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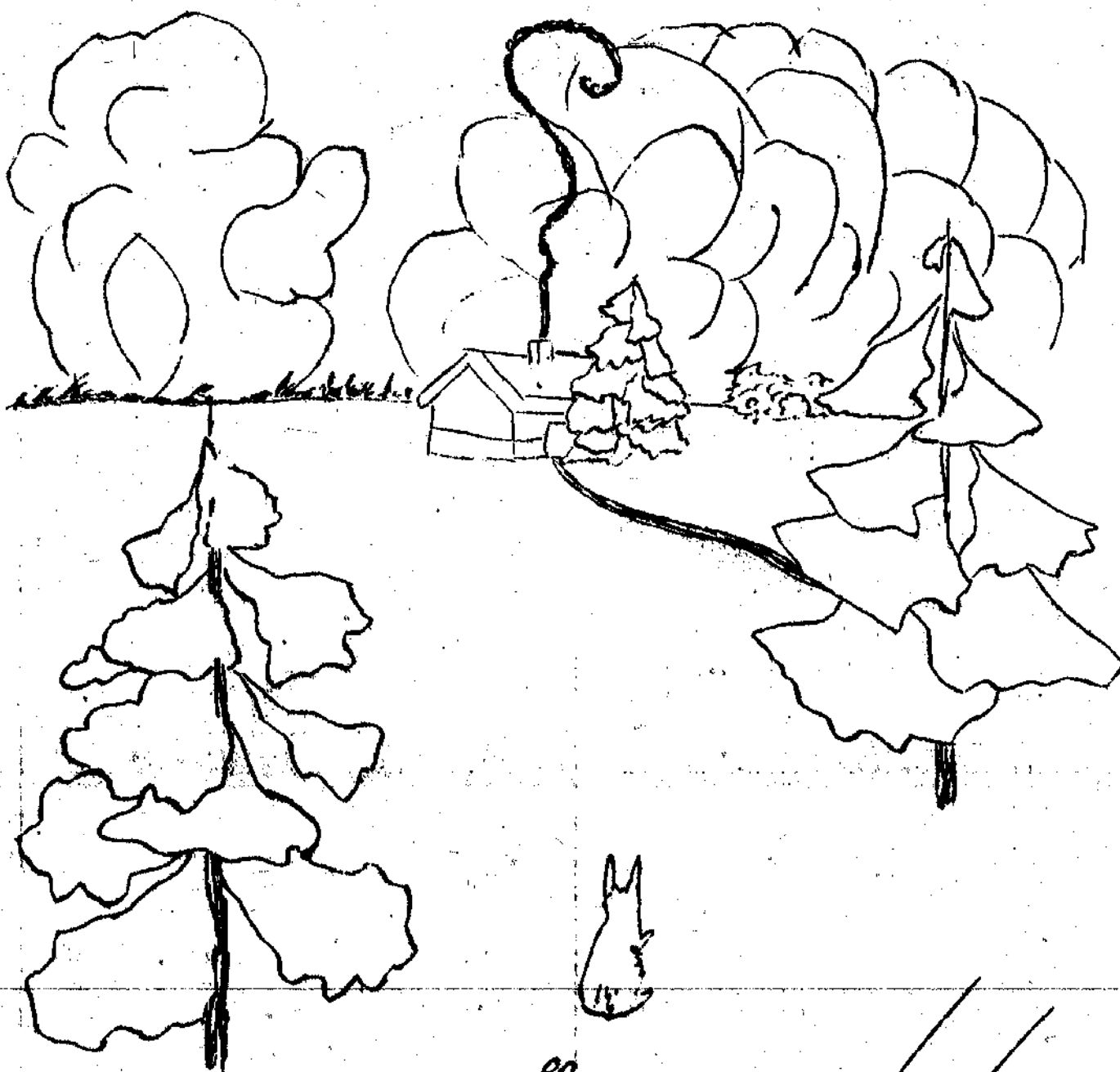
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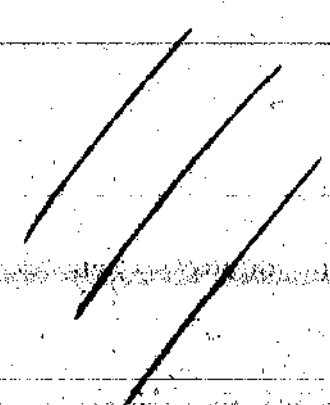
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FIRST DOWN AND TWELVE TO GO

Another year stripe in the game of life has been passed and as we enter this new territory many things are to be considered. We are, or at least should be fighting on the offensive where objective, teamwork and just plain everyday dash are elements quite essential to winning in the game.

All of the efforts of football players are centered on one thing, making the ball cross the goal line of the opponents! Life has a goal line, consisting of self control and honest achievement. It may be couched in terms of various sorts as our opinions differ, but fundamentally it is the same. That which we many times call luck is in reality the realizations of a goal long cherished and labored for. While not publicized by the individual it has on the other hand been the ruling motive of the life. If you haven't a definite objective for your life in terms of moral and spiritual achievement, give it some thought and set up one. Reasonable enough to be attained and high enough to be worthy of all your talents.

This element of cooperation is essential to getting to the goal. Many times we only see the swift movements of the man who has the ball and goes thru a hole in the line and forget that some one made that hole in the line, down there under a squirming pile of humanity are several men who held on and blocked out determined opponents.

In isolated cases there are individual stars in a team that at least seemingly win by sheer single handed ability, but it is so exceptional that we can not count on a remote probability of it happen-

DISCHARGES

The following enrollees received Discharges recently:--

Carl Marschke of Rib Lake, Wisconsin (July 1, 1934 to January 3, 1936)

Orville Layman of Manitowish, Wisconsin (January 20, 1934 to January 5, 1936)

Chester Galecki of Milwaukee (August 1, 1935 to January 5, 1936)

We wish to take this opportunity in wishing you luck in your new work.

ing to us. Helpfulness is always reciprocal, and the time always comes when we need help from some one else, then we find that the only place we can reasonably expect it from is from some person or persons we have helped. One of the greatest assets of life is to be able to get along with people and make friends by being a friend. Far greater is the real value of gain if we share it with some one else. So in the territory of 1936 that we wish to gain let us seek to cooperate by dropping the old bones of contention and petty jealousies, also to look at our working partners with an unbiased appreciation and an uncritical motive.

Speed and ability to dodge and maneuver has its place and value, but the balance of the whole thing depends on the strength, weight and ability to buckle down and push. When there is only a matter of inches to go for a first down, the team that has weight and strength to push the others back will 'put it over'. So now for twelve months we are going to try to push ground, very necessary it is therefore to be able to push day by day and stay by our pushing.

All there is in a football game to keep the one team from gaining ground is a group of eleven men. All there is to keep us from making the gains we should have is a group of eleven men. Let's name them-- the seven on the line are, center-lack of objective, guards-laziness, tackles-bad tempers, ends-circumstance. In the backfield the quarterback is bad disposition, the halves are wrong companions and the fullback is unclean habits. But we can beat them, let's go--first down and twelve to go.

Eli D. Richard
 5th Sub-Dist. Chaplain

Lieutenant Glaser left Camp Mercer on a leave, January 8, which will give him a vacation of ten days. We wish to take this opportunity in wishing him a good time on his leave.

TREE PLANTING

Nearly half a billion trees were planted by the CCC during its first two years and a half of operation.

During the past year, with a larger enrollment than in former years, the CCC contributed materially to breaking all previous annual records for tree planting on national forest lands.

Most of the planting covered by the two-and-a-half-year survey was done on denuded or cut over lands within federal and state forests. As an aid to prevent soil erosion, the Corps planted 25,000,000 trees on lands under various ownerships. The bulk of the planting done by the Corps, however, was on land under the jurisdiction of national and state forestry organizations, as part of the general reforestation program. The greatest portion of the planting was done in the Lake, Middle Western and Southern States, but each section of the country came in for a share of the new forests. The planting includes the setting out of conifers, or evergreens, and hardwoods, according to the adaptability of the area being reforested.

Most of the trees planted by CCC enrollees were produced in national and state forest nurseries. In some sections of the country, notably the Great Lakes region, the planting is carried out on a gigantic plan and involves the use of tractors and gang plows. The boys move with a precision that has been developed by careful training. Thousands of them have become expert tree planters. An important consideration in planting is the "tamping down" of the earth "just so" to prevent seed and root decay. The boys have developed expertness at the planting job and take pride in their skill. They get over the ground very rapidly, and it is estimated that only four man-days are required to plant an acre.

In addition to planting done by the Corps, federal and state forestry organizations have planted many thousands of acres to trees during the period covered by the survey. With the assistance of the CCC they hope to plant some millions of acres of publicly owned forest land. They plan to reforest areas that have been denuded by fires, cut over by loggers and tracts where trees have never grown before.

Since it is estimated that timber resources in the U.S. are being depleted more rapidly than they are being replenished, Federal and State forestry organizations are vigorously carrying out a long range reforestation plan, which contemplates the planting of billions of trees on millions of publicly owned acres.

In all there are 25,000,000 ac-

res in federal, state and private ownership in need of reforestation, according to the Copeland report, a study of the nation's forest situation, of which approximately 7,000,000 acres are in federal ownership.

The work being done by the CCC at federal and state forest service nurseries is of no less importance than actual planting. CCC boys at camps have gathered thousands of bushels of cones and tree seeds in the woods for treatment and planting at nurseries where other CCC enrollees are at work.

With CCC cooperation many existing federal and state forest nurseries have been enlarged and improved. Large new nurseries have been constructed, some of them being provided with irrigation systems that include dams, reservoirs and extensive pipe line layouts.

The CCC boys at nurseries have become equally as proficient in their work, as have their brothers who are engaged in collecting seeds, and planting seedlings. All of them are materially aiding federal and state forestry organizations to meet the demands of the national reforestation program.

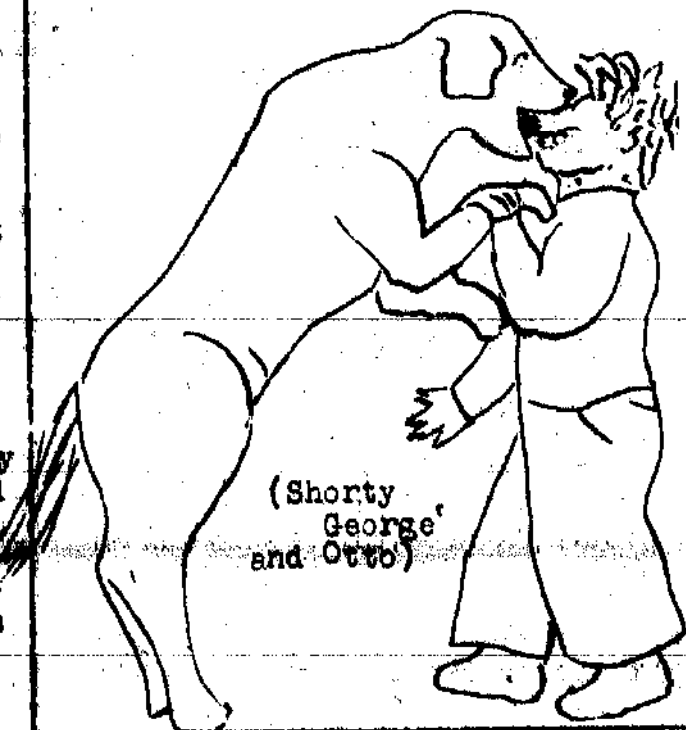
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MOVING PICTURES

Cross Streets starring Johnny Mack Brown, Claire Trevor and Anita Louise was shown in Camp on Tuesday, January Seventh. This proved to be one of the best pictures thus far shown here. Those who attended this picture, were treated with a good night's entertainment.

Red Head starring Bruce Cabot and Grace Bradley will be shown to-night in the Classroom. We believe that this picture will compare quite favorably with the picture shown last week.



HERE Well here we are all back
and in Camp after (I hope) an
THERE enjoyable vacation. Of course
by the way all of you have been
TATTLE good boys and I would like
TALE to take this opportunity
to wish you all a very Happy
and Prosperous New Year.

I wonder who the gentleman was
who took his mother-in-law to the
New Year's Eve dance in Ironwood?
It seems to me he was one of the
state truck drivers.

Well I see our little Teddy is
out in the woods once more. I wonder
why he didn't stay out there
in the first place. He looks so
much better in blue denim anyway.

What well-known young man about
Camp Mercer was seen at Little Bo-
hemia, New Year's Eve, apparently
having a very hilarious time?

Have you seen 'Nubbins' new mus-
tache yet? He is very secretive
about it right now for some reason
or other. He may be seen running
about the Area with his new bride
covered with a bandage. Don't be
so modest, 'Nubbins'.

The nineteen thirty-five foot-
ball season has ended and without
a doubt it has been one of the most
successful athletic ventures since
the Camp has started. Yes sir! We
did not experience a setback thro-
out the season. Lucky we didn't
have a team or we would be unable
to boast of such an enviable re-
cord.

Hear ye! Hear ye! From this day
and henceforth, Pete Voyer will be
known by the nickname of 'Two and
a Half'. How about it Pete?

I wonder why our diminutive Swo-
oly Sergeant has not succumbed to
the Call of the Wild yet? He has
been threatening to go out where
Nature calls for the past five mon-
ths, but he is still ensconced
as firmly as the Rock of Gibraltar
in the Swooly House.

What two well-known rated men
were seen hob-hobbing with the Elite
of Hurley last Tuesday evening (or
shall we call it Wednesday morning?)

No doubt this writer will be the
Chief Foreman of 660 after the 1st
of April from all reports. Wouldn't
that be swell? I will be the only
one left in Camp and they will have
to make me the boss!

We didn't know that Camp Mercer's
romantic tenor, Francis Garrow,
was a long-distance walker. Why
don't you try out for the 1936 Oly-
mpic Games?

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FAMOUS MEN ABOUT CAMP

Peter 'Pat' Thomas is one of our
better known leaders in our little
community. He is a comparatively
young man, in fact eligible bachelor,
and is very conscientious while on
the job. Of course I have heard
through various sources that he

is somewhat of a slave driver at
times, but then all of us have our
weak moments.

Pat was born about 34 winters ago
in the thriving metropolis of Hur-
ley. He has been employed by the
Government in at least two capaci-
ties. The first I believe was the
U. S. Army, where he held the rank
of, well nevermind; he held the rank
of something or other. The second
time he fell by the wayside was the
day he joined the well known CCC
group. However he has attained quite
an envious position, being one of
the better known Forty-Fives.

Pat, when questioned about affil-
iations with the clubs and lodges
he has been a member of, said that
the Eagles Club was his favorite.
There is a little incident which cor-
roborates this statement and here
it is:--

One evening, Pat and a few of his
friends were in Einelender. Pat
was trying to convince some of his
friends that the Eagles was the best
organization in the country. To pro-
ve his point he said "If you belong
to the Eagles, you can go into any
town of any size and go right to
the Club and get almost anything in
sight. You can eat, sleep, drink
and be merry by merely telling them
you are a member and showing them
your credentials. Just then the ga-
ng stooped in front of the Eagles
Club Hall, where a dance was in full
swing. One of the bunch suggested
that they go in and see what was up.
So Pat very generously offered to
show them about. Pat walked up to
the man who was collecting tickets,
showed him his card and said very
courteously, "I'm Mr. Thomas. I wou-
ld like to take my friends into the
dance." The ticket collector looked
at Pat's credentials, looked at
Pat and without a trace of emotion
replied, "O.K. Bud, the ticket of-
fice is the first door to your right.
The girl in charge will sell you all
the tickets you will need."

YOU MAY BE NEXT ! !



(Allan Morgan and
his sax)

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heard about Camp

Did you know that George Thomas calls his girlfriend, 'Peanuts'?

We wonder what caused Koss to become so frightened New Years Eve, that he yelled, "Save me! Rock! Save me!"?

What the well-dressed man of 1936 will wear is answered, if one will take the time to observe what Casey Marsh wears.

Danny Hughes is in love with a girl, who is so tall he is unable to kiss her. Poor Danny is almost driven to desperation. Any helpful suggestions will be appreciated.

John Peterson, our Athletic Director, returns back to his duties pale and hardy and ready to continue the rest of our strenuous basketball campaign.

In the future, Max will be known by the very appropriate name of 'One-punch'.

Block claims that Santa Claus was very good to him this year. Did you find another girlfriend, Lee?

Dutton and Bergschutz can not come to an agreement as to who has the best looking girlfriend. To hear them argue, one would think they were going with movie actresses.

It just seems that Risby can not keep out of trouble.

Watson has a lot of fun teasing some of the lads of their being in love. He should talk!

Dorchincez claims that he will never learn to dance with a woman. Would you rather dance with a woman, Charlie?

Can you picture anything as heartrending as this:--Mundell's girlfriend refuses to go to the show with him even though she had not seen him for almost five months?

Ole Leum says that the reason he didn't take advantage of the Holiday leave is that he hated to break the routine schedule of Camp. Too bad you are a leader, as you certainly should receive a raise.

Otto has adopted the Reading Room as his quarters. We wish to serve warning that he shall not be disturbed after 10:30 P.M.; as we will not be responsible for the condition of anyone, who might arouse His Highness.

What is the big attraction in a certain little city near Purley, Ruka? It looks as if you hog-tied already, Tony.

Will wonders never cease, Sigwald Arneberg goes to town again and in a big way.

The Camp has received a new tag washing machine. It is hoped that the fellows will show their appreciation by taking the best of care in using it.

RATINGS:

The following men received ratings on January Ninth:-- Congratulations Adolph Nozicka - Assistant Leader to Leader.

Benjamin Dietsche - Enrollee to Assistant Leader.

Harold Zimmerman - Enrollee to Assistant Leader.

Rutell Loses Bout

Vince Stahoviak, Wausau welterweight, won from Woody Rutell, Camp Mercer's Sub-Dist. Champion, on a close decision; earning his shade by a spectacular knock-down in the third round on a card given in the National Guard Armory of Merrill, Wis.

Aggressive and accurate with his punches from the start of the fight, Rutell won the first round by a good margin. Stahoviak managed to stave off Rutell's rushes in the second and shook him up with two hard smashes to the mouth that drew blood. In the third, Stahoviak, tricking Rutell into an opening, swung his left in a circle and dropped Woody for a seven count. Rutell finished the fight resolutely, but the Wausau boy had the better of it.

BROADCASTING

The Forensic Club has put on two programs over WJMS, Ironwood Michigan since the Christmas Holidays. Cotton Rice and Roman Romaaski put on a program consisting of guitar playing and singing on Saturday, January Fourth. On Saturday, January 11, Francis Garrow and Gil Youngbeck broadcasted their usual request program.



(The day after New Years Eve)