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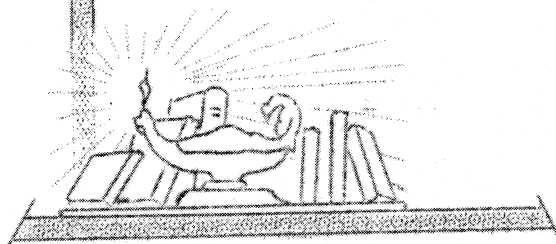
THE VALPO VANE

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Camp D-4, Company 1583,
Civilian Conservation Corps,
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Gentlemen:

I welcome this opportunity to extend greetings to the entire personnel of Camp D-4, Company 1583, Valparaiso, Indiana. The work accomplishments of the camp and the enthusiasm of its members, as reported to me, indicate that you have learned the responsibilities and enjoyed the privileges which the Civilian Conservation Corps offers.

It is my sincere wish that each of you, through your service in the Civilian Conservation Corps, will acquire both tangible and intangible benefits which will be valuable to you throughout your lives.

Sincerely yours,

Robt. Fechner
ROBERT FECHNER

Director

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THE CONTRIBUTION TO DRAINAGE SERVICE

HARRY G. EDWARDS

DRAINAGE INSPECTOR - INDIANA

(Condensed from radio address over station WFBI February 1936)

The Civilian Conservation Corps, Drainage Camps, have played an important part in drainage maintenance. Forty-two drainage camps represent about two percent of the entire CCC. These camps, few in number, have been very conspicuous in the useful work accomplished. Of all drainage camps, thirty-six are located in the Central district comprised of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Iowa, and are placed centrally in localities where drainage is of prime importance. The drainage program is confined to maintenance of public channels, and provides for clearing brush and light timber from ditch banks, excavation of old ditches to original grade and cross section, and reconditioning of tile drainage systems.

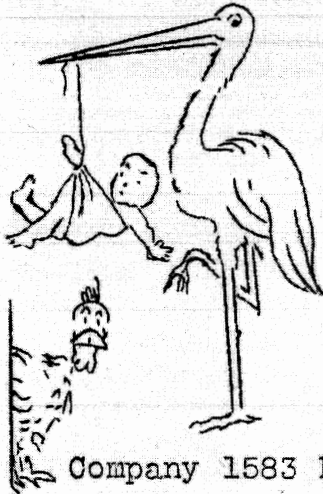
The program is under the Bureau of Agricultural Engineers of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, which has for years been improving agricultural practices and conditions. The success of the drainage program is largely due to the researches of this bureau, but it is the spirit of the CCC boys, with their motto "We Can Take It", that has really put the work over in splendid style. These boys are the backbone of the program and have the spirit of determination of the pioneers who first conquered the lands on which we have built. The work activities are not only valuable to the communities involved but likewise furnish invaluable training to the boys in our camps. Educational advantages and training afforded the CCC boys cannot be measured in dollars and cents, and dividends in human improvements will be paid throughout many years. When dealing with human values, all other values are of little importance, and it is our purpose to make better citizens of these boys than they were when they entered the camps. The work program is secondary to the health and welfare of the boys, altho it, to, must be efficiently and effectively handled.

-----An Army Chaplain recently remarked that there was little romance in digging ditches. In reply I challenged his statement: romance can be found in any worthwhile job. Romance is interwoven in the history of America and these boys are making history. There is satisfaction in any job well done, and these boys are being trained to lives of usefulness. In later years some will be among the leaders who shape America's destiny, and one of the first habits a CCC Boy acquires is taking orders. A MAN MUST FIRST BE ABLE TO TAKE ORDERS BEFORE HE IS QUALIFIED TO GIVE ORDERS.

While other nations may be mobilizing their youth for the destructiveness of war, we, through the Civilian Conservation Corps, are directing the tremendous potential forces of our own youth toward constructive purposes. Our hats are off to the CCC Boys-----

THEY CAN TAKE IT

NEWS & CAMP FROM NEWS D-4



IT'S HERE
"NUTS
TO
YOU"

Daily Sheet
born. to
Company 1583

Company 1583 has a new baby, brain child of WITTERS and Jess-up, in the form of a daily news and scandal sheet, called "Nuts to You". This single page news paper appears to be a cross between "Time", "Whiz Bang", and a first sargent's nightmare. We thought at first it was intended to be a competitor to the now famous "Vane", but after looking over the first couple of issues we relaxed. The news sheet is reasonably neat, snappy in its make-up and contents, and up to the minute in news. It appears five days each week, omitting only Saturday and Sunday. Good Work boys!—You have our best wishes.

INSPECTIONS

It seems to be open season on inspections at Camp D-4. Someone in the mess hall was heard to mutter the other day that he wished there was an open season on inspectors. Not only do we have the frequent visits of our own MAJOR LIBBERT, but just a few days ago MAJOR HENSON popped in without even a hint that he was on the way, and in spite of the fact that he caught us with our lower garments in a precarious position, we received one of the reports that a C.O. dreams about but seldom sees.

Then out of blue sky (well it was almost blue) came Lt. SHORT-RIDGE (in a bullet proof vest) to rate Rec Halls and Mess Halls. Ah. Me! What a day. A couple more weeks and we might have been ready for him. Might have been.

And SAM WEARLEY has had his worries for just yesterday we had a visit from ECW Inspector Edwards-----To Worry WEARLEY.

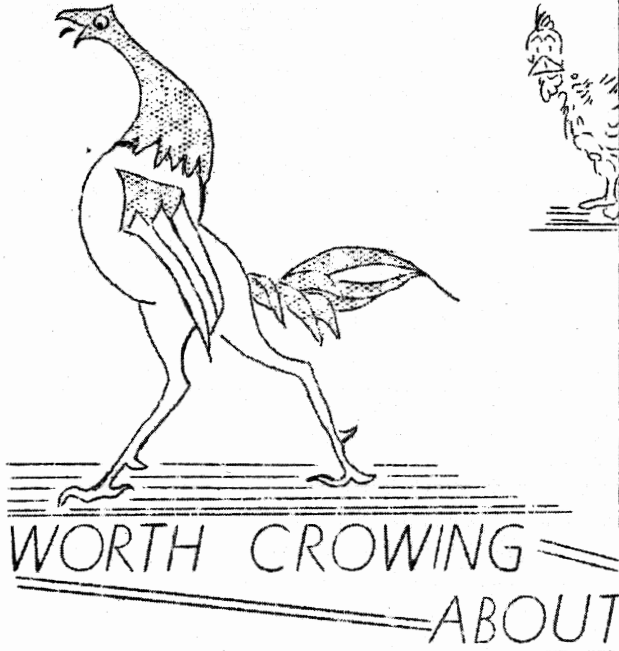
Well, we were glad to see you Gentlemen, but if we never have another inspection is is plenty soon, according to Father John JANCZURA, amiable senior foreman.

WITTERS, WITTERS, AND SWEET PILLS, PRINTING, AND PESSIMISM
DAILY PAPERS - NUTS TO YOU



MANY FIRSTS

We needs must point with pride to the many honors being bestowed on Company 1583. Following the inspection by MAJOR LIBBERT we were awarded first place in the sector for Mess Hall, Recreation Hall, and infirmary. It is a bit difficult to maintain our usual modesty. And did you hear of the reputation made by the "VANE"? And had you noticed our daily paper, almost unique in the realm of the CCC's? And not satisfied to be ignored the ECW got that fine letter from ROBERT FECHNER, printed elsewhere in this issue. And, what with new officers, and new educational program, we think this Company is



PHOTOGRAPHY

DOYLE BLACKETER has started printing photos and developing film rolls, secluded in the class room at nights, and is now absent from bed check frequently, a fine study of intense interest, in the red light of the dark room. In his wake trail a large number of enrollees who will soon have an active photographic club formed.

WINTER

We have just survived the coldest winter ever recorded in the north part of Indiana having had about six weeks of weather ranging from zero downwards. It seems to have broken now and we are basking in shirt sleeves in temperatures as high as 32 degrees, and some think it's hot.

DANCING

Interest in dancing seems to be on the wane, attendance at the Friday Night Dancing trip to SORG's place in Michigan City having dropped so low that its continuance is impossible. There are a few die-hards, however, who are starting a Saturday night company dance in the Mess hall. We foresee a great deal of good business for the new phone in the Rec Hall, as dates are made.

CONFERENCE

On Thursday, Feb. 27th, at the Sector Headquarters at Medaryville, all the advisers of the sector got together and had a good meeting with Corps Area Adviser, Dr. NAT T. FRAME, Mr. G. O. EMICK (there's only one EMICK) Lieut. SHORTRIDGE, and the sector officers. Company Commanders were also present, but Capt. DAVIS was too ill to go. Discussions covered developing libraries and their use, counseling and guidance for enrollees instruction on the job, forms of report and an explanation of the new clinic idea the Chaplain has been trying out in South Bend. We were all glad to have the chance to get better acquainted with Dr. FRAME.

MOVIES

Feature movies are now being shown every Saturday and Sunday evening to entertain the boys who think enough of the camp to stay in. "The Lost World" recently shown, was said to be popular

PHONE

The recreation Hall now has a public telephone, available for all members of the command. Many girl friends are being dated.



COMPANY ORDERS

With the issue of Friday, 13th of March the Daily "NUTS" is running a department under the head COMPANY ORDERS. This section will carry news of promotions, awards, discharges, transfers, etc., and will offer an effective means of spreading important items of the greatest official interest.

FIRST AWARDS

The first of a series of HONOR AWARDS was made at retreat formation, March 13th. Certificates of merit, read to the whole company were given enrollees EGER, LANE, and OWEN JOHNSON, together with a beautiful embroidered "CCC" tie. These awards are made by Capt. Davis, and represent the recognition of outstanding service or interest on the part of the men receiving them. The three men mentioned above certainly deserve this recognition: EGER for efficiency as company clerk; LANE for sincerity and neatness about all of his daily duties. Johnson for operating one of the best supply rooms in Indiana.

DOGS

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CCC Camps are prone to all sorts of epidemics but this one has had an epidemic of dogs. It is true that there were only a couple of them but for awhile we almost felt that there were dozens of them. Major LIBBERT, ever thoughtful of the lonely men in the camp brought a pup for Lt. Sandaw, and it was immediately deposited in the officers quarters, much to the disgust of orderly BOYAN, who at once became its godfather.

Ensued many nights of howling with loss of sleep for the inhabitants of the quarters. Then things got worse. It appears that the generous major had also given another puppie to Lt. Stegen, stalwart sector Chaplain whose wife could not see eye to eye with him on the subject of having a dog in the house. so the Chaplain brought the puppie out to join his brother.

It is rumored that one or more of the canines developed a liking to sleep with School-boy Eger. This may account for the back door of the orderly room being kept locked lately.

The problem has been solved however, by both Chaplain and Lieutenant taking their respective animals home, for better or for worse—we hope for good.

SURGEON

Lt. Houser spends a good bit of time in Camp D-4 now that he has to share his services between Medaryville, and Valpo. Maybe it is the food that attracts him—but we doubt it.

LEADERSHIP INSTRUCTION

On March 9th we had Mr. Buxon from Purdue with us for a short visit. He gave lectures and a demonstration on the best ways for leaders and foremen to give job instruction to workmen who might be under their supervision. It was a worthwhile meeting.

ZEIGER TRANSFERED

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It was probably inevitable that we should lose Lt. M. R. ZEIGER, who has for so long been an outstanding Medico in the CCC's of the northern wastelands of Hoosierdom. With an enviable record in both Medaryville and Chesterton Camps, "Doc" was transferred from the now disbanded Dunes Camp to Valparaiso (via Chicago) on or about the first of November 1935. Since that time he has served Camp D-4 in every way that a good Medico could serve. Seldom out of the Camp, ZEIGER was always on hand for emergencies, big or little. Captain DAVIS always called ZEIGER the "Little Doctor", but to other members of the camp he is just plain "Doc". His even temperment and calm disposition made him quite a stabilizing influence at all times.

EDITED THE VALPO VANE

BEST INFIRMERY

Following his policy, originating in the "Dunes" camp, ZEIGER became the God-father, editor, and publisher of the Camp Paper. His "Valpo Vane" followed closely the set-up of the "Sandunes of 1563". The national success of the camp papers edited by ZEIGER make a high and difficult mark at which his successors aim.

The infirmery was always a place of personal interest to ZEIGER, not merely a building where necessary work had to be done and gotten out of the way. ZEIGER'S infirmery in Camp D-4 is recognized as one of the best in the district, certainly best in the sector.

DO YOU REMEMBER WAY BACK WHEN

The cadre came to Valpo? When WILLIE EGER was still company clerk, at the "Dunes"? When we hadnt even heard of the Huntington Camp? When WINSTED smiled? When we had steak every day? (Neither do we). When BOB ARMSTRONG'S Band was here for camp night? When Germano taught psychology, and GOVER taught letter writing? When JANCZURA wasnt first sargent? When ART BRIGHT was supply sargent? When the ECW didnt have a garage? When ZEIGER'S car would start without pushing? When LAFOLLETT was an LEM? When we didnt have a school-marm? When personality boy BOB MICHAL dispensed pills? When HIPP baked his first doughnuts on the field ranges? When HIPP made the famous jelly roll? When the rec hall wasnt painted? When LANDAW'S wife forgot to telephone as soon as he left camp? (Or did she?) When HINDU was a rookie? When BOLES first went to the Idlewild?

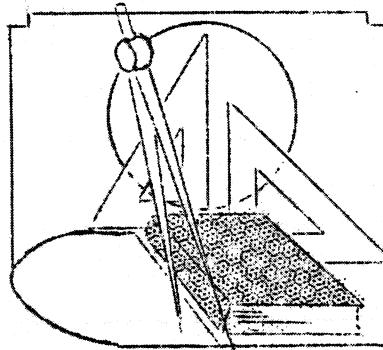
SALAD

Do you remember when JESSUP, LANDAW and ZEIGER ate salad at supper, one night when the major was in camp? When BAIRD was the orderly in quarters and mess? When MURRAY couldnt Bugle? (its easy to remember that one) When SMITH made Saturday inspection?

PALACE

When the mess hall didnt look like a palace of pleasure? When food was served hot to the boys in the field? When ZEIGER first discovered the Coconut Grove? When SPRATLEY got tired riding in the truck, and ZEIGER and WITTERS removed the tired feeling?

SHOP
FIELD,



AND _____ 10
OFFICE

Clarence Darrow states that man sprang from monkey; in this camp man springs to monkey. WALTER (CYCLONE, to you) CICHON uses the "Man on the flying Trapeze" as his theme song. IGGY MURATO, JOHN SELMAN, and ALLEN HUFF, and ADAM PIATKOWSKI form the dynamite crew for this camp. HUFF MURATO, and SELMAN shoot off the dynamite and PIATKOWSKI shoots off his mouth.

The titles of grease monkeys have been conferred on FULTON, PARKER, ROHR, BURLINGHAM, ROARK, DOBBS, BAILEY, VAN DE WATER, WACHOWSKI, LIPPERT, WOLFE, SINGLETON, and SAM DICKERSON for their work on the draglines and tractors.

RIGGS, TRAVELBEE and ZYCH form the nucleus of the surveying crew and do the survey work on the ditches. They thrive on a daily menu of muck, mud and sand.

PLONSKI and DUNAJEWSKI are called sawing fools. Imagine, if you can, DUNAJEWSKI competing with the lumberjacks of the north.

Orchids to EVAN WITTERS, for rounding up truck drivers such as IRVINE, GRIFFIN, FLETCHER, DALTON, (likes these northern gals), RED GRIFFIN and MUSSELMAN. These men are maintaining a safe driving record that will vie with any other camp in the district.

Have HAROLD FLANNIGAN tell you how he bluffed the she hog. Take a look at JOE ZEMAN'S permanently pressed pants. JOE AUSTIN informs us that he goes in a big way for evening "reveal" formation. FRED DOBBS was first to report that we were "guarenteed".

Farewell and good luck to the following men discharged during March: SLOANE, CHARLES THOMPSON and WALSH.

After much high pressure, we got BOB BRADY to write this line. Funny that he left out all mention of the ECW office personnel. BOB is modest that way. You have to watch him. BUD WALSH is over there to. You have to watch him also. You have to watch both of them. Ask WEARLEY He ought to know. They push pens and pencils, and turn the handle of a computing machine. One of them reads the numbers and the other turns the machine. It may be because one has a weak back and the other one a weak mind. We forget which one turns and which one reads. Maybe it dont make any difference.

One of the many noticable activities over in the ECW is something they do with a little board with holes in it, and pegs that they push in and pull out of the holes. You use cards with spots on them to figure out what to do with the pegs. We dont understand it, but it seems to keep the boys working long after regular hours. Maybe we will get promoted to ECW work sometime, instead of mere education, and then maybe we can learn all this complicated figure work.

The ECW is fortunate in having this type of work that goes on during the quarantine. We notice they keep at it late at night now. Too bad, boys.



Twas Told To me!



BY CHAPLAIN EDW. F. STEGEN

DURING the war the Canadian Army used a novel and successful method of enlisting men for service over-seas. Whole battalions were given three day passes to go home and hunt up relatives, friends and acquaintances and persuade them to enlist in the army of the Dominion. The plan was so successful that actual mobilization exceeded the expectations of the army general staff and war-strength units were in the field long before their officers anticipated.

WHAT would be the result if a great number of people took three days from their routine activities and spent them converting others to a great cause, to Christianity for example? We suspect that the impact of that plan would be remembered long after its advocates were forgotten, forever perhaps.

TWAS

YOUNG men, if I stood where you do, I would
take up my mind to know something, and know it well.

TOLD

It takes a little courage
And a little self-control,
And some grim determination,
If you want to reach a goal.
It takes a deal of striving,
And a firm and stern-set chin,
No matter what the battle,
If you're really out to win.

TO

AN old junk dealer came down the alley each day crying: "I'll buy bottles and rags!" One day I asked him why he classified the things he wanted to buy in this manner. He replied: "Well, you know where you find bottles you'll always find rags."

ME

ONE female fly laying one hundred twenty eggs on the twentieth day of April can have as many as 5,599,730,000,000 living descendants by May 30th.



EDUCATIONAL

HISTORICAL REVIEW

For the first two months of its existence, Company 1583 did not have a full fledged educational program. After the constructional stage, about the first of September, Guy GERMANO was assigned as Educational Adviser and made a vigorous start, organizing many of the classes most in demand. Unfortunately, he was transferred at the end of about two weeks, and educational work went into the doldrums again. Asst. Ed. Adviser COVER kept some of the classes going, and at the first of October the writer was assigned as part time adviser, having also the Chesterton Camp, usually called the "DUNES" Camp. One Adviser sharing two camps is not a satisfactory arrangement and educational schedules languished a bit. On the first of November the writer was assigned to the "Volpo" Camp for full time work. At about the same time IVAN HAFSTROM also came to Company 1583 from the "Dunes", and, due largely to his energy new classes were started and were well attended. In December "Johnnie" left the Co to work in Stinson's Aircraft Factory, and BOB NICHAL became assistant. A prize awarded for the best attendance in the November classes added incentive, and combined with BOB'S energy in creating interest in class work, caused a great expansion of attendance. Through November, December and January, attendance was steadily increasing. After much experimenting it was decided to expand and thoroughly reorganize the program in the early part of February. Prolonged sub-zero weather kept teachers at home making an ideal time to conduct a new enrollment campaign, and advertise, the work. This has been done and at present every man in the whole Company is enrolled in one class or another. It is not always easy to find which work of a class room nature will best appeal to all enrollees, but with the aid of EAP teachers Calderhead, Anderson, and Miss Barrett, and the entire supervisory personnel of the camp we now have available more than thirty courses, so diversified as to interest all men in the command. In addition there are ten or twelve informal activities available to those interested.

WHIPPET CAR

1583 is now the proud owner of an automobile. FRENCH and ARNOLD local dealers, have donated an old Whippet for experimental purposes and it is expected that mechanics classes, under the able direction of foreman KILMER, will have much fun rebuilding the decrepit bus.

GAME PRESERVE

On Saturday morning, March 7th, the conservation club of Camp D-4 under the leadership of OSCAR JOHNSON visited the game farms,

and breeding pens of Jasper-Pulaski Game Preserve thirty miles to the south. Much of interest was seen and learned about the raising of birds and animals for distribution throughout the state. About 35 men were in the party which went in an EOP truck. Sandwich luncheon was served while the boys visited with enrollee friends in CCC Co. 1531, located in the park. Thanks to Lt. SMITH and Capt. SUMMERS for coffee.

MORE ABOUT EDUCATION WE CANNOT finish our educational pages without some

mention of the work of the Emergency Educational Program in this Camp. Without their aid it would have been indeed tough going to get outside teaching help. However through the interest of Mrs. Larabee, and Mr. Busenburg, of the Gary district of the WPA, and with some suggestions by Mr. John A. Linebarger of the Indianapolis office, our boys have been able to attend classes in literacy, and in practically all the elementary school subjects. The classes were efficiently taught, by three teachers, in the Valparaiso center. Miss Ruth Barrett has organized classes in reading, writing, spelling, and typing. Messrs. Calderhead, and Anderson, have conducted classes, available to the CCC boys, in arithmetic, algebra, literature, psychology, book keeping, music, law dramatics and social science. In leaving the C's, the Educational Adviser wishes to commend these friendly folk for their interest, and help, and express his appreciation for their perseverance in the face of discouraging obstacles. It is hoped that these teachers can continue to make their work available to the camp, and that with the coming of spring, and better weather, the enrollees will find it easier to attend the many classes offered them.

LIBRARY

THIS COMPANY is proud of its library which now contains about eighteen hundred volumes. Not a month has passed without a substantial increase. 1583 now has the largest library in the sector and probably the largest in the State. At first additions were almost all textbooks, but for several months we have received large numbers of fiction until we have hundreds of book of the type enjoyed by the boys, mostly from the Gary Public Library.

QUARANTINE

THE SCARLET FEVER quarantine has played havoc with the educational program of Company 1583 during the month of March. Since the camp Surgeon has ordered no unnecessary gatherings, we have stopped all group activities, including formal classes, movies, visual education, lectures, and even recreational activities which tend to bring men in close contact in groups, indoors. It is hoped that by the first of April we can get started again.

DRYING HOUSE

A DRYING HOUSE is to be brought here from the old camp of 1531 at Medaryville. This will make the laundry problem a lot easier for all of you fellows.

NO EVIL

HEAR NO EVIL, See no evil, Speak no evil, and you will never make a success in a sewing circle--or in the officers mess

SPRING

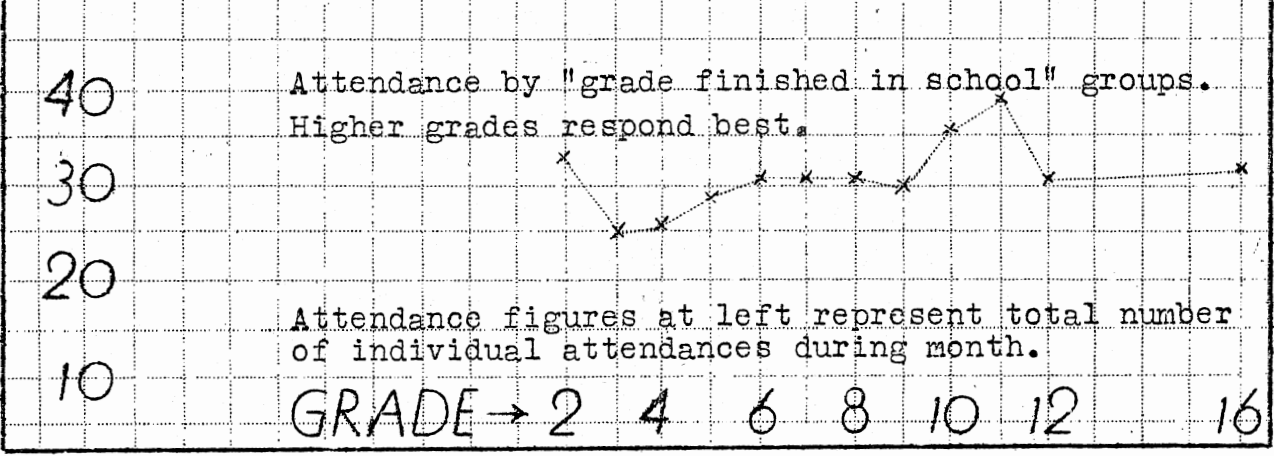
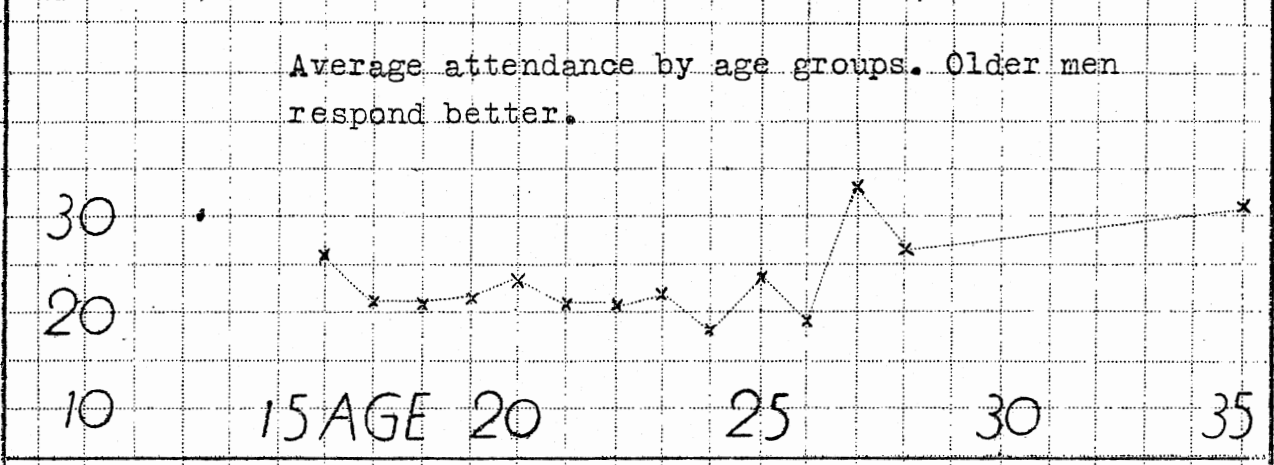
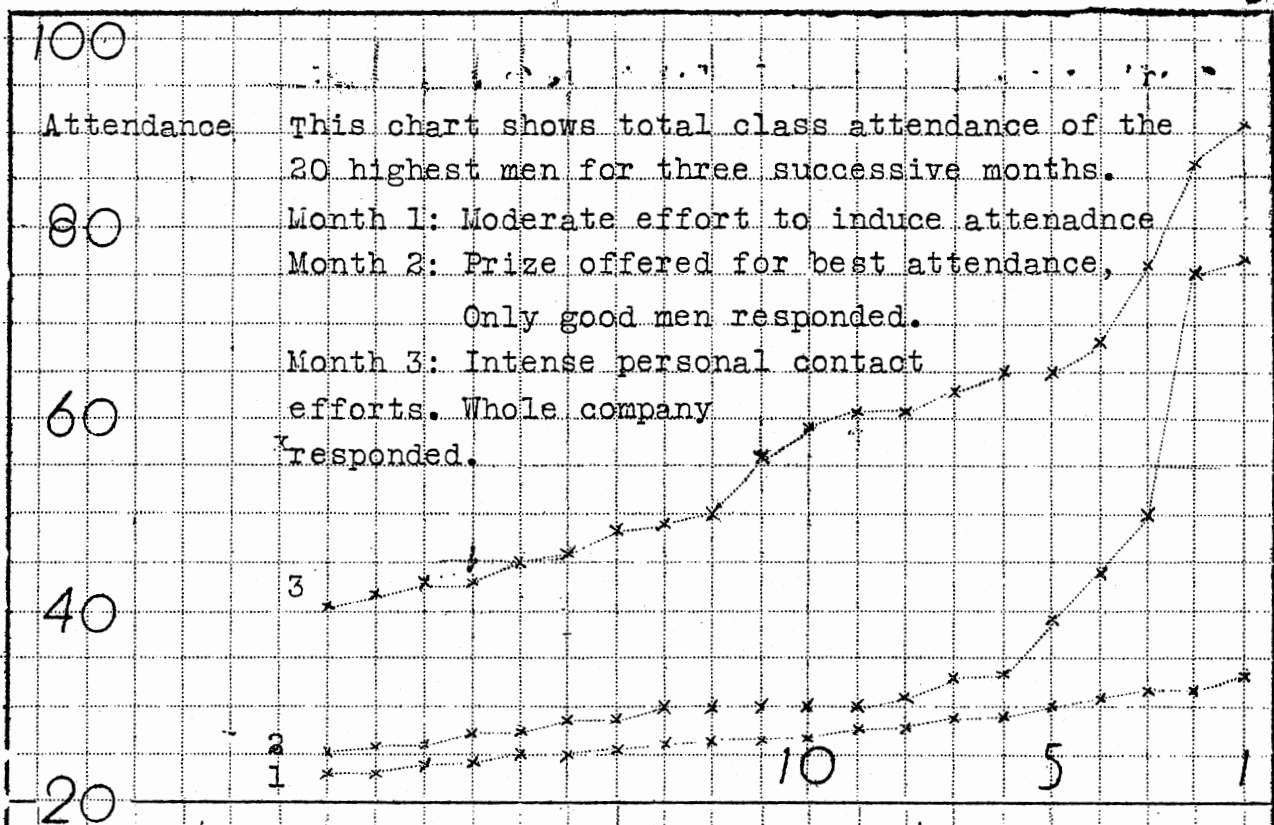
THERE ARE unmistakable signs of spring. Of course we have the warm weather, but ball gloves, bats, etc. are in use all over the area. It is a sure indication.

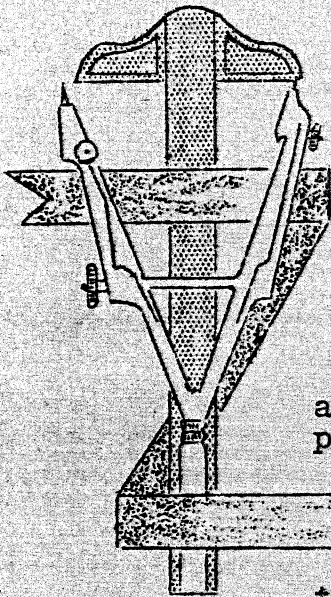
MESS

THEY SAY the officers mess, but nobody knows why they do.

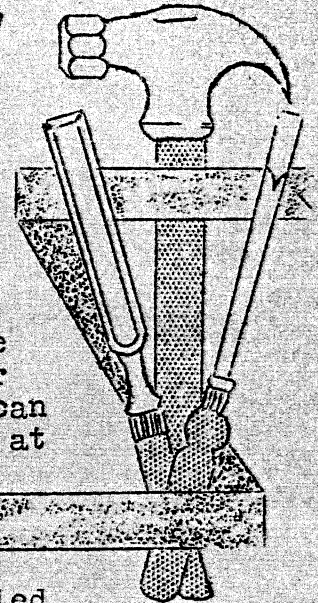
CORNER

We wish we had something with which to fill this little spot.





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Warmer weather—once more our dragline and tractor engines take their daily diet of gasoline and oil. It is fantastic to think that machines of such size bow to the whims of mere man. Bow they do, however and 'tis said some of our operators can put a pin in a babies main necessity at fifty yards without making a scratch, and they say that the bull-dozer attachment on the tractor is now being used

to smooth out the wrinkles on the worried faces of our Supervising Personnel, than whom there are none better.

THANKS

The Supervising Personnel take this means of thanking enrollees leaving March 31st for their fine cooperation, and excellent working spirit. We wish you, each and every one, the best of luck in any line of endeavor you may choose to undertake when you leave D-4.

SUMMARY

The summarized work of the 36 drainage camps in Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, and Ohio, up to the end of January, 1936, shows 44,274,160 sq. yds. of clearing; 2,040,747 cu. yds. of excavation; 82,627 lineal feet of relaid tile, and 2055 man days of surveying and other work.

HONORED

With a seething presidential campaign about to begin, we feel highly honored that we now have governors on all of the trucks.

KANKAKEE
 KONTRACTING KO.
 WEARLEY & BEVANS
 WE DRAIN
 ANYTHING BUT
 BABIES DIAPER

CAMP D-4

During February this camp accomplished 339,265 yds. of clearing, and 140 cu. yds. of excavation beside 43 man days spent on surveying. Machines were idle on all but the last day of the month. The prolonged severe winter has paralyzed our work and accounts for the low February production.

ADVICE

To you gentlemen leaving at the end of the month, may we offer a little advice? Remember at all times you must be worth more to the boss than you are being paid, otherwise you do not constitute a good investment to your employer. And in these days of precarious prosperity employers have a mean way of considering their investments ahead of your convenience—or mine. Whatever we do when we get home lets do it well, so we can have a feeling of pride when folks point and say: "Look! He was in the C.C.C."

ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE VOYAGES OF COLUMBUS

How, on a page like this, could one pass up the opportunity to tell you something of "The Voyages of Columbus", (By Washington Irving, MacMillan, 1931). One of the most romantic, and at the same time one of the most tragic stories of history, is the tale of the discovery of America and the final downfall and death of Christopher Columbus. Merely opening the book to glance at a page or two, makes ones heart skip a beat, and brings a surge of lust for adventure.

HOW TO MAKE GOOD PICTURES

Did you know that the whole world is full of adventure for the man who takes pictures? "How to Make Good Pictures", (Eastman Kodak Co) tells you how to photograph everything from puppie dogs to balloons and how to get the best out of any camera you may own. Ask DOYLE BLACKETER or HENRY LANE whether you get a kick out of developing your films and prints? Did you know that even a commonplace sunset, can be snaped with a kodak and made to live in your memory book as thing of supreme beauty? Now that spring is here, let's read up on how to take pictures of the days you spend with "Her".

FAMOUS STORIES OF FIVE CENTURIES

Fiction? Of course we all know you like fiction better than any other reading. But there is fiction and FICTION. Take a glance at "Famous Stories of Five Centuries" (Farrar and Rinehart), a big book of more than ninety short stories by English and American authors from the times of Chaucer. Here is all the excitement and color and entertainment that comes through enjoying great literature. Why not ask MISS BARRETT to let you read it in advanced reading class?

FOREST FIRE AND OTHER VERSE

Some fellows like poetry. Perhaps better say some fellows seem to like poety better than others, for who doesnt like some sort of poetry? We'll bet that even SPRATLEY, hard boiled old SPRATLEY slips away by himself and reads a poem or two in the spring. Take a look at "Forest Fire, and other Verse", (Guthrie, American Forestry Association, 1929). It's he man stuff, fellows. Gives you a kick.

FIRE ON THE ANDES

"Fire on the Andes", is different. By Carleton Beals (Lippincott, 1934), this book is not one adventure, but many. No, it is not fiction. It is the romantic story of the most romantic of continents and centered in the civilizations, past and present of the lofty Andes---the backbone of America. Civilizations, thousands of years old when Columbus reached the American shore, are described.

WHY DONT'S BY WHOOSITS

WHY DONT----MISS BARRETT bring her girl friend out to teach? BOLES quit talking about the one he met Saturday night?---LT. HOUSER remember where he left his campaign hat?--LT. LANDAW quit buying half of the telephone company every month?--The boys go to dancing class anymore?(No gasoline)----MICHAL marry the gal?(We know but we wont tell)----BAILEY buy himself a"swing"?(He's already got one)---TONY SERHAL eat cornflakes?--The Griper's club meet anymore?(Doc's gone) Benny come back?----SPRATLEY leave the married dames alone?----RED CLARK get a hair cut?(Also some others we could mention)-----MAX-BOYAN get himself a dog?(He's got two already)---MEDLEY quit writing to Chesterton?(It's love, boys)---MURRAY come out of the daze?--EGER go to Michigan City anymore?----BAIRD ever get any answers to his numerous letters?--HENRY LANE start a mail order house?---Some body tell BOLES that was a stop light?Mr.Wearley"catch them fish?" REPTILE ever go to Valpo?(He's afraid of the women)-----Mr.JESSUP ever go to bed?(We know)-----OSCAR JOHNSON quit running around the country side in his longjohns?-----Supply Sarge JOHNSON get up before nine Ali?--Some of YOUSE GUYS take an interest in this camp?---FATHER JOHN JANCZRUA buy some cigarettes?(Why dont anybody?)---JOE ZEMAN get letters from H.C.anymore?CAPT.DAVIS get a private phone?

WE HOPE

That Mr.JOHN W.DAVIS,SR., CAPT. DAVIS's father, continues to improve in health. We understand he enjoyed our little poem in the February issue, and we are glad if any little thing we can do will help him on the road to recovery. The whole company is rooting for you,JOHN W.,SENIOR. GOOD LUCK,SIR.

WE APPRECIATE

The birthday letter that 1583's Educational Adviser got from DR. FRAME. We think this thoughtfulness is a fine part of the C.C.C.

QUARANTINE.

On Monday, March 9th, this camp received word that JOHN S.WITTERS infirmery attendant delux, Editor of the daily "NUTS TO YOU", and well known"man about camp", was ill with a supposed case of scarlet fever. Investigation proved the diagnosis, and JOHNNIE was sent forthwith to the base hospital at Ft.Harrison. The camp was immediately placed under strict quarantine, much to the disgust of those who like to frequent the pleasure centers of valpo, and the neighboring country. Since then there have been some more cases:EVAN WITTERS, smiling BAIRD, PETTYJOHN, and G.B.ROSS, We will be glad when this thing is over with. Fortunately the weather is fine and we can all be out of doors a lot, playing baseball, building walks, etc.

VISITOR

Capt.CHARLES M. WELLS, Inf. Res., Assistant Adjutant of the Ft.Harrison District, was here for a short visit on Friday, the 13th. It must have been his unlucky day, for it certainly was not ours. We were glad to see the Capt. and wish to assure him that we consider the pleasure to be ours. We hope you found what you were looking for in Chicago, Captain.

LETTER.

Have you read the letter we received from MR. FECHNER?

OUR HAT is off to the BENDROLLEE, contemporary camp paper, in that citadel of learning and welfare to the East of us--none other than the CCC Camp at South Bend--Company Number 1591. The BENDROLLEE is printed on legal size paper and bound in highly decorative covers. Its contents show a lot of interest on the part of its editors, and within its covers is much of entertainment, as well as a great deal of useful information which cannot help making a better camp if read by the entire personnel. We are proud to have such a competitor in the sector and congratulate Adviser Fryman on having a group of boys with sufficient enthusiasm for such a task. Getting out one of these big camp papers is no little job, and the boys of 1591 should be proud of their work.

Let us review some of the things we find in the BENDROLLEE, so we can know what other companies are doing in educational and other lines. One thing we noticed was a full page illustration, drawn to scale, of the layout for clothes, and equipment inspection. We believe this idea is worth copying and hope to have a similar page sometime in the VANE. There is no excuse for men in the South Bend camp not knowing how to prepare for inspection

ON AN EDITORIAL page of the BENDROLLEE appears a complete discussion of methods of instruction in the CCC. This also is a valuable item for it shows the men in camp something of what the Adviser is trying to do. On a following page is a classification of the courses and activities offered, according to the form of the Adviser's monthly report. This, to, gives the enrollees a better idea of what is the goal of the educational program. A good idea.

OUR FRIENDS to the East have developed a very extensive program in cooperation with Notre Dame University. About twenty-five men have been assigned by the university from their graduate student group to offer instruction in the camp. The university pays for this service out of their own treasury, not having accepted federal financial aid. It has thus been possible to create a great many classes, covering a wide range of vocational and academic topics in such a broad and comprehensive program that there must be something in it to interest each man in the command. Some of the boys at South Bend are taking correspondence courses to, and we wish some of our enrollees would do likewise.

WE UNDERSTAND that the Medaryville camp is going to be disbanded. Wonder if some of the men from 1531 will come up here to good old Valpo? Also we wonder if we cant get Bill Stuckey to come up here and create an educational program on the smouldering ruins of what "this here" Jessup left behind? How about it, Enick? Cant you give our boys a break?

WHY DONT YOUSE GUYS away down at Lafayette and Kokono write us so we can tell our lads what you are doing, via this page of the VANE?



EARLY BIRDS

The first birds to appear on Earth during the evolutionary development of animal life were very crude as compared to the graceful creatures which glide through the skies of today. Birds were not among the first animals but developed from lower forms of life through countless centuries before the human race took its place in the animal world. Probably the first real bird to develop was the Archaeopteryx.

It is believed that the first birds were an outgrowth from some sort of crude reptiles which got into the habit of climbing trees, and through long ages of jumping from high to low points, gradually formed specialized legs which enabled them to glide through the air. Reptiles such as these still exist in some parts of the world; one of them, the so-called "Flying Dragon", is a lizard having webs between its legs which enable it to glide much as an airplane. The first bird-like animals developed gliding membranes on both fore and hind legs, or in some the membranes grew between the fore and hind leg as in the modern flying squirrel.

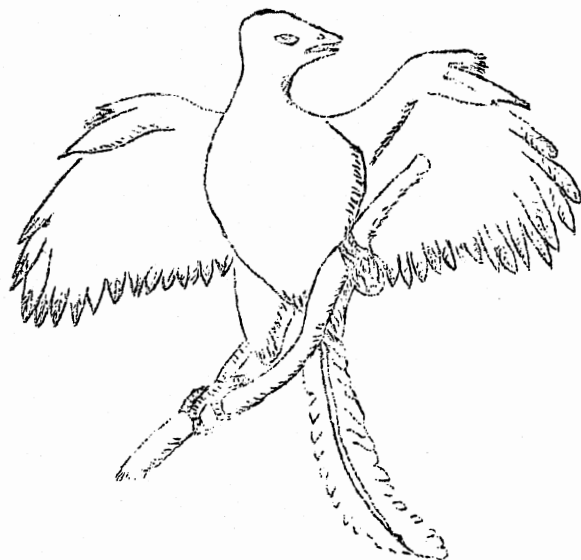
Later, extended body scales developed and these changed through the ages into feathers. The use of hind legs as wings was not successful and through evolutionary processes the front legs became more and more specialized until they were no longer legs but wings.

Three types of animal life besides the insects have developed true flight. These are the Reptiles, the Birds, and Mammals. The bat, a mammal, is quite as

much at home in the air as is the bird. The ancient flying reptiles, now extinct, were very large, some larger than the Condor which is the largest of the present day fliers. The insects have followed an entirely different course of evolution. The Archaeopteryx was not an imposing specimen. He was probably not a bird of prey, and being smaller than the common crow, must not be confused with the giant prehistoric flying reptiles, known as Pterodactyls.

It took nature millions of years to produce birds from the lower forms of life. It has been suggested by some scientists that man and the apes slowly developed from early bird-like creatures, and if this be true then more millions of years were required to produce even the early cave-man, who is our immediate ancestor.

- M.K. Jessup -



ARCHAEOPTERYX

THE FIRST REAL BIRD

HOT
STUFF

FROM
THE

KITCHEN

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WE WERE SORRY to have Benny Lazzaro leave us but we believe BOLES is going to make a fine mess sargent to take his place. BOLES has already received his rating. Congratulations BOLES; May all of your steaks be tender.

KING: "BOLES, if half a beef is enough for two meals, how far can it go when Mr. Jessup stays out of the kitchen?" Ans: "Three meals."

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

Shorty Perch keeping his mouth shut; Tharp carrying two buckets of coal; Boles not talking about the red light he ran through; Swisher not telling about his experience as a flag pole sitter; Hathaway using his head; Murray blowing the bugle without a mistake; Charly Rohr not talking about the rating he should have had; Duke Medley staying away from Chesterton a week; King working in the field; Van de Water with five bucks; Zeitz losing a game of ping-pong; Hipp making lemon pies; Bock frying two eggs for Mr. Jessup; Young Kellogg failing to smile; Toofie John waking up; Baker taking K.P. Janczura missing a meal; The officers getting to a meal on time.

PANTS

Boles woke up one morning and couldnt find his pants. The mystery was solved when Hathaway came walking through the kitchen with a pair of pants on that came up to his knees.

MUSH

King really goes up in flames when the boys call his hash, mush but never mind, King, we have already heard it called worse.

REWARD

Reward, no questions asked, to anyone giving information lead to the person, or persons, who stole Boles' best beloved telephone number.

FUDGE

Who comes in about three A.M. and has to give away some of his girl's fudge candy to the night guard so he will keep his mouth shut? (Ask Medley)

PAY

Kubasik: "Say, Alex, dont you think cooks should get paid for what they know?" King: "No, for guys like you wouldnt get paid."

LARGE FAMILY

Lt. Landaw asked Dutch, the new K.P., if he ever was on K.P. before and Dutch replied: "No, we have a large family at home". THEY SAY that Boles, Spratley, and Murray are buying an interest in the phone company, a nickle at a time. Spratley's gal cant understand why incomming calls cant be received over phone No. 530-R.

THE INFIRMERY, like the old gray mare, aint what it used to be. Now that Witters is in the base hospital, Michal has been loaned by the Educational Department to the Medical, and Jessup has established the editorial office of the VANE in Witter's room. Michal's effervescent personality is an asset to the infirmery-----if and after he gets up in the mornings. Sweet is still on the job.



OF THE AGES

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BY CAPTAIN
JOHN W. DAVIS, JR.
U. S. MARINES

THE LAW and custom may do their best to establish sex equality, but neither can hope to undo the work of a thousand centuries. Whatever statutes have to say, men always will seem amusing, to women—and women always will seem queer to men.

WHEN a woman is ill she wishes to be petted; when a man is ill he wishes to be left alone.

A MAN can kiss another woman and love his wife no less; when a woman enjoys kissing another man, her husband is out of the picture.

WHEN a woman does wrong she can at once persuade herself that she was not to blame; when a man does wrong he condemns himself utterly even though the greater part of the fault was another's.

A WOMAN is most at ease when she has on new garments; a man in new clothes feels hideously conspicuous, says the Baltimore Sun.

A WOMAN loves all the time; a man only at intervals.

A MAN pretends to know more than he really does in an effort to impress his wife; a woman pretends to know less than she really does to avoid hurt to her husband's vanity.

A MAN hates but little—and shows that little clearly; a woman may hate much but contrives to conceal it.

A WOMAN hides her strength; a man hides his weakness.

A MAN forgives because he can't remember; a woman remembers because she can't forgive.

A WOMAN is religious because she feels the need of a protector; a man is religious because he would cooperate with God.

MAN is led by his appetite; a woman is led by her curiosity.

MAN will not change his mind, because he first must admit that he was wrong; woman changes hers for the sake of expediency even if she knows that her first opinion was right.

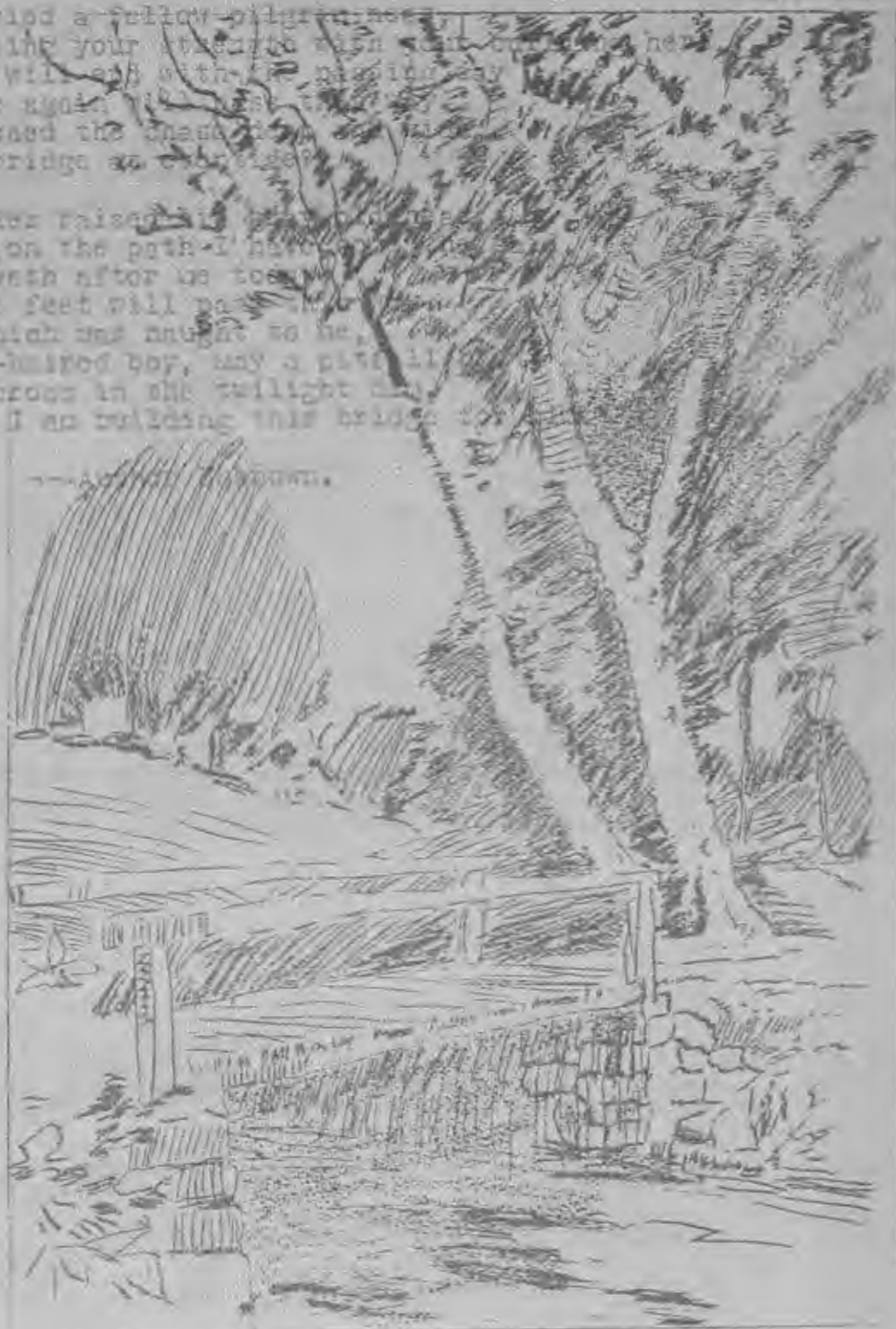
LEGISLATION can't take away a duck's love for water, nor a chicken's aversion to it.

An old man traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
For the sullen stream held no fear for him;
But he turned when he reached the other side
And builded a bridge to span the tide.

THE BUILDER

"Old man", cried a fellow-pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with care,
Your journey will end with a passing day,
And you never again will see me here.
You have crossed the chasm, and you are free,
Why build a bridge across the tide?"

And the builder raised his eyes to see
"Good friend, on the path I have seen you,
"There followeth after us too
A youth, whose feet will pass
The stream which was naught to me,
To that fair-haired boy, may a path be
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I am building this bridge."



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