding another thereby enabling them to cop the contest.

'Alky' Zimmerman pitched his usual dependable ball, baffling the opposing batsmen in spite of the wet ball. Brandt, the Nine Mile pitcher proved to be almost as effective.

'Madam' Klainschmidt and Torkelson were the heavy hitters for Mercer, while Joneson of Nine Mile, their catcher, was the batting highlight on the opposing nine.

The next game on Mercer's schedule is to be played on our home diamond, July 21, with the Moose diver team.

The transferring of Company 3663 will take away some of our best baseball talent. Wierzba and Stuplich, outfielders; Bob Dietrick, pitcher and Betonti, shortstop will

weaken our squad no little.

It is hoped that with the coming of the new 'Rooks', who should be arriving soon, we will be able to find enough capable ball players to fill the places of these men.

KITTENBALL STANDINGS:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Barrack 4	7	1	.875
Overhead	6	3	.666
Barrack 5	4	3	.571
Barrack 7	4	4	.500
Barrack 2	3	4	.430
Barrack 6	3	5	.375
Barrack 3	1	7	.125

Co.-660 Vs. Co.-3663

Company 660 and Company 3663 engaged in a series of battles royal to determine the company, which was superior in athletics.

Company 660 took the kittenball game from Company 3663 by the decisive score of 7-2. Bill Leum proved to be the master of the new company and held the game well in hand, while Langendorff pitched dependable ball; his mates did not give him the necessary support to take home the bacon.

In the Tug-O'-War between the two Companies, the result was a tie. Both teams strained, pulled, and grunted for quite some time until they had to give up because of the intense heat.

Due to the intense heat, the Med. Dept. has curtailed all further athletic and recreational competitive games.





HUMOR



For years the two sexes raced for supremacy--now they've settled down to neck and neck.

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Wierzba-Tony, what becomes of baseball players who lose their eyesight?

Betonti-They make umpires out of them.

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Skeezix-Gosh, I'm thirsty!

Rods-Just a moment; I'll get you some water.

Skeezix-I said THIRSTY; not DIRTY!

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Mother-What made you stay so late? Have a flat tire?

Spiegel's Girlfriend-No, mother, I'd hardly call him that!

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Gregorius-Name a poisonous substance.

Reper-Aviation. One drop will kill.

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Storekeeper-Shall I draw the Chicken for you, madam?

Young Bride-No, thank you, your description is quite sufficient.

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Lawyer-We don't care what you think we want to know what you know!

Witness-Well, I may as well get off the stand then, as I can't talk without thinking. I ain't no lawyer.

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They were discussing dogs, and the tales were becoming "pretty tall" when one of the group took the lead.

"Smith," he said, "had a most intelligent retriever. One night Smith's house caught fire. All was instant confusion. Old Smith and wife flew for the children and bundled out with them in quick order.

"Alas, one of them had been left behind. But up jumped the dog, rushing into the house, and soon reappeared with the missing child. Every one was saved; but Rover dashed through the flames again.

"What did the dog want? No one knew. Presently the noble animal reappeared, scorched and burned, with --what do you think?

"Give it up," cried the eager listeners.

"With the fire insurance policy, wrapped in a damp towel, gentlemen."

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"Are you a doctor?" she asked the young man at the soda fountain.

"no, Madam," he replied, "I'm a fizician."

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Man and wife are supposed to be one, even though they may sometimes sound like a dozen.

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wells or springs, the construction of 2,627 reservoirs for wildlife or stock, the building of 9,500 miles of fences, the expenditure of 592,526 man-days on tree nursery work, the revegetation of 41,804 acres of range lands, the eradication of poisonous and other types of plants from 142,000 acres, the improvement of 116,000 acres of lakes, ponds and beaches, the construction of 3,336 ponds for fish and birds, the construction of 1,159 recreational dams and the construction of seven aircraft landing fields.

In addition to their regular construction work, the CCC devoted hundreds of thousands of man-days to maintenance work. In this connection they maintained 49,000 miles of telephone lines, 19,700 miles of fire breaks and 91,000 miles of truck trails.

The strengthening of forest and park defenses against the destruction of forest fires, insects and tree attacking disease represented one of the most important types of work undertaken by CCC men.

Last year, one of the worst years of fire hazard in history because of drought and unfavorable weather conditions, the CCC was largely instrumental in holding fire losses on the national forests to a figure well below the average of comparable years. More than 1,841,000 man days have been spent by CCC enrollees fighting forest fires.

Due to the stimulus of the CCC program, the states have added more than 500,000 acres to their state parks. Thousands of acres of park land have been cleared for public camp grounds. These have been provided with pure drinking water, rustic fire places, camp buildings and rest rooms.

Campaigns have been conducted against pine beetles, the gypsy moth European bark beetles, grasshoppers and other forest pests over more than 4,000,000 acres. More than 100,000,000 gooseberry and currant bushes, plant hosts essential to the spread of blister rust, were dug up and destroyed during the last year.

Approximately 291,000 acres have been planted to trees.

A constantly increasing amount of soil erosion prevention work has been done by CCC men since the work began. Several thousand men have been engaged on flood control projects. Wild life conservation has been emphasized.

(MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS)

July 3, 1935

A Goin' and a Goin'

Raymond Stroming formerly of this Camp visited here last week for a short time.

Alvin Cornelius left Camp Mercer June 24 to accept a job in his home town at Clear Lake, Wisconsin. Alvin was a member of this Camp for almost one year. Success in the future, Alvin.

William Smith of Arena Wisconsin had been an enrollee of Mercer for ten months and Woodrow Erickson of Marshfield, Wisconsin who was in this Camp for about 5½ months were transferred to Camp Sparta, Sparta Wisconsin on June 15. May Lady Luck follow in your future work.

The following men left Camp Mercer June 30 after receiving discharges allowing them to leave Camp to accept jobs in their home towns:

Gordon Hether, LaCrosse, had been in this Camp for about 15 months. Hether should be long remembered for his wit and his ability as a cartoonist.

George Oberg, Merrill, was a member of Mercer for one year. Phoebe will be missed by one and all.

John Dog, Holmen, was in Camp for about 15 months. Johnny's proved to be a fellow worth while knowing.

Clinton Wiley, Tomahawk, was an occupant of old 660 for 12 months. Clint's manipulations of a cornet were as good as one can ever expect to hear.

Acel Card, Eau Claire, was only in Camp for a trifle over two months. In the short time he was here, we can only refer to him as 'Nigger' the rook.

Carl Gruneau, Minocqua, also was in Mercer for only a little over two months. In the short time he was here, he read practically every book we have in the Library.

Hubert Braatz, Waupaca, resided at this Camp for about six months. Braatz's appetite for oysters certainly was outstanding enough to be indelibly etched in our minds.

Ernest Conrad, Pembine, was one of our fellow comrades for almost 15 months. Ernie's baking will always bring back fond memories.

Carl Chinander, St Croix Falls, called Camp Mercer his home for one year. Carl proved to be a capable truck driver.

Clarence Leuthner, Springbrook, was one of the few remaining who originally came to this Camp way back in June of 1933 took his discharge to accept the position as Ranger Mechanic at this Camp.

Lester Lindahl, Clear Lake, was in old 660 for one year. Les certainly knew how to handle the drums.

Lawrence Anklam, Wausau, capered about here for the past year. Larry's going will make a hole in our ranks difficult to plug.

Paul Litchfield, Merrimac, was another of the real Vets of this

Camp—having been here for about 20 months. Paul will be remembered in connection with the gooseberry crew.

Stanley Zima, Mosinee, was an enrollee of Mercer for one year. We will not question his pugilistic ability.

Henry Wisneski-Hurley, was another real Vet with 18 months of service in Camp. Whitey proved to be a capable tower man.

Jerome Batthazor-Mosinee, was in this Camp for the past six months. Baldy's knack of captivating the fairer sex will always be admired and envied.

On July 8 three men left Camp: Henry Farnsworth-Springstead, who had been here for 18 months.

Robert Zellmer-Tomahawk, was a member of this Camp for only about two months, but in that short time he certainly made history in this territory. Seldom will always be remembered as our radio man.

Eddie Lass-Pelican Lake, was a rook in this Camp for the past two months.

Williard Anderson of Eau Claire left Camp Mercer on July 9 after being in this Camp for only about two months.

The MERCER MONITOR wishes to take this opportunity of wishing each and every one of these discharged men the best of luck in their future undertakings for we know they certainly deserve it.

Three enrollees left Camp Mercer on July 11:

Arthur Ahles-Mosinee who was in old 660 for a little over one year. Archie will be remembered as a competent First-Aid man.

Frank Hon-Edgar also in Camp for one year. Frankie, the Ranger's dog robber, will be working quite close to this Camp, at the Windmar.

Rudolph Salzman-Marathon was in Camp for one year. Rudy's absence from the canteen will be noticed for quite some time to come.

Belford Kurlinski-Robbins who was in Camp Mercer since the latter part of April left July 15 to work on his mother's farm at Robbins. Best of Luck 'Thunderbolt'.

Two new men namely Edward F. Albright and Orrie Incho of Superior, Wisconsin arrived in Camp Mercer on June the 20th to assist Bill Watson's cooking and baking force. We wish to take this opportunity in wishing them health, happiness, and contentment in their new home.

Elmer Kleinschmidt-Merrill, who came to this Camp last April 27 received a discharge on July 22 to accept a job in his home town. 'Madam's' going will take away the best baseball catcher this Camp has ever had the opportunity to have. Best of luck Madam.

Wa-Hop Allord is on a leave to his home town of Tomahawk.

LETTERS AND SKILLERS

NEW DISHWARE

We all had a safe and sane Fourth, especially myself. It was good to get away for awhile and especially good to be back.

The Mess Hall continues to improve. All that is lacking now is bibs. The Government should furnish straws and bibs for some of the children who persist in messing up the tables.

Our two new cooks Edward F. Albright and Orrie Incho of Superior, Wisconsin are proving their worth in spite of being handicapped by their shots, vaccination, and the present terrific heat.

The new Company is going to deplete our Kitchen Force of one half of its crew. We hope they will carry on the good work they started here—ONLY BETTER.

(Bill Watson - Mess Steward)

INFIRMARY

INFECTIONS

by
(Rusty Williams)

Arthur Ahles left the Dispensary recently to accept employment at his home town, Mosinee. His place is being filled by Francis Bouche'r.

Paul Bailey and Norman (Slugger) Hatton are First-Aid understudies. Bailey and Bouche'r will be transferred with the new Company in the near future to Camp Pattison.

Major McClintic, our District Surgeon, was here for routine inspection on July 10.

The woodwork in the Dispensary has been repainted, which has helped a good deal to brighten the place up.

The health of the Company has been very good the last month and it is hoped that this healthful condition will continue to be present in the future.

Camp Mercer received a shipment of heavy chinaware including dishes, cups and cereal bowls recently; making our Mess Hall as modern as any in the CCC.

With our new dishware, small group tables, and efficient Kitchen Force under the able and capable supervision of William Watson, we have a Mess Hall to be proud of.

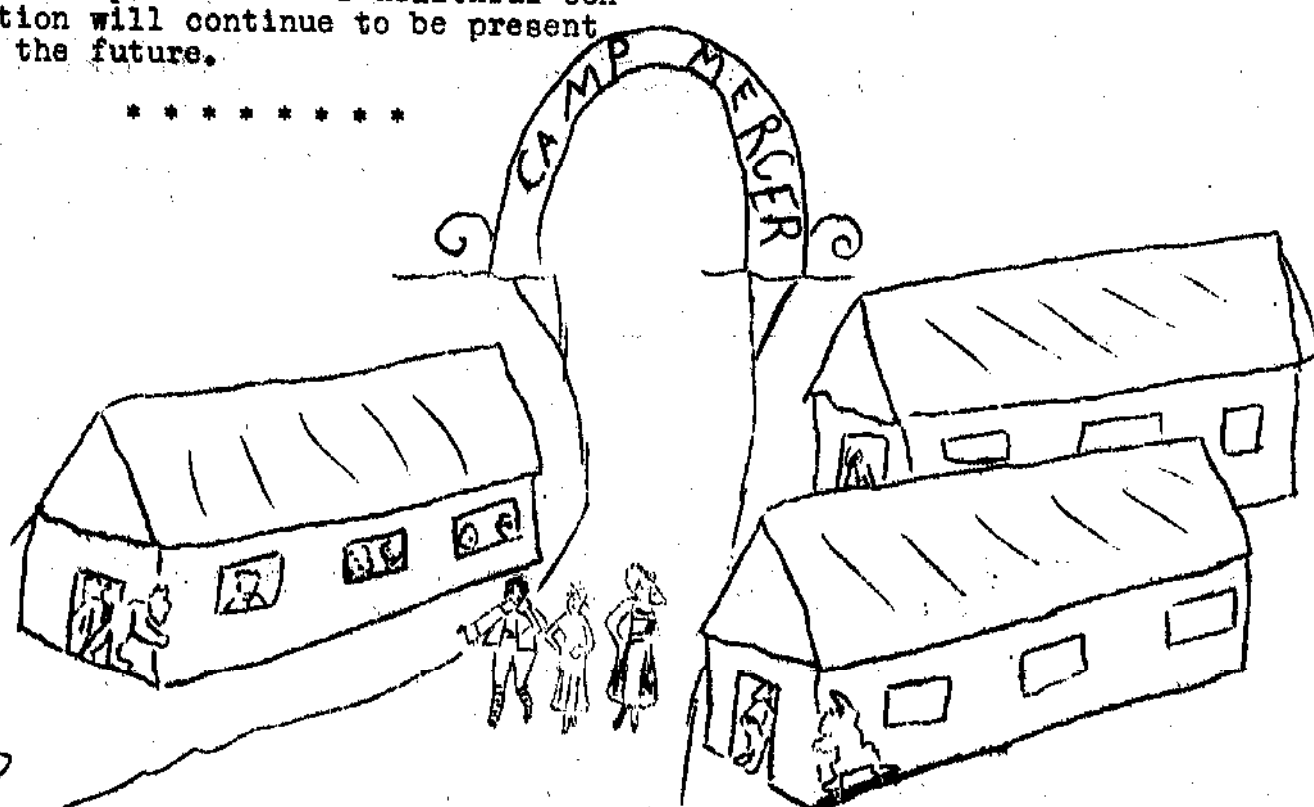
Show your appreciation to this Department by trying to keep this place as clean as possible during meals or otherwise. You may be sure that Watson and his gang will be more than thankful for your cooperation.

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was to leave. What with the saying of farewells to old chronies and the packing of trunks and trucks, you can vividly imagine a scene of great activity. When all was in readiness for the departure, the twenty-one trucks and two cars lined up on High-Way 51 and then slowly started off on their long trek.

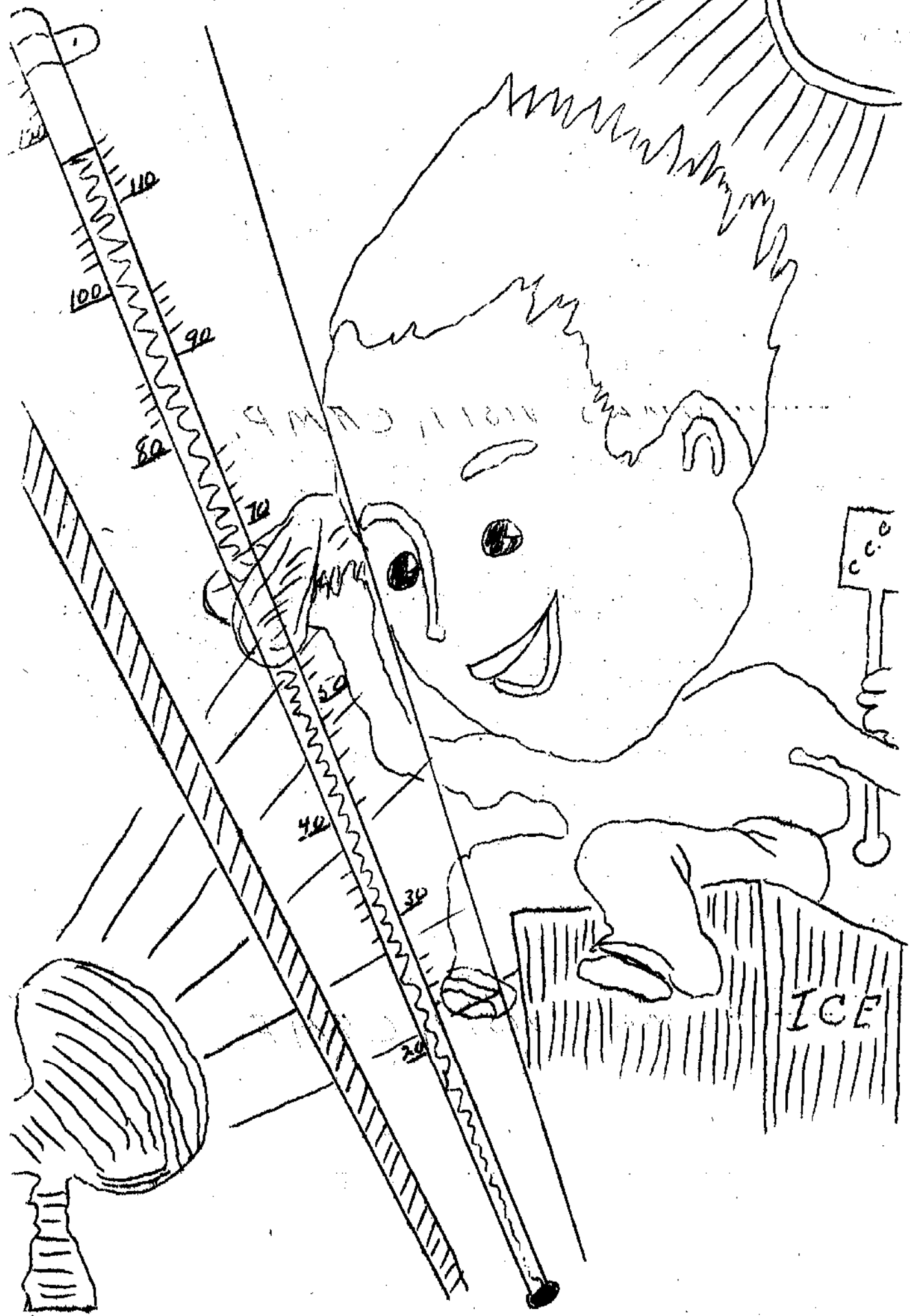
The truck drivers from this Camp, who made the trip to the new Camp report that Camp Pattison is an ideal place in regards to beautiful scenery and location.

The Mercer Monitor wishes to take this opportunity in extending to Captain Lowe and his Company the best of luck in their future undertakings.



WHEN GIRLS VISIT

9 MAY 11 10 11 AM
SUMMER ARRIVES AT
CAMP MERCER.



HOW TO KEEP COOL ON THE JOB!!!