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## OFFICIAL NEWS

The Company Commanders of the Fifth Sub-District held a meeting in the Reading Room on November 18.

Major V. J. Brown, C.A.C.-Res. relieved Captain Merritt H. Henry, C.A.-Res. as the District Commander of this District.

Two new camps were added to the Fifth Sub-District this month. They are namely:-Camp Copper Falls SP-7, 892nd Company Mellen, Wis.-Commanding Officer George D. Marshall 1st Lt., Inf.-Res. Camp Morse K-25, 3656th Company Morse, Wis.-Commanding Officer W.H.Kelley 1st Lt., Calv.-Res.

## C.O. TO BE TRANSFERRED

Lt. Johansen received orders recently - transferring him to District Hdqs. He is being replaced by Captain Henry.

Lt. Johansen is an 'Old Timer' at Camp Mercer. He reported here for duty as Junior Officer May 18, 1934 and served in that capacity until June 18, 1935, when he was given Command of this Company.

Lt. Johansen reluctantly leaves this Camp after having worked hard and faithfully to place this Company in its present standing. He wishes every member of this Camp success in their future work.

The MONITOR and the men of this Camp appreciate Lt. Johansen's efforts and most sincerely wish him success and happiness.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESS

Figures showing the quantity of food required to supply 500,000 enrolled men of the Civilian Conservation Corps with three square meals a day for one month were made public by Robert Fechner, Director of Emergency Conservation Work.

At the same time, the Director outlined the procedure followed by the War Department in making certain that each of the 2,427 CCC camps now in operation is supplied daily with wholesome meat, dairy products of a suitable quality, fresh fruits and fresh vegetables in season and the other food products which go into the CCC man's daily menu.

Statistics prepared by the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army disclose that the Corps, at its maximum authorized strength of 500,000 enrolled men, consumes approximately 1,737 carloads of beef, bacon, pork, sugar, flour, butter, beans and other articles of food each thirty day period. Included in these 1,737 carloads of foodstuffs are 15,000,000 eggs, 1,875,000 pounds of butter, 9,375,000 pounds of potatoes, 4,687,000 pounds of sugar, 1,125,000 pounds of cereals, 1,875,000 pounds of onions and large quantities of other food products. The thirty-day menu includes the following specified meats or their equivalent; 9,375,000 pounds of beef, 1,875,000 pounds of chicken, 3,750,000 pounds of pork and 1,875,000 pounds of bacon.

The task of looking out for the food requirements of the CCC was assigned to the War Department in April, 1933, at the same time that President Roosevelt named Robert Fechner the Director of the Emergency Conservation Work and arranged for the four departments - War, Interior, Agriculture and Labor - to cooperate with the Director in the enrollment and employment in the woods of hundreds of thousands of single, unemployed young men whose families were on relief. After the men had been selected by the Department of Labor and the Veteran's Administration, the Army's function was to enroll, house, feed and clothe the enrollees, administer the camps and look after the health, discipline, welfare and education of the men. The Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture arrange the work programs in the forests, parks and fields and supervise all the work done by the enrollees.

The food served in all CCC messes is of high quality, well prepared and of sufficient quantity to provide food for hard-working young men and add weight to their physical selves.

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RATINGS

The following men received ratings on November First:

- Godfrey E. Pefford, Assistant Leader to Leader.
- Herbert E. Singleton, Assistant Leader to Leader.
- Dale Barnfield, Enrollee to Assistant Leader.
- Leroy A. Larcen, Enrollee to Assistant Leader.
- Joseph Boleck, Enrollee to Assistant Leader.
- Edward I. Voyer, Enrollee to Assistant Leader.
- Andrew B. Stempowski, Enrollee to Assistant Leader.

Congratulations, fellows.

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HERE and THERE

Have you heard the latest about Camp? Shhhhhhhhh! Czech is going out in the woods the first of the month! ! !

I wonder who the bright little boy with the crockery eye was who was running all over the Camp looking for a sky-hook and dough-nut molder?

Did you know that Camp Mercer is going to have a good orchestra? Oh, yes my dears. The band will consist of Gil Young (beck) at the piano, VenEpps - trumpet, Carl Boleck - banjo, John Peterson - sax, and Frenchy Garrow - drummer. Wait until you hear it.

I wonder what happened to our new truck driver the other Saturday night? It seems that it took him quite some time to get back to Camp. What were you doing Teddy? Taking a joy ride or just looking over the country?

Have you met our new Physical Director and Coach yet? Don't hurry, if you haven't, as he is slightly squirreley and he is liable to insult you on the slightest provocation.

Then there is the one about a lad who walks to 'town' practically every night to see a very well-known young lady there. Be careful Ingrim or you will be married before you know it.

Did you know that big plans have been made for redecorating the Reading Room. I have it from a very reliable source, that we will have a new linoleum for the floor and a fireplace and over-stuffed furniture. Hinke and Peterson are responsible for the idea. To quote Mr. Peterson, "Yes, we have all the plans ready but are lacking a few small items before starting in working".

It appears as if Coxe had not seen his flame for quite sometime. He has that far away look in his eye and doesn't seem to be able to recognize anyone. (Tattle-tale)

FORESTRY

NEWS

Heiden, King, Boleck and their Crews are working at roadside clean-up. Kallionaa is still at his fire lane project, while Robinson is constructing a new telephone line. Evenson is hard at the job of trying to beat the beavers at their own trade.

With Pat Thomas saving the little fishes by building refuges and spawning boxes and Pete Voyer feeding the birds and deer; the wild life of this region will be about as wild as their providers - which is plenty wild.

Lt. Geischer, king of the blister rust bugs wants to know when they are going to work. When he gets to the side camp he expects to raise his mustache again, much to the chagrin of his Barrack.

Beardsley and Garrow are trying to beat Coxe at seeing who can sleep the most during the day.

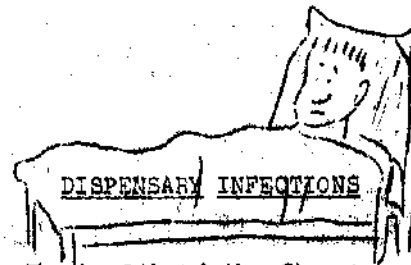
After a three hour battle over the drawing table in the Forestry Office, Paul Westedt managed to defeat Frederickson and Geischer by testing their abilities on the following puzzle, note they failed.

First you look at nothing,  
Until you see something that  
ain't.

Then when you find out what it is,  
It can't possibly be.

(by Bill Summers)

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DISPENSARY INFECTIONS

The health of the Camp as a whole has been very fine of late. We have had only two occupants in the Dispensary the past two weeks. If this keeps up, we won't even know what the CCC pills are for.

For you fellows that have been yearning for that homelike atmosphere, now is the time to become ill. The Dispensary has just what you want in that line. Hard-wood floors, painted walls and ceiling, radio, two mattresses on each bed, meals in bed and other conveniences which may appeal to your fancy.

Now that our star-boarder, Peterson, has left us for the present we have some leisure time to ourselves.

(Sluggo Hatton)

# Heard About Camp

Can you imagine 'Alky' getting lost while taking his girlfriend home? Must have been a heavy fog and perhaps he hadn't checked out his lantern.

Have you noticed that Norman Hodges, ('Romeo'), is sporting a mustache? How about a few tips on mustache cultivation, Norman?

The conduct of Baliens has become quite shocking of late. We wonder if environmental conditions has brought this about.

What is keeping Vick away from camp over the week-ends? Is it a blonde?

Fluff Krueger seems to be quite infatuated with a certain young lady. No doubt from present indications, Cupid has him down for the count.

What causes Peterson and Hinke to get their spell of hallucinations at frequent intervals in regard to fireplaces, linoleum, etc.?

Can you think of anything, which could be slower than truck driver - Jeddy Burtak? We thought you could not.

Czech claims that he is thru with women for awhile; having turned over a new leaf. Was it really necessary to turn over a new one, Czech?

Is Bill Watson ever proud now. What with the new celatex on the walls of the Mess Hall and Kitchen, it looks just like the main dining room of one of the Country's leading hotels. True there is no dance orchestra or floor show, but just give Bill a little time and he will make you think you are eating in New York's most famous restaurant.

Why do they call Frenchy Fafford the cute name of 'Snuffy'?

It's really hard to tell whether it's the atmosphere or if the inhabitants of Camp Mercer have just gone native. Some of the old settlers in this vicinity claim that the Indians once lived hereabouts. With present appearances they have moved back with all their equipment except their squaws and Indian Corn. Chief Arrow-Head Gross is doing all he can to make the members of 660 look and act like the real redskin. Czech, our trusty Supply Man, is almost afraid to go to bed what with the bows and arrows and all of those weird figures which hang on the Supply House walls. No kidding, your writer came home late the other evening and there was a regular pow-wow going on somewhere or possibly one of the Morgans was just exercising

his vocal chords. But all in all, the boys of Camp Mercer are making some very fine bows, arrows, no-casins, pocket-books, and other leather and wood masterpieces.

We wonder who the culprit was who so nonchalantly walked off with the bugle mouthpiece?

## BROADCASTING

Three programs have been put out over the air by Camp Mercer on the Ironwood Station, WJMS, since the last issue of the MONITOR.

On November 9 and 16, Francis Garrow and Gil Youngbeck put on two interesting programs. Garrow sang and was accompanied on the piano by Gil. Several of the popular pieces were played.

On November 23, Cotton Rice and Tarzan Barnfield broadcasted. Both played guitars and they also sang a few numbers.

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## MOVIES

Camp Mercer had its first movie on Tuesday, November 26. Through the efforts of Mr. Kelton, a weekly movie will be shown from now on.

This first show consisted of one comedy and the main feature - 'Hells Angels' starring Jean Harlow, Ben Lyon and James Hall. The management was rewarded with an excellent turn-out, which certainly warrants more pictures.

Next week Tuesday, the picture will be 'The Ferocious Pal' starring the dog marvel, Kazan, also Ruth Sullivan, Gene Toler, Robert Manning and Tom London.

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Captain Merritt H. Henry is enjoying a well-earned fifteen-day leave at present.

Lt. Johansen has reported to the Monitor that an old member of this Co., Eddie Wright, is working for Montgomery Ward's in Duluth, Minn. We wish him success.

## ONLY 27 MORE DAYS UNTIL XMAS!

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# HUMOR

Miller, Carl - What do you mean by pawning all your night shirts?

Alfonsi - Haven't you heard? I've got a job as a night watchman.

She - How can I possibly go to the dance when I haven't a thing to wear?

Van Rens - Well, I could get a closed car.

Garrow - So you and your wife eloped?

Beardsley - Yes; but I have since had reason to believe that her father bought the ladder I used and placed it just where I could not help seeing it.

Leumitz - This book will do half of your work.

Dietel - Give me two, quick.

White - Loan me five dollars, will you?

Kosur - Sorry, but I have but four dollars and seventy-five cents.

White - Well, give me that. I'll trust you for the other quarter.

Fewer accidents are caused by traffic jams than by pickled drivers.

Chalker - When do you do your hardest work?

Koller - Before breakfast always.

Chalker - What do you do?

Koller - Try to get outa bed.

The old custom of cutting notches in gunstocks has been applied to steering wheels now.

Vonderheid - I got my whiskers on the installment plan.

Charfin - The installment plan?

Vonderheid - Yes, a little down each week.

Bastian - At last I have written something for the Love Story Magazine that has been accepted.

Jahnke - What is it?

Bastian - A check for a year's subscription.

(A letter found in the Reading Room)

Dearest Annabelle, I would swim the mighty ocean for one glance from your dear eyes. I would walk through a wall of flame for one touch of your little hands. I would leap the widest stream in the world for a word from your lovely lips. As al-

ways, your P.S.-- I'll be over Saturday night if it doesn't rain.

Play Director - Can you act?

Klaus - Act? Why on the stage last week, I died so naturally that a life insurance agent in the audience fainted.

She couldn't dance, but, gosh, how she could intermission!

Two pints make one cavort.

Watson - This meat tastes queer.

Singleton - I can't understand it. I did burn it a little but I rubbed vaseline on it right away!

They were sitting together in the moonlight. "And", said the girl bravely, "if poverty comes, we will face it together.

Coxey - Ah, dearest, the mere sight of your face would scare the wolf away!

And ever since he has been wondering why she returned his ring.

Girlfriend - Were you ever engaged to Gail Ingram?

Popular Local Girl - Just a second. I will look in my file cabinet under "I" and see if I was.

Szurek - Isn't your new top coat rather loud?

Block - Oh, that's all right, you see, I always wear a muffler with it.

Angry Parent - Why were you kissing my daughter in that dark corner last night?

Stevens - Now that I've seen her in the daylight, I sort of wonder myself.

A new tailor in town used as a trademark the picture of a large red apple.

Curiosity got the better of the village grocer and he asked the tailor why he did this.

"Well", said the tailor, "I'd like to know where the clothing business would be today if it had not been for an apple.

Lots of you have the wrong idea of the meaning of "nip and tuck"-- it really means "one nip--and they tuck you in for the night."

Ancient Greek girls would listen to a lyre all evening. Many American girls often do the same thing.

# ATHLETICS

## BASKETBALL

The Camp Mercer basketball squad, such as it is, had its first scrimmage on Monday night. Although the squad had practices on several other times, this was the first time that scrimmage was indulged in.

The scrimmage disclosed some very glaring weaknesses and also some fine basketball material. It is plain to see that the boys need a lot of practice shooting and a great deal of time will have to be expended on defensive drill. At times the defense was wide open, but the lack of a good eye for the basket on the part of all of the participants prevented the score from being very high.

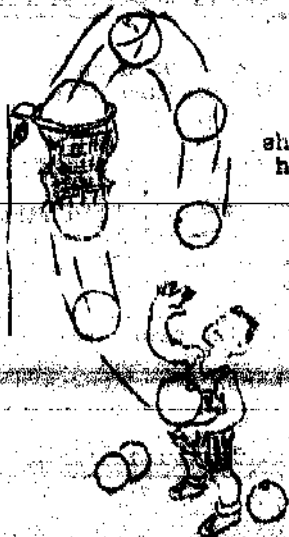
In the future, we are intending to work out a few set floor plays thus giving the defense and the offense a good workout.

It appears as if we will be able to develop a fairly strong forward and center combination, but the guard posts will stand a lot of work for their improvement.

The squad for the present writing is composed of Higgins, Bastian, Garrow, Allord, Rock, Giovale, Raskovich, Koller, Roepke, Chalker, Berkovitz, Bergschütz, Thomas, Hutton, Rutell, Groendel, and Hike.

Thus far, the mainstay of last year's campaign has not put in his appearance. There is no doubt, but what he will quite quickly round into shape. Without question the morale of the team will be bolstered no little with the appearance of 'Bubbles'.

If there are any fellows in Camp, who have had previous basket-



(Higgins shows the squad how to toss 'em in.)

ball experience and have not been out for practice yet; please drop around to the Library and we'll talk it over. More next time.

(Coach Peterson)

## BOXING

Woody Rutell of Camp Mercer lost a close decision to Kayo Brown of Ironwood, Michigan last Thursday night - November 21. This bout was on a card sponsored by the Shamrock Athletic Club in the Memorial Building of Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

This fight went three rounds. Although Woody was at a disadvantage in regard to his ring experience in comparison to Kayo Brown's he made up for this in aggressiveness.

Woody has been keeping in condition by working out on the punching bag regularly in the Recreation Hall. Quite a number of fellows are under his able supervision in an attempt to assimilate the art of bag punching.

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## ABOUT CAMP

(By Your Rhyming Reporter)

T'was the night before payday and all thru the Camp  
Not a nickel was stirring in anyone's pants.  
If checks from the Canteen to make use of your hopin'  
Just put them away, the Canteen is not open.

If you look for 'Cotton' he's sure to be found  
Where the school-girls from Mercer are hanging around  
He says, when you ask him, that there's nothing wrong  
I suppose it's his gee-tar just going a-la-hong.

Now there's Roy Balfanz with that artistic touch  
He sits at the piano that he loves so much  
If it's Mozart he's playing with a bit of remorse  
One gets the impression of a galloping horse.

You've all heard of Czech, our supply room man  
He quite just as often as he possibly can  
One of these days he'll sure be at a loss  
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Oliver 'Pete' Peterson of Wittenberg Wisconsin received a discharge on November Ninth. Pete joined this Company on October 6, 1934. No doubt most everyone in the Camp will miss Muscle-bound for various reasons. Pete's all-around ability in athletics will long be remembered, but as a bettor he was a big flop. At any rate we wish you luck in the Army, Pete.

Raymond J. Leuthner of Spring Brook, Wisconsin was transferred to this Company from Camp Rusk of Glen Flora, Wisconsin on November 11, 1935. We wish you welcome.

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To find himself in the woods and  
Louie Gross the boss.

Now all ye in Camp, sit up and be  
heeding  
For your Rhyming Reporter new dirt  
will be needing  
Don't laugh to loudly if the above  
may be true  
For next issue you may find the  
laugh to be on you.

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THE STORY OF A CCC LAD

It was on January eighth, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, when I joined the CCC and went for a little ride. I came up north to the village of Manitowish and arrived at Camp Mercer in time for fish. We took our shots, and laid on our bunks. The foreman came through and we ordered our trunks. The first three weeks we worked in Camp. We couldn't write home for we had not a stamp. Late in January to the woods we went to work. Our truck driver's name was Wilbur Hirte. 'Don' and 'Dutch' were in charge of us, When 'Don' was transferred you should have heard us cuss. In July, ninety odd of our pals were transferred to Superior. To reconstruct Pattison Park's interior. The next month we received our Milwaukee 'Rooks'. Some went for sports the rest read books. Chalker and Koller went out for baseball. The crowd was surprised when they saw them fall.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The Camp Library has been enlarged by twenty eight books for the Permanent Library plus books given by the Adviser and others acquired through requisition.

Some noticeable changes have been made in the Educational Department. The Library has been moved to what was formerly the classroom. The rest of the building, which was Barrack Six, has been made into one large classroom. When not used for classes, the classroom can be used for Religious Services and moving pictures.

The leathercraft class, which was started recently has a large group of participants, who are making many useful articles of leather such as pocketbooks, moccasins, key holders, bill folds, etc.

Then came our Illinois 'Rookies' - seventeen in all, Some were big and some were small. We must not forget Bill Watson a muttering man, Who fills the boys up on boiled ham.

We must not forget Fritz, Nubbins and Pete.

They all think that Helmaie is so very sweet.

Now for Powder River, he was one one of the Vets.

He lost all of his money, on baseball bets.

Thus ends the story of my CCC life. I'm going back home now, to find me a wife.

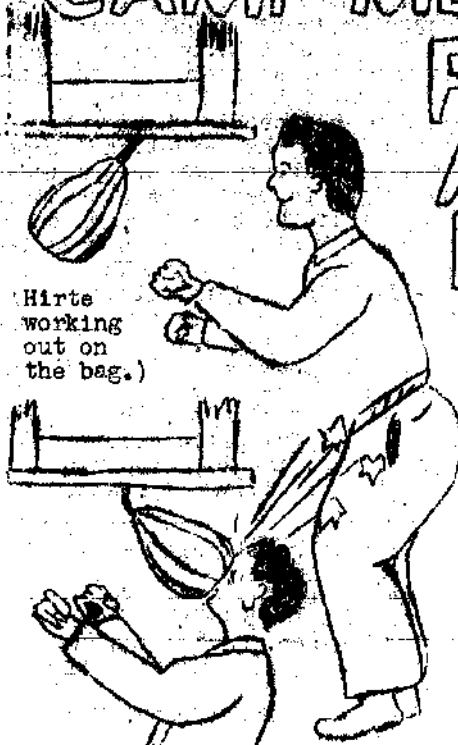
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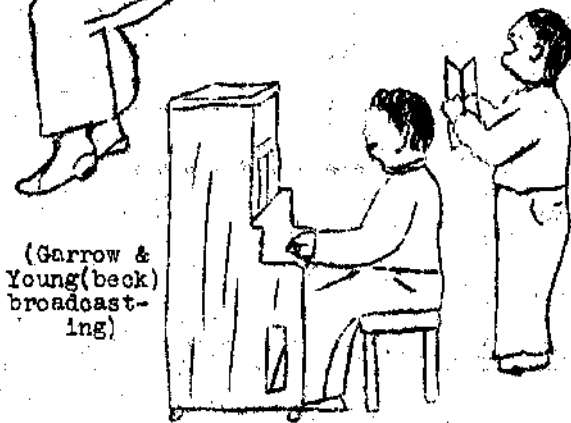
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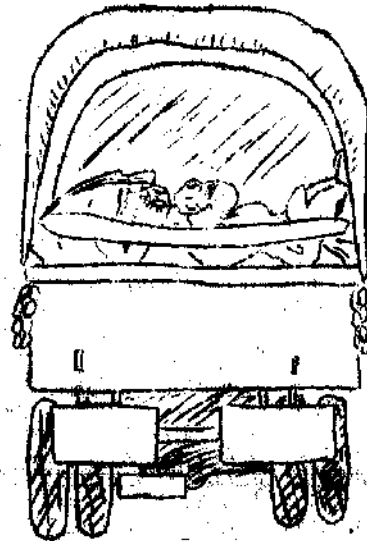
Hirte  
working  
out on  
the bag.)



(Two days before Pay-  
Day and we're lucky  
if we have the makin's.)



(Garrow &  
Young(back)  
broadcast-  
ing)



(The boys being taken  
on an excursion trip  
to Watersmeet, Mich.)

(Cull conquers  
Biederman in  
the grand old  
game of ping-  
pong.)

