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## CAMP TO HAVE NEW MESS HALL

### Safety Bulletin

Memorandum For Press-Nov. 23, 1934

Robert Fechner, Director of Emergency Conservation Work, today announced that State game and conservation officials in all the States are cooperating with Civilian Conservation Corps authorities in the protection of CCC enrollees during the hunting season. In most States hunters have been urged not to hunt in the vicinity of CCC camps or near projects where CCC men are working. A copy of a recent letter written by the Director to State game wardens and conservation commissions follows in part:

"Your splendid response to my request last year to help reduce the hazards of men in Emergency Conservation Work engaged on work projects in your State prompts me to again solicit your aid this season. This suggestion has especial pertinency.

"I request that all hunters shall refrain from hunting within rifle range of any work project in your State and that, so far as may be appropriate and consistent with your power to act suggestively or by force of legal action, you authorize such regulations as may be necessary."

### Camp Mercer to have High-class Cafe

Bids were opened at two o'clock Monday, November 26, for the building of a new mess hall.

This mess hall will be built on the new design, 120 feet long and 20 feet wide with a kitchen (42 x 42) placed in the center of one side. This building should furnish ample seating capacity for our company strength. Our Mess Sergeant, Mr. Watson, and his K.P. force will be most appreciative of the new kitchen. With the addition of this mess hall, we feel that Camp Mercer will be second to none.

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### New Assembly Walks

New assembly walks have recently been constructed out of cinders, that were donated to this Company by the Northwestern Railroad Company.

The walks were built 10 feet wide and approximately 200 feet long. An extended area was cindered at one end of this walk for a parking area for cars. As you may agree cinders make a very fine

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### Fish Rescue Work

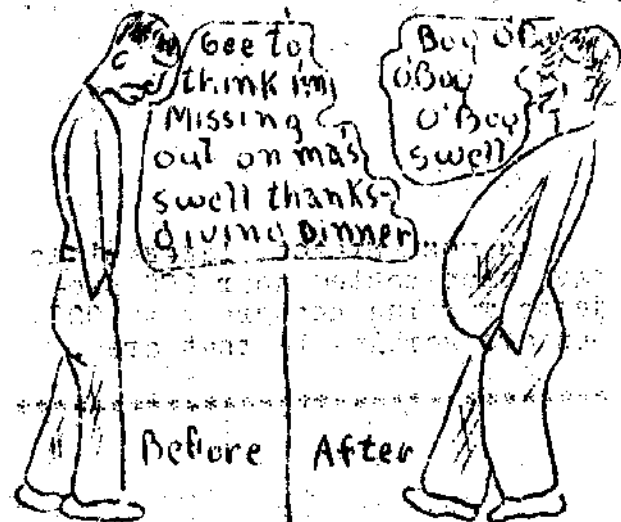
A new movement in conservation was introduced to us several months ago, namely; the improvement of lakes. This movement introduced by Mr. Seth Gordon consists of the creation of artificial fish shelters and spawning beds in the surrounding lakes. The idea is to keep the game fish from becoming extinct in our Northern waters.

The shelters, Mr. Gordon explained, will also act as food factories in that they produce large amounts of minute plant and animal life, which will mean much more nourishment for the fish, that seek its shelter.

These brush shelters are woven on racks, which are made of poplar poles. The dimensions of the racks are 20'x6'. Brush is placed in layers of one foot each. The first layer is placed lengthwise and the rest alternate crosswise and lengthwise until it is built up to six layers. A pole is then placed on the top and the pile pressed down to four feet in height. The pole is wired down to keep the pile tight. These piles are weighted down and sunk in water deep enough to allow a three foot clearance from the top of the pile to the surface of the water.

There is a more simple form of shelter being made. This consists of a bundle of poles wired together. (Continued on page 3)

"Dinner on t hanks etc"



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### Turkey--and More Turkey! !

Approximately 55,000 turkeys will be served on Thanksgiving Day to the 350,000 members of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the camp administrative and supervisory staffs, it was announced to-day at the office of Robert Fechner, Director of Emergency Conservation Work. The average weight of the turkeys will be approximately twelve pounds. Where possible turkeys will be purchased in the vicinity of the CCC camps.

Estimates prepared by the Quartermaster General's Office of the War Department indicate that a total of 658,000 pounds of turkey will be required for the CCC Thanksgiving dinners. Special holiday menus are being prepared at each camp.

Director Fechner has announced that holiday leave will be granted those who wish to leave the camps. It is anticipated, however, that the greater part of the CCC men will celebrate their holiday in the camp.

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Ranger News  
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Papke, Rahmlow, Heiden

Hunting season and bad weather has kept the boys from working on the regular Forestry Projects; but next week we hope to start on our new Projects for the winter months.

William Summers has returned from his vacation spent mostly in Madison and nearby vicinity, here he enjoyed the Wisconsin and Ill. football game and something else, which he has kept secret. He has kept this in the dark, but we hear it is light.--Blondes.

Herbert Rahmlow, the Ranger Nimrod of Camp Mercer is running a close race with Lt. Doring, former officer of this Camp, on hunting deer.

Doring got a 15 point buck deer near Winchester and left with that much ahead.

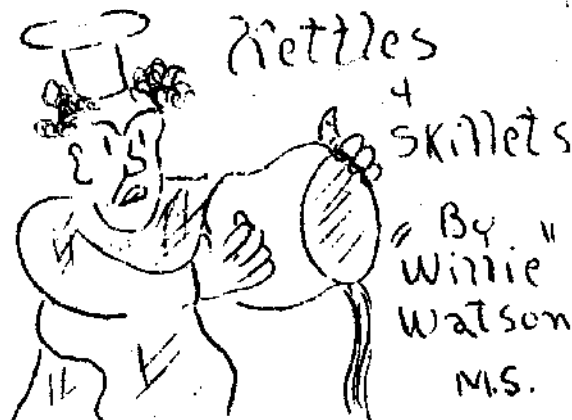
On the other hand, Rahmlow had a much better time. Sighting his deer about a quarter of a mile or further away, it happened that the deer was standing still and was much too easy a target for Rahmlow. So firing several shots in the air to frighten the deer, he then shouldered his gun and aimed for some little spot on the forehead in between the eyes; but lo and behold after coming to the fallen deer, he found his bullet had come about a quarter of an inch away from the intended mark. My but wasn't he disgusted and he had the nerve to blame it on the rifle.

One-shot Westedt got his deer, but it was an easy shot according to Rahmlow because the distance was less than a quarter of a mile. Westedt said he had to economize after betting too heavy on Wisconsin in their game with Minnesota.

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Camp Mercer wishes to take this opportunity to welcome H.J. Wuebbena, our new District Chaplain. The Chaplain will pay his first visit here, Dec. 5.

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To the students of my Baby Talking Class:

We regret to say that the class has lost one of its most brilliant pupils, when he had to go home to his Ma-a-a-a.

Now we have several more candidates. One of the outstanding is Czech, our supply sergeant. I'm sure several will graduate at Christmas, but our class will continue until Spring. We also have several pupils, whose mental capacities are somewhat deficient.

Now children, be good while Daddy goes 'home'. For the good ones, I'll bring candy and popcorn balls.

The assignment for next week is: I love my Ma-a-a-a! !

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#### New Washing Machine

Last week, Camp Mercer, received a new Westinghouse washing machine. This machine was secured through the Canteen Fund.

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#### Entrance Lights

Lights were placed at the entrance into the Camp. This will safeguard against any accidents.

This Great Slaughter of Game

The open season on deer for 1934 will soon be over and it would require the imagination of a great fiction writer to picture the terrible destruction. I spent Sunday afternoon looking for a buck and traveled several miles to find one. What I saw was unbelievable. Hunters by the score, stray bullets singing around one's ears, many dead and wounded deer, blood trails with no one on them. The conditions, one at a glance saw, was disgusting to say the least.

It is most evident that when one finds a bloody deer track with no evidence of a hunter following, that the man who did the shooting knew it was an illegal deer. I saw many of them. I have spent many hunting seasons in this north country of ours, but have never seen the woods over run with an army of deer hunters, that so entirely ignored the laws intended, to some extent, to preserve the sport of hunting deer for years to come.

I believe laws intended to accomplish this purpose are as useless as so much chaff and unless something more effective than our present game laws are put into effect, our deer will go the way of our forests and there will be nothing left but a sad memory of what might have been.

As I write this for Camp Paper, I naturally go back over the many years that stretch between now and my boyhood days. I can see things as they were then: game and deer, everywhere. I remember that the early settlers never wasted wild game nor hunted them for the sport of killing. There were no game laws, but game was hunted as a means of getting food. During the warm weather a deer was divided among the neighbors and all of it made use of in some way. In the fall many laid in a stock of wild meat for the winter months and to kill a deer before June was considered a poor bit. But how much things have changed can be hardly be understood unless one has the actual experiences that I had last Sunday.

There is no question in my mind that unless something more effective than anything we have at the present time is put into effect, our deer are doomed to entire extinction in a very few years. If the hunters, that come here would obey our present laws designated to protect the does and fawns it would help. I have often heard a hunter say, after killing a doe, or fawn, "I sure thought it was a buck." I think in 75% of the cases he is a liar. He shot because he couldn't resist and didn't care a hoot.

I will venture to say that within a circle, two miles in diameter on the west side of Iron County there are 25 dead does and fawns and many more wounded. This great slaughter of our fast disappearing wild game will soon lead to their extinction.

Vern Nasun

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### Heard About The Camp

Bugler McLaughlin lost his bugle mouthpiece last Saturday night. Too bad he couldn't have lost it on Monday morning before awakening us. What a catastrophe!

New clothing was received last week for those, who were in need of them due to being worn out, lost, or otherwise.

Honorable discharges were granted to Forrest 'Pat' Patrow and Stanley Matulewic. 'Pat' left Camp Nov. 14, while Stanley left Nov. 20. Matulewic has accepted a position in Chicago. Good luck, fellows.

The subject: What is Love? has been a topic of great discussion through out the Camp. We think we've found the answer. We believe it is walking 7½ miles thru a blinding blizzard. How about it Fisk?

Idealist Bill Rozner says the ideal wife is one, who will do the work and keep fire, while he sits and smokes his so called pipe. We might suggest that Bill settle on the Odanah Reservation after he is discharged.

Rozner: Edison claims he spoke to the dead.

Teacher: So do I, every day in class, but there's no response.

Mike McCarthy has accepted the position of night fireman and watchman in the Reading Room. He is on duty from right after supper until about 11:00.

### Side Camps Move in to Main Camp

The occupants of the two side camps connected with Camp Mercer moved into the Main Camp last week. The Ox-bow Camp moved in Nov. 20. Nineteen men came in with this group. The Springstead Camp moved in Nov. 22. Nineteen also came in with this group. The men of the side camps were distributed among the other barracks. The barracks at the present time are filled to capacity.

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### Church Services

Church services are being held regularly every Thursday evening in the Camp Recreation Hall by Protestant ministers from Ironwood and the nearby vicinity. Father Paul of Hurley holds a service every other Friday night. After the service, Confession is held in the Adviser's Office.

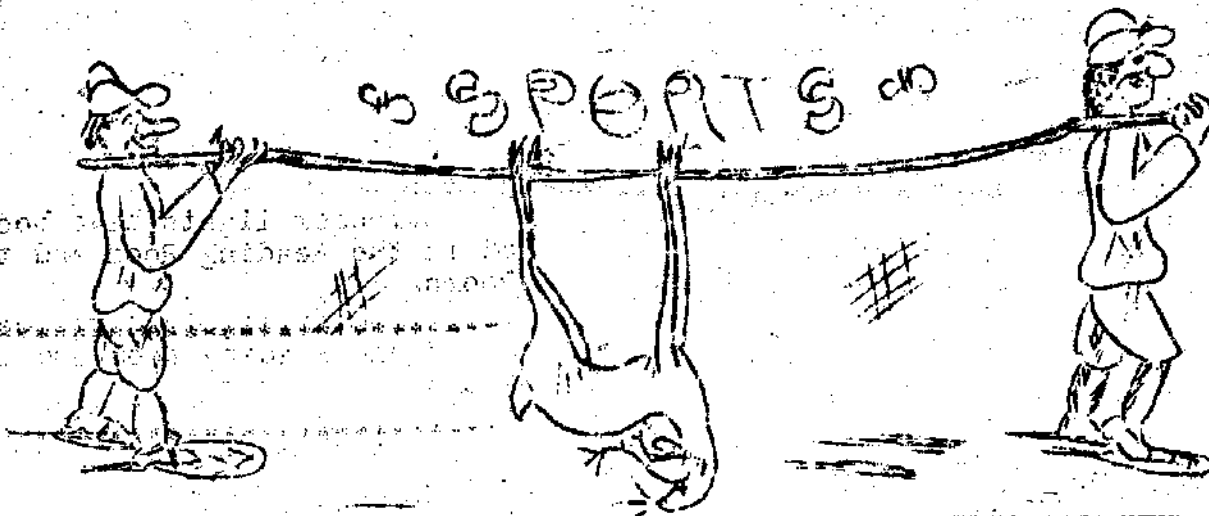
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### Renovations

Last week the Camp Library was completely remodeled by VanRens, the Adviser, and his Asst. under the able supervision of Major Roberts. A good deal more room space has been secured through these revisions. The baseball equipment was placed away for the winter, while the rest of the athletic equipment was arranged so that it would be in the most convenient spot to get at.

A blackboard was erected in the Library also. This black-board will make it easier to hold classes in the Library whenever the occasion should arise. The alterations certainly have had a big effect on the general appearance of the Library.

The class rooms also have undergone noticeable changes. There is more writing space on the new tables which were constructed from the old ones. These tables were made through the efforts of the Manual Training Class under their instructor, Mr. Warlick.



### Coming Events! !

Hear ye, Hear ye!--All ye champs and would be champs, start practicing your billiards, pool, ping pong, and cribbage. The tournaments season is here and tournaments will be conducted in the above mentioned. They will be under the direction of the Educational Department. Sign up on the sheets posted on the bulletin boards in the reading room and the recreation hall. Come one, come all. Quit telling your friends how good you are, sign up for the tournaments and show them. An award will be made to the winner and runner-up of each tournament.

The first one is billiards. Sign up on the sheets provided on the bulletin boards. Officers, rangers, teachers, and enrollees, let's see you strut your stuff.

A ping pong league will also be sponsored this winter.

Games will be played on Tuesday night, every week. Awards will be given to best individual and the best team. The league will be run in sections of six weeks. It's lots of fun fellows. Leagues are sponsored in all the cities. Sign up now, lots of you, all of you, and we'll explain it to you in detail. Play begins Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 8:00 P.M.

#### Rules For Ping Pong League

1. Each team has 5 players.
2. " " elects a captain.
3. " member of each team plays a series of 5 games each week.

4. Matches start as scheduled at 8:00 P.M.

5. Non-league players must give up tables, balls and bats to league players.

6. The team winning the most games will be given the team award.

7. The individual winning the greatest number of series will be given an award.

8. One man from each team will act as umpire and scorer.

9. Captains must report the scores to Mr. Weirauch not later than the Tuesday following the match.

10. Each man in the league will make a donation for prize money.

11. Each team may select one substitute to use in case one of the regular members is absent.

12. Play must begin within 15 minutes of scheduled time or the match is forfeited by the team causing the delay.

13. Any matter of discussion will be taken up at a meeting of the team captains and Mr. Weirauch.

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#### New Washing Machine

A new Westinghouse washing machine was secured last week. This was secured through P.K. funds.

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#### New Entrance Light

One entrance light was placed on either side of the drive way a short time ago. If they help to guide a weary or lost traveler they will serve their purpose. They will look imposing after dark.

## Infirmary Infections

It seems as though the Major is never satisfied; he is having The First-aid men, Ambulance driver, a truck driver, and Campbell, the handy man, working in the Recreation Hall making an effort to cure an ailing ping-pong table and provide other things for our entertainment. He hopes that the men will appreciate this service.

"Quotation"—Doc., "Imagine a full-grown Major doing carpentry work?"

RADIOGRAM----; All CCC's working on projects watch your health! There are too many accidents lately due to carelessness!

PNEUMONIA IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM A SIMPLE ORDINARY COLD. IF YOU'RE CAREFUL YOU MAY NOT GET IT.

Don't forget we have plenty of cough syrup for those beginning to whoop.

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## Fish Rescue Work (con)

The artificial beds consist of a number of boxes 3'2'1", made of poplar poles split and fitted tightly. These boxes are filled about two thirds full of gravel and sunk in shallow water. These spawning boxes are placed only in lakes, which have a sandy bottom, as gravel is necessary for spawning.

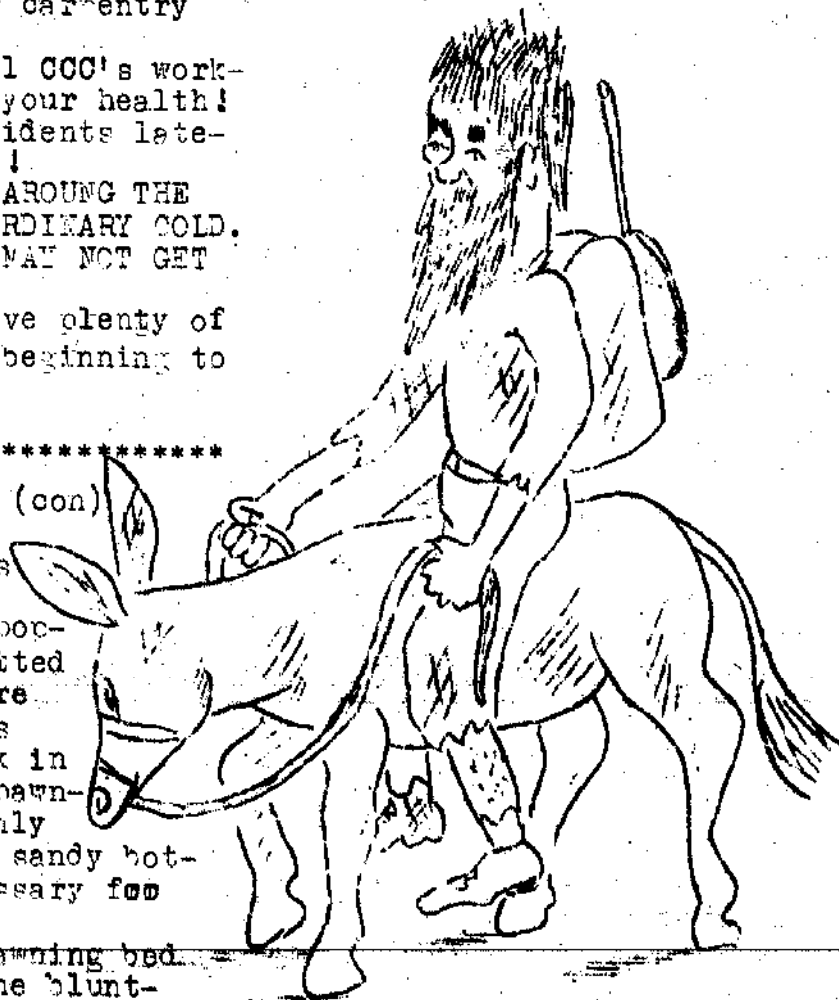
Another form of spawning bed being made is called the blunt-nosed minnow rack. This rack is made of split poplar poles fastened together in the shape of a six point star. This rack is sunk in about three feet of water with the flat surface down to form a shel-

ter for the eggs, which are deposited on the flat surface.

Lakeshore property owners seem to take kindly to this new procedure and have permitted work to be done on their property. We would like to see them profit by it and sincerely hope that this branch of conservation will prove to be a great success. So far eight lakes in the vicinity of Camp Mercer have been worked on by the men of this Camp, who are working on this crew.

## Pat Thomas' Crew

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the side camp comes in

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