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72 DISCHARGED TO-DAY

72 enrollees of Camp Mercer are to receive Discharges today. They are the following with a brief paragraph concerning each one.--

Dietsche, Benjamin Vincent--Asst Leader of Abbotsford, Wis. (July 1, 1934) 'Ben's' ability as a truck driver can't be questioned.

Frank, Ernest Bernard--Asst Leader of Spencer, Wis. (July 1, 1934) 'Oscar She-Male' will be long-remembered as a competent Second Cook.

Neuman, Elmer Robert--Asst Leader of Tigerton, Wis. (Jan. 9, 1935) 'Nubbin's' love for strong beverages should imprint him on the minds of one and all.

Adleman, John Edwin of Luck, Wisconsin was transferred to this Camp from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936. 'Johnny' proved to be a very studious lad.

Arneberg, Sigwald Marleau of Merrill, Wis. (July 1, 1934) 'Silent Sig' proved to be one of the best of workers. We doubt if 'Sig' spoke much over 100 words during his time in Camp Mercer.

Baldovin, Laurence of Hurley, Wisconsin was transferred here from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936. To quote 'Baldy', "I can speak good English."

Barnfield, Dale of Benton, Ill. (Aug. 21, 1935) 'Tarzan's' geetar playing and his ability to put on about 50 lbs. during his enrollment are remarkable feats.

Bastian, John C. of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) 'Toots' will be missed by Hinkle. It is quite difficult to find good assistants.

Bender, Phillip Albert of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) 'Kike' pronounces his name Bendah. (pp.-2)

LT. COOPER TRANSFERRED

Dr. Cooper was transferred last week to Fort Sheridan and returned to this Sub-District one week later to await further orders.

TO THOSE LEAVING

You men who are leaving will no doubt carry away many experiences that will make you better men in the future.

Your daily associations and contacts in camp life have given you an understanding of the other fellows' rights and privileges. You have been taught your duties to yourself and to others, and above all fairness and responsibility. This training should bring out the qualities expressed by George Taylor in his poem--

"Just Be A Better Man"

Why is it that some people
Always kick a man who's down?
And if a fellow asks a favor
Why turn away and frown?

Is it right to be a shirker
To ignore the Golden Rule?
Is it right to call a man a dunce
When he's never gone to school?

Why none of us are perfect,
And I think we all could find
We can live, and be quite happy,
If we're generous and kind.

Lift the one who's fallen.
Grant a favor if you can;
Don't be a frowning hypocrite
Just be a better man.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Sub-District Chaplain, Eli D. Richard, has been conducting a very interesting religious service every Tuesday night in the Classroom. The Chaplain has made these services more entertaining in that the fellows are allowed to take an active part in the preparation of the services as well as the actual carrying on of the services. They read the scripture, say the prayers; while the Chaplain gives his weekly talk.

Let's show our appreciation for the Chaplain's untiring efforts by giving him a bigger audience. We know that he will appreciate it.

All enrollees of the Catholic affiliation are asked to attend the services of Father Paul, which are held in the Classroom. The time of these services was changed from Friday nights to Sunday afternoons. The poor condition of the highway prompted this change of schedule.

Captain Edelstein, Commanding Officer of the Fifth Sub-District, inspected the Sub-District Headquarters - Company 660 - last week. We hope that he was satisfied with the general appearance of the Camp.

By Popular Request

We were having "Tea for Two" in a little Gypsy Tearoom. There were bachelors there who said "Dinner for One, James, but I was in the mood for love," and suddenly it dawned on me that "I Loved You Truly."

As I looked out of the window at the moon over Miami, I saw that "You Were My Lucky Star." "Lovely Lady, let us go where we can be alone," I sighed.

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Bergschutz, Byron Aloise of Athens Wis. (July 1, 1934) "Ninnie" will always be considered as one of the most popular enrollees ever to grace the area of Old 660.

Biederman, Max H. of Grantsburg, Wis. (July 1, 1934) "Max" claims he is leaving, because he is unable to find checker opponents to test his skill.

Boetz, Harley of Merrill, Wis. (April 27, 1935) "Boetz" was a K.P. who couldn't take it and a fair to middlin' boxer.

Bourgo, Harvey of Ashland, Wisconsin was transferred to this Company from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936.

"Harv" was seen, but seldom heard.

Brueshaber, Oscar Fred of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) "Ossie", our night fireman, will be sadly missed when cribbage is mentioned.

Burke, Edward Thomas of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) "Irishman" was always a happy go lucky and a fair softball pitcher.

Burtak, Ted of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) "Teddy", our ex-truck driver, will miss "She-Male" a great deal.

Carson, Oscar P. of Underhill, Wisconsin was transferred to this Camp from Camp Section Eleven on Jan. 12, 1936. "Oscar" certainly enjoyed his western novels.

Childs, Milton of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) "Childs" would have made a good K.P., if he had stuck to it.

Christianson, Lowell John of Green Bay, Wisconsin was transferred to Co. 660 from Section Eleven on Jan. 12, 36. "Christy" a January Rook.

Corrao, Tony Alfred of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) "Teno" seems to be a little tattered in the hair, otherwise O.K.

Daumitz, Richard A. of Tipler, Wis. (Oct. 13, 1935) "Dick" has a mean left. If you don't believe it, ask Mosur.

Dorchincez, Charles of Benton, Ill. (Aug. 21, 1935) "Flambeau" will never wash up now.

Erickson, Alvin T. of Siren, Wis. (July 1, 1934) (Swede) was one of the real vets of this Camp.

Erickson, Henry G. of Wolf Creek, Wisconsin was transferred to this Company from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936. "Red" thought he was not getting a break.

Fornear, Robert Dankin of Sesser, Ill. (Aug. 21, 1935) "Bob" still remembers his knockout.

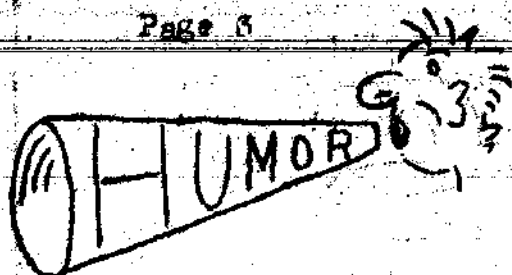
Fura, Frank of Sesser, Ill. (Aug. 21, 1935) "Fury", "Don't call me Fury, call me Frank!"

Gardner, Wesley Edward of Grantsburg, Wisconsin was transferred to Company 660 from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936. "Wes" was a likeable chap.

Geischer, Ralph Paul of Milwaukee (Aug. 1, 1935) "Lt" should make a successful photographer.

Gnader, Stanley of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) "Stan" won't have to get any packages from home now.

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It was a lovely morning. The train stopped at a village station, and an enthusiastic tourist leaned out of the car window.

"Isn't this exhilarating?" he exclaimed as he rubbed his hands.

"No, it ain't," replied a passing porter, "it's Kanitowish."

Gervin - Why is a policeman like a broken chair?

Fodner - Because both will pinch you if you don't park right!

Giovale - Say, "in, if you had five bucks in your pocket, what would you think?"

Bissop - I'd think I had some-
body else's pants!

Udee - I must tell you that your voice takes me back to the old home in days long past.

Vick - So it brought back memories to you, did it?

Udee - Yes, I can picture now the old vine covered well and the squeak of the pulley as I drew up the banging bucket.

Oberto - I seem to recognize your face--doubtless I have met you at a party here before.

Otto - Doubtless you have--this happens to be my home!

Kangas - I hear you contemplate traveling?

Bender - Yes, traveling is an education.

Kangas - Then I recommend a world tour for your education.

Clerk - Have you an account with this store, sir?

Planutis - No, but maybe I can arrange matters with your manager.

Clerk (to manager) - a gentle-
man of no account to see you, sir.

Mauritz - Why are you leaving
Camp?

Carlo - My chiropodist says my corn will do better in a warmer climate.

Hanley - Well, what do you think
of my home town?

Rice - This is the first cemetery I ever saw with lights.

Sadowitz - Do you know why a Scotch bagpiper walks up and down while playing?

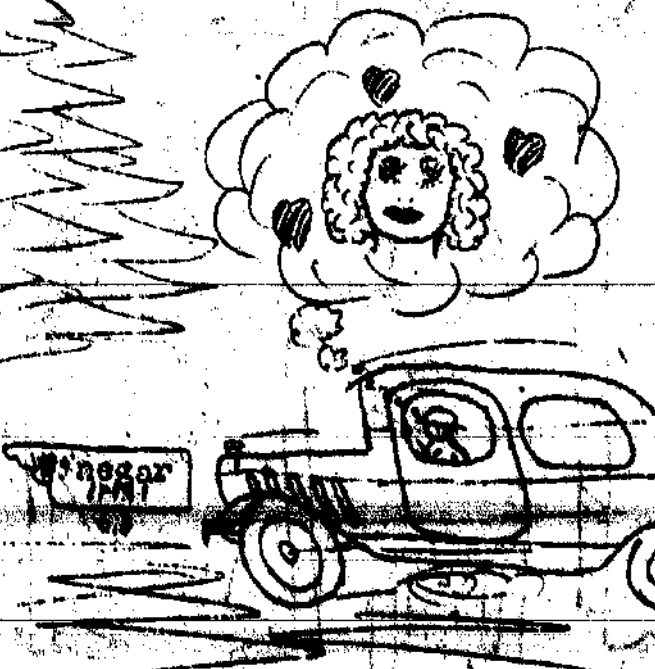
Johnson, Carl - Because it is always much harder to hit a moving target.

Lt. Glaser has something new for the boys - a figure eight coffee cake. Will this ever catch their eyes. It will act as a jigsaw puzzle, as they can put it together when

it is cut up and served. 'Shorty' Singleton says he is going to ask the Mess Officer for some animal cookie cutters. Someone else has suggested alphabetical soup also. And a good time will be had by all.

Ernie Franks' hot biscuits will be sadly missed after this month. We have a fast walker in Camp in Striebel, who claims he walked 80 miles in 19 hours. With the size of his dogs, he should walk faster. Why does a certain girl come to visit Alky in Camp every payday? Kuehnichel goes for Indians in a big way. Thayer is still in the mood for love, him and Watson both. How many different colored sheets do you think we have in Camp, Anderson? Why does Laedtke kiss Schunemann good-nite every nite? The Cook's Barrack is the coldest place in Camp. It is so cold in there in the morning, that the fellows dress outside where it is much warmer. Matko would make a good auctioneer with that loud voice of his. Why did Capt. Henry throw his cigar away, when Kuehnichel said, "I smell a rope burning?"

Herman Sackman, State truck driver, was operated for appendicitis in the Grandview Hospital of Ironwood on March 19. 'Socky' is coming along nicely and is expected to be back in Camp soon.



(Where are you going, Ed. King?)

DIGS

It seems that Ike Markovitz has some competition from Karl Sommerer, when it comes to receiving letters with the code S.W.A.S.K. on the back of them.

Block-What are you doing, Ormston?
Ormston-(pecking on the piano keys) Ah-er-I'm dusting the keys, r. Block.

What next? The girls of Gile gave 'Cotton' a farewell party. How fickle these modern girls are?

Balfanz uses a straw to drink beer. He does think of the cleverest things??

Did you ever notice the size of the letters, which Harry Chaffin sends to his lady love? It only takes 6¢ postage to send them to their destination.

It appears that Jelly-Bean Tellen is plenty scared to see the last of the month roll around. No doubt he has good reasons.

We wonder if Kampmeyer, Robinson, Bootz, Barnfield, and Singleton are unaware of their strength at times. They should learn in due time.

From all appearances, we have two budding pugilists in our midst, Pinkie Kollert and Dick Deumitz. Too bad they are leaving today.

The Hon. John P. 'Pete' Peterson, our illustrious ex-basketball coach, visited Camp last Thursday. He has become a retriever. Pete came back to retrieve his glad rags and other personal effects.

WANTED!! WANTED!! A man, who can qualify for the job as Camp Barber, is urgently needed. We will not be fussy.

Our new bugler (Charles 'Chuck' Fisk) is now blowing the lads out of bed and putting them to sleep at night.

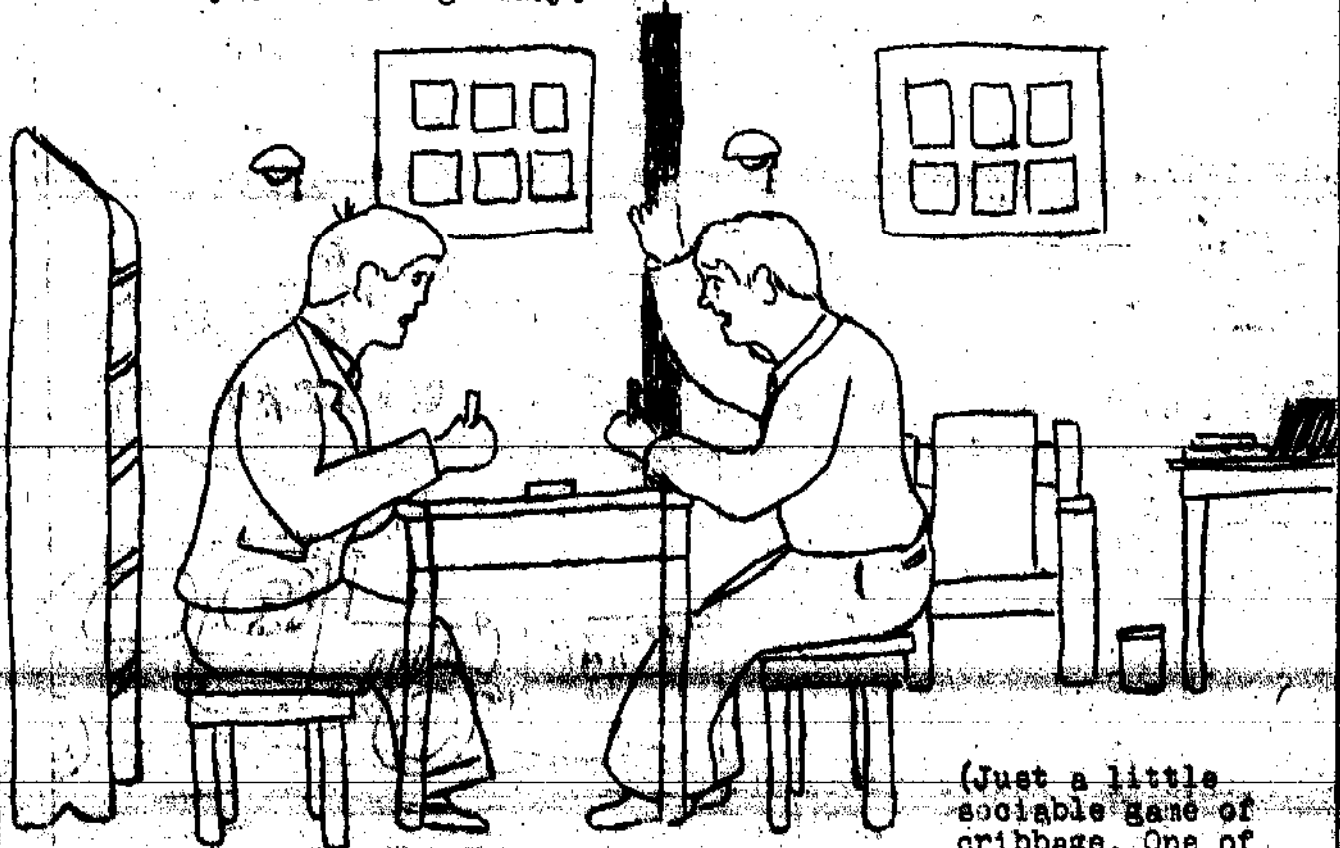
6:25A.M.-yesterday--Was Wm. Summers just getting up, or could it be possible that he was just getting home?

Leuthner, the small town boy, goes to the city (Appleton) with Rahmlow to make good.

'Alky' and his girl friend were seen the other night on the depot platform in Ironwood. It must be tough to leave her on Sunday nights. We sympathize with you Alky.

Red Thayer and Alky claim they are not going to town this Saturday night, so perhaps the rest of you fellows will have a chance.

Hoot Mon! TODAY IS PAYDAY!!



(Just a little sociable game of cribbage. One of the many played by Vick and Brueshaber.)



SPORTS

BOXING

'Van' VanPembroke, Camp Mercer heavyweight boxer, substituted for Kid Martin of Weller, Wisconsin on a fight card presented in the Memorial Building of Ironwood, Michigan on Friday, March 21. His opponent was Gunnar Mattson of Negaunee, Michigan. Van was awarded the fight, when he was fouled by Gunnar in the first round. He was fouled by an accidental low blow shortly after the fight was started and was unable to continue. Van appears to have the makings of a good boxer, but lacks the necessary experience and training to show his worth.

'Woody' Rutell, Camp Mercer's Sub-District Welterweight Champ, fought Rudy (Kid) Rupples of Duluth. This bout was on a card presented in the Armory of Weller, Wisconsin on Tuesday, March 24. They fought to a sensational finish in their five round semi-final, with Rutell gaining the judges' decision on a close margin. Although outweighted, 146 to 139 pounds, Rupples gamely put his whole heart and soul, plus real ring craftsmanship into the battle, but Rutell's artillery was the heaviest and did the most damage. Rutell was considerably bothered by Rupples' straight left that tended to keep him off, but he countered often enough with his right to the head and body to back the other to the ropes.

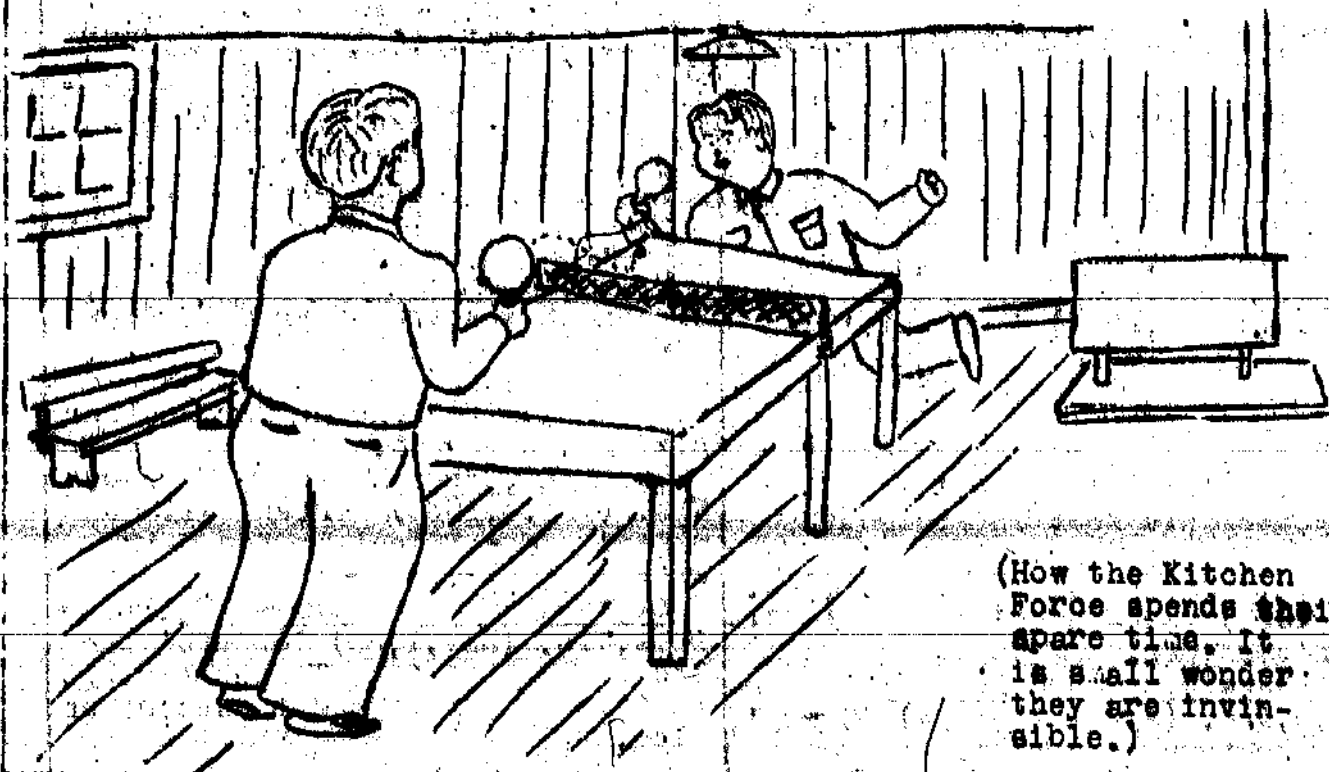
on several occasions. After going toe-to-toe for four rounds, both fighters were tiring rapidly in the last round. Rupples just managed to last, but Rutell didn't have enough left to take advantage of the openings for any kind of a blow.

BASEBALL

Well, it looks like a pretty good baseball year for the Camp this coming season. There are a few regulars from last year, but we also have several newcomers that have good reputations in the baseball world that should give the vets a battle. Last year, if you will remember, the team did not fare so well. We hope we will not have a repetition of ill fortune.

There are several very essential positions to be filled at this date, but we expect to get some rocks in the next few weeks and perhaps we can fill these positions from their ranks. The following men are left from last year's nine: Zimmerman, Hinke, Planutis, Boleck, Garrow, Coxey, Hatton, Zarnowski, and Leum. Those who have a reputation for baseball ability are Udee, Baker, Miller, and a few others we can't recall at the present writing.

We are expecting to receive in the near future twelve bats, twelve sweat shirts, and baseballs. The diamond is to receive some much needed attention also.



(How the Kitchen Force spends their spare time. It is small wonder they are invincible.)

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Giuliano, Alfred of Hurley, Wisconsin was transferred to this Camp from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936. 'Julie' was just a truck driver at heart.

Harley, Hugh Patrick of Hurley, Wis. (Oct. 12, 1935) 'Fughy' just another of the State's numerous truck herders.

Ketzal, Frank Joseph of Milwaukee (Aug. 1, 1935) 'Ketzal' is the lad, who went home on Xmas leave with the discolored optic.

Hinley, Arthur of Fort Atkinson, Wis. (Aug. 7, 1935) 'Shorty George' made our Cantoon a success thru his like for planters peanuts.

Ingram, Gail Curtis of Benton, Ill. (Aug. 21, 1935) 'Gale' will be remembered for his numerous amours in the neighborhood.

Jahrke, Alvir Louis of Milwaukee (Aug. 1, 1935) The 'Jope's' cartoons will be missed no little in our gossip rag.

Kammeyer, Arthur Fred of Gleason Wis. (July 1, 1934) 'Art', the tower-man, should be missed by the wild beasts around Pine Lake.

Klaus, Joseph John of Milwaukee (Aug. 1, 1935) 'Joe' or 'Santa', a would-be dramatist.

Kollert, Edward Bruno of Withee, Wis. (July 1, 1934) 'Pinkey's' knowledge of geography was uncanny and his hiking feats were well-nigh unbelievable. Give California our love.

Lampi, Armas of Saxon, Wis. (Apr. 13, 1935) 'Lampi' was a darn good pool-sharp and pretty good boxer.

Lukacik, Charles Steve of Moshah, Wisconsin was transferred here from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 36. 'Charlie' found barbering unprofitable.

Lukaszewski, Anthony Vincent of Grand Rapids, Michigan was transferred to this Camp from Camp Section Eleven on Jan. 12, 1936. 'Tony' let us know when you get your tailor made teeth.

Makinen, Erling John of Eagle River, Wisconsin was transferred here from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 36. 'Mac' was an agreeable chap.

Marecki, John Joseph of Lena, Wis. (April 18, 1934) 'C.P. John' will be missed by Elsie.

Merkovich, George of Milwaukee (Aug. 1, 1935) 'Pussy' wants to be a radio ham.

Merkowski, John Richard of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) 'The Pole' was Theodore's guardian and no doubt we will miss him on this year's ball team.

Marlo, Nondo Fred of Sesser, Ill. (Aug. 21, 1935) 'The Wop' is going to stick his foot in his mouth one of these days.

Max, John of Montreal, Wis. (Oct. 12, 1935) 'One-punch' was Carl Miller's keeper.

McGorkle, Raymond Francis of Pembine, Wis. (April 18, 1934) 'Corky', our amateur carpenter.

Merse, Lester Lyle of Mercer, Wis. (Oct. 12, 1935) 'Les' always was in trouble.

Mosur, John Mike of Marinette, Wis. (April 18, 1934) 'The Miser', "Oh, Mr. Block somebody stole my hording-s."

Oodle, Billie of Benton, Ill. (Aug. 21, 1935) 'Slim' will be glad to get home and the old swimming hole

Page, John Frank of Ashland, Wis. was transferred to this Company from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936. 'John' will be remembered for being so taciturn.

Parke, James of Cameron, Wisconsin was transferred here on Jan. 15, 36. 'Jimmy' will be remembered as the good looking fellow of Barrack 3.

Pfluegel, William of Milwaukee: (Aug. 1, 1935) 'Bill's' place at the table will be hard to fill.

Reinerio, Battista, Jr. of Pence, Wis. (Sept. 5, 1935) To quote Bill Summers, "In case of fire, don't forget to wake up the night fireman, Teeno'."

Rice, Elmer Leon of Sesser, Ill. (Aug. 21, 35) 'Cotton' will be missed by his public.

Robinson, Earl William of Gudahy, Wis. (Aug. 1, 35) 'Bud' doesn't seem to know his own strength.

Sawicki, John E. of Upson, Wis. (July 21, 35) 'John' the \$30.00 foreman.

Scheunemann, Edward George of Arpin, Wis. (Jan. 4, 35) 'Chink' was just one of Fritz's and Nubbin's cronies.

Sims, Robert Joseph of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 35) 'Bob' the archer.

Siriann, Herman Paul of Cumberland, Wisconsin was transferred here from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936. 'Herman' a veteran of three different Camps.

Stella, Emil Bernard of Hurley, Wis. was transferred here from Camp Dream on Jan. 15, 1936. 'Stella' our basketball ace.

Szymczak, Albin Anthony of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 35) 'Al' was one of Fairfield's pets.

Thomas, Marion Martin of Hurley, Wis. (Oct. 12, 35). 'Thomas' is just one of George's many brothers.

Wasielewski, Michael of Milwaukee. (August 1, 35) 'Mike' was just one of our Milwaukee rooks.

Wincek, Michael E. of Tipler, Wis. (Oct. 16, 35) 'Mike' was our Company barber.

Damon, Duane Delbert of Laraine, Wisconsin was transferred to Camp Mercer from Camp Dream on Jan. 12, 36. 'Dukes' had a hard time deciding whether to sign up for another six months or not.

Urmanski, Harry Roman of Wausau, Wis. (Jan. 3, 1935) 'Irish' will be missed a great deal in the fair city of Hurley.

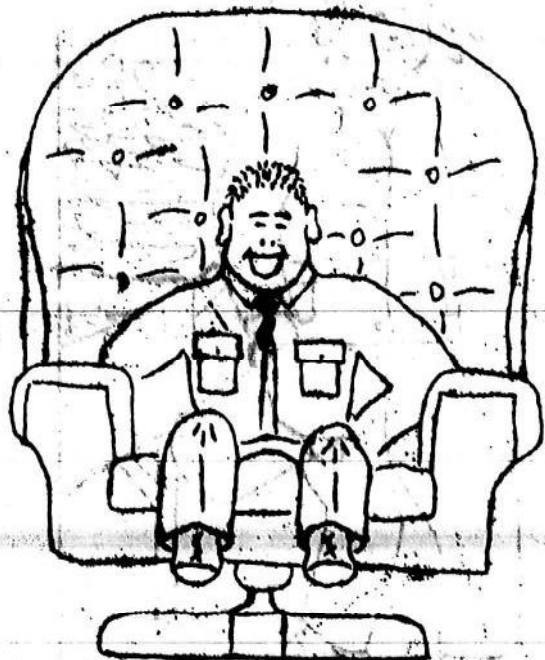
Oberto, Clement Maurice of Iron-Belt, Wis. (Nov. 1, 35) 'Oberto' the lad who was to take Wincek's place as Company Barber had to desert us also.

Morgan, Joseph Pierpont of Milwaukee. (Aug. 1, 1935) 'A.P.'s' erratic bugling caused us many a laugh.

Rock, John of Benton Ill. (Aug. 21 1935) 'Johnny' was one of the roughest men on our basketball team.

Wiczinski, George S. of Milwaukee (Aug. 1, 35) 'Tarzan' to you, but Darling Tarzan to the girlfriend.

The MONITOR wishes to take this opportunity in wishing one and all of the discharged enrollees luck in their future undertakings.



(The Adviser enjoying his new chair.)

HERE and THERE

by THE TATTLE-TALE

Farewell to thee!! Farewell to thee!! Until we meet again. To all the lugs who are leaving us, goes the above lament. You will be missed we assure you. Happy landings!

Our best copy is going home. Yep, little Theodore (Teddy to you) is leaving the cold cruel world flat and is going back to mother. Maybe he should stay and get a little hair on his chest anyway.

Oscar She-Male would have to leave too. Maybe it's best. I'm afraid that he would die of loneliness and lack of smokes with the departure of little Teddy.

At last! At last! We finally got some dope on Gross. It is rumored that he has at last fallen for a young(?) lady in Mercer. We also hear that Garrow has found something of interest there too.

I believe it best that I call this quits, as we should part the best of friends.

Four trucks filled to capacity with enrollees journeyed to Ironwood, Thursday-March 19 to attend the show in the Ironwood Theatre. The picture, 'Follow the Fleet' starring Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire was enjoyed immensely by the fellows. Undoubtedly, Ginger and Fred are two of the most popular screen stars of the men in this Camp.

LeRoy Francis Lord of Milwaukee received a Discharge on March 26 to accept employment in his home city. 'Roy' entered Camp Mercer on August 1, 1935.

We now have a new combination reading and writing table, with magazine space provided on it also, in the Reading Room. This table, which was constructed by the camp carpenters, is 8 feet long and 4 feet wide. The top slopes down to the sides at a 45degree angle, providing an excellent place to write upon. Lights are to be placed on the table soon.

A new traveling library will arrive within the next day or two from the Library Commission of Madison, Wisconsin. Approximately sixty books will come with this new library.

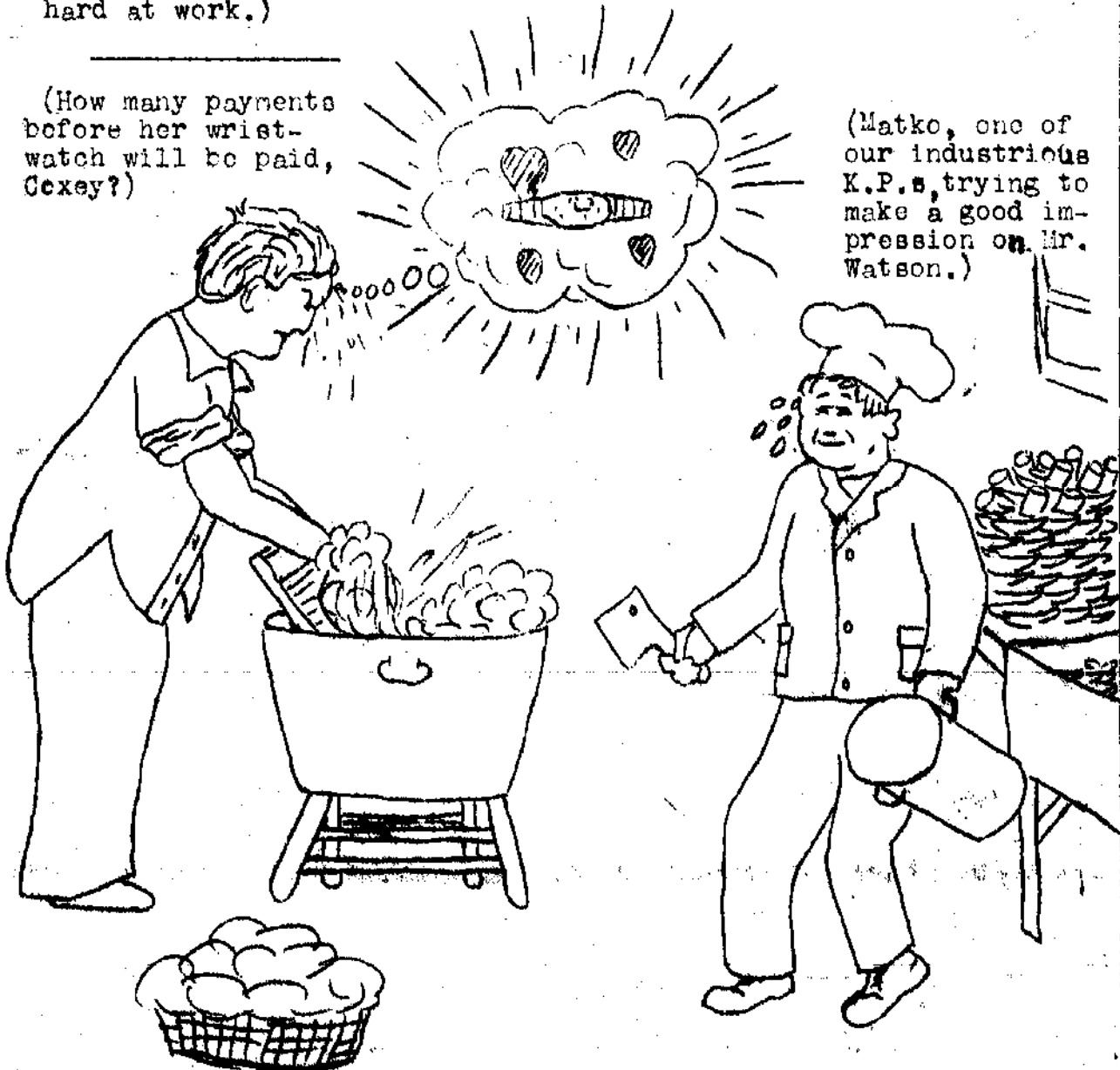
John Nyles, radio operator, enjoyed a week-end pass at his home in White Lake, Wis. from March 21-23).

CAMP MERCER ON



(The new bath-house orderly, Fritz Smith hard at work.)

(How many payments before her wrist-watch will be paid, Cexey?)



(Matko, one of our industrious K.P.s, trying to make a good impression on Mr. Watson.)