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EDITORIAL

THE VANE MARCHES ON

The sponsor of the Valpo Vane desires to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have, in any manner, contributed to this issue of the Valpo Vane. We wish to express our appreciation, especially to Rev. Paul W. Schrope, who left his work and came to act as an instructor in the use of the multigraph equipment. With his

aid, the newly appointed Assistant Educational Adviser, Robert p. Davis, proved an apt student, and the Vane came out on time. You can't beat this spirit. We hope to gradually improve the camp's publication and desire to ask for the newly appointed editor the same cooperation and assistance that we have received in the past. With this assistance, we can assure you of a paper that you can be proud of.

Assisting Adviser
Exit

*****NEWS*****

CANTEEN SALES REACH \$1000

For the first time in the company's history, canteen sales for the month of November reached the \$1000 mark.

The chief reason for this great increase in canteen sales is the fact that greater patronage is accorded the canteen by the new members who spend more time in camp. Thomas Vankirk is the new canteen steward and hails from the good old mountains of West Virginia. He is doing an excellent job. Congratulations "Van" who said it couldn't be done?

O R C H I D S !

To Mr. George Heringa, Chicago, Illinois, our vote of thanks for services rendered. We appreciate, more than we can express, such a fine spirit of cooperation and interest. We trust that this gentleman see this item and that he is blessed with good cheer this Xmas time.

While our problems are numerous and many times perplexing in this pioneering work with young men, it is just such unselfish interest and friendships as this that makes it a challenging work. Orchids to a gentleman after my own heart, Mr. Heringa.

McVEY INSPECTS

Mr. McVEY, from Director Fechner's office, Washington, D.C., inspected Camp Calumet on Monday, December 11th.

As usual, his inspections, were very thorough. However, we feel a certain sense of pride when we can stand up under the most rigid inspections. Those are the ones that do us the most good. The aim of this company has always been to achieve a constantly higher standard and inspectors suggestions and recommendations are always welcome.

Mr. McVey's last visit about a year ago was during a very bad spell of weather. This year it was ideal weather.

SUPERIOR RATING

In our recent inspection by Maj. Childs, Indiana District, CCC, Inspector, Camp Calumet received a SUPERIOR rating.

Now that we have got back our old stride lets remain there where we belong.

NEW LIBRARY BOOK CASES

When we had built a row of book cases the entire length of the new reading room and library we felt that we had just about attained the maximum in bookcases. However we now have two additional cases on the East side of the Library, ready for their quota of books.

For the efforts of Mr. Landaw, Commanding Officer, and other unmentioned services by Mr. Lawyer and Miles, we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks.

VALPO VANE RATES HIGH

The last issue, November, of the Valpo Vane received a FOUR STAR rating by Happy Days. It was also rated as an outstanding camp paper. Some of these days we're going to hit the 'jack pot' and get.....

EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR GETS JOB

Russell W. Brewer, former assistant educational advisor, got a job in Gary and will be discharged from the C.C.'s. He did excellent work while he was here, and was recognized as a good worker by all enrollees and officers of Company 1583.

Robert P. Davis, Brewer's assistant, holds his rating now, and Stanley R. Trusler is his assistant. We hope to go on as before.

••• EDUCATIONAL NEWS •••

William T. Stuckey
Educational Advisor

Robert P. Davis
Assistant Educational Advisor

This education forms the common mind; just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined.-Pope

The true order of learning should be, first, what is necessary; second, what is useful; and third, what is ornamental. To reverse this arrangement, is like beginning to build at the top of an edifice.

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. Franklin.

Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress- no crime destroy- no enemy alienate- no despotism enslave. At home, a friend; abroad, an introduction; in solitude, a solace and in society, an ornament. Without it, what is man? a splendid slave, a reasoning savage.- Varle

"Good Bye, 1939!" "Hello, 1940!"

This company furnishes each enrollee with an excellent opportunity to improve himself. It is possible to remove any deficiency in academic activities or studies or even to complete one's high school right here in camp while helping the folks at home and doing a worthwhile job.

Last quarter there were 30 groups of activities in all the fields, academic, vocational, informal, and job training. During the January-March period, there will be nearly 50 groups. Some of the activities will meet your needs. Regardless,

however, of what is done to assist you in the way of providing a comprehensive program of study, an excellent library and reading room, good texts and capable instructors, it all depends on YOU. You will get out of it only what you put into it.

OPPORTUNITY is only a signboard along the pathway of life pointing the way to success. Are YOU making the most of your opportunities?

For: "Chance never wrote a legible book, never built a fair house- never drew a neat picture; never did any of these things, and never will." There is no such thing as chance. Things don't turn up in this world until somebody turns them up. If you are one of those wise guys who is waiting for something to turn up; well, brother, you'll be waiting a mighty long time. Your chance for that opportunity which will come to you, is here, right in your own camp. Take advantage of all that it offers you.

Birthday Greetings For The

Month Of December

TO the men listed below, we wish a happy birthday and also a Merry Christmas.

Arnold, William A.	Dec.	1,	1921
Wright, Lloyd H.	Dec.	1,	1920
Skinner, Robert R.	Dec.	3,	1921
Dobsziewicz, Lester	Dec.	3,	1921
Brown, John E.	Dec.	3,	1921
Strong, Warren A.	Dec.	6,	1921
Hegedus, Louis S.	Dec.	6,	1921
Murphy, William T.	Dec.	7,	1919
Raybuck, Charles H.	Dec.	9,	1922
Gingerich, Alvin D.	Dec.	15,	1920
Montgomery, Ernest	Dec.	25,	1917

DEAR MA SERIES

PA SETTLES A FEUD

By courtesy of
Maxwell Thorton Stuckey

Dear Ma:

Hits safe fer me arond now. Pa warshed thim fethers off, leavin a few. You know how pa warshes. They'll be turkey fethers behint hiz ears fer years.

Pa got hiz gun loded up an went ter town lookin fer trubbel. I tried ter beet him thare. A drummer wuz in Mobes Genral store whin pa got thare. This drummer sed somethin about gittin a chicken d'inner an Pa flied plum offen thu handel. Hit scared the drummer so bad he run outen thu dore an up thu valley rode (pa taken a pot shot at him whin he turned thu first bend.) The drummer left hiz horse but thu horse coddent hav kept up noway.

I beet pa down ter thu Hankins feed store. Mark wuz thare an ate er tin fellars waz laffin at him. "I don't keer", sed Mark "laff iffen you feels like hit, but I'm tellin ye hit had a three foot bill an fethers all colors like a rainbo. Hit wuz a flappin hits wings an about ter carry off Hank whin I shot at hit. Hit wuz so durn tuff my bullet jist knocked off a patch uv fethers an hit kept rite on after Hank.

Doby Hankins laffed an sed, "I'd be thu last feller ter warn a feller agin whiskey, but eny time I see a six foot rainbo colored bird with a bill three foot long I done had my last drink." Thare wuz a yell frum up front and thare stood pa in thu door. I never seed him so mad.

Doby dident know what hit wuz all about but he aint one ter let a fella shoot at him thout a shooting bak.

Ma hit sounds like a stretchen some but they wuz nine fellars tryin ter git behind one littel soap box, an whuts more we d'n hit. Howesomer, somebody stopt thu fite a tellin Pa thare wuz enuff trubbel in the country without thu Hankinses startin a fite mongst thareselfs.

Whin I lookt doan at all them laigs benint that box my hart neer spilt out. I jist knowed they wuz to meny ter come out even. Somebody sed if everybody got up ter onct an they wuz eny parts left over we'd know someone wuz bad hurt, but hit come out even.

Bout this time Pa reckolected whut he come to town fer. He started ter look fer Tad Martin and Ben Murphy. They had done beet Pa to hit. They had shot thu sharif an had him lock them up ter git out av Pa's way.

Pa an me wint ter Tad an Ben's trial. The jedge tride ter turn em loose same as always, but they pulled a gun on him. Sed he knowed hiz rites an he wuz a goin ter jale em whether er no.

Wal, I reckon hits all over. Pa tride ter settle a feud. Now besides the Hankins-Hays feud which are everybody's, he's got a private war on with thu Murphys and Martins.

Pa shot all ar chickens an he cain't stand ter look at nothin that got a fether on hit. I don't know how hit will come out but I know Pa is thru tryin ter settle other fellarses quarrels.

Hank.

THE GARAGE NEWS

THE GARAGE IS PROGRESSING

We have been making progress since the last issue of the Valpo Vain. We have succeeded in getting a stake truck garage, and we hope to have better luck with this one.

We have a new blacksmith now; "Mr Crow". He sure is a nice person and is easy to get along with.

THE LOST HAS RETURNED

After a two week leave, Pappy Ervin has joined the rank again as Truckmaster.

During his absence Joe Popp did an excellent job as truckmaster.

The garage men and drivers wish their heartiest wishes and greetings to the officers, and enrollees of the Company, a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

"Jokes And Jibes"

Shelly: I hope they pay us before Christmas.

Coburn: Why?

Shelly: I want to buy the Widow a Christmas present.

We wonder w Coburn goes to town so muc? Could it be, because he has met a new girl friend?

What do you know about this? "Cor- rican drew a canteen book and bought a pack of cigarettes". Lets everybody congratulate him.

The cartoonist for the Valpo Vain should be pretty good. H- has a pattern for each mug he draws.

NOTICE

Welding classes will be available the next quarter beginning January, 8th. John Henderson will be the instructor, assisted by Shell Maddox.

***** KITCHEN SMOKE *****

By Fred Overmyer

Says Pop Powers: "Well we baked forty pies and twelve hundred and twenty three biscuits in one day. It was in December of 1939 I do believe. Yes, to be exact, on the fourteenth. I had Paul Scamihorn as my second cook at that time."

Our second cook, Mike Petri, is again at the Fort on Detached Service. Why does Mike always volunteer for the Service? Is it because some nice O.A.O. in Indianapolis? We often wonder.

Quartuchio, our dependable K.P. has been confined to quarters with an infected thumb which he recently

had lanced. He will be back soon we hope.

Howard Miller has substituted for Quartuchio and is doing very well. James Miller has returned to field work and said he enjoys the fresh air a lot.

Gerald Cox, our honorable K.P. has succeeded James Miller, and we think West Virginia enrollees are the working McCoy's.

J Scamihorn: Gerald did you wind the clock this morning?

G Cox: No I haven't because it doesn't have any spring, and it doesn't work anyway.

SCS NEWS

Alvin D. Gingerich

INVENTORY TAKEN

On December 1, Mr. E. C. Wynn, in charge of properties for northern Indiana area, and his assistant, Mr. Jay MacCinnitie, former clerk at the Fort Wayne camp, arrived to take the first complete inventory ever taken at this camp for the Soil Conservation Service. It was quite a gigantic task to inventory all the office equipment, tools, garage equipment, draglines, tractors, trucks, concrete mixers, etc., as not a single item could be overlooked. However, the inventory was at last completed and Messrs. Wynn and MacCinnitie took their departure on December 8, one week after the inventory had begun. The E. C. W. clerks, particularly one, Mr. Rademacher, got quite a workout typing up inventory reports during the week of the inventory.

MESSRS. MCVEY AND JONAS VISIT CAMP

Mr. McVey, special investigator from the office of the director of the C. C. C., visited camp on December 11, and inspected the Technical Service headquarters and inquired as to the nature of the work being done by camp.

Mr. A. R. Jonas, Regional Administrator in charge of Indiana, was another of the Technical Service's visitors during December. Mr. Jonas was in camp on December 7 and 8 to put into effect some of the new SCS policies in place of the old Bureau of agricultural Engineering policies which the camp has been operating under.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

CONFERENCES

On Tuesday, December 12, Mr. Wearly and Lester McClannen, Administrative clerk, went to the area headquarters at Logansport to attend a conference of superintendents and clerks of all the SCS camps in the Northern Indiana Area. The meeting was called in order to clear up many doubtful points in regard to the systems and policies of the SCS. Mr. William H. Vanderbosch, foreman in charge of properties for this camp, and Albert McKenzie, tool room man, went to a meeting held at the La Fayette camp on December 15 to learn more about the new property system recently instituted by the SCS.

Mr. Wearley and Mr. Henderson expect to attend a meeting of camp superintendents and mechanics, on Tuesday December 19.

TRUCK TRANSFERED—ALMOST

Shelly Maddox and Jack Collins, on Thursday, December 14, left for the Fort Wayne camp in Truck No 32-445, which had been ordered transferred for No. 32-455 at Fort Wayne.

The purpose of the transfer was to get a long wheel base truck in place of 32-445, which is a short wheel-base truck. However, when Shelly and Jack got to Fort Wayne they found that 32-445 was also a short wheel-base truck. Shelly, always on the lookout for the best interests of this camp pronounced 32-455 in worse condition than 32-445 and so, under the advice of the superintendents of the Fort Wayne camp returned to SCS-20 with 32-445.

SPORTS

By Awalt Brose
Senior Leader

• • • BOXING • • •

When the clouds are darkest always remember that they have a silver lining. This fact was proven the other day when Company 1583 was visited by Mr. Sam Weary, Gary Sports Editor and one of the elites in the amateur Boxing rank of officials.

His visit to this company was to see if Gary could be of any help to Co. 1583 in forming a boxing team. This in itself is a phenomena hardly explainable in the fact that a City of Gary's size should go out of its way to approach a CCC Camp for the camp's benefit. Our experience with one town in particular so far has had the effects of leaving us sadder and wiser.

Mr. Weary has agreed with Capt. Landaw, to furnish some very necessary boxing equipment and also a coach to develop our boxing talent. Men wishing to participate in this will please register at the headquarters office of this company.

Boxing has always been greatly enjoyed by most members of this company, so let's see if we can turn out enough material to put a powerful team in the field at the Gary Golden Gloves Preliminaries. Remember, that in the past we have held a good record and we don't want to slip now.

Here's wishing a vote of thanks to Mr. Sam Weary a broad minded Great Hearted Citizen.

BASKET-BALL LINE-UP

Lewallen
Paulsen
Conner
Rogozinski
C. Robinson
Trusler
Coican
R. Davis
Romine
Matau
Henry
W. Campbell
Hoffman
Morris
Ponda

The season opens January 9, with an Independent team.

Brown: "Corrican how come you're not taking a shwer?"

Corrican: "why I just took one last January. I take one once a year whether I need it or not."

"Boost Your paper."

Christmas is coming on the blow,
C.C. boys will be on the go.
But I'll stay here as you see,
For the C.C. Camps good enough for me.

Many there'll be on homeward train,
To mark the trail of the Valpo Vain.
For a better paper you never did see,

In Camp Calumet Company 1583.
So come on boys, give the Editor a cheer,

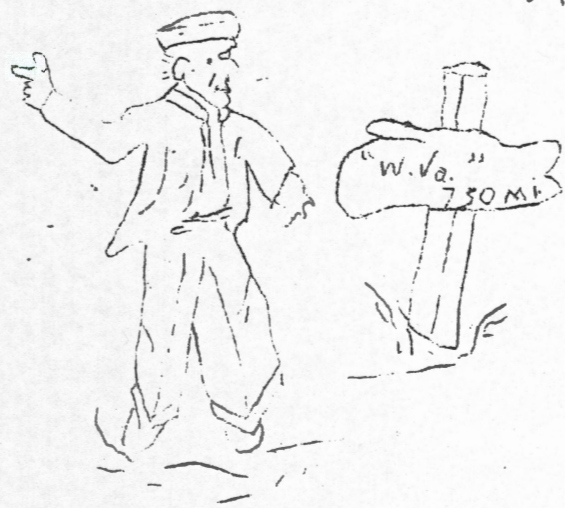
Send a paper home as a souvenir,
Show him the spirit you have in mind,
Is no other than that of the very best kind.

If you'll do this and not too late,
He'll put out a paper that's up to date.
And, to say this, I have to know,
He'll work all the time whether rain or snow.

Whether it rains or snows, or the sun does shine,
The Valpo Vain comes out on time.

CARTOONS

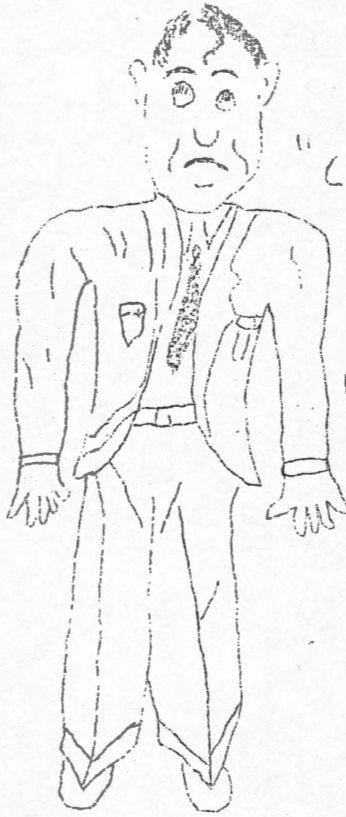
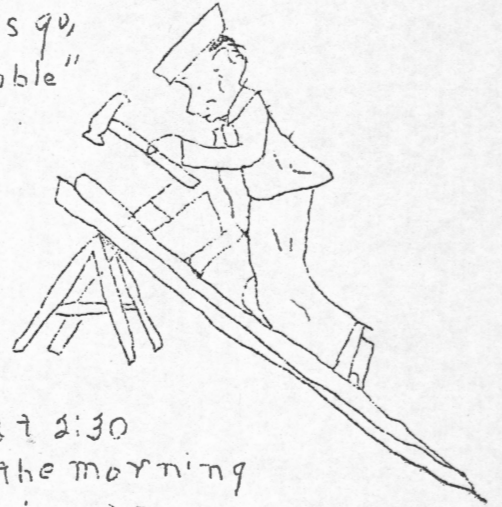
By Ray Shaffer



"I know how to carry an axe, I am from W.Va."

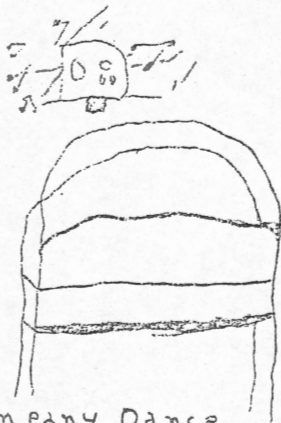


"Let's go,
Doble"



"COX at 2:30
in the morning
going to
K.P."

PS: More pep
TO YOU,
COX"



Let's have a company Dance

