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NEWS

NEW CAMP ADVISER ARRIVES

Mr. Perry McCain, Educational Adviser at camps SP-9 and S-53, veteran companies 1567 and 1561 located in the Brown County State Park, arrived here just before the Christmas Holiday. Mr. McCain replaces Mr. Headdy who has been absent on account of illness.

Mr. McCain has had many years of experiences in the educational work having been Superintendent of Schools for several years at Knox, Indiana.

During the World War he served as 1st Lieutenant with Co. D, 308 Ammunition Train.

He has served with the CCC as an educational adviser since March 1, 1934, being in the first group of educators selected for such duties in the state.

While the company regrets the loss of Mr. Headdy, we feel that Mr. McCain will carry on this activity.

NEW CLASSES HERE

Re-organization of the Educational Program at Co. 556, located in Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana, for the first quarter of 1936 has been accomplished.

In addition to the various classes conducted during the past quarter, new classes now meeting are manual training, photography, shorthand and auto mechanics.

During the past two weeks, two abandoned buildings located in the Park's picnic grounds were obtained from the State Park authorities and sledged over the snow to a new location convenient to the camp. These buildings have been converted into a shop building eight feet wide and forty-two feet long. Power woodworking tools consisting of an eight inch bench saw, twelve inch circular saw, electric drill press with attachments for mortising, drilling, routing and dovetailing, a five foot wood lathe made up of scrap material and (contd. on page 8)

LT. RIES REPORTS

Lt. Armon K. Ries, formerly a member of the military staff at the Lebanon Civilian Corps Camp reported here January 16. He replaces Lt. Benham who, after spending two terms in Civilian Conservation Corps service departed for his home in Washington, Indiana.

Lt. Ries is a resident of Indianapolis and attended Manual High School of that city. He is a graduate of Purdue University, completing his course of study in 1932.

In the past six months he has been stationed at camps in two other state parks and after making a careful survey and tour of the camp he selected this as the best camp he had ever had the privilege of being assigned to.

The Lieutenant's pet hobby is swimming, but unfortunately he has arrived here in mid-winter and he has decided to wait a few more months until he partakes of this sport.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Religious Services are being held in camp every Thursday evening with Rev. Steiner of Angola in charge. These services are being attended by a majority of the members of the company and we have established the record of the best religious service attendance of any company in the sector. These meetings are well worth the time spent in attending, but are YOU taking advantage of the available spiritual knowledge?

LT. BURKETT VISITS

Lt. Lyman D. Burkett, formerly of the staff of this camp, spent a few hours visiting here Sunday evening, January 12.

He is now employed as county surveyor of Fulton County, taking office January 1. He was relieved of his duties at Company 556 in October by Lt. Benham.

Lt. Benham filled this office until January.

NEWS

MEN ARE SENT TO UTAH

ENROLLEES ARRIVE FROM HUNTINGTON

The enrollees of Co. 1564, at Huntington, who were transferred to this camp arrived here January 10. This act was brought about by the abandoning of the Huntington camp. The enrollees who were transferred here are Asst. Leader Henry A. Draves, Asst. Leader Donald Henry, Zygmund J. Grenda, James Butte, Lawrence Catron, Paul Korpita and Otha R. Morrow. Four of these men, who were at the Station Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, at the time of assignment, will report at a later date.

Asst. Leader Hugh W. Charnes, ambulance driver and formerly of Co. 514, Henryville, has also been stationed here.

CROMWELL OFFICER HERE

First Lt. Richard M. Hurst, member of the military staff of Co. 1532, Cromwell, reported here for temporary duty January 10. He was in charge during the absence of Company Commander, Capt. Thos. D. Weaver, who was on detached service at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. He returned January 13th.

SEVERAL GO TO HOSPITAL

Leader George Alley just came from Station Hospital at the first of January but he became sick and on January 21, he was sent back because he contracted rheumatism.

The others who were sent are: Milan Van Auker, Paul Raypole, and Asst. Leader Wilson Parker.

Among those who were transferred to the 9th Corps Area were Tony Gaczkowski, Ray Markwalder, and Karl Krueger. They were part of the cadre that went to the Kokomo camp from Angola. Markwalder is now in Nevada and Gaczkowski and Krueger are in Utah.

Recently an order came from Ft. Benjamin Harrison asking for 23 volunteers to go to the 9th Corps Area. The greater part of our company had never been west of the Mississippi so a very large group signed to go. There was great anxiety among the men who had signed to go. Finally our loyal and lovable Company Clerk Phillips posted on the bulletin board that the following men were going:

Max Belbot, Lawrence Bodiker, William Bogdan, Oliver Bowman, Barney Dunham, Oren Dunlap, Gail Gentzhorn, Ralph Long, Robert and Richard Mueschen, Levi R. Parks, Herman Pettit, Neal Randall, Raymond Richmond, Daniel Rucor, Charles and Joseph Russell, Emile Tessari, Walter Waters, Arthur Wolfe, George Werling, Paul Kurkey, Charles Bartlett.

Naturally the men who did not get to go were a little sad, but they took it like the men that they were and went on to congratulate the men that were so fortunate to get the splendid opportunity to go on such an adventurous trip.

Among the group that left we had men that held outstanding positions in and around camp. Oren Dunlap was the baker who turned out some very delicious pies, cakes and doughnuts. "Swede" Tessari was one of the best authorities on sports and also the editor of the Sports section of this paper.

LAST MONTHLY CONFERENCE AT LAGRO

The fifth monthly educational conference of the Cromwell Sector, now Fort Wayne Sector, was held at Lagro, January 16. Mr. C. Ray Kein of Manchester College gave an address "The Effect of the Frontier of the United States."

Discussion groups were held throughout the day. Capt. Weaver of this company was kept at camp but the Educational Adviser, his assistant and the senior foreman attend the conference.

The purpose of these meetings is to get the different company personnel together to boost the educational program.



THANKFULNESS

I am grateful to the Power
That in reverence lifts my eyes
To the beauty of a bird-flock
Hanging high in summer skies.

I am thankful to the Maker
For the simple soul of me
That is thrilled by simple subjects
Like a sunset or a tree.

--Stanley F. Bartlett.

SPORTS

FT WAYNE DOWNS 556

556 NOSES BLUFFTON

Co. 556 triumphed over Bluffton in a non conference game played on the Bluffton floor. The game was played Dec. 17th and very little is known of the game.

Bluffton	FG	FT	Angola	FG	FT
Siberstein c	0	0	Springer c	2	1
Shirley c	0	0	Dillinger c	1	1
Coyler c	0	0	Whan f	2	1
Hall c	3	0	Yoder f	0	1
Sanis f	3	1	Eller f	5	0
Matezutt f	0	3	Smith g	1	2
Schmidt f	1	0	Taylor g	1	0
Milligan f	0	0	Stebing g	0	0
Johnston f	0	0			
Domer g	2	3			
Bennet g	1	0			
Welke g		0			
Totals	10	7		12	6

Sanis and Dormer held down the high man berth for Bluffton with a total of seven points each while Willie Eller headed 556 with five field goals to his credit.

SPORT SHORTS

A new fad in the line of sports has taken Co. 556 by storm. From different sources I have found that hair pulling is going to be put down as one of the major sports. For information inquire at barracks one.

On the sports page of the big city papers one reads of Jack Dempsey's search for a white hope, and not to be outdone Co. 556 contributes their hopes in Howard "Farmer" Seelig and Bert "Squeaky" Kline. All right fellows lets see if we can't send a new white hope to Dempsey.

"Pluto" Blue has taken his track practice up early this year with "Ichabod" Cameron as his chief trainer.

We have a recent addition to the pool equipment that possibly as yet may not be known to every one in camp. The

FIRST LOSS FOR THE INDIANS

The Pokagon Indians received their first scalping of the season from the sharpshooting quintet from Fort Wayne. Had it not been for the Eagle Eye shooting of the Waynians, 556 would have proved the winners. The Indians defense under the basket was too tough to allow the tall center of Fort Wayne to get in his deadly work. Most of Wayne's points were scored from deep on the floor and had the boys from Angola been able to stem this source of markers they would have had things more their way.

Co. 556 staged a desperate comeback in the last half but it was not enough to overcome the big lead that the boys from the bigger city had piled up in the initial sixteen minutes.

Lineup

Fort Wayne	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.
Gillispie, f	2	0	1
Chroll, f	0	0	0
Hoffer, f	2	2	1
Day, c	2	1	2
Goering, g	2	0	1
Coombs, g	2	0	0
Casterline, g	0	0	2
Bernig, g	0	0	0
Total	10	3	7

Angola	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.
Dillinger, c	1	0	1
Eller, f	2	0	0
Randall, f	2	0	0
Whan, f	2	1	2
Smith, g	1	0	0
Taylor, g	0	0	2
Lepley, g	0	0	0
Total	8	1	5

Hoffer was top man for Fort Wayne while George Whan was tops for the Indians.

contribution is a new shiny pool ball donated by Harry Hollopeter.

Co. 556 has added another victim to its list, a basket-ball team composed of Tri-Staters were beat 48 to 8.



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This is the first issue of the "POKAGON CHIEFTAIN" to be published for some time because of unavoidable circumstances. In the future we intend to continue our regular schedule; that of producing both the "POKAGON CHIEFTAIN" and "POKAGON PAPOOSE" each month. The Chieftain will be published the 15th of each month.

The Editor

"I will prepare myself and some day my opportunity will come". A. Lincoln.

The above resolution was made and publicly announced by Abraham Lincoln, early in his life and how well it was kept can easily be seen by a casual study of his personal success.

Enrollees in the Junior CCC Camps have far greater opportunity to prepare themselves for life than had Lincoln. Knowledge and experiences in many vocations are available to them. Opportunity knocks at your door! Are you taking full advantage of them? You likewise can prepare yourself and when your opportunity comes be prepared. Reflect seriously on this thought. See your educational adviser personally about these manifold activities and get into some of them now!

Perry McCain

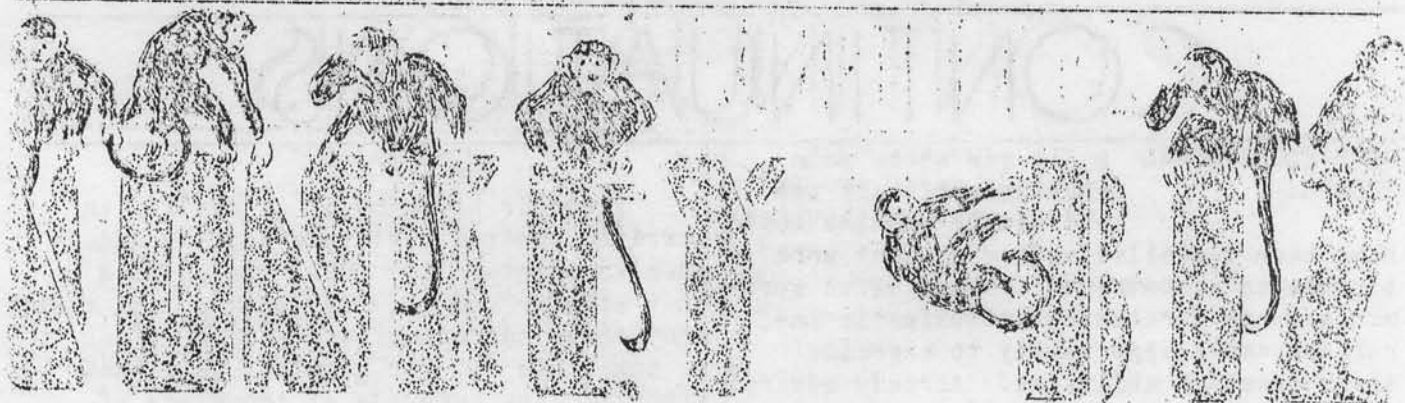
Alley! Adkins! Aydelotte! Barth! Barr! etc., this method of calling the roll would work out very nicely in most companies in the CCC, but for Co. 556 located at Camp SP-7 in the Pokagon State Park near Angola, Indiana. The senior foreman or whoever is calling the roll must use quite a few first names of his comrades or otherwise no correct check would be obtained.

A check of this Company's muster as of January 10, 1936, shows the following interesting and what we believe to be out of the ordinary:

There are eight sets of brothers enrolled in the company, namely: David and William Ferrell, Ted and Zigmund Grenda, Charles and Zane Noragon, Richard and Robert Meuschen, James and Wilson Parker, Joe and Charles Russell, George and Lowell Teegardin and Victor and Garman Wynn.

One set of the above mentioned brothers are twins and until just recently the company had another set of twin

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It seems that George Alley had his long John's hanging out the other night. He later told the boys that they were his spats.

Lieut: Do the boys like your baking?
Messer: Dead men tell no tales.

The hill north of camp is fifty-two
Chaplain: Maurers long. "No offense,
Chaplain."

'Farmer' Seelig has been thinking seriously of taking up boxing as a profession.

Saurer and Marshall went out the other night just long enough to go to the butchers; nevertheless, they both came back with a nice string of beauty's.

We are sure that all of the men that were here liked the way that the New Year was rung in via the fire alarm.

He: Did you ever kiss a man before you married me?

She: I kissed males that thought they were men.

Keep up the old fighting spirit and love thy neighbor.

Life's Impossibilities: A forty-five dollar man and a thirty-six dollar man fighting to see which one makes a members bed.

They have come to the conclusion that what they need on the job is more work and less hot air so they quit buying coke for the salamanders.

The fights that Joe Louis has usually last about as long as the fights around here, a sock or so and it is all over. The only difference the boys have is that they never muss the other one's hair and Louis sends his opponent to the hospital.

Nicknames: Dreamy, Flatfoot, and Senio!

Sad but True: The canteen steward mooching cigarettes; the Supply Sargent without a full issue of clothes; the Mess Sargent not able to eat three squares a day; the Senior Foreman blaming fellows for something he did himself; and last but not least, the Company Clerk went to Bristol instead of Elkhart.

"I've found a way to settle my wife's hash.
"Really?"

"Yes, I take a spoonful of bicarbonate of soda."

When it comes to shopping, men pass the bucks to the women.

"I've just heard that one about Moses getting sick on a mountain."

"Sick? You're ridiculous."

"I am not. Doesn't the Bible say the Lord gave Moses two tablets?"

Stay at home: How do the foreign dishes compare with American ones?"

Traveller: "Oh, they break just as easily."

Enrollee: Oh, Doctor, they tell me these spots are caused by biting insects. What shall I do?

Doctor: Stop biting the insects.

Plumber--So you saw a lady taking a bath this afternoon, eh?

Assistant (with black eye)--I'll say she was a lady!

"The man I marry must be tall and Handsome.
"Gimme a chance, I'm still growing."

Don't you approve of tight skirts.

No, I think women should let liquor alone.

Just one short kill and I must be off.
I'll say you must be if that's all you want.

"He's one of this town's most substantial citizens."

"Yes, solid as a rock from head to foot."

CONTINUATIONS

CAMP EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM a jig saw whose main working parts are two old sewing machine heads have been installed and convenient work benches to accommodate ten to twelve workmen are now furnishing enthusiastic enrollees ample opportunity to exercise their creative abilities. Already several articles for use in the camp have been turned out.

From all available information, it is believed that this workshop is one of the most complete in any CCC camp in the state.

Another class unique in the CCC is the aviation class which has in their shop a complete airship, purchased by the members of this class. This class is directed by an NYA instructor from the Aviation Department of the Tri-State College of Angola.

The Radio Club has started on an amateur transmitting station and expects within a short time to put Co. 556 on the air.

BROTHERS IN CAMP brothers enrolled. This set was broken when Roy Lepley secured his discharge to accept employment.

In addition to the large number of sets of brothers in the company, there are three Nelsons, Earl, Everett and Howard; three Parkers, James, Rowland and Wilson; three Teegardins, George, Herman, and Lowell; and two each of Haines, Holmes and Williams.

Singularly the company is short of such common names as Jones, Whites and Millers. The company has been honored by having on its roll, namesakes for such personages as Woodrow Wilson and Will Rogers.

It's not hard to understand why congressmen are impatient for a vacation. You'd be too, if you had to work with your relatives.

Russian broadcasting stations are forced to broadcast in 64 languages because the country covers so much territory and includes so many peoples.

Women's clubs, they say, existed before the United States became a nation. Research would probably reveal the fact that Eve threatened Adam with the limb of a tree.

"ON THE CCC"

I wonder how many of us realize the terrific expense that this country undergoes to maintain the CCC? The clothes that we wear and the food that we eat cost many thousands of dollars a day. Often we take this all for granted; we cannot visualize the hundreds of thousands of dollars nor the great magnitude of trained men that are necessary to maintain and keep in operation the CCC. Twenty-four hours a day seven days a week there are men that are constantly on the alert that they might improve upon this organization in order that we shall benefit by the stay in the CCC.

Why are we here? Some of us would answer it was either join the CCC or live off what the county or the city could provide, which incidently is meager indeed. Still others would tell of a lack of education and the desire to get enough money to go to school on and there are a few that could not think of one single reason why they joined only that they just did and are here.

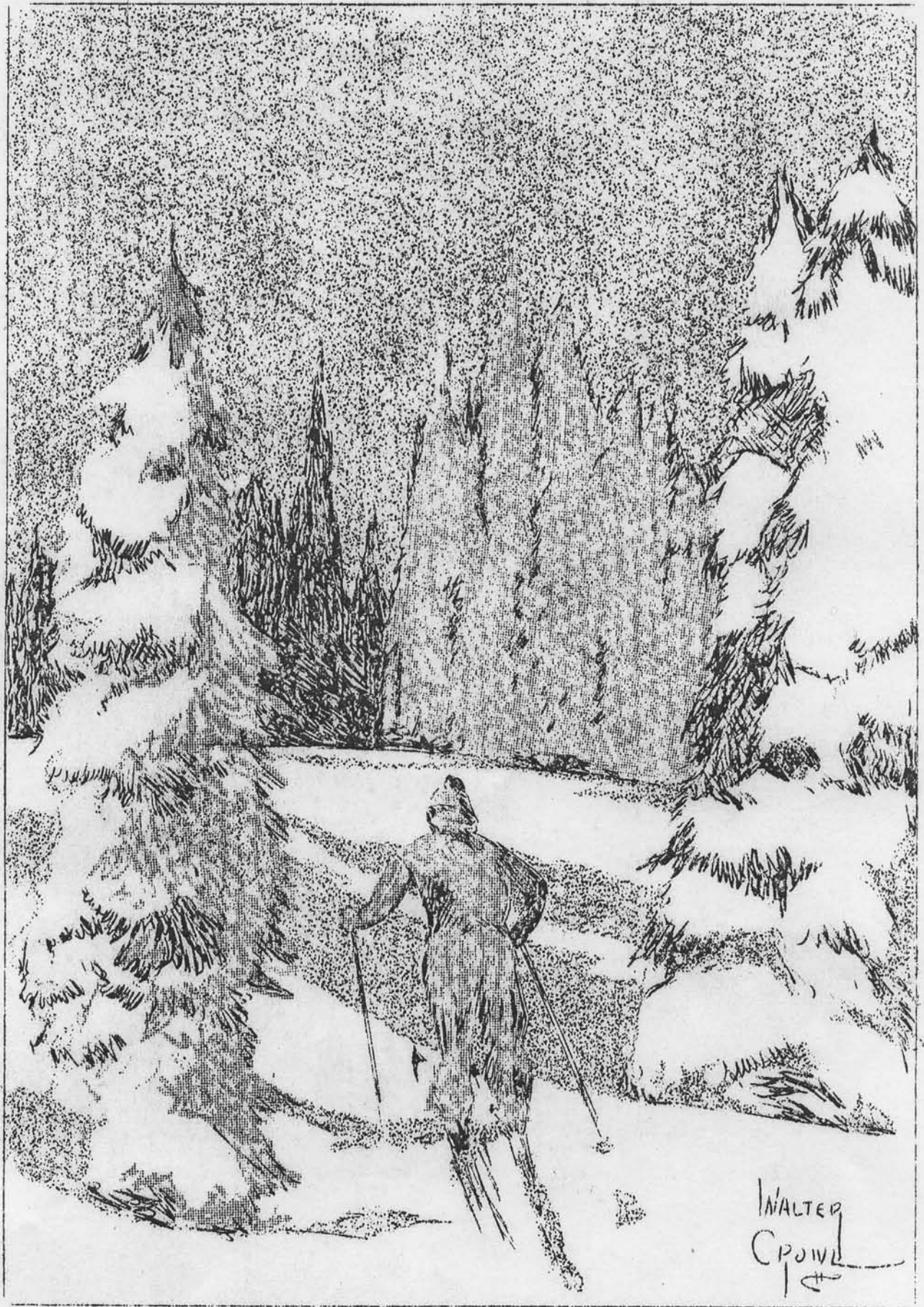
Whatever the reason, it still remains that some one has to pay the bills. When you pay out money for something, it is customary to expect something for it. For every dollar spent you expect to get a dollar's worth of merchandise. This is what the taxpayer expects. The men and women, your parents and mine, expect to get back a better young man than they sent. They do not expect to see a young man that is corrupt no more than the men that govern this organization expect to see loafing and indifference on the part of the members of the various companies.

By the building up of the State Parks and the prevention of erosion and by the conservation of our forest we are not only doing a great work for them but in a much larger measure for ourselves.

The least that we can do is to give our undivided support to the men that clothe us, to the men that feed us and to the men that make it possible for us to do something constructive. Many of us have had the opportunity to learn to carpenter, to cut and lay stone, to build roads and work in various ways of landscaping.

There is nothing in the book of rules that we should join in the camp activities but you will feel better by doing that.

In the future we will be able to appreciate what the CCC has done for us.



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