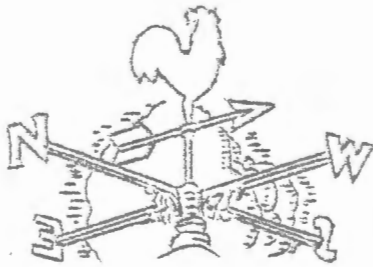


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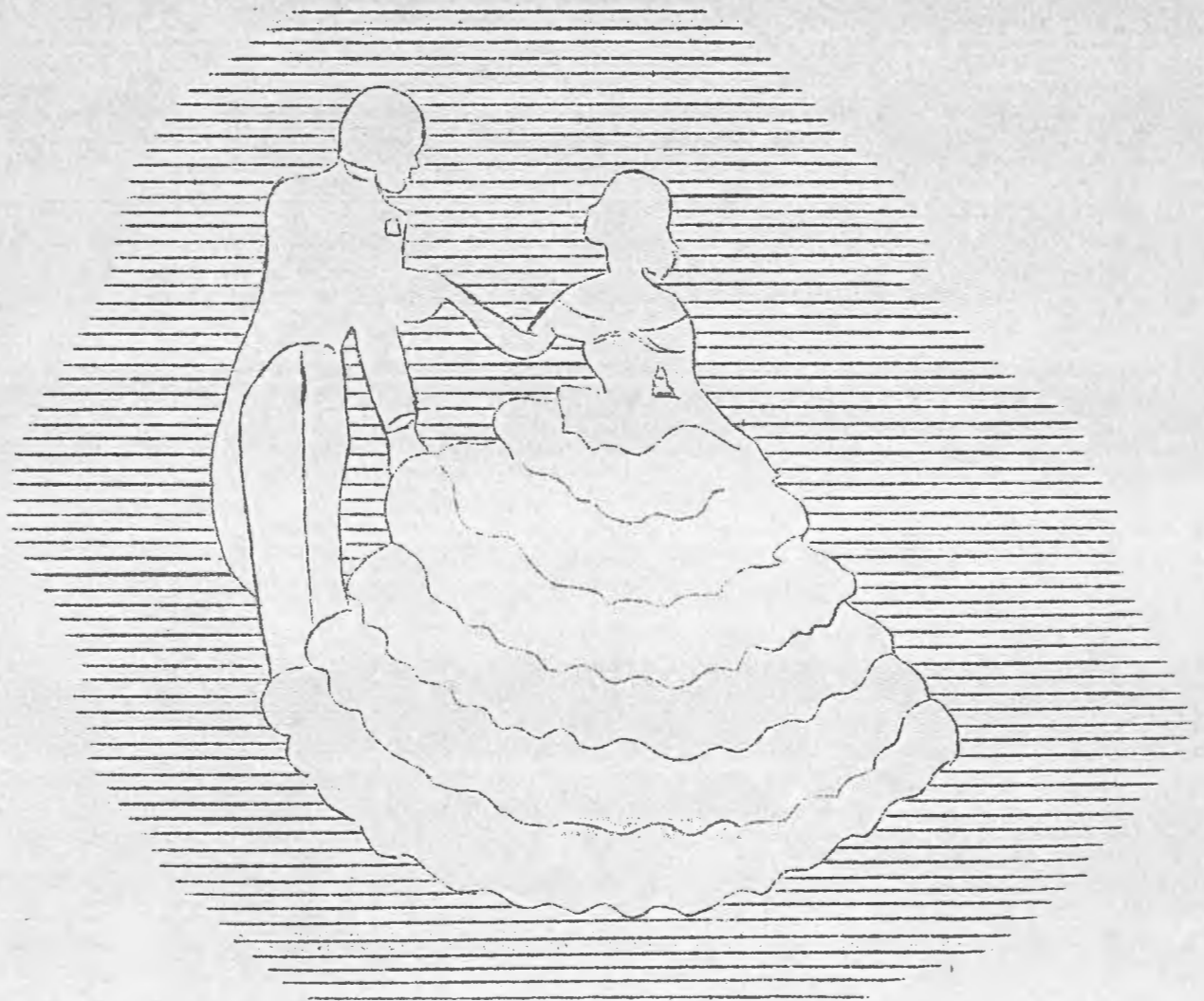
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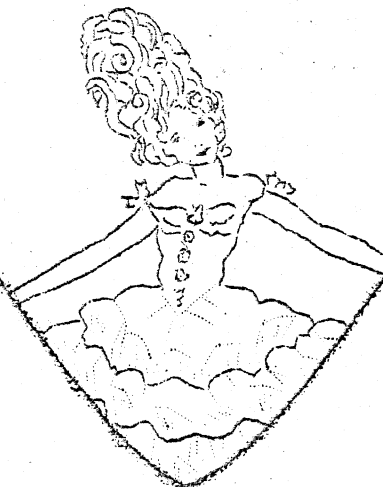
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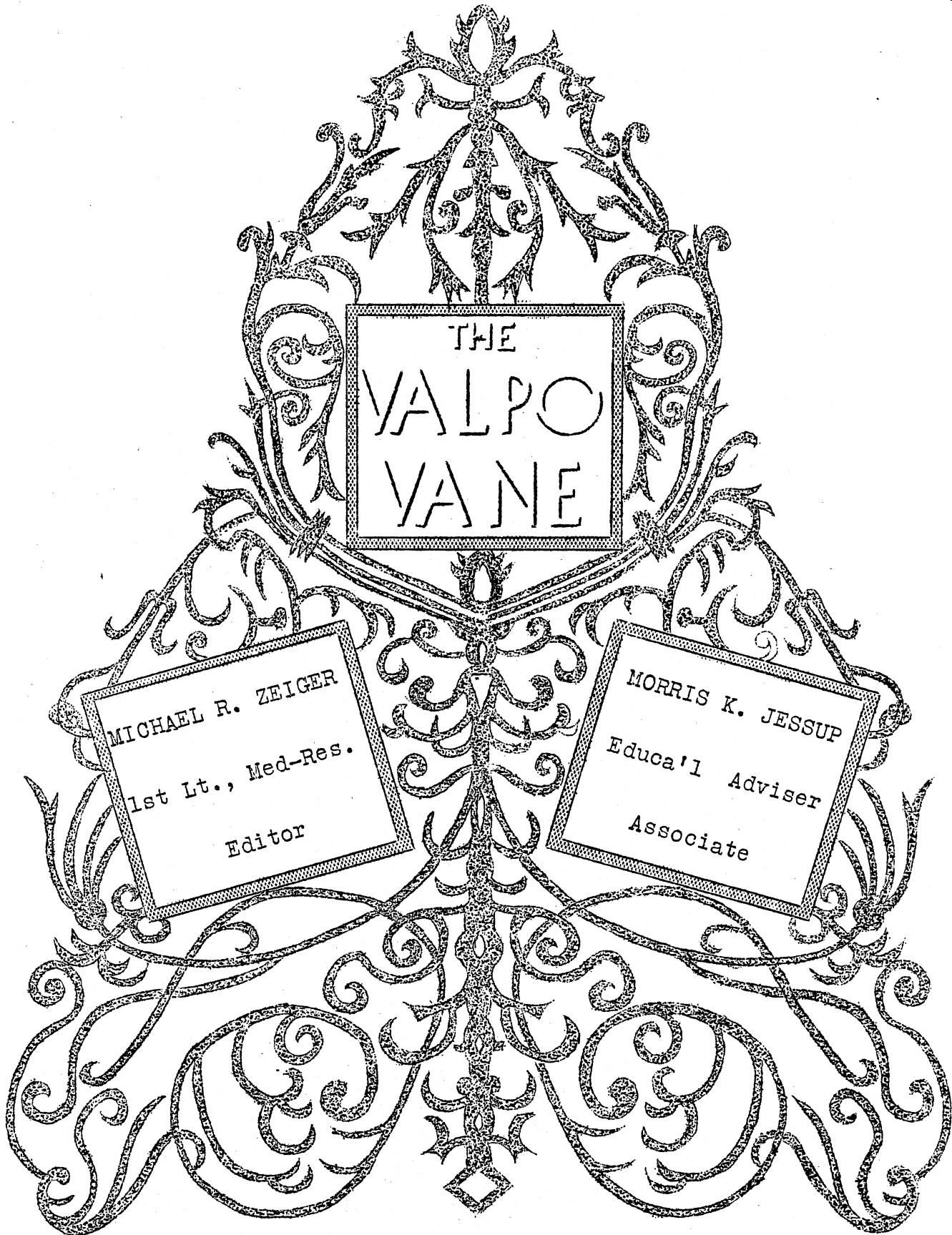
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# VANE RATED HIGH BY HAPPY DAYS

The first issue of the Valpo Vane was released last month. It immediately won the praises of those who judge and evaluate camp papers. Moulded along the style and makeup of the "Sandunes of 1563", the Editor's previous publication, the Vane crashed right into the front ranks of camp publications, following in this respect the Sandunes which had gained national prominence. "Extraordinary", said Happy Days. Quoting from the latter--"The first issue of The Valpo Vane, Co. 1583, Valparaiso, Ind., is one of the best "firsts" any outfit ever published. It is neat, immaculately put together, and it will win praise from the most critical of judges. It is bound in stock blue covers, the front page illustration being

## DUNAJEWSKI TAKES EDUCATIONAL PRIZE

The educational prize, presented monthly for the highest attendance, was won by Enrollee Dunajewski for the month of January with a total attendance of 91, thus averaging approximately three attendances per day. The prize is a three dollar cash award.

"Father" John Janczura, Senior Foreman, was second in the number of attendances with 87. Janczura received a two-pound box of chocolates. Nine others received boxes of chocolates.

printed in silver ink. The inside pages are of a variety of colors - white, red, yellow, blue, and green. The contents are printed in a variety of colors also -- black, purple, red, and green. Pages are well laid out, and the articles sport even margins right and left....." Nor was Happy Days alone in its praise of the Vane. Upon her heels came the Fifth Corps Area bulletin which judged the Vane "the best new camp paper in the Fifth Corps Area". To quote from this bulletin, "The first issue of the VALPO VANE of Co. 1583, Valparaiso, Ind., is one of the best appearing camp papers ever seen in this office. It has 20 pages of excellent material, well-arranged and well-written."

## ADVISER TO SHOW FEATURE FILMS

In addition to the elaborate program of educational movies already in operation, Company 1583 is embarking on a series of feature pictures and cartoons. Adviser Jessup, visual educational advocate and enthusiast, has announced that a feature of four reels and a comedy will be shown once each week. It is planned to show these films in the Recreation Hall on Friday or Saturday nights. These programs should add much to the entertainment of enrollees at the camp.

## NEW COMMANDING OFFICER HAS ENVIABLE RECORD

Captain John W. Davis Jr., Marine Corps, assumed command of Company 1583 last month, succeeding Lieut. R.C. Winsted, now commanding the Fort Wayne camp. Capt. Davis, preceding his transfer, was in command of Co. 1564, Huntington, Indiana.

The Captain has an enviable record as an Officer, having received several citations and decorations.

Graduated from the Georgia Military Academy in 1914, the Captain entered the Royal Naval Transport Service in the Orient as Signal Officer. In 1917 he completed training at Fort Sheridan and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant of Cavalry. Training in aviation followed at the School of Aeronautics, Austin, Texas; Primary Flying training at Ellington Field in Texas; and at the school at Pensacola, Florida. He was then commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, Marine Corps, and went to France in 1917. Completing his training at Issudon, Capt. Davis was assigned to the 26th French Escadrille known as the Stork Squadron. Wounded five times by machine-gun bullets while engaged as a combat pilot, Capt. Davis was officially credited with bringing down five German planes, making him an Ace. Capt. Davis was decorated with the French Croix de Guerre, the French Army citation, American Army citation, Purple Heart, and the Flying Cross. In November, 1918, he was transferred from the 26th Squadron and assigned as Courier in the French Air Service. He returned to the U.S. as 1st Lieutenant and was assigned as the chief test pilot by the Curtis Airplane Company of Buffalo, N.Y. The Captain was promoted to his present rank in 1926. Since 1919 Capt. Davis has served in eight foreign countries as a Marine Officer, including Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and Peru. He returned to Washington, was assigned to CCC duty, and took command of the Huntington camp in July, 1935.

Capt. Davis is a member of the Caterpillar Club and the Quiet Birdmen. The latter organization, although having no regularly elected national officers nor national headquarters, requires a minimum of 500 flying credit hours, and boasts of some of the most famous and experienced aviators including Col. Lindbergh, Capt. Rickenbacker, and Capt. Hawks.

## LIEUT. LANDAW POPULAR WITH CAMP PERSONNEL

Lieutenant Claude R. Landaw, company's Mess Officer, came here from Company 1564, Huntington, when the latter camp was disbanded. Immediately after his arrival, the Lieutenant proceeded to decorate the mess hall with a coat of gray paint and several large framed pictures. Gifted with a pleasing

personality, an abundance of energy, and bubbling over with activity, Lieut. Landaw is rapidly becoming popular with the men of Company 1583.

The Lieutenant was a member of the Indiana National Guard before the war, and resigned from that unit to join the Navy for war time service.

## VERSATILE ENROLLEE EGER RETURNS TO CLERICAL DUTIES

Once more the familiar figure of William J. Eger looms before the typewriter as the latter echoes forth its rapid, rhythmic staccato. Having rendered excellent service as the Company's Senior Foreman for several months, Eger is back at his old position as Company Clerk.

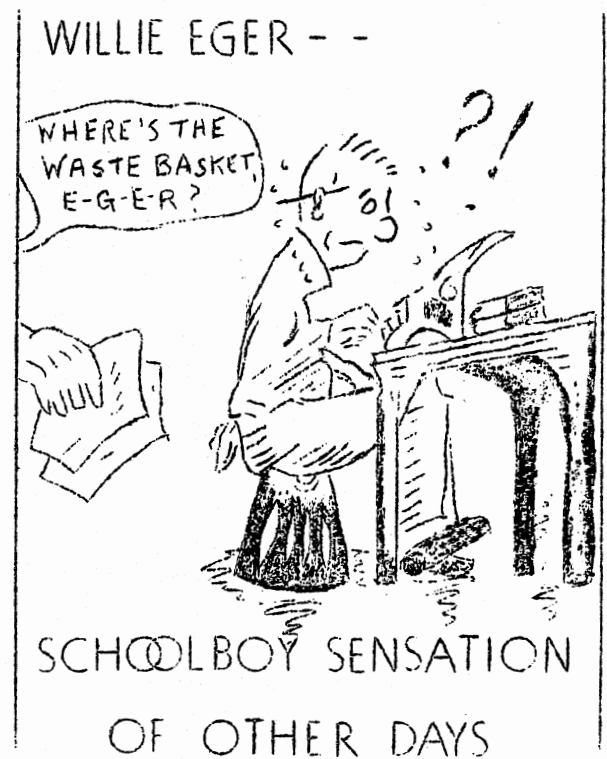
Eger was previously with Co. 1563, Chesterton, Ind., joining that company in July, 1934. He came to Valparaiso as cadre clerk in July, 1935. Unable to replace Senior Foreman Hiestand following the latter's discharge, "Willie" was given the assignment which he fulfilled brilliantly in addition to carrying the brunt of the clerical work. Having found a suitable replacement in Senior Foreman John J. Janczura and in great need of a clerk, Eger was

shifted back to his old position.

Familiar with administrative matters, "Willie" is one of the most valuable enrollees in the company. Weighing but 110 pounds when a rookie, "Willie" was known as the "Schoolboy" to his mates. As understudy cadre clerk he developed so rapidly in efficiency that he was referred to as the "Schoolboy Sensation" of Rensselaer. Having gained thirty pounds in weight since his rookie days, and gifted with a fast thinking mind and unusual durability, Eger has matured so fast that his juvenile sobriquet has become obsolete. The "Schoolboy" of other days has become the "Willie" of today. Eger typifies the enrollee who has made "good" in the C's and who has developed an excellent background for future work.

### MOVIES SHOWN IN DISPENSARY

While the enrollees who remained in camp over the weekend were enjoying a feature film Saturday night at the Rec Hall, four of the men were confined in the Dispensary Ward convalescing from minor ailments, unable to attend the show. Realizing the plight of the four enrollees and a chance to cheer them up, Lieut. Zeiger, Camp Surgeon, suggested that the movie be shown to the men in the Dispensary. The beds were rearranged, a sheet adjusted to the wall, and the film shown in the Dispensary Ward, a procedure which is believed to be unique in the way of Dispensary entertainment.





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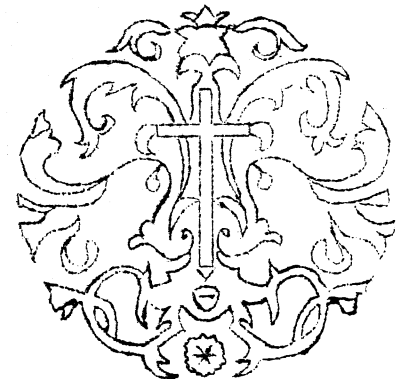
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By

EDW. F. STEGEN

Chaplain  
Medaryville  
Sector

# 'T WAS TOLD TO ME



The editor of the South Bend Tribune directs my attention to a story which appeared in his publication several days ago, and which will, no doubt, be of interest to the enrollees. The yarn:

"In the last enrollment of the local CCC Camp there was included in the number of boys accepted, one Lee Wong, American born Chinese. Wong was detailed to permanent KP shortly afterward. The kitchen crew began to razz Wong, putting rice in his shoes, and twigs, leaves, and other debris in his bed. Wong never so much as mentioned his inconveniences until finally the gang agreed that he could take it. The mess sergeant called Lee before the mess hall gang one morning, and informed him that he was O.K., and that the hazing would cease.

'You mean no more rice in shoesies - no more junk in bedies?'

'That's right, Wong,' said the sergeant.

'Allee samee O.K. by me. Wong no more puttie nice in coffee,' replied the grateful Chinese boy."

## 'T WAS

"How is it," asked a man of a minister, "that your religion has been going for nearly two thousand years and has not influenced more people than it has?"

For reply the minister asked another question: "How is it that water has been flowing for more than two million years and that so many people are still dirty?"

## TOLD

Here's a tip for Officers' mess orderlies. In Los Angeles, Olga Draper, waitress, gave a customer such poor service that he shot her through the stomach. He said later that he aimed for the stomach to preserve the restaurant motif.

## TO

"An expert is just an ordinary fellow among strangers."  
(As turned in by Chaplain: An expert is a fool away from home)

## ME

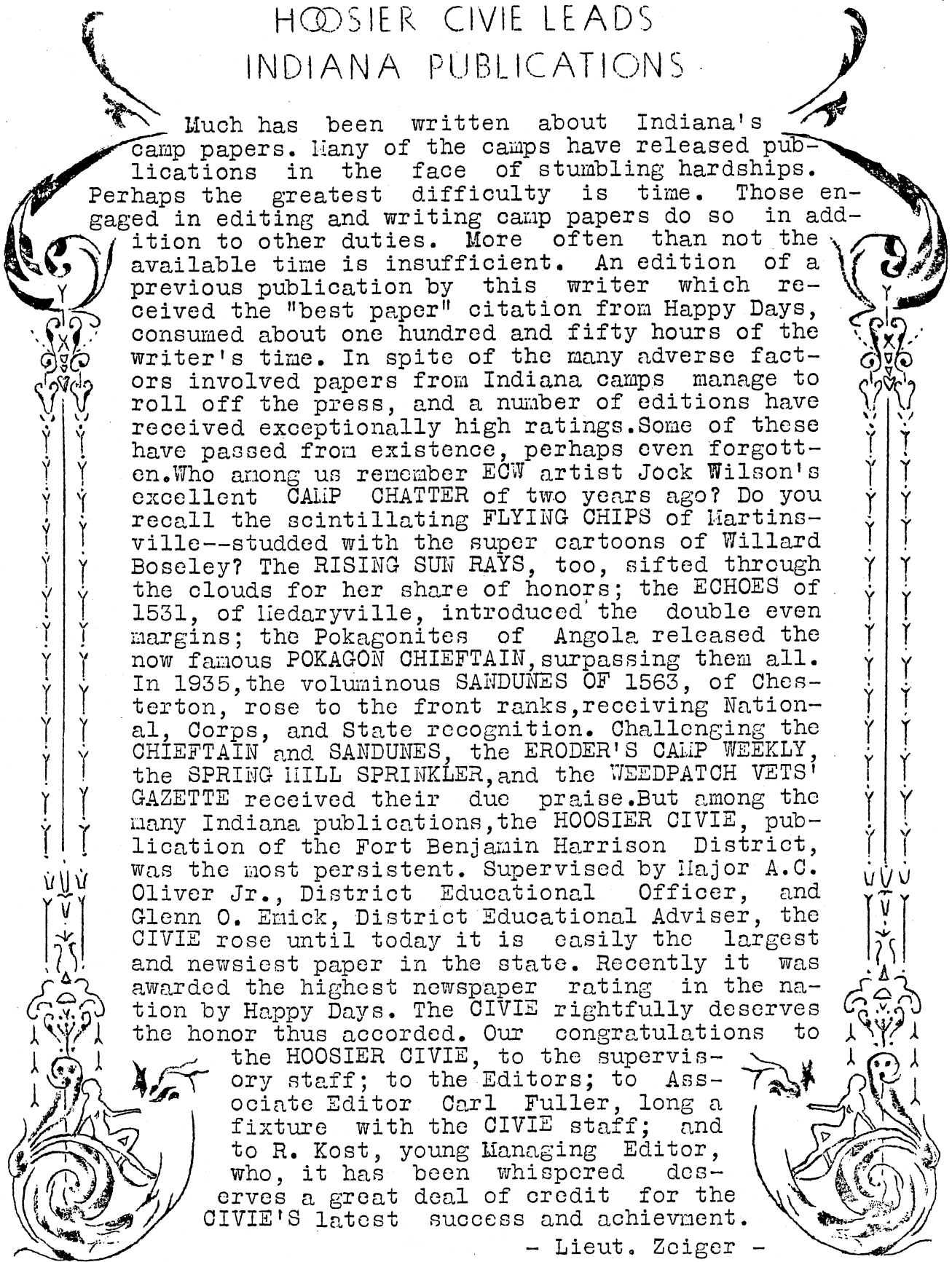
Quoting my old friend Tiny Tin: "God bless you every one."



# HOOSIER CIVIE LEADS INDIANA PUBLICATIONS

Much has been written about Indiana's camp papers. Many of the camps have released publications in the face of stumbling hardships. Perhaps the greatest difficulty is time. Those engaged in editing and writing camp papers do so in addition to other duties. More often than not the available time is insufficient. An edition of a previous publication by this writer which received the "best paper" citation from Happy Days, consumed about one hundred and fifty hours of the writer's time. In spite of the many adverse factors involved papers from Indiana camps manage to roll off the press, and a number of editions have received exceptionally high ratings. Some of these have passed from existence, perhaps even forgotten. Who among us remember ECW artist Jock Wilson's excellent CAMP CHATTER of two years ago? Do you recall the scintillating FLYING CHIPS of Martinsville--studded with the super cartoons of Willard Boseley? The RISING SUN RAYS, too, sifted through the clouds for her share of honors; the ECHOES of 1531, of Liedaryville, introduced the double even margins; the Pokagonites of Angola released the now famous POKAGON CHIEFTAIN, surpassing them all. In 1935, the voluminous SANDUNES OF 1563, of Chesterton, rose to the front ranks, receiving National, Corps, and State recognition. Challenging the CHIEFTAIN and SANDUNES, the ERODER'S CAMP WEEKLY, the SPRING HILL SPRINKLER, and the WEEDPATCH VETS' GAZETTE received their due praise. But among the many Indiana publications, the HOOSIER CIVIE, publication of the Fort Benjamin Harrison District, was the most persistent. Supervised by Major A.C. Oliver Jr., District Educational Officer, and Glenn O. Enick, District Educational Adviser, the CIVIE rose until today it is easily the largest and newsiest paper in the state. Recently it was awarded the highest newspaper rating in the nation by Happy Days. The CIVIE rightfully deserves the honor thus accorded. Our congratulations to the HOOSIER CIVIE, to the supervisory staff; to the Editors; to Associate Editor Carl Fuller, long a fixture with the CIVIE staff; and to R. Kost, young Managing Editor, who, it has been whispered deserves a great deal of credit for the CIVIE'S latest success and achievement.

- Lieut. Zeiger -





Thus far we have neither seen nor heard any wisecracks about the Valpo "Vane", not even from Snooperite Donald Wilson's "Echoes of 1531" from down Hedaryville way. What ho, my good friend, do we wait in vain?.....While on the subject of the oldest camp in the sector, may we say "Hello" to "our" Lieut. Smith. We're still low and immune up here, Lieutenant, and the Tin Room, ah the Tin Room, it still vibrates.....Thanks, Bailey, for your recent visit. Did you give my regards to Keyhole Van Hoose?.....A greeting to Dick Wampler, and a cheerio to Johnny Kerr. We'll make it valentines for Superintendent Jack Warner.....We were grateful when Public Enemy No.1 (Lt. Winsted's radio) took it on the lam. But now we have two radios in the Officers' quarters and they go round and round.....With the arrival of Lieut. Claude Landaw, church attendance has increased to a new "high". According to Mr. Jessup, Educational Adviser, the average attendance has rocketed from 25 to 140. What time was that, Mr. Jessup?.....Lieut. Winsted has taken command of the Fort Wayne camp. We hope the five o'clock radio hour is enjoyed by all who have to listen..... Requests for copies of the Vane are coming from camps all over the country.....We hear that there is an abundance of lemon pie at the Bluffton camp. How, now, Captain McInroe, you can't do that to me.....The dancing boys continue to storm the Fri nite classes at Michigan City - to learn to dance, of course..... Can you hear us way down Monon-way? How about some steak and onions, Lieut. Vollrath? What, no steak and onions? Beats me! How is the mail from Chicago?.....Captain and Mrs. R.O. Utke stopped here recently for a brief visit. Captain Utke, formerly of Martinsville, Chesterton, Frankton, and Lebanon, is now Commander of the Fort Wayne Sector. Congratulations, Captain, and would the Captain kindly check on the abundance of the aforementioned Bluffton lemon pies?.....Hello, Chaplain Maurer! How about presenting a silver cup to the champion Gripers Team?.....Educational Adviser Jessup of "these here" Valpo Vanes now threatens to bring his large General Electric ten tube radio to the Officers' quarters. We've heard this radio before and like it. Mr. Jessup delights in dialing long distances. We like that too. Mr. Jessup prefers to listen to a broadcast from Madrid, Spain. We like to, also, Mr. Jessup, but NOT AT FOUR O'CLOCK ANTE MERIDIEM..... Mr. Glenn O. Enick, District Educational Adviser, when with Co. 556, Angola, designed an automatic shut-off for the water pump. Mr. Enick's latest device closes two windows and opens two hot air registers simultaneously. The mechanism flies into motion at the ring of the alarm clock. And it works.....How are the winter sports up there at Pokagon, Captain Weaver? We'll be up to ski you sometime - with reckless abandon, ah yes, reckless abandon...



## YOUTH REBUILDS

(Ovid Butler)

What is the Civilian Conservation Corps doing for the Youth of America? Has it given them health, hope, faith in themselves and country? A collection of personal experience stories, portraying the desperate struggle with idleness, poverty, and often homelessness which blighted the lives of thousands of young men of working age during the past three years. Their mental and physical suffering wrench the heart, but in their stories there is something inherently fine. It is the vibrant, triumphant response of American youth to a fighting chance to rebuild themselves and their country through orderly and helpful work.

In the whole history of the country no similar opportunity has been given youth on such a vast and humanitarian scale. Their reactions to the depression and to a chance to do useful work; their innermost thoughts and feelings are best told by themselves in YOUTH REBUILDS.



## PAGEANT OF AMERICA

(Malcolm Keir)

Volume Four of the Pageant of America is a pictorial review of development of American commerce throughout the many decades since the birth of the great Commonwealth, the United States of America. Many dozens of pictures tell a graphic story of travel, communication, and transportation, including the growth of railways, the development of telegraph and radio, the invention of aviation, and the history of the horseless carriage, the backbone of the private and commercial life of the United States. This book will interest even the most casual reader for its pictures will carry the story even without the interesting text.



THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

There are hermit-souls that live withdrawn  
 In the place of their self-content;  
 There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,  
 In a fellowless firmament;  
 There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths  
 Where highways never ran -  
 But let me live by the side of the road  
 And be a friend to man.

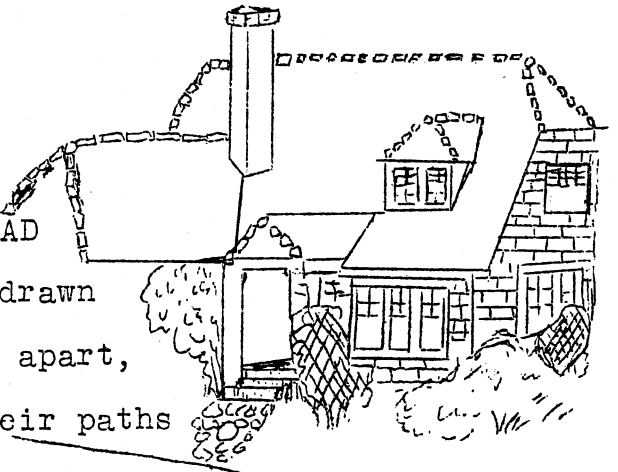
Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
 Where the race of men go by -  
 The men who are good and the men who are bad,  
 As good and as bad as I.  
 I would not sit in the scorner's seat  
 Or hurl the cynic's ban -  
 Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
 And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,  
 By the side of the highway of life,  
 The men who press with the ardor of hope,  
 The men who are faint with the strife,  
 But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears,  
 Both parts of an infinite plan -  
 Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
 And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,  
 And mountains of wearisome height;  
 That the road passes on through the long afternoon  
 And stretches away to the night.  
 And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice  
 And weep with the strangers that moan,  
 Nor live in my house by the side of the road  
 Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,  
 Where the race of men go by -  
 They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,  
 Wise, foolish - so am I.  
 Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,  
 Or hurl the cynic's ban?  
 Let me live in my house by the side of the road  
 And be a friend to man.

- San Walter Foss

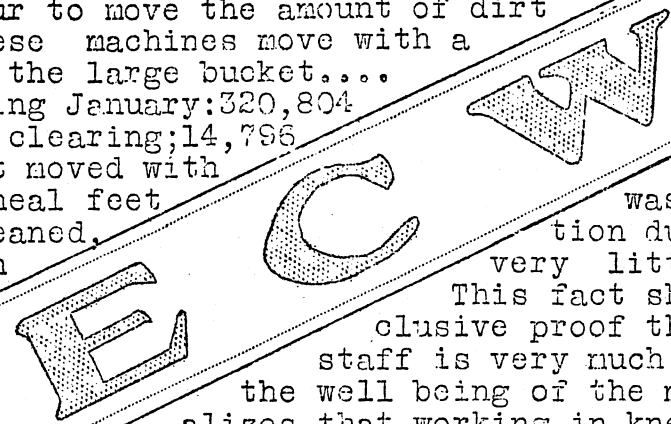


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Mr. JOHN W. DAVIS Sr.  
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 who has been  
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 is dedicated.

Our heavy equipment, tractor trailbuilder and three draglines, were forced to suspend operations due to the condition of the ground, making it impossible to obtain satisfactory results. These draglines are immense, seemingly unwieldy machines, weighing between fifteen and thirty tons. The "pachyderms" used at this camp vary in capacity from 5/8 yard bucket to one yard bucket. It would take one man about an hour to move the amount of dirt that one of these machines move with a single scoop of the large bucket....

Work done during January: 320,804 square yards of clearing; 14,786 cubic yards dirt moved with machines; 314 lineal feet tile removed; cleaned, relayed, and ran 2.6 miles of grade lines.



Perhaps you have noticed that there was no hand excavation during January, and very little in December. This fact should be of conclusive proof that the technical staff is very much concerned with the well being of the men. The staff realizes that working in knee-deep water in cold weather is not one of the most pleasant things in life. Hence the men are employed on clearing projects entirely, leaving the excavation to the above mentioned machines which, incidentally are remarkably immune from acute catarrhal naso-pharyngo-laryngitis..... The E.C.W. overhead is always endeavoring to improve camp life so as to make conditions favorable for enrollees. Take Evan Witters for instance. We know you don't want him but we must - the bitter with the better (by permission of the copywrite owners). Witters has been experimenting for some time to find a new and easier way to shave. A few weeks ago he was successful in his unending search. Said Mr. Witters claims that the desired results will be obtained if the head is held close to a stove upon which gasoline has been sprinkled. Mr. Witters is now trying to find something that will grow eyebrows - quick Henry, the "Mascara"! ..... It is believed that the solution for the prolonged cold weather has been found. With the coming of the sub-zero wave a new foreman was added to the staff. Mr. Kilmer reported for duty on January 16th, and since then very little time has been spent in the field. Mr. Kilmer, however, has been taking an interest in the camp's activities and we are sure that he will prove a welcome addition to our department.....

SAM WEARLEY  
Superintendent

W.H.VANDERBOSCH  
Foreman

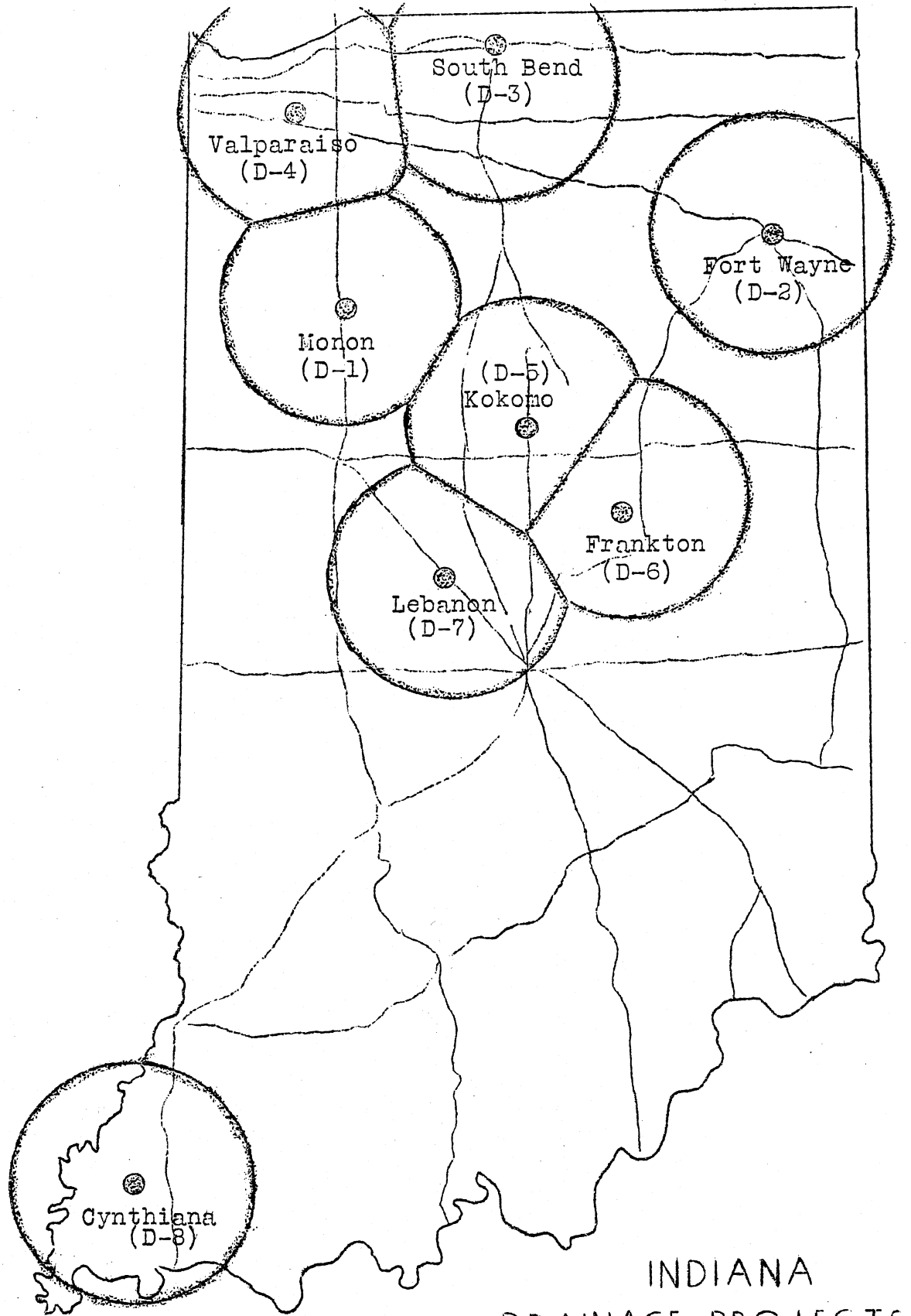
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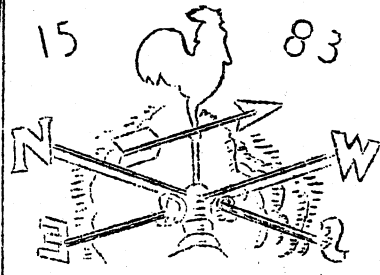
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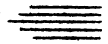
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