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NEW BARRACK

Camp Mercer's new barrack is a welcome and much needed addition to the Camp Area.

As all new models have new improvements, so the new barrack has advantageous features; such as lower windows, no-draft ventilation, and more room. The new dance pavilion-like floor should be very easy to keep clean.

The new barrack has been promised to the neatest appearing barrack. From the way each barrack is striving to rank first at inspections, the new barrack is certainly a much desired prize.

It is ready for occupancy at the present time.

Discharged Enrollees

The following thirty men left Camp Mercer on Sunday, September 30:

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| Carl Arnold | Vanner Laki |
| Alvin Brault | Edward Mantyla |
| Richard Despins | Jack McCarthy |
| Kendall Casberg | Elson Minor |
| Francis Gaarder | Oscar Petersen |
| Philip Gokey | Harold Renfrey |
| John Gotta | John Roberts |
| Reino Herlevi | James Roach |
| Peane Hicks | Spencer Hundle |
| Sigfred Isaacson | Roy Sitzman |
| Carl Ikert | Alvin Schroeder |
| Frederick Jolly | Clifford Seibert |
| Richard Kamppi | Roland Sievert |
| Wilfred Leastman | Irvin Wiltzius |
| Louis Leoni | Leonard Sullivan |

Good luck fellows, Here's hoping you have success in your future undertakings. Don't forget Camp Mercer. Bon Voyage.

7:00--7:15 EVERY WEDNESDAY EVE.

Greeting, Ladies and Gentlemen from Camp Mercer, CCC.

Through the courtesy of W.J.M.S., the forensic club of Camp Mercer is endeavoring to depict to the radio audience, happenings they have experienced in their work-a-day and social activities.

Camp Mercer is one of over 1700 CCC camps now being operated by the Federal Government. A closer proximity to the activities in this Camp will give you a general idea of work projects, athletic activities, and Educational Programs being carried out in these Camps throughout the Nation.

Last Wednesday our forensic club dramatized several scenes from a regular day's routine of fighting a very hazardous fire, which occurred near our Camp, a few weeks ago.

The cast of characters in this radio skit were as follows:

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| Ed. Wright | Francis Bouche'r | Bugler |
| Lee Block | Bob Eidsaune | |
| Gordon Hether | Lester Lindahl | |
| Bill Rozner | Merle Treague | |
| George Oberg | Alvin Erickson | |

We invite you to be the guests of Captain Henry and Camp Mercer next Wednesday evening at the same time.

INSPECTION

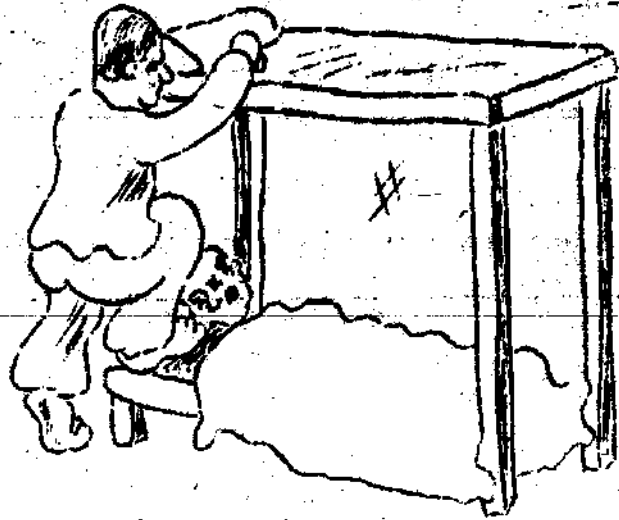
General Bolles, Base Commander, of Fort Sheridan, Illinois and his staff inspected Camp Mercer last Saturday, October sixth.

He was accompanied on his inspection tour of this Camp by District Commander Wortman, Camp Mercer's officers and Camp Foreman Block.

Editorial Staff

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Life at the Rangers Qts.

Another Big Feed Enjoyed

On the night of September 29th, the men of old 660 were treated to a delicious supper again. This meal which was concocted by Bill Watson and his trusty charges, was certainly a 'cooker'.

The following was on the menu for the evening:

- Roast Turkey and Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Sliced Tomatoes
- Celery and Brown Gravy
- Map Squash
- Creamed Potatoes
- Mine-meat and Blueberry Pies
- Bismarcks and Butter
- White, Raisin, and Rye Bread
- Coffee, Milk, and Sugar
- Ice Cream
- Fruit Jello

September 28th, the fellows were treated to Lake Superior Trout, which proved to be about the best fish ever eaten by the big majority of the men.

Bill and his men should be complimented on their excellent cooking and services.

Church Services

Camp Mercer was fortunate in having a church service last Thursday night, October 4, in the Recreation Hall. Rev. Carlstrum of Ironwood spoke briefly, but thoroughly to the men. Several vocal selections, solo and duet, were also given for the benefit of the men.

The Camp wishes to take this opportunity of thanking Rev. Carlstrum and co-helpers for the beautiful service they rendered.

Personalities--Guess Who?

1. Madden and Hartig
2. Olsen
3. Sick

THE RANGERS TELL US -- Haag

Bigger and Better Ranger Force
We received two new Rangers a little while ago, Andrew Fisk from Wausau, Wis., and Ole Rismon from Star Lake, Wis., Ole is six feet and four inches tall, and tips the scales at 280 lbs.

Planting

Planting will be completed this week, we have exceeded our quota by 200,000 trees. Our records show that we have planted on 600 acres a total of 1,200,000 trees, a fine record for this Camp to be proud of.

Summers

Bill is starting a new fire lane with his crew--building a lane from Highway 51 to Island Lake. He likes the hard jobs, well there is plenty of stumps and rocks on this one. As a result his appetite is improving--also his crew's.

Kalliomaa

Dick has returned from his vacation and at the present is taking a great interest in the World Series, he will make a little money on the side,--if the Cards win.

State House

One crew is working at the present on the Mercer Ranger Station, constructing an addition to the Station and also a new six-car garage.

Beavers

Pat Thomas and his hard working Beavers are making bigger and better homes for the fish in the near by lakes. This includes homes for spawning, and sunken brush piles that are an aid to feeding and serve as a shelter from the bigger fish.

Soup the Duck

They say Soup takes his bathes in the Bath House now, and he says he won't take them any place else. They say he is taking great interest in the poem about "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck" etc. He probably knows it by heart now.

The Monitor wishes to take this opportunity to welcome Captain L. D. Kiersey to Camp Mercer. Captain Kiersey was recently stationed at Fort Sheridan. We hope he finds Camp Mercer affable in every way, and can remain with us for some time to come.

HEARD ABOUT CAMP

Carl Arnold, second Methusela from Ladysmith, Wisconsin; Career to present date: Born in Tenn., went to school 8 years, cowboy in Texas 18 years, homesteaded in Montana 2 years, trapped in Alaska 3 years, wrestled and boxed 4 years, border guard 7 years, worked on rail road--Burlington, Iowa 1 year, worked in ice-cream factory 2 years, bootlegger 3 years, fireman 1 year, Navy 7 yrs farmed a 1100 acre farm in Iowa 8 years, in Canada 1 year, herded sheep in Washington 7 years, and on a chain gang 1 1/2 years. Married once, had 4 children and is engaged to 7 women at present. He joined the Army at the age of 17. He is 20 years old. Total years according to his statements is 77 1/2 years.

Has also traveled in France and the Philippines. Has been in 46 states of U.S.

He left Camp, Sunday Sept. 30, to continue his adventurous life.

Here's hoping he will get some rest for his aching bones now.

It is being rumored about Camp, that DuBois and Endrist are afflicted with the 'Sweeping Fever!'

If there is anyone in Camp, who said that Willard 'Red' Campbell can't take it; he had better think twice before saying so again.

Who would you consider the most versatile odd and end's job worker in Camp? Some of you may be in doubt for a minute or so, but the fellows in Barrack 5 will agree almost unanimously that Howard 'Pete' Petersen would get their vote. 'Pete' during his spare time does following odd-jobs for the men in Camp: presses and cleans suits, shirts, neckties, slacks; sews; cuts hair; shines shoes and puttees; and sells shoes and boots. His latest acquisition is that he has become a money lender.

Fellows, you are welcome to write letters on the typewriters in the Reading Room, but don't leave them there after you have finished them. As they are a big temptation to read and may prove embarrassing to you if we should publish one of them in the Camp Monitor.

Can anyone imagine Genz, reading the book entitled, "How to Be a Hermit"?

Our old pal, Johnny Crandall from Mosinee, visited Camp yesterday.

A Timely Rescue

Undoubtedly most members of Camp Mercer will recall a talk by Major Roberts given a short time ago on Safety, when using boats and around water in general.

The truth of his statements were demonstrated on Friday, the fifth of this month, when we missed by a hair's breadth a tragedy, that would have saddened the hearts of his brother CCC's through the years. But we missed it; a fact that we should all be thankful for.

Six of our boys were detailed on fish rescue duty, Leo Lavurdure, Larry Anklam, Ray Stuplich, Victor Leonard, Harold Melby, and Forrest Williams. In doing the work they had occasion to cross the Turtle Flowage in the teeth of a heavy wind and after gaining the middle, for some unaccountable reason their boat capsized and the entire crew were thrown into the water. Without even an excuse for a life preserver, but an all-merciful Providence had arranged for a stub to be projecting above the water, which they were enabled to grab and by using their belts were enabled to hold the 'fort' for a matter of two hours until help arrived.

Boys, keep Dr. Roberts talk in mind. It is saturated with facts, that has taken years to bring out and we might also add thousands of lives to prove. Many perfect swimmers have been drowned by ignoring the advice of more experienced men and women.

The CCC's are thankful this tragedy was avoided.

Vern Nason

New 'Rocks' Arrive

The following seven new 'Rocks' arrived in Camp Mercer, Oct. 6:

Name	Home Town
Carl Kobs	Eland, Wis.
Horace McLaughlin	Shawano, "
Walter Neubauer	Tigerton, "
Oliver Peterson	Wittenberg, "
Bernard Stark	Cecil, "
Harry Strelow	Gresham, "
Wilbur Thayer	Eland, "

Seven more arrive Oct. 10:

Name	Home Town
Henry Bratina	Ladysmith, Wis.
Julius Harding	" "
Chester Mansky	Weyerhauser, "
Robert Mansky	Chetek, "
John Mechalske	Chetek, "
John Schweigert	Bruce, "
Joe Wierzba	Bruce, "

Welcome to your new 'home'! Here's hoping you will like your new abiding place.

KETTLES AND SKILLETS

By BILL WATSON

'Bill' Watson has nothing to put in this issue of the Camp Monitor owing to the fact, that he is busy with the menu of the supper to be given, when the New Mess Hall will be ready for occupancy.

He says this meal will make the other big suppers we have had look like a Hollywood actress's breakfast, who is on a diet.

So fellows you can get ready for this meal by getting bigger and better trousers and belts.

INSIRMARY INJECTIONS

Our Camp dear, Rookie, was given the freedom of the Camp and has become, not a general nuisance as we prophesied, but a favorite pet second only to Dixie and Nip. He is a very tame animal and is friendly to everyone. He visits the Canteen, Kitchen, Dispensary and anywhere he is welcome. The Supply is the only place he is not welcome (for obvious reasons) Let it be known that Rookie is very fond of candy, ice-cream, and Coca-Cola so don't be selfish!

Your First Aid man, Robert Avery, was one of a party who took in the World's Fair and Chicago over the week-end. We all enjoyed the trip especially the change in living conditions while we were absent. However Camp Mercer was a place we were glad to come back to when we found that our financial status was depleted to practically nothing. Most of the boys stayed with relatives or friends and in that way saved a hotel bill. Those of us who had to take lodgings in a hotel found the Y.M.C.A. an excellent place to stay. For a few of use seeing Chicago was a thrill and much of our time was spent in that way. There was approximately five to ten thousand CCC boys there, and not one was in illegitimate trouble that we know of or heard of.

The Dispensary is being painted so let this be a warning to be careful when you come in for treatments. The new recruits have been given their first shot. Can they take it? After their second and third, which are much worse, we will know more. Per interim, pax vobiscum!

Avery

District Chaplain Speaks Twice.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 27, Lt. Holter, District Chaplain gave a very interesting talk to the men of this Camp. This talk dealt on the characters of human beings.

His talks are of great interest to everyone and are always very well attended.

On Tuesday eve, Oct. 9, the District Chaplain gave a farewell talk-dealing with the sin of silence-to the men of Camp Mercer. This talk was of great interest to the men as dealt directly with them.

Lt. Holter is leaving this District to go to Manila, Philippine Islands. He expects to arrive there, a little before Christmas.

Best wishes and bon voyage, Lt. Holter, from Camp Mercer.

Husking in the Field

'Tis early morn,
The autumn mist is chill:
While fairy webs spread upon the grass
The air is scented with dead leaves
that fall
To make a whispering carpet for my
feet.
As I go down to where, dim in the mist
Like an un-sentried, silent tented
camp
The corn shocks stand in long and
even row.
Husking corn instead of in the CCC's,
I'll overthrow the nearest seat
myself
Upon a milking stool brought from
the barn
And with my fingers stiffened by the
frost.
Husking corn in the field, instead
of in the CCC's,
Wild geese are calling from the
upper air,
While blue jays screaming flit across
the field.
The crows are holding cawcaws on the
hill.
And squirrels chatter from an oak tree
And now the sun's warm rays break
through the mist.
The woodland glow with tints of every
hue.
I wish I was in the CCC's, instead of
husking corn in the field.
Far hill arise, to meet an azure blue
This is not labor. This is life to
be.
A husking corn in the field,
In-stead of in the glory old
660----Camp Mercer

This poem was sent to us by Wilfred Beasman, who left this camp October 1, 1934. He wishes to dedicate this poem to 'Pat' Thomas, who was His Boss, while he was in Camp Mercer.



Men Go to Football Games

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23, the men of this Camp were taken up to Ironwood, Mich. to see the Range team--Gogebic Panthers play against the Old Style Lagers of LaCrosse, Wis. Three trucks were used in transporting the men and approximately 25 men made the trip. The game was ~~seen~~ enjoyed by the men. Of course, those fellows, whose homes are in LaCrosse, wished to see the Lagers win, one young fellow in particular was very much grieved over the outcome of this game.

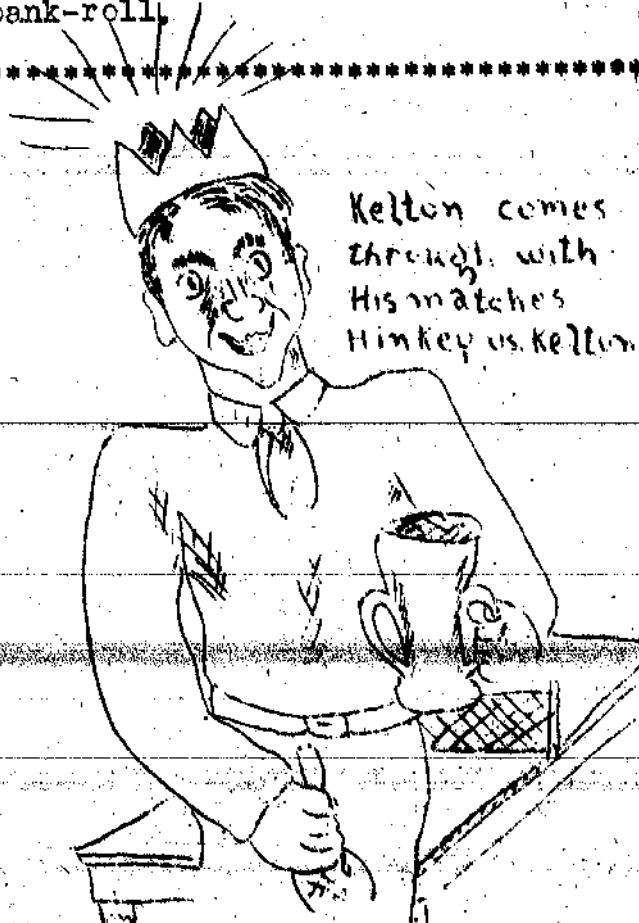
The fellows were taken up to Ironwood again last Sunday, Oct. 7, to attend the Gogebic Panthers Vs. New London Bull-dogs game. One truck holding twenty-two men went to the game.

The fellows of the Camp certainly are fortunate in being able to attend these games.

ATTEND WORLD'S FAIR

The following eleven men of Camp Mercer took the opportunity of attending the World's Fair, last Friday through Sunday; 5--7: Eidsaune, Golla, Zima, Wright, Fisk, Kurek, Bouche'r, Farmsworth, Avery, Zahn, and E.Hall.

They report, that they had an excellent time plus a very depleted bank-roll.



Kelton comes through with his matches Hinkey vs. Kelton

JOKES

Monti--"They say that pretty land-lady has left her husband and eloped with a boarder."

Kampmeyer--"No, my dear friend, it was only a rumor."

Inquisitive One--"Did you rescue your poor friend who was captured by the cannibals?"

African Explorer--"Unfortunately, when I arrived he had already been scratched off the menu."

Beardsley--"Have you seen these new lie detecting machines?"

Mike McCarthy--"Seen them! Ly Gosh, I almost married one."

Hether--"People living together get to look alike."

Sweet Young Thing--"Here is your ring. I won't take the chance."

Litchfield--"Isn't it wonderful that often very clever men appear to be very stupid?"

Guidici--"Are you aiming at me?"

Litchfield--"Oh, no; you are not what you appear."

Avery--"Someone threw a cowardly egg at me and it hit me full on the cheek."

Ahles--"What kind of an egg is that?"

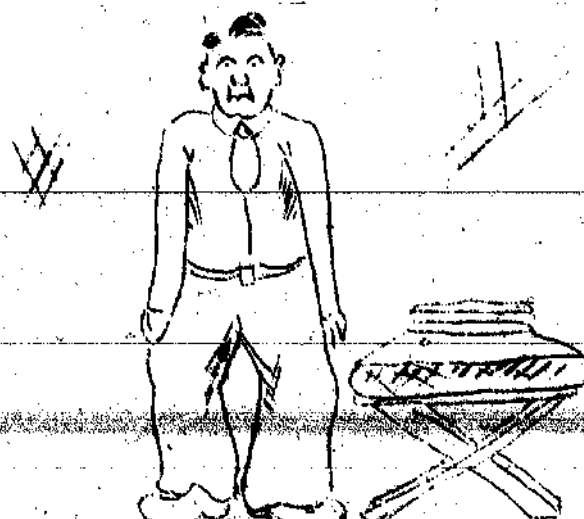
Avery--"A cowardly egg is one that hits you and then runs."

Mr. Haag teaching Forestry class--"How many kinds of pine are there?"

Coxey--"Three kinds, Jack, White, and Norway."

Mr. Haag--"Also Scotch and Porcupine (just said in jest.)"

John Drytro--"Where is the nearest Porcu-pine to this Camp?"



Correct eye posture when an officer enters

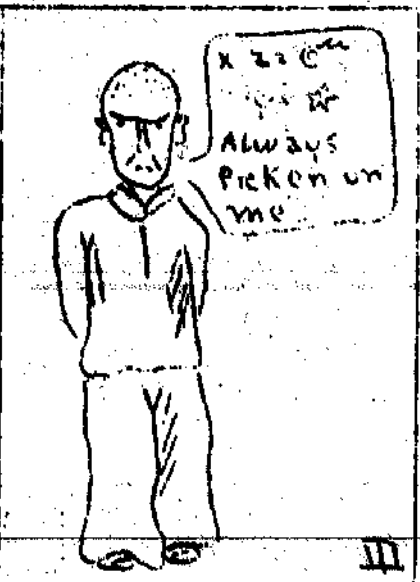


G. Hether



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