

# CAMP CCC MERCER MONITOR

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### THIS NEW YEAR.

Nineteen hundred thirty- eight is well under way. Many wonder what this new year will bring; happiness-grief, joy-sorrow, health-sickness, riches-poverty. Whatever fate has in store for us, we are here to deal with it the best we can. We can, at least, fortify ourselves greatly by a close communion with our Maker, to better encounter the problems and toils of life.

Our New Year's wish to every man in this Company is that you may realize all your hopes, and happiness and prosperity attend you. May good health and peace of mind be ever with you. May this year exceed all previous years in bringing to you all of the things you need and - if possible - you desire.

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### EDUCATIONAL MOVIES

The Educational department has secured many valuable movies covering five different subjects. We have approved a list of films, to be shown during the next three months, that should interest every man in camp. We hope that you will enjoy and profit from these films, and that the fine attendance record may be kept up. The total attendance last month was slightly more than two thousand.

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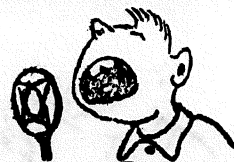
The Forensic Club of Camp Mercer presented its first of a series of request programs over WJMS Saturday, January 15, 1938, at 7:00 o'clock. As most of you heard the program it is not necessary to speak of that but let me tell you just what took place behind those sound-proof walls.

Two minutes to go, the announcer puts on a recording, and those two minutes dragged on like years. To the left of me sat Arvid Hanson, his fingertips itching to tickle the ivory of that "Baby Grand." To his right sat Cecil Grow with his Golden Trumpet. All signs of chappness have left his lips and anxiety has them painted blue. Directly in front of me, on a comfortable plush sofa sits those two dizzies of the dizzy, Nedresu and Campbell, both have their fingerneils manicured so the strings on their instruments won't have to feel like pennies waiting for change. To my right sits that Hurley rock, Roland Chertier, and he has donned his monkey jacket, 'just so the public would know that something extraordinary was on his daily menu.

Nearby stands vocalist Harold Berget whose vocal chords touched the hearts of every Mercer lass.

Two minutes are up now and Grow gets into the swing of Reveille. The introduction and we're off.

Zing! Whiz? Boom! Ah! and its all over and out of the studio walks six lads with smiles from ear to ear.



Nedresu and Berget are eagerly watching the mail now and are contemplating to ask Captain Cruikshank if the west end of "Arracks Four could be vacated for the purpose of storing their fan mail.

Senator Hanson and His Congress Orchestre will be back on the air again next Saturday with bigger and better rythm than ever.

The members of the Club however have asked me to tell you that due to the fact that the Ironwoodites just crowd around the studio for their autographs immediately after the broadcast, they wish you would wait till they get back to camp to get yours. Thank you!!!

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DEDICATED TO BYRON F. PLUMMER

Of all uproarious little boys,

Plummer makes the loudest noise.

He bangs the wall, he pounds the floor,

He bumps the stairs, and slams the door.

His yells, and screams, and cries and whoops,

Makes him the noisiest of all the rocks.

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WANTED TO BUY: A house, by a cook, with a Southern outlook. See Harold Berget.

T-R-A-N-S-M-I-T-T-I-O N-E-W-S B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N-S.

By your favorite newscaster.

FLASH - FLASH - FLASH. Berget arrives back in camp on time.

Roan is making a collections of Sal-Seltzer bottles, which when emptied, he turns over to Leum who uses them as test tubes.

Now that Tony Krakis has been transferred to camp Alvin, it means that Urseny will have one hour less sleep per day.

Can anyone tell us why Jelich and Bear-paw sent in a request to WJMS for "I Love You Truly".

Raymond Shaw's Siamese twin "Star-Gazer" has departed for his Michigan home. Now who is it going to be - Hanson?

Sonnenberg has a monopoly on blondes. The latest addition to his collection of light-haired pen pals hails from Winegar.

Dean Haas's theme song: "Love You Funny Thing".

Just to display his authority Fyksen shuts off the water every morning at 8: 4'Clock.

Quoting Dean Haas, "Some girls are like ink spots - hard to get off your hands.

Stempowski's advice to his son: "Be thiftty while you are young and when you'll old you'll be able to afford things only the young can enjoy".

So Klovas says, "The man who counts in this world is the Cashier".

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A-D-V-E-R-T-I-S-E-M-E-N-T-S

Koepsell, our one and lonely Plutocrat, seriously considers purchasing his Grandfather's model T for purposes of mechanical research.

On Sunday evening the members of barracks four entertained the rest of the company at a Barn Dance Frolic with Donald Nedreau as master of cermonies. A good time was had by all until ----!

The Company Doctor announced that he will referee all boxing and wrestling matches, and will also do the fighting if necessary.

Mr. John Halverson of Cyclon, Wisconsin announces that he will open a school of dancing next Wednesday evening. Other members of the faculty are Silas Catlin and Harold Berget. Enroll now and soon you'll be the life of the party.

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January 15, 1938

## PROGRAM

### REVEILLE

The Forensic Club of Camp Mercer, takes pleasure in presenting the next fifteen minute all-request program, under the direction of Arden A. Kelton, Educational Advisor at the camp. They open their program with the rhythmic :  
TWELFTH STREET RAG

Another selection in the same tempo: TIGER RAG

Now for a vocal solo by Harold Berget, he sings for us now:  
THE EAST BOUND TRAIN

Back to the Orchestra again for the: DARKTOWN STRUTTERS BALL

Harold Berget sings again: I'M A BROKEN DOWN MAN

The string trio are all ready now to take you to that  
ALABAMA JUBILEE

Roland Chartier vocalizing: TWILIGHT ON THE TRAIL

(The orchestra now plays Twelfth Street Rag at this time  
but it is not announced, gradually they fade into:

### TAPPS

And so we say goodbye, ladies and gentlemen, to the musicians of the Camp Mercer Forensic Club. They will be back on the air again next Saturday at Seven O'Clock. Mail your request to the Camp Mercer Forensic Club, Menitowish, Wisconsin :

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### NEWS ODDITIES OF THE MONTH

WHAT IF????????????????????????????????????????????????????????

Vernon were Meert instead of Flesch?  
Cecil would shrink instead of Grow?  
Malcolm were a Hair-dresser instead of a Barber?  
Eddie would start paddling once instead of always Roen?  
Jack were a Blue-bird instead of a Cardinal?  
Albin was still good Iron instead of Rust?  
Ralph would Sitmore instead of Doolittle?  
Douglas would start Repairin' instead of always Fyksen?  
Campbell would suddenly become Clever instead of Witty?  
Rodger would tell us where he gets his Walfrom?  
Norman would Recuperate instead of always Phalen?  
Raymond turned Yellow instead of Green?  
Herbert had a Long-arm instead of a Shwertfeger?

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## STEW FROM THE KITCHEN.

Monday afternoon found Flesch roasting 250 pounds of tender, juicy fowl. Yes, the chicken was swell and no wonder; you know how Flesch likes to prepare fowl.

A new luster and shine was added to the mess hall by painting and varnishing the tables. Not so good for the clothes, at least until it dries.

Since Nipper became the proud mother of eight puppies Keircw-ski demands four more bottles of milk per day. Someone has to be the bread-winner.

Now that Timblin knows all of the lyric "Veini Veini" it is not necessary to use the kitchen radio, he does all the entertaining with the accompaniment of Abigajah Gooch and his bass Symphonic Melodies.

The most regular caller for afternoon tea is Mr. Summers. The queer part of it is that he arrives just as the first pan of steak is fried. What a peculiar sense of smell.

This is enough stew for this time. In our next edition we'll give you chicken Ala-la-King.

Au-re-voir.

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### Heed My Advice

One evening, while sitting in the library, I heard, right at my side what I at first thought were two people talking. Imagine my surprise when it dawned upon me that the conversation I was listening to was between two library books. One of these books judging from its looks had been used but once and had just been put back on the shelf. Said one book, "My, what's the matter? You look as though you are in agony." "Agony is no name for it. Look at my back. Broken.

(Continued)

The fellow who just had me did that. Now, if he had taken the time to put my back on a smooth table, let the front cover down then the other cover, holding the leaves in one hand while he opened a few leaves at the back, then a few at the front, and so on, alternating back and front, gently pressing open the section until he reached the center of the book, he would not have broken my back. And you know a book with a broken back will begin to lose its leaves. My, I wish people would be more careful how they handle us.

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### Dispensary Notes.

During the last few months Polk County enrollees have been frequent visitors at the dispensary, including the Amery Flash.

Also, the Hudson flash has been doing his flashing at the dispensary instead of the Bathhouse.

During the Christmas vacation Malcolm painted and varnished the dispensary.

### LAST MINUTE FLASHES

The old canteen is being torn down and will be replaced by a new building which will be used for the same purpose!

An electric jointer and planer were added to the work shop lately!

A new music teacher arrived at camp yesterday!

Camp Mercer's second big broadcast will be presented Saturday evening, January 22, 1938.

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Everyone in this dynamic ever-changing world of ours has special friends and favorite companions which they have fond affections for and also definite fiends and enemies for which they have absolutely no worldly use.

Now it isn't my intentions to drill on your enemies, because no doubt you have annoyed them enough already but my aim is to tell you how to win friends and gain the affections of the people you like especially well.

You must first of all remember that there are two sides to every argument, your side and the wrong side. Now your aim should be to convince him that he is sometimes wrong and that you are always right.

Don't ever give him the slightest hint or convincing remark that might lead him to believe that he is right. Take the case of Mr. Ole W. Leum, Andrew B. Stempowski, and Edward L. Roen. The scene is Fyksen's bath-house on the night of Camp Mercer's chicken dinner. The time is ten P. M. On the rise of the curtain we see to the left of us downstage, Andy, his countenance wearing a look of "I can take it," and his arms entwined around his abdomen. He is nearly buried in Alka-Seltzer bottles. In the center downstage is Edward Roen, his looks is identical to that of Andy's only that his bottles contain the label "Sal-Seltzer." While to the left of us we see Ole W. Leum, standing knee deep in Bromo-Seltzer containers. He is expounding his belief as to what is the best to take to relieve that 'after-effect' but no argument can convince either that his remedy is best. Leum is speaking:

Now as a Doctor of Medicine friends, I do firmly believe that Bromo is the absolute and best of the three Seltzers. I suggest we All use Bromo.

ROEN: And I suggest we all use Sal.

ANDY: (From his far-remote corner) And I suggest we eat no more chicken.

ROEN: No, No, don't blame it on to Flesch's chicken, this is guaranteed to give relief, I demand my money back!

LEUM: You won't get your money back as Sal can't afford it, I'm telling you Eddie, Use Bromo, Bromo, Bromo.

(Stempowski leans over and presents Roen with a clipping from the Camp Mercer Monitor which bears the picture of Uncle Ezra, radio comedian, with an advertisement for Alka-seltzer. It reads, "Be wise-Alkalize.")

ROEN: Now this is what I call the real McCoy.

LEUM: (with rage) Roen! you must heed my advice or I'll force you to. Why--such IMPERTINENCE!!!--after all these years, you need a change!!!



## HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE-----continued

And change it was, for now Roen has broken up with Sal, and is at present courting Alka. Now you see where Leum was wrong. He tried bold methods of persuasion to win the argument where instead, he should have told him of his own method, Brome. This way Roen became enraged at Leum's attempt to belittle him and exault himself, thus, just for spite he took the advice of a gentlemen with only a primary education, Uncle Ezra, quote, "Be wise-Alkalize."

However brilliant a person might be, he too can do much harm in extending advice, here is another local example:

Harold Berget, 1st Cook, Mess Reserve, met a rather Canary little miss in Mercer, Alice the Goon, by name. He formed the habit of hiking to Mercer nightly and returning morningly. Gradually his health began to fail and as a result the food became inferior.

Professor Godfrey E. Fafford, Student of Philosophy, after trying divers ways to bring Mr. Berget back to normalith, gave him this bit of advice:

Early to bed, early to rise,  
Makes a man healthy, walthy, and wise.

Heeding Fafford's advice, Berget retired promptly at seven o'clock every night. Three weeks elapsed and Berget could stand it no longer. He decided to go to Mercer again that very night.

A midnight moon and stars found the young lad returning to camp much earlier than usual, tired, discouraged, and footsore. For Alas, after heeding the advice of a Professor and retireing with the rest of the rooks, he had lost his sweetheart for another Educated Bum, Ewald E. Koepsell, was seen parading the trails of the north woods with HIS Alice. Since then Berget has changed the limrek somewhat, it now reads:

Early to bed, early to rise,  
And your girl goes out with other guys.

Now throughout this essay, my friend, I have done my best in attempting to shaw you where you make your greatest mistakes. Now no doubt you wish to find out just how to be right and how to influence friends, so you can obtain this information by purchasing thatever-popular novel, "How To Win Friends And Influence People." This book is on sale at all newsstands and bookracks.

DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR??????????



# Forestry

The projects that will be worked on during the remainder of the winter will be largely roadside clean-up and fire reduction. The purpose of these projects are to temporarily reduce the possibility and spread of forest fires, secondary- for the beautification of the truck trails and country side.

There is an extensive mapping project being carried on under the supervision of "Chuck" Roe and Russ Bartlein. The primary purpose of this type of mapping is to form a basis upon which to form other projects. Such projects as planting, timber stand improvement, etc.

Al Radant and Mike Mc Carthy with their crews are rebuilding and repairing the numerous state telephone lines in the district, repairing at the same time the Pine Lake line.

A new storage shed for the purpose of keeping seedlings during the planting season is being constructed.

A years supply of ice has recently been harvested.

Much lake improvement work has been accomplished. Brush racks have been placed in the following lakes; Dead Pike, Dog Lake, Grant Lake, and Lake of the Falls.



## NEW BOYS ARRIVE.

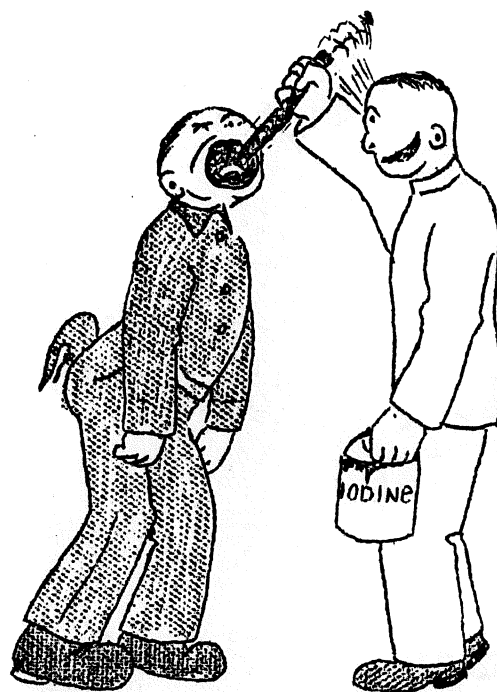
The following new enrollees arrived in camp on the 10th and 18th of this month. They are;

### From Milwaukee

Rahn, Richard Walter  
Sowinski, Henry Anthony  
Willis, George Clarence  
Rozdzialowski, George Frank  
Wodkowski, Arthur  
Villwock, Henry George, Jr.  
Weraring, William John  
Srzesyewski, Joseph Chester  
Schak, Albert Frank  
Skamara, Frank Henry  
Slade, Eldridge Elmer  
Sundby, Sigurd  
Prinee, James Charles

### From Hurley

Chartier, Roland Ben  
Ferrari, Louis Timothy  
Ramme, Harvey Martin  
Tiradani, Emil John  
Traczyk, Frank Paul



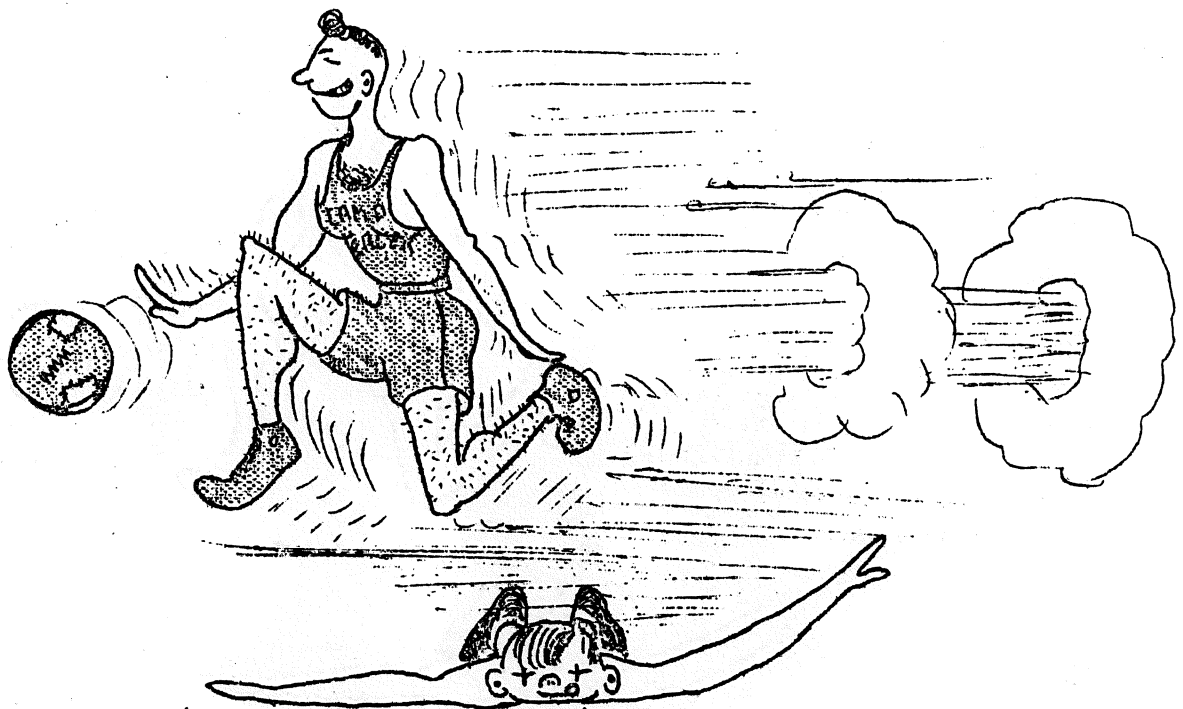
Getting Your Throat  
Swabbed out

## ATHLETICS.

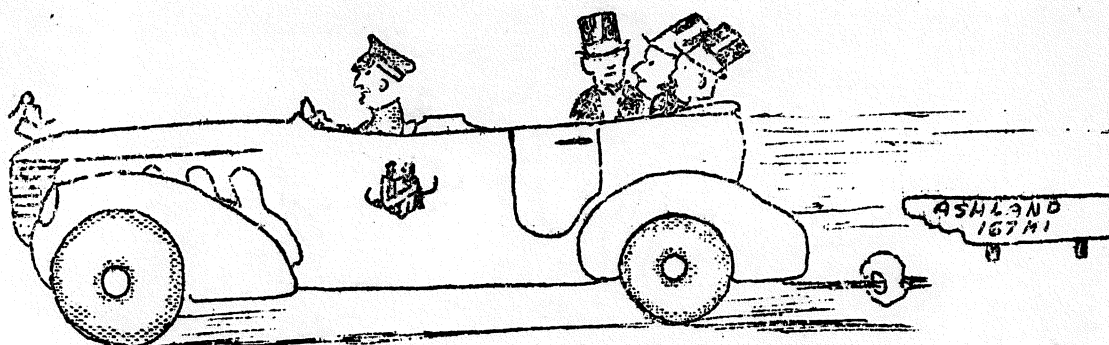
Basketball slowed up in the last three or four weeks, due to the Christmas and New Year leaves. However, the Boys are back on their feet, and we can start to expect big things from them in the future. Most of the games have been practice games, which have proved to be of great value, but from now on many regular schedule games will be ~~praxed~~ played.

The Flambeau Indians were good enough to let us use their Gymn every Thursday, which took us off the spot and gave us a place to practice. The gymn is small, but has a high ceiling which makes up for the size of the floor. The Indians play a good clean, fast game of ball, and have furnished us a great deal of competition.

We have had some bad breaks so far, but when, the smoke clears away in the spring, and the cellar is cleaned, you wont find Camp Mercer there.



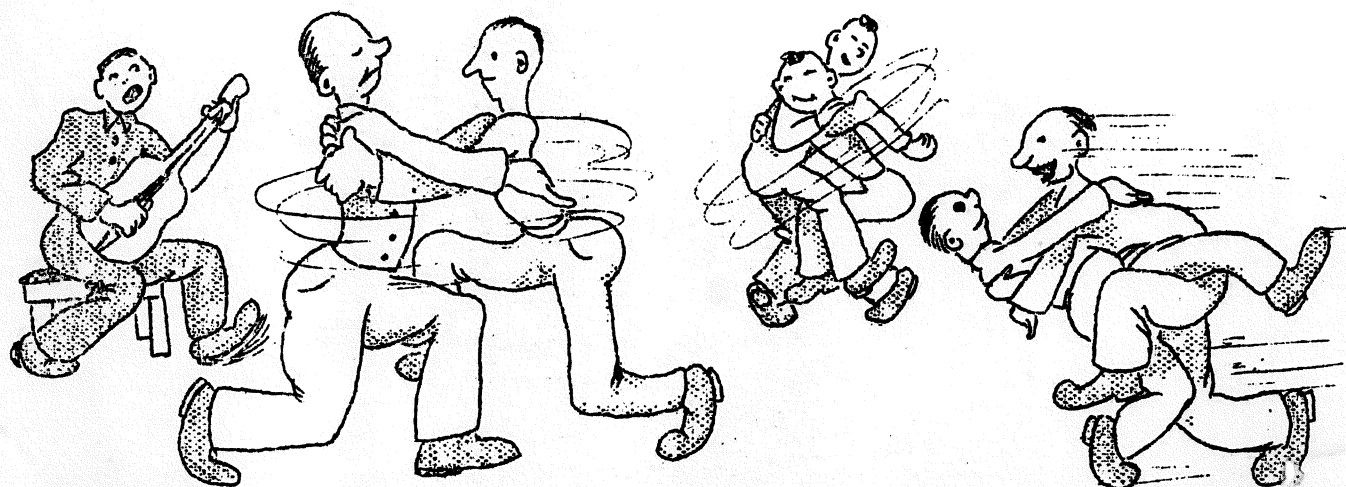




The Hon. John Barnard  
Hon. Walter Weiland  
Hon. Tomas Adams Attend A Convention  
At Ashland



Dr. Rosenberg  
At the telephone



Camp Mercer  
has A Folk-Dance