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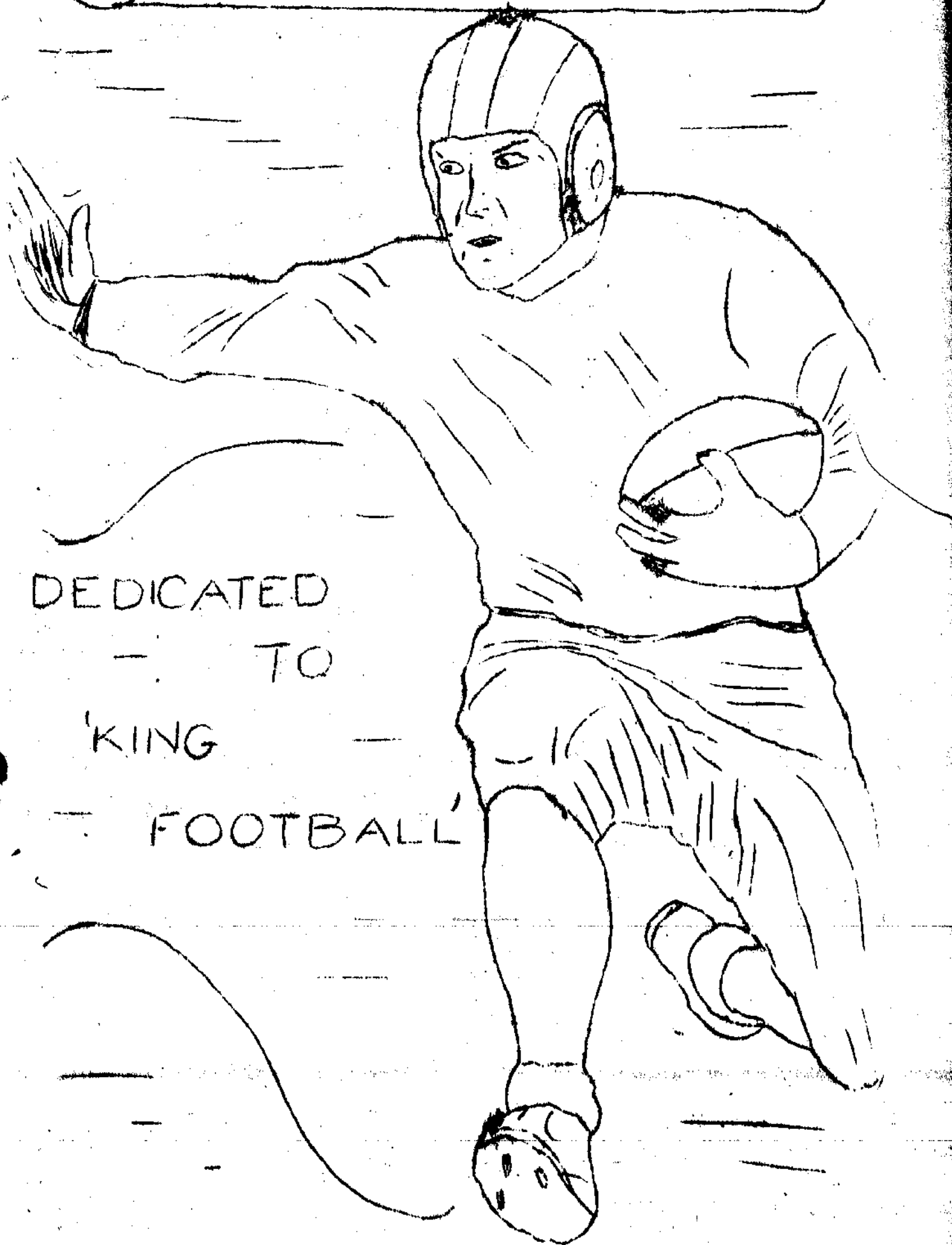
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We hate to preach, but some- times it becomes necessary.

In regard to our Educational Department, we have a Reading Room which will compare quite favorably with the best to be had. If you will but cooperate with the Educational Staff, you will enjoy this place a good deal more. All we ask of you is to act human when you are in the Reading Room. When you have finished reading a magazine or newspaper, do not throw it down anyplace. Put it back on the racks or at least toss it on to one of the tables.

There are several individuals, who are in the practice of confiscating many of the magazines placed on the racks. These magazines are placed on the racks for the use of one and all. Try and be a bit more considerate of your fellow Camp-mates and give each other a 'break'. Please keep this in mind.

(The Educational Staff)

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Anyone, who wishes to contribute news to their Camp Paper, should feel at liberty to do so. All worth-while and interesting news will be appreciated and given our considerate attention. Anyone, who wishes to have a bit of news published, can have it done without any mention of his name (if he so desires) by merely giving it to one of the members of the MONITOR Staff. Without a doubt, the MONITOR will be appreciated a great deal more, if everyone has a hand in it. Don't be bashful fellows!

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The enrollees of Camp received their winter issue of clothing on Monday, October 14. The fellows certainly should be able to combat 'Old Men Winter' to a standstill now. The Overhead also received becoming sweaters, which really add to the general appearance of the lucky owners.

RATINGS!

Wilfred 'Fluff' Krueger and 'Teddie' Zawislau received ratings starting on October 15. Congratulations, fellows.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

The Company Commanders of the Fifth Forestry Sub-District held a conference in the Reading Room on October ninth.

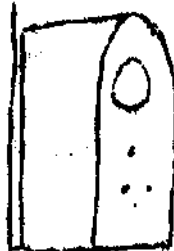
Major Ruiner of Sparta also inspected Company 660 on October 11.

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There is an aspect that winter is just around the corner, although we have been experiencing wonderful weather the past few days. The barracks are being banked to keep out the cold, the water barrels have been taken inside the buildings, screen doors removed and a large supply of winter fuel is being prepared for the cold wintry blasts.

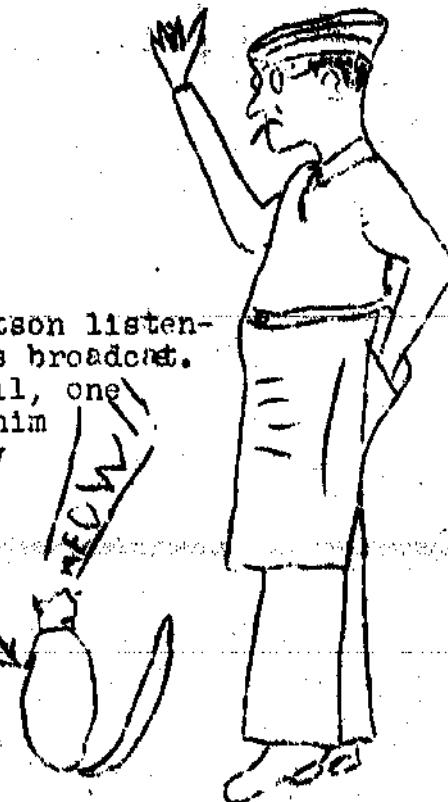
Yes, indeed, 'Rocks' this is a chilly country up here, but you may be sure that every precaution will be taken to keep you warm and comfortable. Keep in mind that the protection of your health is to a large extent up to you. Wear sufficient clothes and take no chance with inclement weather.

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(Bill Watson listening to News broadcast. Without fail, one will find him there every night.)

BILL'S PAL
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A COMIN' AN' AGOIN'

DISSEMPARCES:

JAMES O'DONNELL, Milwaukee - (August 1, 1935 to October 7, 1935) to accept employment.

ORRIN 'Skeezik' CEISTORF, Haugen, Wisconsin - (July 1, 1934 to October 14, 1935).

FRED KARPECK, Milwaukee - August 1, 1935 to October 15, 1935).

ROBERT 'Pat' PATTERSON, Milwaukee - (August 1, 1935 to October 15, 1935).

EDGAR HUG, Milwaukee - (August 1, 1935 to October 15, 1935).

LAVERNE 'Jazz-Boy' WHITE, Amberg, Wisconsin - (April 15, 1934 to October 15, 1935).

HARLAN 'Eli' RICE, Wausau, Wisconsin - (July 1, 1934 to October 15, 1935).

EDGAR 'Eddie' PEMER, Park Falls Wisconsin - (January 11, 1934 to October 15, 1935).

FRANK 'Merky' MOEHKE, Iron-Belt, Wisconsin - (May 30, 1934 to October 15, 1935).

MELVIN CLURE, Rhinelandor, Wisconsin - (April 2, 1935 to October 15, 1935).

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TRANSFERRS:

EDWARD ZABLOCKI, Milwaukee - (August 1, 1935 to October 15, 1935); transferred to Camp Sheridan Park; Cudahy, Wisconsin.

ROBERT STATHAS, Milwaukee - (August 1, 1935 to October 3, 1935) transferred to Camp Estabrook, Milwaukee.

LLOYD LAFORTUNE, Manitowish, Wisconsin was transferred to Camp Mercer from Camp Nine Mile, Eagle River-Wisconsin on October 11, 1935

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JOE BRATINA, formerly of this Camp, but now a cook at Camp Pat-tison; visited at Camp Mercer over the week-end of October 5-6. He is reported to have said to like old '660' better than the Camp he is in at present? Or was it the other way, Joe?

ED JELLEN, MAX BEIDERMAN and FAT THOMAS report having enjoyable leaves. We hope so.

So-long and
Good-buck!



The following enrollees arrived at Camp Mercer on October 12, 1935:

- Anderson, Lloyd - Hurley, Wis.
- Dietel, Fred - Hurley
- Hanley, Hugh - Hurley
- Hill, Frank - Hurley
- Markovitz, Michael - Hurley
- Max, John - Montreal, Wis.
- Morse, Lester - Mercer, Wis.
- Kangas, Cemo - Hurley
- Risku, Oliver - Hurley
- Shields, George - Cedar, Wis.
- Thomas, Marion - Hurley
- Turner, Elmer - Mercer

Edward Voyer of Shell Lake, Wisconsin entered Camp Mercer on October 1, 1935.

The following men arrived at Company 660 on October 16.:-

- Joseph Pier - Florence, Wis.
- Danny Hughes - Florence
- John Johnson - Homestead, Wis.
- Walter Reit - Florence
- Donald Amerson - Tipler, Wis.
- Frank Garvin - Tipler
- Carl Johnson - Homestead
- Leo Pier - Florence
- Paul Podner - Florence
- Richard Daumitz - Stambaugh, Mich.
- Louis Sadowitz, - Aurora, Wis.
- Michael Wincek - Tipler
- Alvin Olson - Aurora
- Isadore VanPembrock - Iron Mountain, Michigan

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

Life in Camp will be happy or unhappy; depending upon how you will cooperate with the rest of the Camp.

Do not grumble over anything, which you might think unfair to you. Remember that you will have to go over many a bump in your life, so govern yourself accordingly.

Welcome to your new home.

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(Senior Foreman, Lee Block, demonstrates to the (rookies) how the job of raking should be done)



Heard About Camp

WE SOMETIMES WONDER-----

When CZECH is going into the woods, as he has threatened to do so many times.

Why BALFANZ is called 'Alice'.

What the big attraction is up in Winchester for CAPL and JOE BOLECK.

If 'Major' ZARNOWSKI could get along without his faithful old pipe.

If HINKEL'S watch will ever show the correct time. Most every time it is either slow, fast or has stopped entirely.

Why GROCHOLSKI is called 'Rumps'.

Why CHAPLIN should worry about a little word like antinomian, when there are so many other things to consider.

Why VONDERHEID is called 'Romeo'.

What COXEY and LEUM would do, if their room was made a bit smaller.

What 'Slugger' HATTON would do, if some one would knock out those two front teeth again.

What Ranger KING would do if he couldn't get through to Winegar.

What 'Pat' THOMAS would say, if his Dad should ask him to cut some wood.

Who is the biggest eater in Camp, PRZYBYLINSKI, CRIVELLO or KOLLER

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'Tiny' Romanski is getting up in the air again. He's even climbing telephone poles now.

One auto manufacturer test his cars by running them day and night till they fall apart. Here in Camp Mercer we get the same result by allowing COXEY to run them.

EUFINGER claims he won't get married until his Pa says so.

Talk about your big eaters, a lad by the name of PRZYBYLINSKI downed fourteen eggs at one breakfast. What an eater!

Can you imagine CHALKER looking for swamp-augers?

Say, COTTON, didn't your conscience bother you last Sunday nite?

'Fluff' KRUEGER must be in love again.

Where was 'Frenchy' FAFFORD last Sunday nite, when some of the Indians of Barrack 5 were having their fun?

Why does a certain person call 'C.P. JOHN' - a "bluff". Explain yourself WASESKI.

THOMPSON doesn't seem to be able to take soft drinks.

Did you know that CAPL GOLLA doesn't care much for pig's feet. He is afraid they will ruin his complexion.

Do you know who the fellow is that charges \$.25 (twenty-five cents) of the fellows in his Barrack for the privilege of listening to his radio?

Imagine our night fireman, MURACH, reading a book like the 'Fire Flingers'; just as if he wasn't getting enough of fires and firing.

Why do they always connect RADLOFF with "Mrs. Wiggs and Her Cabbage Patch"?

Why does 'Blondy' LARSON prove to be so popular down at Manitowish.

Why do they call the cat, which hangs around the bath-house, 'Elsie'?

MYRON ROEPKE, otherwise known as Major Hoople, is known for his tall stories down in Barrack 5.

GROSS appears to be the most popular man in Camp according to the numerous letters he receives. Too bad, they are mostly all advertisements.

'Farmer' GIBBS is in the habit of getting on the roof of his bed and crowing every morning. He should put a stop to that, as soon as the mercury drop down to about forty below.

Well, Baldy Jones! Fred Smith is a long-headed son of a gun. He ain't much on that, so we'll call that off. (Just a few of the pet phrases of Camp)

There was a big hold-up in the Recreation Hall the other night. Two of the fellows had to hold up Peterson, when he was knocked out in the second round by John Markowski.

Did you know that 'Shorty George' is the errand boy of Barrack 5?

Does VAN RENS still receive any perfumed letters from the Quaker state?

Why is strip poker the favorite game of the Indian Reservation (in other words Barrack 5)?

Czech is reported to have said, that he can find nothing of interest in Ironwood. Oh, Yeah! How come, you are up there every week-end.

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CAN YOU TAKE IT?

HERE and THERE

by

(The Tattle - Tale)



COXEY will be henceforth known as 'Twenty-Mile' since a certain incident which occurred last Sunday. You want to be more careful next time, 'Twenty-Mile'.

If a certain dark complected gentleman does not desist from hog calling in the middle of the night, there will be a mysterious crime committed. This is a predicament.

I wonder how all the boys who wanted sweaters feel with their nice warm jerkins. Cheer up, fellers, next year we will all get them (I mean sweaters).

GROSS says that anytime you want to buy anything that can not be obtained in the Canteen, see him. To quote him, "If you can't see what you want, holler for it. If you holler long enough and loud enough your wish will be gratified.

I wonder if 'Cotton'RICE is attempting to start a kindergarten? It sure looked suspicious when Lt. Johansen had to remind him (indirectly) to get rid of them in the Mess Hall, Sunday.

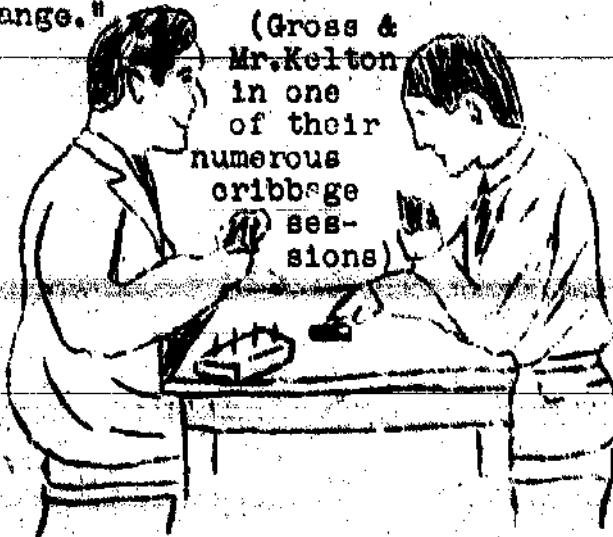
Did you get a good look at the 'Rooks' yet? I wonder if I looked that bad, when I arrived in Camp? If I did, I hereby wish to apologize publicly.

DIXIE, our Camp Mascot, who was blessed with a litter of seven pups, is keeping her progeny well hidden. She must be afraid of 'pup-nappers'.

'Gabby' PETERSON, Camp Mercer's official bookie is willing to take all bets against the Detroit Lions in the Packer vs. Lion game this coming Sunday.

There have been a few nicknames coined lately-they are namely:---- 'Butts' BURTAK, 'Gabby' PETERSON, 'Rumpsey' GROCHOLSKI, 'Anthony Adverse' KELTON and 'Becky' Youngbeck.

FAMOUS WORDS ABOUT THE CAMP -- Don't talk so loose. Butts. Have you bought your Christmas cards? When asked what kind of meat we had for supper, Bill Watson was overheard to remark: "Beef for a change."



Dick Kalliomaa is back from his vacation and is working hard on his fire lane project in order that it may be completed before winter sets in.

Dutch Heiden and crew are building a rearing pond for fish on the Circle Lily Creek. This will be pretty nice for Camp Mercer fishermen, who are to lazy to walk very far for their fishing excursions.

Building shelters and spawning boxes on the lake improvement project has been taken over by 'Pat' Thomas. Pat takes great interest in this work of saving fish; as he is an ardent fishing fan and wants to see the fish life of this region preserved for years to come. But to hear Pat's lists of fishing stories, you would wonder if there are any fish left in this territory.

Blister rust and ground water survey projects are nearly over for the season, so both foremen and enrollees on these projects will have to secure other work during the winter months.

The rest of the foremen and enrollees of Camp Mercer are working on roadside clearing and fire hazard reduction.

Edward King has left for his vacation a couple of days ago and hopes to spend the days with old acquaintances in Green Bay. No doubt, Winegr will be lonesome for a couple of weeks.

Special notice:--Lt. Geiser, Voight's right hand man is in need of a shave and wonders if the boys in his barrack will help him get it. He wishes to have a special job done on his upper lip area.

(William Summers)

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DISPENSARY INFECTIONS

by (Slugger Hatton)



Major S.M. Roberts visited Our Dispensary on routine inspection, October 9 and remarked that the general sanitary condition of the Camp was excellent.

The general health of the Company is very good; only two or three cases of colds having been reported. We have been carrying only one case on quarters this week. That is a considerable drop from the last few weeks. The aforementioned case is an axe wound. (Continued on page 7)

ATHLETICS

CAMP MERCER'S ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL CANDIDATES:

Miller, G.	R.E.	
Gnader	R.T.	Substitutes:
Rzepecki	R.G.	Hrobsky - C.
Balfonz	C.	Fafford - G.
Himley	L.G.	
Cull	L.T.	
Hadrath	L.E.	
Bill Watson	Q.B.	
Przybylinski	L.H.	
Stevens	R.H.	
Mosur	F.B.	

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The MERCER MONITOR wishes to take this opportunity in thanking the Commanding Officer of the Camp on behalf of the enrollees for the privilege of seeing the football games in Ironwood the past month or so. We have been able to see a brand of football, which is comparable to that of any in the State.

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Basketball practice started this week on our outside court. Although the weather has been unfavorable part of the time, Mr. Kelton has been having the prospective candidates go through a practice consisting for the most part of passing, pivoting and shooting.

The following fellows have turned out for the squad at this writing:-- Higgins, Garrow, Peterson, Hatton, Chalker, Giovale, Stevens and Hinke.

As soon as possible, practice will be held in some nearby gymnasium.

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Boxing classes have been held the past two Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00. These classes are under the able supervision of Lieutenant Ermentrout and are conducted in the Recreation Hall. Quite a number of fellows have turned out to learn the rudiments of the art of self-defense.

Up to the present writing, sparring has prevailed. As soon as a mat and ring can be constructed, these classes will go ahead full speed.

It is hoped that a wrestling class can be formed also. If enough interest is shown for wrestling, it is expected that Lieutenant Johansen will take charge of this group.

DO YOU KNOW? (by Dr. Coeper)

- (1) It was Captain John Smith of Virginia, who gave 'Poison Ivy' its name after a very unpleasant encounter with it.
- (2) As a general rule, larger birds live longer than small ones.
- (3) Four hundred species of Mexican plants can be grown in the United States.
- (4) A man at 65 can learn half as much in an hour as at 25 and more than at 10. Any age below 45 is better than at 10 to 14.
- (5) Highways constructed of salt are being used in New York State.
- (6) Members of a California Mycological Society pay their annual dues in puff balls and other fungi.

FOR SALE!!!

Beautiful Rayon-silk PILLOW-TOPS for Mother, Mother and Dad, Sweetheart, Sister, Forget-Me-Not, Friendship or Wife. (In any color)

Also C.C.C. PENNANTS - (blue, red, or green) Inquire of Elmer Hinke at the Library

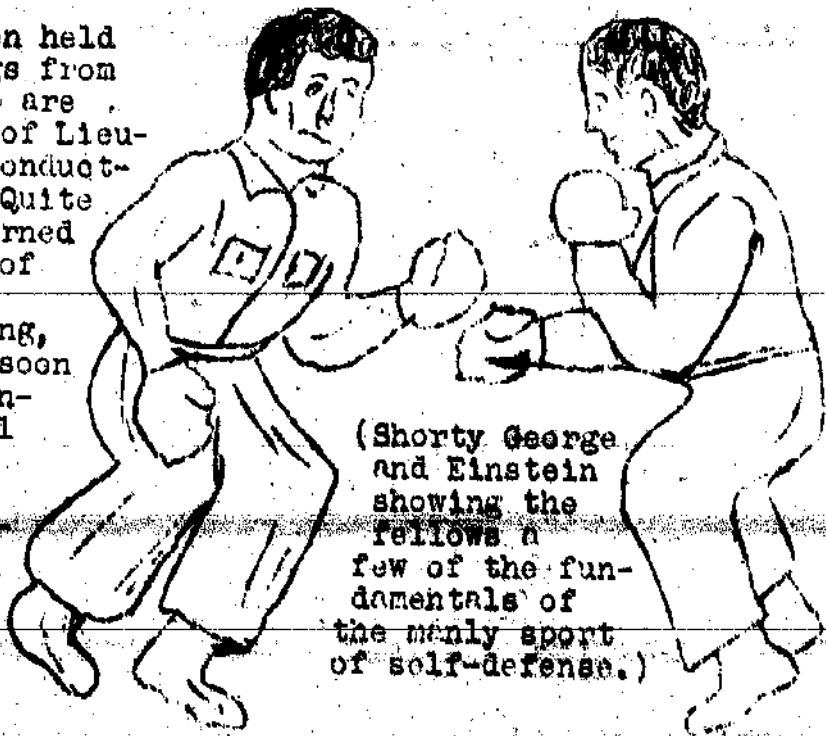
DISPENSARY INFECTIONS concluded.

We have had 'Dixie' on quarters for the last month with a broken leg but we hope to be able to remove the cast soon.

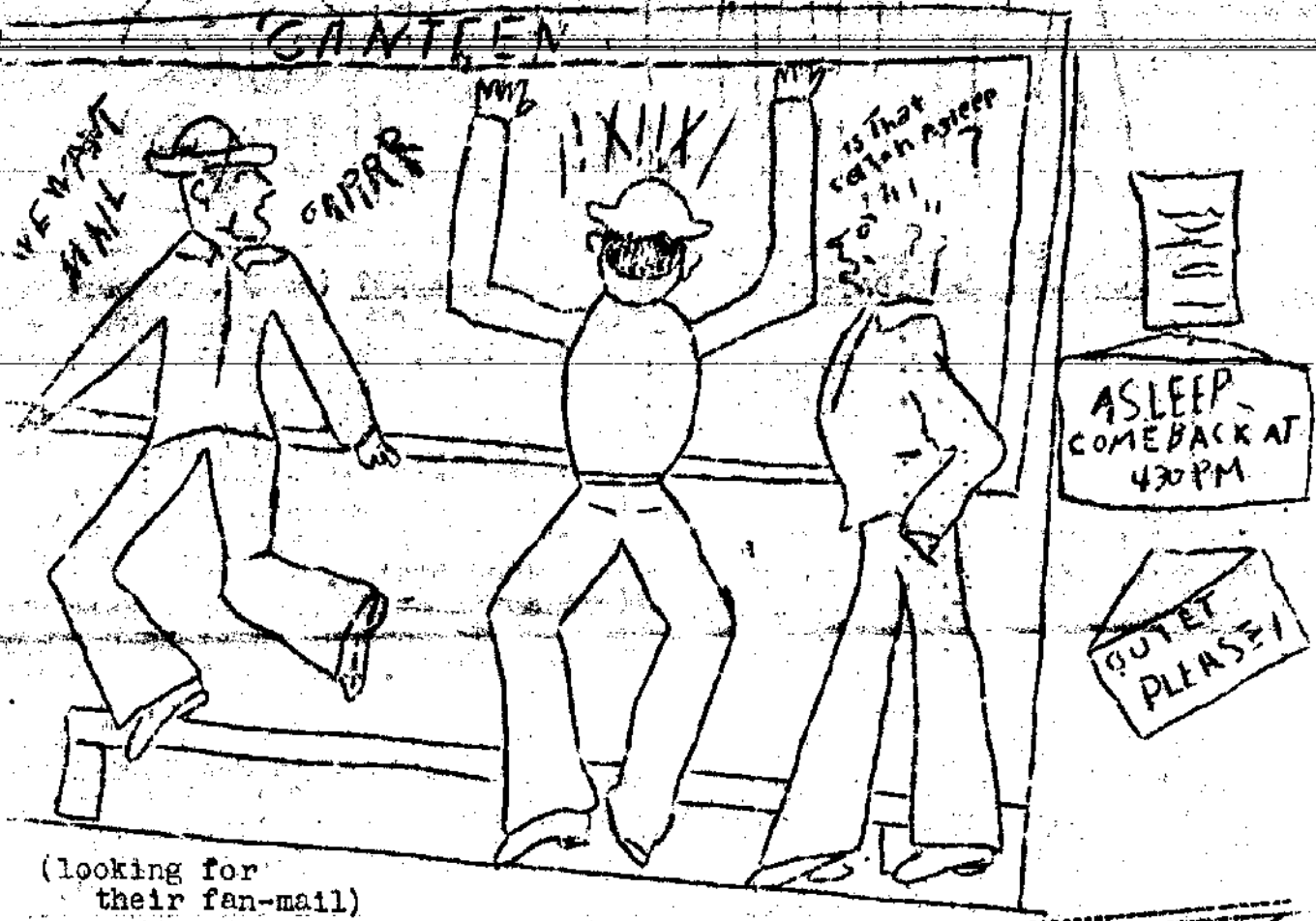
SICK CALL HOURS:

- (week days)
- 7:00 to 7:30 A.M.
- 4:00 to 5:15 P.M.
- (Sundays and Holidays)
- 8:00 to 8:30 A.M.
- 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

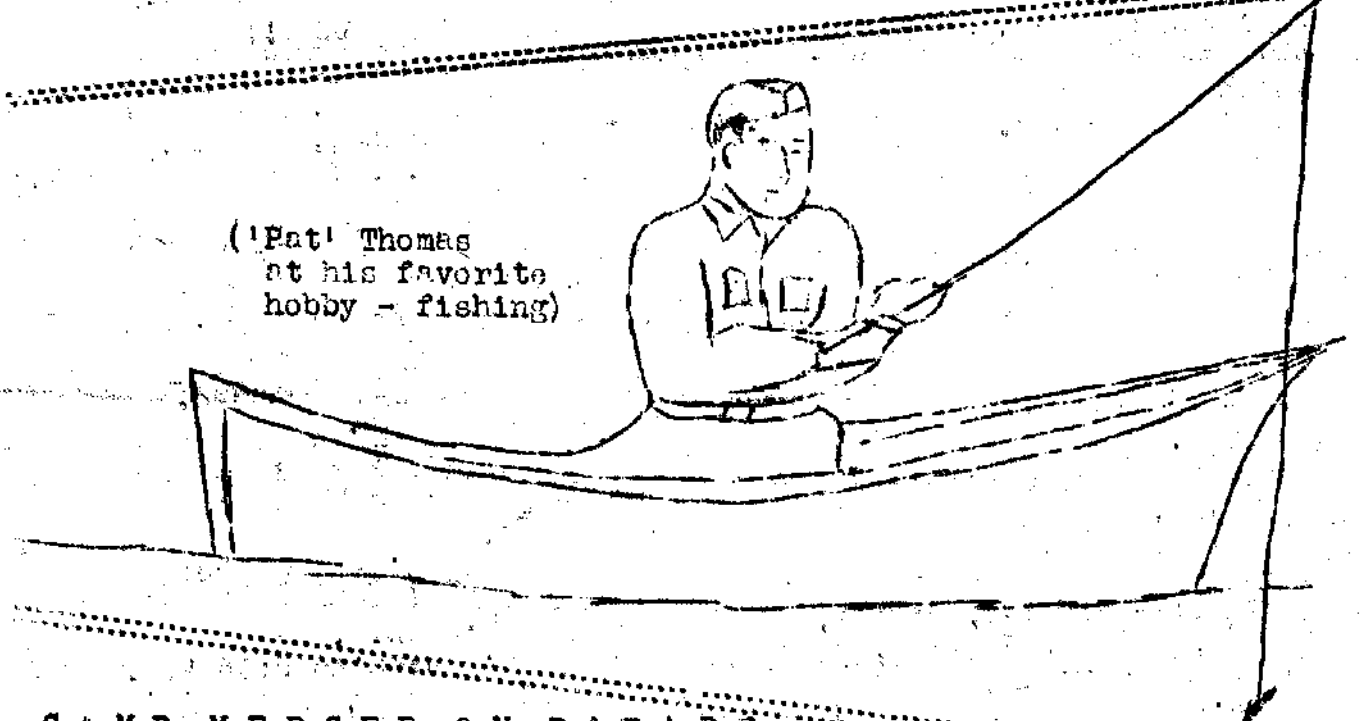
If you wish to go to the dentist, sign up by Thursday noon.



(Shorty George and Einstein showing the fellows a few of the fundamentals of the manly sport of self-defense.)



(looking for their fan-mail)

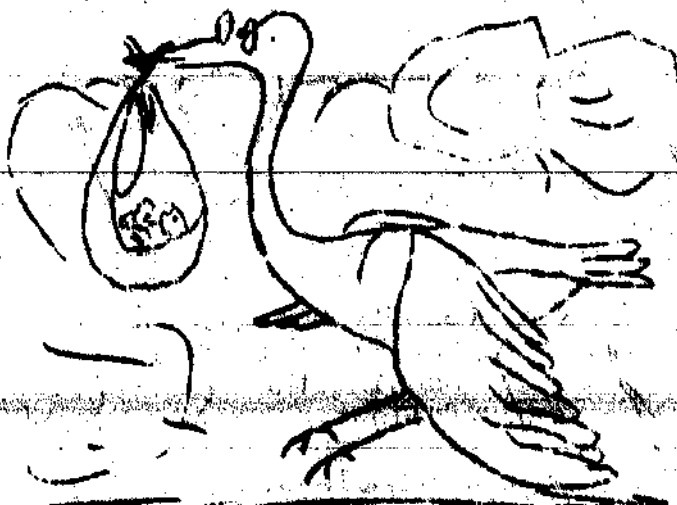


('Pat' Thomas at his favorite hobby - fishing)

CAMP MERGER ON PARADE

(as seen by our cartoonists, Jahnke and Rice.)

(The star pays a visit to Dixie, our Camp Mascot.)



Capt. Henry: Where is that Canteen Man? I've been looking for him for fifteen minutes.

SUCCESS AT LAST
 Capt. Henry: Boy, Rice, how about a few White Owl Cigars?

