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Dedicated to the

MOTHER'S

OF

AMERICA



THE BEST PAL---MOTHER.

She sees the wonderful days,
When you dear, are grown,
She plans all of your games
And makes each one her own.

She shares in your hardships
As well as your joys,
She knows what is best
For her girls and her boys.

She's a mighty good pal,
She's a comrade and friend,
When others pass by
She stays on to the end.

She believes you and cherishes
The things that you tell,
Of that dear little sweet-
heart

Whom you love so well.

'Course a sad tear may start
As she sits all alone,
But she knows that her boy
Must some day have a home.

So she prays for that day
Just your happiness to fill
And she's comrade and friend
But best of all -- Mother,
still.

(Mary Naylor-Brown)

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New Lieutenant

Robert W. Stebbings, 2nd Lt.,
 Signal Reserve, was transferred to
 Camp Mercer from Camp Peninsular
 of Fish Creek, Wisconsin on April
 Seventh. The Monitor wishes to
 take this opportunity in welcoming
 Lt. Stebbings.

David L. Ruffner, Major 3rd Field
 Artillery, Executive Officer from
 District Headquarters, visited Camp
 last Saturday, April 25.

Willard E. Shinglman, 1st Lt.,
 Med. Res., of Camp Mineral was
 replaced Dr. Cooper while he was on
 leave from April 8-19).

We extend our deepest sympathies
 to Delmore Seabury and his family
 of Mellen, Wisconsin. Delmore was
 called home last Friday because of
 the sudden death of his mother.

Edward Jellen was transferred to
 District Headquarters and placed
 on detached service of this Com-
 pany as ambulance driver on April
 27.

N.B. Whenever any man of this
 Company takes a leave to seek em-
 ployment, he will be required to
 stop at the Dispensary for a phys-
 ical examination.

N.B. Chaplain Eli D. Richard,
 Sub-District Chaplain, is on de-
 tached service to attend a conven-
 tion in St. Louis. There will be no
 services in Camp until he returns.
 Enrollees desiring to attend ser-
 vices in Mercer will be furnished
 transportation. Father Paul will
 continue to hold his services each
 Sunday afternoon pending road con-
 ditions.

SPRING

Spring is here, but we still have
 cold weather and are threatened with
 occasional snow flurries. A good
 warm rain would make the trees and
 grass green out in a short time.

Spring house cleaning is very much
 in evidence about Camp, although
 the weather has been anything but
 suitable for such work. Lt. Erment-
 trout is making the dust fly with
 the work that is being undertaken
 to beautify the buildings and area
 of the Camp. Lt. Ermentrout and Will-
 iam Summers, Forestry Superintendent,
 have collaborated on general plans
 which will no doubt benefit the Camp
 enormously. The inclement wea-
 ther has not allowed them to go a-
 head with their plans as they wish,
 but they have done considerable al-
 ready. The walks from Sub-District
 Headquarters to the Camp Office and
 also all the other walks about Camp
 are being widened. The revocille gr-
 ounds are being enlarged and the
 Area has been leveled and dragged
 by the 'cat' drivers. The quadrang-
 les which were formerly used for
 volley ball courts are to be plant-
 ed with grass. The Camp Area is be-
 ing prepared for the sowing of gra-
 ss seed which will be done as soon
 as the weather permits. Lt. Ermen-
 trout wishes to plant flowers about
 the Area also. Rustic benches are
 to be made for the recreation Hall
 and some will also be placed near
 the entrances of all the buildings.
 A new parking place for visitors is
 being constructed, while the old
 parking place has been eliminated.
 The official cars will be parked so
 that the view of the circle around
 the flag pole will not be obstruct-
 ed.

The rooks were kept busy during th-
 eir processing; cleaning up the Camp
 Area, raking the grounds, cleaning
 windows and doing many other odd
 jobs which are too numerous to men-
 tion. New door mats have been con-
 structed for the entrances to all
 the buildings. The fire barrels have
 been removed from the inside of the
 buildings and placed just outside
 of the doors where they are easily
 accessible.

To quote Lt. Ermentrout, "I want this
 Camp to be second to none!" Undoubt-
 edly Camp Mercer is due for many
 renovations in the near future. You
 may be sure that your Commanding
 Officer will greatly appreciate all
 of your efforts to help him bring
 this Camp up to a model camp.

DOES MOTHER CARE?

It is an old saying, "The hand
 that rocks the cradle rules the
 world." Just another way of saying

that great men have great mothers. Shall we not add another thought, that everyman who stops to think concerning it, will realize that he has a great mother. If a man treats his mother as he should, it shows he at least has one point in his favor. The Bible promise of length of life for those who would honour their father and mother, shows the importance of a proper attitude to our parents and especially to our mothers.

There are many things that a man in Camp can do to show his love and appreciation of his mother. The least that he can do is to write to his mother regularly, and if you have neglected this, a good time to start is Mother's Day - May 10th. Any gift you may be able to send her, she will be grateful to know that her boy loves her. But a letter once a year to the one who suffered for us and cared for us when we were helpless is a small thing. The one thing that mother would like above all others is the confidence that we should give, this requires that we do nothing that we could not tell mother about.

Your mother is the best mother in all the world, love and honour her. All too soon she will be called on to leave you and wait for you in Heaven. True she will leave a precious memory, but while you have her do not miss an opportunity to show that you love her.

(Chaplain Eli D. Richard)

TO THE NEW ENROLLEES

There has no doubt been a lot of jokes pulled on you, but here is one thing that is not a joke. The Chaplain holds religious services in Camp each Tuesday evening. It is undenominational, it is short. It is voluntary, we think you will like it. You can at least try it. Also the Chaplain is your Confidant in any matter you wish to discuss with him.

(Chaplain Eli D. Richard)

23 NEW ENROLLEES

Twenty-three new men arrived at this Company on the morning of April 29. They are as follows.-

Bentley, Ruben John - Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Brandt, Norman Roman - Manitowoc

Dobinski, Alex S. - Two Rivers

Duprey, Isaac T. - Two Rivers

Erickson, Alvin Hildor - Two Rivers

Franz, Clement Roland - Manitowoc

Franz, Francis George - Manitowoc

Gibeault, Raymond F. - Two Rivers

Herrn, Kenneth W. - Two Rivers
 Hetue, Raymond L. - Two Rivers
 Holmes, Elwood Benj. - Mishicot, Wisconsin
 Kempke, Lambert Frank - Manitowoc
 Klein, Harold William - Manitowoc
 Kopetsky, Clarence F. - Two Rivers
 Korlesky, Marvin John - Manitowoc
 Krey, Herbert W. - Two Rivers
 Langley, Gale Joseph - Two Rivers
 Luebke, Corwin F. - Two Rivers
 Martinkavitz, Stanley F. - Two Rivers
 Meisner, George Jack - Manitowoc
 Pfister, Walter Adolph - Manitowoc
 Vavrunek, Alfred P. - Two Rivers
 Zachek, Edward J. - Two Rivers

Welcome, 'Hooks'.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Camp Library received sixty-one books from the Wisconsin Library Commission in exchange for a like number of books which we sent back. The Library also received eighty books with traveling library 4-C in exchange for the traveling library which we send out recently. These two new libraries have many interesting books which should prove to be of interest to all.

The Adviser received a new desk for his office which adds much to the appearance of the place. The new desk and the overstuffed chair gives the Library the appearance of an executive's office.

The chairs, tables, racks, and files have been stained and varnished again. This has done much to freshen the building up.

The Library also received two kittenballs, a dozen baseballs, and a baseball bat. More athletic equipment will be purchased soon.

Camp Garden

Company 660 is to have a garden. It has already been plowed and dragged, and planting will start soon. A large variety of vegetables will be planted. This project has been assigned by the Commanding Officer to the Educational Adviser and the agriculturalists of this Camp.

The vegetables raised in the garden are to be used by the Company Mess. By the size of the field which has been plowed, it looks like the men of the Company are going to grow a year's supply of vegetables.

Camp Mercer Radio Station's call numbers WUEP will be changed to WUEP starting the middle of May.

TRANSFERS

Four men were transferred to Camp Sparta on April 1 from this Company. They were Abraham Bellow - carpenter, Curtis Bellow and Kasmier Koss - painters, and Daniel Choinowski - clerk.

DISCHARGES

The following men left Camp recently to accept employment.-

Eben Washburg of Centuria, Wis. (July 1, 1934 to April 10, 1936). 'Butler' and his air of hauteur will long be remembered.

Vaughn VanEpps of Weyauwega, Wisconsin (January 8, 1935 to April 15, 1936). We wish VanOpps' prosperity on his farm and happiness in his married life.

Vincent Gregorius of Appleton, Wisconsin (January 8, 1935 to April 20, 1936). 'Alabam' possibly will wish for some of our cold weather after getting down in Alabama.

NEW ENROLLEES

Thirty new men arrived in Camp on April 16. They are as follows--

Anderson, Harold Merle - Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Baker, Mamort Joseph - Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Baker, Edward Robert - Two Rivers

Baker, Emil John - Two Rivers

Blanchard, Lawrence Francis - Odanah, Wisconsin

Boucher, Charles Alton - Ashland, Wisconsin

Bruun, Floyd Gustiff - Morse, Wis.

Eder, George Alfonso - Glidden, Wisconsin

Genske, Harold Robert - Two Rivers

Grosjean, George Clarence - Mellen, Wisconsin

Hovi, Elton Carl - Manitowoc

Jelich, Tony - Mellen

LaFleur, Kenneth Howard--Two Rivers

Lundquist, Oscar Edward - High Bridge, Wisconsin

Mahnko, Edward Reinhold--Manitowoc

McDougall, Donald James - Ashland

Ohlsson, Alvin Edwin - Ashland

Oswedkar, Rudolph Joseph - Sanborn, Wisconsin

Peterson, Harry Carl - Ashland

Poppe, Walter Carl - Mellen

Rezachek, Adolph - Two Rivers

Seabury, Delmore Henry - Mellen

Scribner, James Lee - Mellen

Solberg, Alvin Robert - Ashland

Sullivan, Ervin - Odanah

Thomaschofsky, Raymond Herman - Two Rivers

Vanderventer, Edward Alex--Odanah

Warshall, Alex Frank - Butternut, Wisconsin

White, Floyd Tony - Morse

Webster, Harold Russel - Odanah

Welcome, Rookies.

HERE and THERE

by the

TATTLE-TALE

Our illustrious Educational Adviser was out stepping last Friday. A generous gentleman came to Camp and gave him a ticket to a Prom in Hurley. He reports that a good time was had by all.

It seems that Gross and Pete Voyer will be postponing the buying of the Spring suit for another month or so.

Here is the prize crack pulled by a rookie, "Where are the garters to hold up these socks?"

KEEP ON THE SIDEWALKS,
OR YOU WILL BE ACQUAINTED
WITH THE USE OF A PITCH-
FORK SPREADING FERTILIZER.

It seems to me that Fred Vick is making Mercer quite regularly on weekends. Are you trying to beat Garrow's record, Vick? She is a cute little trick at that.

We have a new Camp stooge in one of the rocks. If I recall correctly, the boys call him 'Smokay', maybe on account of the stove pipes he was wearing in place of trousers when he arrived.

Higgins was seen leaving Camp over the week-end bound for Minocqua. I'll bet the "Goiter Gal" had company anyway.

Our Camp sweetheart (Lady Alice) seems to be going to the dogs lately. I have been hearing numerous bad reports about her conduct in the last three months. Careful, Tots!

We sometimes wonder where Joe Block spends his time. Last Sunday he looked like he had been rolling around in the mud.

Does anyone know if Coxey has that wrist watch paid for yet?

In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to love and night life, or so it seems. Most of the Camp's romances have been getting in during the wee sma' hours.

It looks like Van Rens has that indefinable something which attracts to him all of the fairer sex. From latest reports he has one in every recruiting town.

I wonder how John Mytas got that bump on his jaw. Don't tell us you ran into a door in the dark, John. Tush! Tush!

It seems that Rumpus Grocholaki is waiting for Block to leave Camp so that he can get the Company Foreman's job (or shall we call it a position). You will die in the waiting, Rumps.

BOXING

Woody Rutell, 5th Sub-District welterweight Champion, engaged in two bouts over the past month.

On April 18 he easily defeated Otto Sonleitner, tough Oshkosh battler in a semi-windup bout on a card which was given in the Armory at Merrill. Woody had his foe on the verge of falling for the count in the three round session, but was unable to deliver the knockout punch.

Kayo Brown (146½lbs.) of Ironwood Michigan scored a technical knockout over Woody (145½lbs.) in the first round of one of the amateur elimination bouts for Olympic prospects which were held at Milwaukee the first part of the month. Brown was also eliminated in his next bout.

BASEBALL

Approximately 30 men have turned out for baseball practice. The prospects look bright for a good team this year.

Our pitching staff, composed of six experienced pitchers, should have no trouble. They all look like starting pitchers. So far we have two catchers, who can bat as well as hold down the catching assignment. The ten infielders trying out are all fast and play their positions well. Most of them are good hitters. The outfielders have been working under a considerable handicap. The outfield has not been graded yet and is very uneven. However 5 or 6 of them look like the real McCoy.

Any team that beats Camp Mercer out of the Sub-District Championship this year will have to be plenty good.

A tentative Sub-District baseball schedule has been made out. The games booked for Co.-660 are as follows.-

May 17 - Star Lake at Mercer

May 24 - Mercer at Nine Mile

May 31 - Upson at Mercer

June 7 - Mercer at Crystal Lake

June 14 - Copper Falls at Mercer

June 21 - Mercer at Mineral Lake

June 28 - Mercer (open)

July 5 - Mercer at Star Lake

July 12 - Nine Mile at Mercer

July 19 - Mercer at Upson

July 26 - Crystal Lake at Mercer

August 2 - Mercer at Copper Falls

August 9 - Mineral Lake at Mercer

August 16 - Mercer (open)

New volley ball and badminton courts have been constructed outside of the quadrangle. They are located on the south side of the area, and are situated advantageously for spectators.

All men wishing to try out for the following track events, see Mr. Kelton immediately.-

shot-put	pole vault
discus	100 yd dash
high jump	220 yd dash
broad jump	440 shuttle relay

On Monday a schedule for intra-Barrack soft ball will be posted. Each Barrack is urged to start organizing a soft ball team now. Lt. Ermentrout will announce the prizes for the winning team later.

A new tennis court is being constructed near the entrance drive. This court is being constructed of Tarvia, and will be one of the finest in the North. We predict this will be a popular spot in 660.

The Adviser urges everyone to get out and participate in some form of athletics. It not only furnishes entertainment, but it serves to build up a strong healthy body. Athletics will do much to keep you physically fit.

DISCHARGED

Herman Anton Sackmann of Medford Wisconsin was discharged today to accept employment. 'Sobky' had been a member of this Camp since July 1, 1934 and had proved his worth as a competent State truck driver.



(The last shot is the worst one, rocks.)

DIGS

Why did Alky return to Camp on a certain night not so long ago with one of his shirt sleeves missing?

We hear that Pete Voyer is robbing the cradle.

One for Red Thayer
~~One and one are two,~~
 But if one and one should
 marry
 How is it, in a year or so,
 There's two, and one to
 carry?

How about putting in another
 nickle, Major, so Red and the girl-
 friend can dance?

Why did Jollen want another dol-
 lar a few Saturdays ago?

Coxey wishes to go back in the
 kitchen and show the KPs how they
 used to do the work when they only
 had mess kits to wash.

Morgan almost drove the fellows
 in Barrack 5 nuts with his sax.
 The fellows in Barrack 3 will not
 allow him to play there, so he is
 now tooting away in the class room
 occasionally. We are fervently
 hoping for warm weather when
 we can get out in the wide open spaces
 to trumpet away to his heart's
 content.

Then there is the rook who asked
 for a canteen book at the Camp
 Library.

Did you know that Chaffin would
 like to learn how to dance, but is
 afraid that he will step on the
 girl's toes. He wouldn't be the
 first one to do that.

Why does Blondy go down to Man-
 itowish about every other night?
 Can it be that he is in the mood
 for love?

Was the girlfriend just as sweet
 as ever, Sluggery?

Many odd things have occurred in
 this Camp, but when an enrollee -
 especially Garrow - starts read-
 ing Grims's Fairy Tales, we won-
 der what could possibly happen
 next.

It seems that Eino Koski is not

much on extra duty.

The boys are wondering how Eddie
King is enjoying his new matrimo-
 nial suite.

We cannot figure out how Clarence
Leutner can take in so many places
 in Hurley in one night.

Mr. Summers would like to know
 why some of the rooks can't keep at
 the head of the line in scalping.

We are anxiously awaiting for Lt.
Ermentrout to demonstrate to the
 boys how to spread the fertilizer
 for our prospective flower beds and
 lawn.

By the appearance of Dutch's new
 hat he is evidently going into bus-
 iness soon.

Mike Markovitz - one dollah.
Carl Miller - one dollah and fif-
 ty cents.
Louie Reinerio - NUTTIN !

It may mean a lot to you, but it
 is only SMALL POTATOES to Van Pem-
brook.

The fellows of Barrack 3 think
Snuffy Fafford is the ideal fire-
 man. He can always be depended up-
 on to keep their little tootsies
 warm. Good old Frenchy.

Have you noticed that look of ex-
 treme satisfaction which graces the
 face of LaFortune since his return
 to Camp? Can it be love or do all
 the men who work in the kitchen
 get that way sooner or later?

We wonder if Hinke really knows
 the difference between paint and
 gasoline which has been discolored
 through cleaning paint brushes in
 it. What did you paint your bird-
 house with, Hink?

Noziaka deserves the name of one-
 punch since the departure of Johnny
Max. He gave a thorough demonstra-
 tion of his credentials the other
 night.

Bill Watson, our honorable mess
 steward, says that when he gets
 the new enrollees from his home
 town filled out, they will be regu-
 lar he-men like him. Bill usually
 means what he says and says what
 he means.



HUMOR

A Chinese in the northern part of Wisconsin returned for the third time to buy half dozen bottles of cough syrup.

Druggist: "Someone sick at your house?"

Chink: "No sick."

Druggist: "Then what on earth all this cough syrup for?"

Chink: "Um--me likeum on pan-cakes."

Mytas - Truth is stranger than fiction.

Murach - Maybe it only seems stranger because it's so much scarier.

Striebel - Did Edison make the first talking machine?

Vick - No, God made the first talking machine, but Edison made the first one that could be out off.

Nurse - Sir, the stork has just brought you a new son.

Absent-Minded Individual - Great! But don't tell my wife - I want to surprise her.

Koski - Do you think it is possible to love two women at the same time?

Dietel - Not if they know about it.

VanPembroke - What's the best position for sleeping?

Stempawski - A position as night fireman.

Tourist - How's business around here?

Native - It's so quiet you can hear the notes at the bank a block away drawing interest.

Gross - Did you notice those modern feminine touches in her apartment?

Voyer - Yeh, you mean cigarette ashes on everything.

Ruka - What is this world coming to?

Higgins - You mean, when is the world coming to?

Morgan - I'm writing a hot love letter to my sweetie. What would be the best thing to end it with?

Mensky - A lighted match!

Conductor - "Madam, you will have to pay for this boy."

Madam - "But he is only 10."

Conductor - "Well, our rule is, long pants full fare, short pants half fare."

Colored Mammy (in rear of coach): Lawsee, next time I'se gowan ride for nothin from now on.

Officer - (to couple in parked auto) Don't you see the sign, 'Fine for parking?'

Van Rens - Yes, sir, I see it and heartily agree with it.

A Scotchman, wishing to know his fate at once, telegraphed a proposal of marriage to the lady of his choice. After spending the entire day at the telegraph office, he was finally rewarded late in the evening by an affirmative answer.

"If I were you," suggested the operator, when he delivered the message, "I'd think twice before I marry a girl that kep me waiting all day for an answer."

"Na, na," retorted the Scot. "The lass who waits for the night rates is the lass for me."

Dr. Cooper - (talking to Grochowski while he is plastering a defective part of the recreation hall) The trowel covers up a lot of mistakes--what?

Rumps - Yes, sir, and so do the shovel.

Bank Clerk - So you wish to open a joint account with your husband. What kind?

Mrs. W. Watson - Oh, just a deposit account for him--checking for me.

Rook - How did you break your leg?

Popelka - I threw a cigarette down a manhole--and then stepped on it.

Beattie - Why throw away that biggest fish?

Golla - Nobody would believe I caught it anyway.

Absent-minded Salesgirl (as boyfriend kisses her good night): "Will that be all?"

Anderson - Look and see if the clock is running.

Szurek - No, it's standing still, but it is wagging its tail.

The girl with the most sex appeal in all America is "Miss Depression".

Social Worker - What is your name, my man?

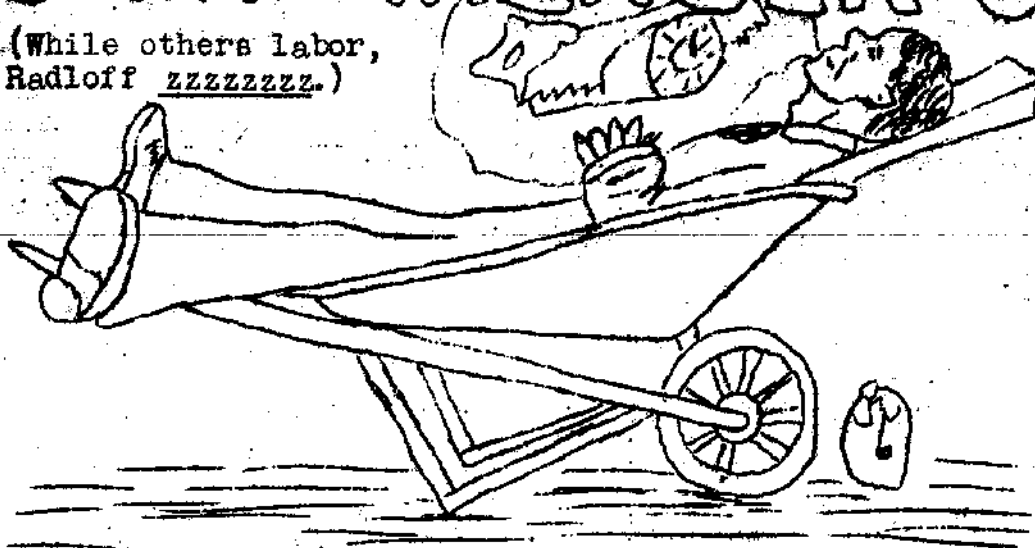
Convict - No. 88889.

S.W. - That's not your real name.

Convict - No--just my pen name.

CAMP MERGER ON

(While others labor,
Radloff zzzzzzzzz.)

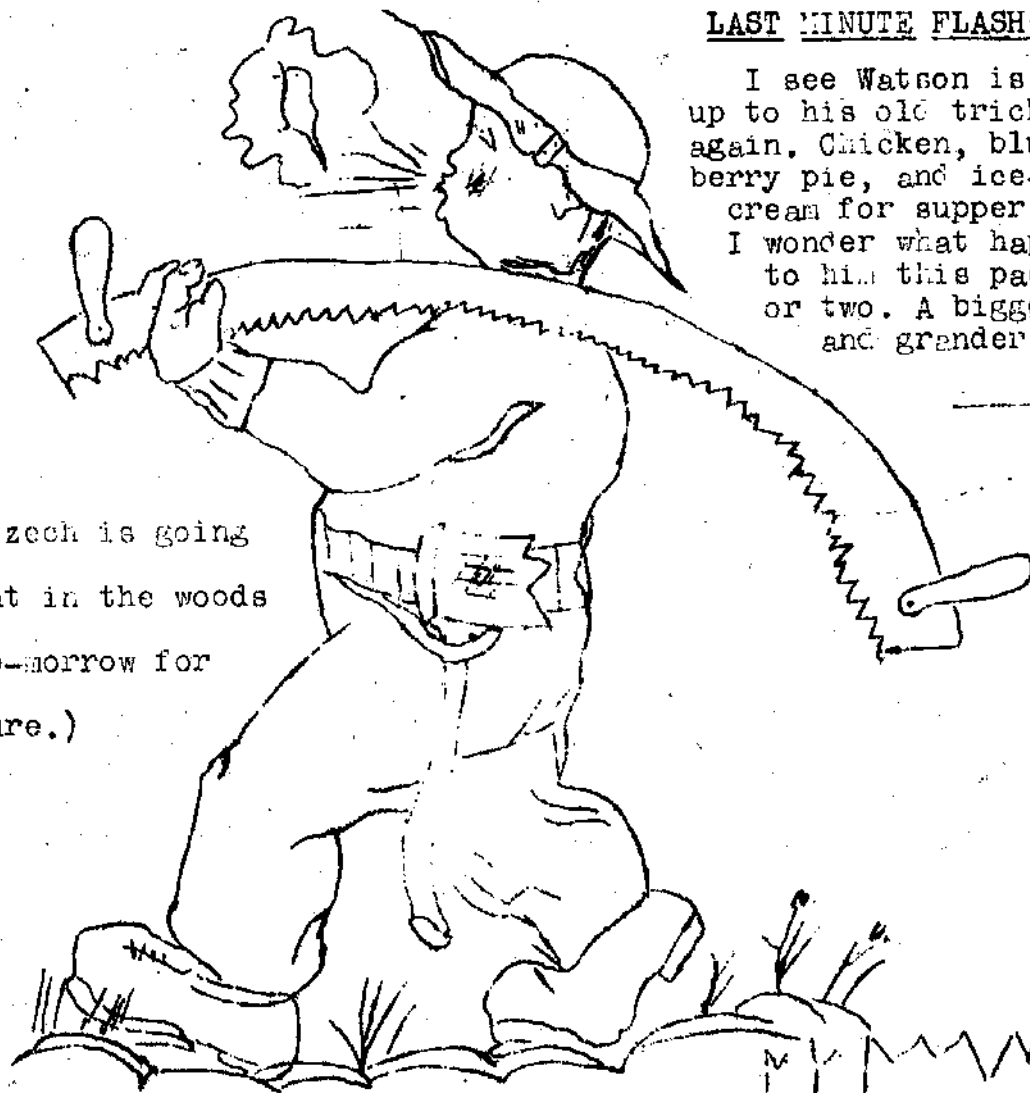


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LAST MINUTE FLASH:

I see Watson is up to his old tricks again. Chicken, blueberry pie, and ice-cream for supper. I wonder what happened to him this past week or two. A bigger, better, and grander 860.

(Czech is going out in the woods to-morrow for sure.)



(Garrow is taken for a ride in the girl friend's green kid-dy car.)



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