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CGC's Rescue Three Fishermen

Five CGC Men Out in Fire Boat

Earl Fessenbecker, Norman Pripps, Ed. Remes, Dumont Cretton, and Dick Disping answered a fire call Saturday afternoon. After trying unsuccessfully to reach it from two sides, they had to resort to a boat.

They fought fire until about 7 o'clock before they started back to camp. On the way home they encountered a strong wind with no mean velocity. As they shut off the motor to drift to shore they heard a cry for help. Starting the motor they cruised out to the middle of the lake, where they found three men hanging to a capsized boat. The men were taken to their cotage near the dam and the CGC's spent the night administering first aid as two of the men were suffering from the cramps.

Much fishing tackle and a half dozen expensive rods were lost, but the men were lucky our CGC boys heard their call for help.

Earl Fessenbecker

Camp To Have New Mess Hall

Camp Mercer is to have a new mess hall. Reports have been received, that we are to have a new mess hall in the very near future. This will be a fine thing for the old has served its purpose. This will not only add to the appearance of our Camp, but will be easier to keep clean--hence more sanitary.

New Benches For Recreation Hall

Under the supervision of Lt. Johansen new benches are being built by the camp carpenters for the recreation hall. This will greatly

facilitate the seating problem, when the men begin to congregate there during inclement weather. They look solid enough to withstand many hard knocks.

Fire Razes Bathhouse

Friday evening, August 17, during mess hour a fire broke out in the roof of the bathhouse. A signal was given and in less than two minutes the whole company was lending a hand to extinguish the blaze. Buckets, axes, and fire extinguishers were soon put to use, and the experienced fire fighters of Co. 680 soon had the blaze under control.

New "Rocks" Arrive

Twenty-six new "rocks" arrived Saturday morning directly from Fort Sheridan. Due to the fact, that the company is already overcrowded, they are temporarily quartered in the recreation hall. The company again exceeds its normal strength. Perhaps some men will soon be leaving. We are glad to welcome these men to the Camp's athletics, recreational and school life of our Camp.

Cinder Walks Being Built

Cinder walks are now being built throughout the camp. Everyone in the company will appreciate these walks especially after they are all dressed up to step out. The deep sand always had a ruinous effect upon highly polished shoes. Perhaps our visitors will also appreciate this wonderful improvement.

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Twenty-six New "Rookies"
Arrive in Camp

We arrived in Manitowish Saturday morning August 18 about seven o'clock after a fourteen hour train ride. Our expectations were not very rosy, but after we got a glimpse of the town we were ready to believe the worst.

After meeting Capt. Henry, our Commanding Officer, we were loaded into trucks and brought to the Camp. Here we met with a little jostling as all "rookies" will meet. We took it with a grin and let them have their fun as we knew it would not last long. We were threatened with being thrown in the river, but we are still waiting and ready to take it the same as the others.

After the fourteen hours on the train most anything would have been accepted to satisfy our empty stomachs. The meal, that we sat down to was far beyond our expectations. The well filled table was quickly cleared with a gusto. We loosened our belts and slowly staggered away.

The day quickly passed with some of us peeling potatoes; others scrubbing floors etc. Sunday afternoon we got our first taste of fire-fighting and we came to the conclusion that it wasn't all peaches and cream.

The camp as a whole is the cleanest and the best one could find anywhere. We have excess to sport equipment of all kinds, to a well supplied canteen and a very good reading room. The officers and the foreman have also been very thoughtful of us. The grub certainly is far beyond our expectations.

Ask the "rookies" what they think of Camp Mercer. As a group they will say "wonderful".

The New "Rookies"

Rules and Regulations Relative
To Transportation

In order to continue our work in the prevention of accidents to the members of the Emergency Conservation Work, the following rules must be observed:

1. All motor vehicle drivers and especially those transporting persons must strictly observe all State and local traffic regulations including the coming to a full stop at all "Stop Signs".

2. Vehicles transporting persons should travel 25 miles per hour and must at no time exceed 30 miles per hour.

3. All motor vehicles must be brought to a full stop before crossing railroad tracks whether required by local regulations or not and shall then proceed only if the way is clear.

4. Overloading of trucks transporting members of the Emergency Conservation Corps must not be tolerated.

5. Riding on fenders, bumpers, running boards, and cab-tops, must not be permitted.

6. Standing up in moving trucks must be discouraged and where possible, prohibited.

7. No one must be allowed to jump on or off any vehicle, while it is in motion.

8. Any unsafe condition must be reported at once to the immediate supervisor.

9. No member shall be permitted to ride on trucks and vehicles without specific instructions or authorization.

Robert Fechner,
Director

Preacher Preferred Cash

The knot was tied; the pair were wed,
And then the smiling bridegroom said
Unto the preacher, "Shall I pay
To you the usual fee to-day,
Or would you have me wait a year
And give you then a hundred clear,
If I should find the marriage state
As happy as I estimate?"
The preacher lost no time in thought,
To his reply no study brought,
There were no wrinkles on his brow;
Said he, "I'll take \$3.00 now."

The Humorous Speaker

Heard About Camp

Where does Jack McCarthy and Bill Leun go every night? Must be something interesting.

Who is Jack's latest girl friend? Ask Buck.

A good pug is wanted to satisfy all "rooks", who get hostile.

We are wondering, who takes a four mile hike and a five mile row every nite.

The latest slogan by this party is--Don't forget the marshmallows!

We understand the Major had to call upon one army truck and two state trucks to haul back his big catch at Turtle Lake. We wish him better luck next time?

What would the citizens of Mercer do if they didn't see Patron every night?

What would the amateurish ping pong set do if they didn't have Dr. Roberts for fish?

Don't anybody tell Bill, that there is shells under the garbage rack.

A slight but noticeable revision of one of Benjamin Franklin's notable proverbs;

Early to bed and early to rise
Makes us CCC's darned tired,
(While fighting fire)

Why does "Tarz" Schroeder always leave his souvenirs lying about after the night before? He acts quite innocent about the whole affair.

"Pinky" Kollert has left us for the present to work out at the Ox-bow Side Camp. He certainly was the greatest long distance walker in Camp. More miles to your "seven league boots", "Pinky!"

Barrack 5 has the distinction of having the biggest eater in Camp. How about it Nathan?

Herb's hoping that Stanley Zima will not get anymore ingrown boils.

Wilfred Least, as certainly must have a very powerful influence over the back hole. That probably so- counts for his wanting to go home every week-end.

Twenty Six
New "Rooks" Arrived In Camp Sat-
urday, August 18

Name	Home Town
Carl Arnold	Ladysmith, Wis.
Richard Davis	" " "
Russell Davis	" " S.
Walter Dykas	Stevens Point, Wis.
Philip Gokey	Ladysmith, Wis.
Norman Gullikson	Nelsonville, Wis.
John Roberts	Arena, Wis.
Virgil Roberts	Linden, Wis.
William Robinson	Mineral Point, Wis.
Stanley Roohon	Marshfield, Wis.
James Roohon	Wis. Rapids, Wis.
James Rundle	Dodgeville, Wis.
Spencer Rundle	" " "
Clifford Seibert	Mineral Point, Wis.
George Smith	Dodgeville, Wis.
Roy Smith	" " "
William Smith	Arena, Wis.
Gordon Sturdevant	Lone Rock, Wis.
Talvick Valstad	Barnesvald, Wis.
Clayton Wallace	Hollandale, Wis.
Forrest Williams	Montfort, Wis.
Joseph Williams	Highland, Wis.
Hilo Williams	Dodgeville, Wis.
Russell Williams	Highland, Wis.
Harold Ramsey	Mineral Point, Wis.
Lloyd Richardson	Dodgeville, Wis.

"Rooks", you are welcomed to your new home with open arms.



From the old family album.

Major Roberts at two years of age

"I came, I saw I conquered".

This picture proves conclusively that the Major started out to do life's battles at an early age.

In fact he took on all comers at two years of age.

In his profession there is much need for that same pugnacious instinct in battling for the lives of others.

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Kettles and Skillets

The mess hall crew welcomes the new arrivals of August 13th.

We wish to impress on their minds that no greater honor of the whole CCC organization can be bestowed to any young man than to become a member of the grand and glorious CCC.

It's too bad that they are not full-fledged members of 680. They will have to be initiated as soon as the weather gets warmer.

I wanted to initiate them on the day of their arrival by giving them their breakfast, throwing them into the beautiful Manitowish and then have the trucks take them out to the "Western Front", where the forest fire is raging high. Then surely they will have become bigger and greater men.

I wish to apologize to our head K.P., White, in that he did not win a home in Rhineland. It was all my imagination or a pipe dream. But we know he is love sick over his girl in Ironwood.

Our assistant cook, Chevalier, is leaving Friday night to visit and old school-ship friend.

"Bill" Watson

Infirmity Infections

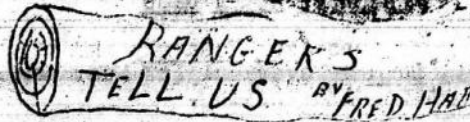
The dispensary force and the District Ambulance driver are busy with alterations in the Dispensary. The boss carpenter, "Red" Campbell, is working at night to accommodate the F.A.D.

Moderinistic designs are adhered to closely and still maintain convenience and efficiency.

The camp ensemble are invited, whenever they become ill to visit us at our rejuvenated and renovated emporium.

We still have plenty of salts, CC's and castor oil!!

Avery



Most of the time the past two weeks was spent in fighting fires. More than 36,000 man hours were spent on the Powell Marsh alone. All the men doing good work and putting in long hours.

We have completed the Program on Tower Construction; having erected four towers out of this camp.

Mr. Heiden and Ed. King have been promoted to the Supervisory force and are welcomed by the Rangers.

This gives two more ratings as Leaders. Take notice "rookies" and may the best men win.

Welcome news to the fire-fighters. The time has now come for fall tree planting. Our goal of 500 acres will mean the planting of about 1,000,000 trees, and will require the work of 100 men for about six weeks.

Ranger King and Crew at Ox-bow are doing fine work at roadside clearing.

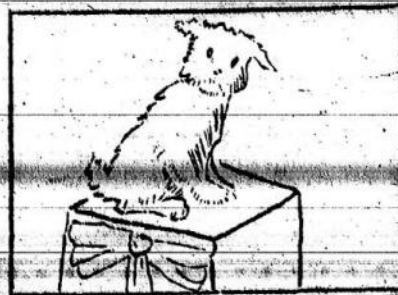
Some of the boys at Pine Grove Side Camp had a narrow escape from crowning out on the Flambeau Flowage. They not only saved themselves but three tourists, who's boat had capsized during the storm Saturday.

The Rangers had all plans made to celebrate Paul Westedt's birthday last Thursday evening--but instead put in a few extra hours on fire-fighting--but in the future we wish you better luck, Paul.

Fred Haag

A CAMP MASCOT

NIP-A-BLUE RIBBON DOG



SPORTS

New Athletic Equipment Received

The new athletic equipment received by the Adviser consisted of: one new catchers mitt, three bats, one basket ball, and two volley balls.

The base ball equipment was especially needed as our supply of bats and catchers mitts was very low.

Basket Ball Court Being Built

Backboards and baskets are now being constructed for a new basket-ball court. With the arrival of a new ball, we will be all set to go in a few days.

Fire Fighting

Fire-fighting in the last two weeks has severely handicapped all forms of athletics. Baseball, football, volleyball, and indoor have all been curtailed during the time being.

The men are too tired and get in too late to do any practising in these sports.

Mess these days is rarely served before dark.

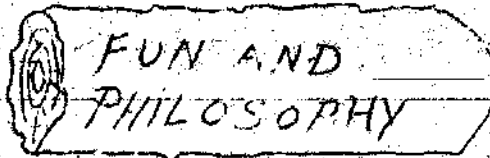
However we hear the fire will soon be whipped and the men will be back on their regular schedule.

Kittenball Challenge

Our kittenball challenge of taking on any team anywhere at any-time is still good. We are still undefeated.

The Solution to Last Issue's Puzzle

The capacity of the jug must have been a little less than three gallons. To be more exact, it was 2.93 gallons.



Somebody.

Somebody did a golden deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody thought, 'Tis sweet to

live";
Somebody said "I'm glad to give;
Somebody fought a valiant fight;
Somebody lived to shield the right;
Was that "Somebody" you?

---T.H.

First Class Scout: "What is a detour?"

Tenderfoot: "A detour is the roughest distance between two points."

Peter: "How do you know there's been a picnic here?"

Fred: "I see by the papers."

MY FEET

My feet they haul me around the camp,
They navigate me across the lakes;
I only have to steer them and
They ride by everywhere.
"Jack"

Famous "Words"

"Where is Block?" " See Block "

" Are there going to be any passes this week-end ?"

About this time of the month "Anybody got half a dollar ?"

The Bi-weekly Puzzler

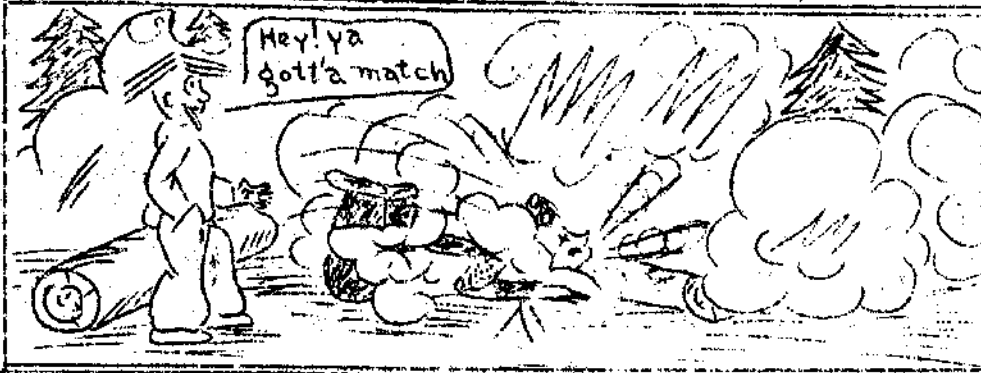
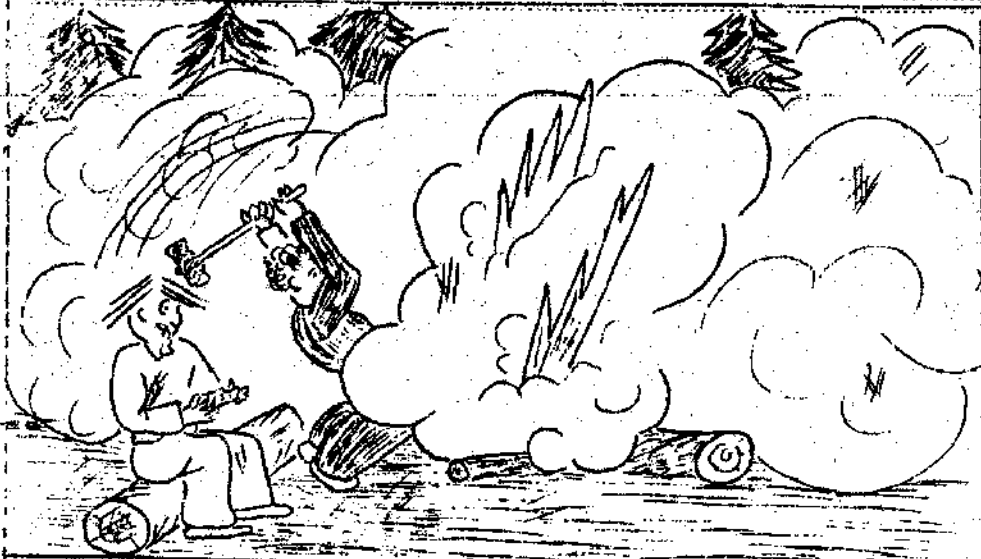
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Path Builders

Two Swans Fighting in the Snow

Color Your

Snap um Shots

It gives them a
turgescient air

