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VAST TREE PLANTING PROJECT FOR CCC'S

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Men Get Remainder of Winter Clothing.

The men of Camp Mercer received the remainder of their winter's issue of clothing. Those men, who got all of the clothing which was issued about two weeks ago only got another suit of underwear and mittens with liners. While those who got clothing too small, too large, or too badly worn, received better garments to drape their physiques.

We should be able to stay warm now.

Veterans Leave Camp Mercer

The following thirteen Veterans left old 660 Thursday Sept. 20, to resume their respective duties at Camp Globe Co. 2618, Fairchild, Wisconsin:

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| John S. Novak | Roy E. Olsen |
| Peter Massogolio | Norbert Arens |
| Morris Legacy | Willard E. Roe |
| Radomir Kovacevich | Lyle Peterson |
| Edwar Hockstein | Harvey Doughty |
| Elmer P. Endres | Ray Kiesner |
| Norbert Arens | |

The best of luck, fellows.

New School Program.

The fall and winter classes, with many classes added to a revised program, are rapidly getting under way. Get out your notebooks and pencils, and prepare for those dry lectures. Also the old familiar, "Now for next time read, etc." "Class is dismissed"

Little do the most of us appreciate those class sessions that we have so painfully sat through or even slept through, until there are no more classes to attend.

You can profitably enroll in some class now. Dont delay.

The tree planting detail is progressing at a rapid pace. The men are getting accustomed to the work and are becoming more experienced in the fine art of planting the trees. I say it should be treated more of a fine art than it is by most of the fellows, because the utmost care must be taken in the planting of these small saplings.

The trees are planted four feet apart on land that has been thinned of timber and the wood hauled to camp by the trucks.

In the process of planting, grub-hoes (and spuds) are used in preparing the holes for the plants. Each hole digger is followed by a planter. The digger 'scalps' off about a square foot of sod and makes a hole from six to ten inches depending on the size of the trees being carried by the planter. The planters insert the plants to a depth so the base of needles are even with the top of the soil. The plant is then packed firm in the soil by the foot. The roots of the trees are kept moist by keeping water in the pails in which they are carried.

The men are divided into crews being followed by a man, who checks the work.

There are five varieties of evergreen being planted: Northern Spruce, Blue Spruce, White Pine, Norway Pine, and Jack Pine.

Up to date there has been approximately 350,000 trees planted.

Dietrick

Attention - Full Dress.

The new orders for us are that we have to appear for the evening meal formally dressed in our GGO, issue of clothing, including leggins and necktie.

When attired in full dress uniforms the men of 660 certainly presents a formidable appearance.

Our Approaching Suburbs.

September has arrived, and judging from what the old settlers say the fire season should be about over for this year - 1934. But there is always the chance that even the old philosophers might be mistaken. At any rate we should at least have passed the season of the big destructive Boys, that cause so much labor and expense to keep under control.

It has been my privilege to travel and look over hundreds of thousands of acres of the so-called "burnings" or burned over land. Lands that have been denuded almost completely of every living thing, even to the seeds, which might be in the path of the destructive flames. The sight of the visitation of this all-consuming force upon our greatest natural resource, our forests, is always sickening and disheartening.

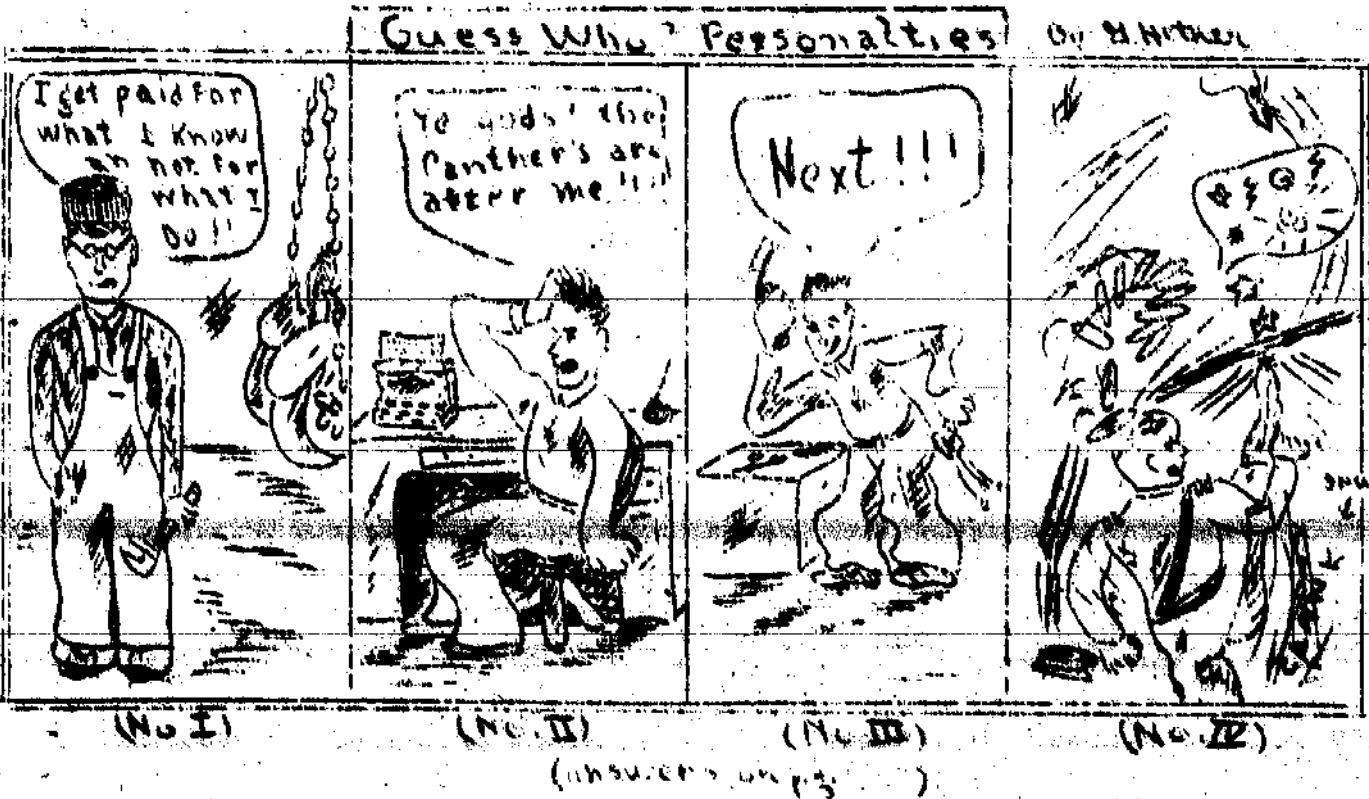
One might wonder why this condition was allowed to come about, and why our people of previous generations thoughtlessly failed to pass laws compelling the loggers of earlier days to pile the brush and burn it under authorized directions. If this had been done we who are living in 1934 would be looking at beautiful timbered areas instead of the bleakness of the "burnings".

Our terrible expense of reforesting would be avoided; as well as the tedious wait for seeds to sprout and be brought to ages suitable for planting. Then the almost endless years until maturity.

But looking this matter over fairly can we justly blame our fore-fathers for our present condition? Not many years ago our timber producing states were almost solid timber; reaching the very suburbs of our towns and small cities. These forests were too vast to ever suspect their depletion in a few short years, and no one seemed to visualize the bleak desolation that is rapidly becoming our suburbs in 1934. No we can no more justly blame them for devastation our forests than we can blame them for not having radios, automobiles, gasoline engines, or other modern inventions.

Quoting from some ancient philosopher, "What cannot be cured must be endured! We see a world of truth in these words. The CCC camps are endeavoring to cure this condition, so future generations will not have to endure them. At present under the direction of Supt. Haag and his assistants in this reclamation undertaking, we are planting thousands of Spruce, Norway, and white pine. Someday in the years to come we hope someone will enjoy the fruits of this tremendous undertaking, and say in all sincerity, "Well done my faithful ancestors. Enter thou into the joys of the Lord, thy God, and partake of the pleasures thereof".

By Vern Nason.



THE RANGERS TELL US

Our long waited for rain came and sure was a Blessed Event for both Rangers and the Boys. The Fire Season is about over and we hope we shall have no more fires this year.

We have started on our regular routine, which at the present is, planting trees and getting our winter supply of wood.

Our tree planting project shall take several weeks to finish. This project calls for one million trees to be planted this Fall. These trees are Spruce, Norway, White, and Jack all of the pine Family. Trees of the Pine Family are the only valuable species of trees, that are adapted to the elements of these parts.

Camp Fuel is the other project being worked on at the present time. This project is one of the necessities of Camp Life, which all the Old Vets will vouch for. This project is kept going all winter, though the crew shall be smaller than at the present time. When the boys are unoccupied on Saturday's they can be kept busy sawing wood. Which we suppose they will do with the greatest of animosity.

Fred Haag

Bill Summers prefers Blondes!
For why Bill, for why?

Capt. Henry Lectures to the New Rookies.

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations or in articulating superficial sentimentalities and philobosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversation possess clarified conciseness, compacted comprehensiveness coalescent consistency and cocatinated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations, flatulent garrulity belune babblement and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous decantations and unpremediated expatiations have intelligibility without rhodomontade or thraconical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabical profundity, pompous prolixity and ventriloquial verbosity. And above all should couple entendre and prurient jocosity whether obscure or apparent.

Van Rens



Business has been very poor, lately, or would you call it good? Very few injuries have occurred this month and only two cases have been placed in quarters to date. Call it luck; call it 'playing safe', the boys have certainly taken care of themselves as far as the use of the axe is concerned. More than likely it is due to the safety talks being given by the Major, (more credit to him) and more time and experience in handling of working tools.

LeRoy Carrier was sick in quarters last Monday with acute gastritis. He recovered quickly and returned to work the next day.

Major Roberts, Edward Van Rens (D.D. A.D.), Clifford Haynie, and Robert Avery visited two camps in Michigan, including Camp Jumbo, the District Headquarters. At the latter Camp Haynie was given a try-out for the District Clerk's job.

Camp Watersmeet has every possibility of becoming the best camp in the Ninth Forestry District, but it will have to go some to beat old Camp Mercer! Avery



The Laundry Truck (A. Haag)

NONSENSE!

A teacher was cashing his monthly pay-check in the bank. The teller apologized, giving him old bills saying,

"I hope you are not afraid of microbes?"

"Not a bit of it", replied the school teacher. "No microbe could live on my salary."

McGiffin-"What is the extreme penalty for bigamy, Layman?"

Layman-"Two brothers-in-law."

Otto-"Schroeder, do you ever see the sun rise?"

A. Schroeder-"Yes, but I'm in too much of a hurry to get in to pay much attention to it."

Heard About Camp

Anyone wanting some useful hints on how to get a most luxuriant growth of hair should ask 'Sue-male' Frank for he got this. For personal interviews; you may call from 7 to 8 P.M. every Tuesday evening at Frank's Barrack, which is number 5.

Barrack 5 has been wondering why 'Ray' Stroming likes the same kind of weather, which ducks like. Perhaps he is trying to follow in the steps of 'Joe' Penner. You aren't selling ducks too, are you 'Ray'?

The Editor of the Monitor understands that 'Lee' Block is giving out 'four day leaves' for the World's Fair. What next 'Lee'? A month's leave for anyone going on their honeymoon?

It is rumored that King and the Cook up at the Ox-bow Side Camp have each a very strong influence in 'Town'. There must be something to this as we hear, that they go to 'Town' quite often.

'Swede' Lundquist, one of our new rookies has a hard time in Barrack 3. It seems, that he had a much devoted rabbit, that he kept hidden in his trunk. The boys soon found out about it and thereto; stole the said rabbit four times only to have the faithful 'Swede' retrieve it, time and time again. Such love and devotion shown for a little rabbit by 'Swede' shows that there still is kindness and devotion left on earth. If you find the rabbit, which might be any place; in trunks, between blankets, even in your pocket please return it to 'Swede' Lundquist, who no doubt will thank you the Krench way, cheek to cheek.

(Beardsley)

A new cure for A.W.O.L.'s has been formulated by the men of this Camp. Anyone, who goes A.W.O.L. from now on will be immersed in the beautiful and languid Manitowish. It is believed, that the evil complex will be washed off in this manner. The cure was given a thorough demonstration last Tuesday, when Tank returned after his two days over-time siesta. The cure wasn't found lacking and we believe, that Tank will agree to this as soon as he has dried off.

Lt. Oliszewski, formerly of this Camp and now located at Camp Kentucky, paid us a short visit last Sunday. The Lt. was granted a ten day leave of absence and was returning from a visit home.



Thirteen men received their call to another camp yesterday. These men were the Veterans and the pride of Co. 660.

We understand that another man is to be called to fill a responsible position. They always call on 660 for men, real men. We are wondering, who the new lucky recruits will be.

No greater luck can be given to any young man to enroll in the grand and glorious 660.

Sweeping the floor of the Dining Hall, under the supervision of Captain Henry, has stopped the boys from throwing food on the floor. Why didn't I think of it before? Just dumb.

Under the new orders, there will be no throwing of men into the Manitowish River for going A.W.O.L. Instead they will be brought into the Mess Hall to paint, sweep, scrub the floors and shine the stoves. I'll be glad to meet you all.

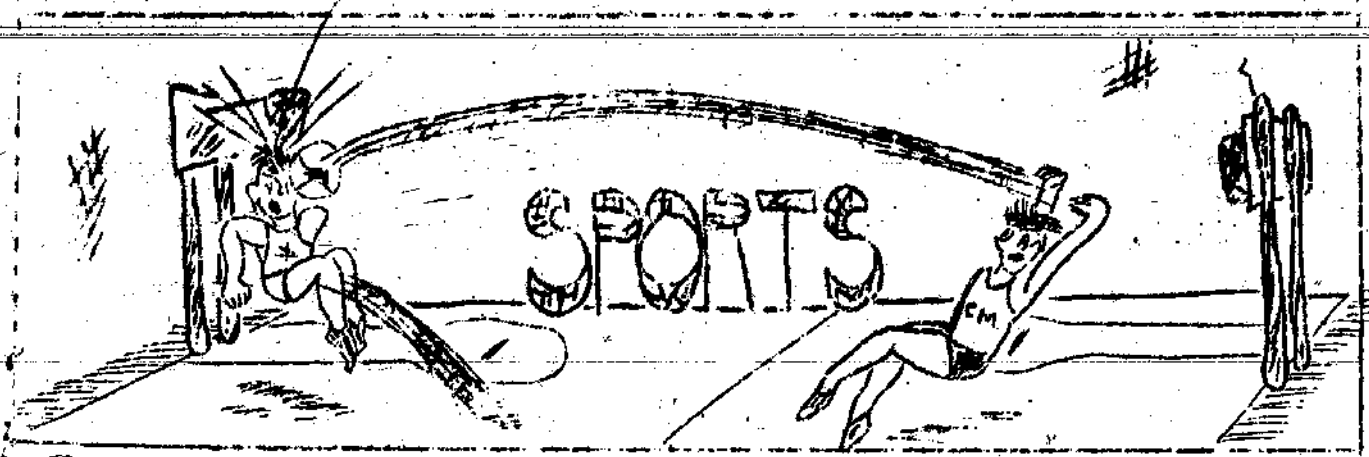
Skeezis, what's this I hear, you in the short sheting business! Watson

Camp Carpenters Making New Ladders

The Camp Carpenters of Co. 660 are constructing some new fire-ladders for the brave 'Fire Laddies' of our Camp. These ladders are being made eight, twelve, and fourteen feet in length. Thirty-three are being made at the present time. These ladders will be much more stronger and will look much more attractive than the old ones. They will in all probability be much safer also. And as always--"Safety First, last, and always.

Now for some more fire-drills??





Boxing Bouts

Speaking of boxing bouts, Camp Mercer has been having several interesting ones the last few days.

The one of greatest interest occurred Friday, September 21, between Alvin 'Tarzan' Schroeder and Frank Kurek. These two gladiators settled some dispute or other, which is cloaked very deeply in mystery. We believe that there is a woman involved though. Ain't love grand?

These contestants had it out hot and heavy for four rounds. At the end of this time they were so fatigued, that they could hardly raise their arms. 'Tarzan' finally gave in thereby Kurek won the decision.

Basketball

The basketball court of the Camp certainly has been busy of late. There always is a bunch of fellows out there trying to regain their sharp-shooter's eye for the coming winter basket-ball season.

Baseball

Baseball has been almost eliminated from the Camp lime-light for this year, by the near presence of the football and basketball season.

Football Practice

Eight football men have made numerous trips to Ironwood with Mr. Kelton to practice with the new range team, the 'Gogebic Panthers'.

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FUN AND PHILOSOPHY

The Chemical Analysis of the Body

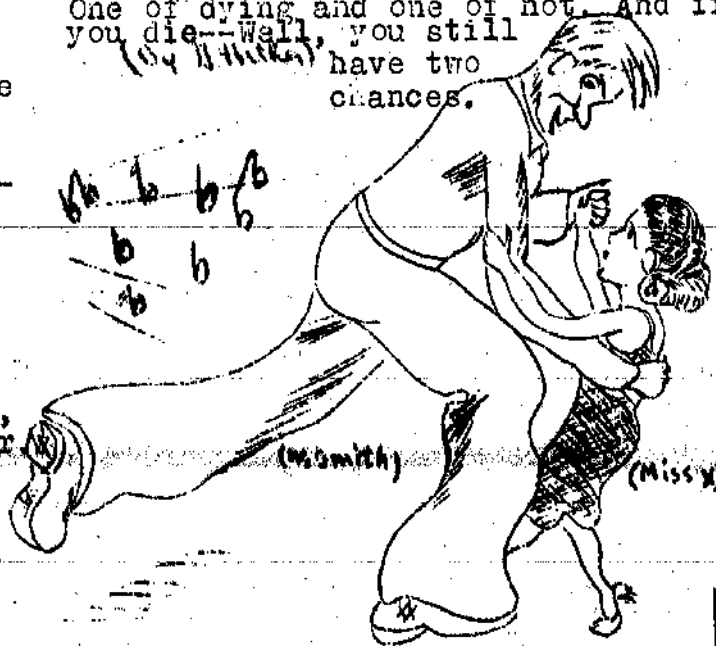
Sulphur, enough to rid a dog of fleas; Lime, enough to whitewash a chicken coop; Fat, enough for six bars of soap; Iron, enough for a six-penny nail; Phosphorus, enough for 20 boxes of matches; Sugar, enough for 10 cups of coffee; Potassium, enough to explode a toy cannon. TOTAL VALUE---87 Cents. THAT'S ALL YOU ARE WORTH.

HINTS TO FOOTBALL FANS

How to enjoy all the thrills of a football game without leaving your own home.

Sit on the front steps in the rain. Hire a Freshman to hit you over the head with a score card and yell, "Team, team, team!" Engage a flapper to drop peanut shells down your back. Bring the hat rack out and let the hats and coats fall on you once in a while. Much a hot dog of Du Pont texture smeared with axle grease. Occasionally hit yourself with an empty pop bottle. Finally walk around the yard as if looking for your car.

Cheer up. You have two chances-- One of getting the germ and one of not. And if you get the germ you have two chances--One of getting the disease and one of not. And if you get the disease you have two chances-- One of dying and one of not. And if you die--Well, you still have two chances.



The big "rook" of July out for a big time



66. THE GGG



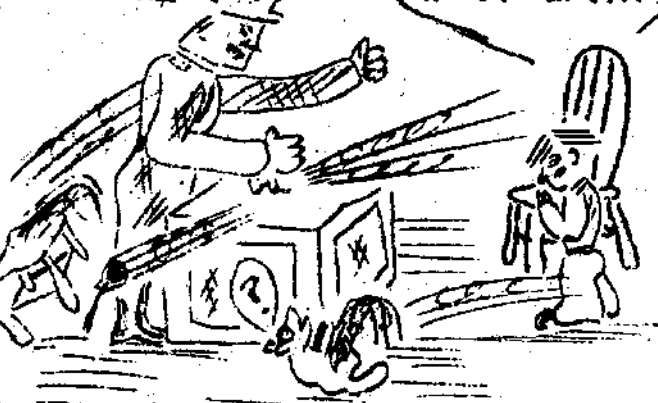
Grrr... what'd ya mean being AWOL? This is the third time--! Grrrrr!

Well... er... a Imran-a- its-er



What's yer excuse this time! Grrrr!

Well its this way mister-a- er Captain a-er-ahem!



Grrr!

You see-a-my grand mother-er-a-had-- kittens-- I mean her kittens had cats-a-a- I mean her grand cats-a- kitten-a-mother-a-er-a-ugh- Hell!!!



Gwan! over an work on the garbage cans

Ye--- Yes sss-iv mister captain

an K! Sunday for you Grrr!



Heh! Heh

Say!! any of you guys that are gettin' any of those pictures of the barracks- have them color-ed-gezz! they will look different- see me in no. 3 Barracks. Just ast the guys in the Barracks im sure they'll show me to you. Hether

Where's yer Tie!! Grrr!!

Huh! Sir! A-MM! UGH ER!!!

