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DON LASH IS SPEAKER AT CCC MONDAY

Don Lash, member of the Indiana state police, and noted Indiana university long distance runner, spoke to members of Camp Calumet, CCC Company 1583, Camp 808-20, of Valparaiso, Monday evening on safety.

Lash gave an excellent discussion of the factors involved in safe driving on state highways and pointed out some of the important laws on safety. His talk interspersed with comments on athletic and apt stories that drove home the points he desired to make.

Accompanying Lash was Roy Cochran, Indiana university athlete, who holds the world's record for the 440 yard dash, indoors. Cochran gave a short talk. Both men made a favorable impression on the camp members who felt that they had a good treat in one evening with two noted Indiana university athletes for speakers.

The meeting was arranged by the technical service through J.D. Parsons and John R. Fabing, superintendent, George E. Wiley, commanding officer, introduced the speaker.

Members of the supervisor personnel, including all foremen and the educational director; W. T. Stuckey, were also present.

TROUBADOURS OF CAMP CALUMET GIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT HITCHING'S POST

Members of Camp Calumet's musically inclined, the Calumet Troubadours, of Co. 1583, provided entertainment in the form appealing musical numbers and songs, at Hitching's Post, Johnston's Beach on the inviting shores of Lake Michigan, on Thursday evening, Aug. 15.

Members of the entertainment group consisted of Reuel Trusler, George Wiseman, Robert Skinner and Sam Swiger. These young gentlemen have instantly become popular wherever they have appeared. They may be heard frequently during August at Hitching's post.

Most of their numbers consist of Hill-Billy songs and old-time fiddle tunes. Although they haven't practised much as a group, to hear them you'd think they'd played together all their lives.

"HOORAY FOR THE HILL-BILLY'S"

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EDITORIAL

Company 1583 To Have Display
At State Fair

The Annual State Fair, which is to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, from August 30th, to September 6th inclusive, will be a great week for Assistant Educational Adviser, Robert P. Davis.

He is to accompany a group of articles there, (mainly wood-craft

material) and act as guard over them while on display.

This is his first trip to the fair, and we all feel sure that he will make the best of it. Not many of us have had that opportunity and we are glad that Davis is one of the few CCC boys from Indiana that gets to attend.

The entire camp is very proud of our exhibit, and we expect to have many compliments passed on it while at the fair.

NEWS

**H. BURNS BECOMES NEW
SUPPLY CLERK**

Howard Burns is the new supply clerk who succeeds Ruby Van De Water who has secured employment at Inman's, a local business. Ruby leaves behind him a long record at Camp Calumet. The best wishes of the Company go with him.

The new man on the job, Burns, will make an excellent selection for the job. He has previously indicated his ability in leadership, and his educational qualifications are entirely adequate. At the present time he is completing his work for his high school diploma. His progress is satisfactory and this work will be completed during 1940.

Dr. Bernard Karpel Reports

Dr. Bernard Karpel is the new company doctor, replacing Dr. Fyfe who was the local contract physician. The new company doctor has two camps, the other camp being at South Bend, Indiana. Dr. Karpel has his residence at South Bend. He hails from the state of New York. He has had previous experience in the CCC in the states of Florida and Georgia.

OLD KENTUCKY AGAIN REPRESENTED

From their old Kentucky homes came new members to join the roster of Camp Calumet. There were only four members left from former Kentucky members. They all hold important posts in the camp and are among the very best men in camp. The old members are Boyd Lay, Shell Maddox, Carlos Evans, and H. Muse. We only hope the other boys live up to their standards.

**Better Entertainment Pictures
Being Received From Corps**

The average for entertainment pictures has risen sharply in the last few months. A careful checkup of pictures that has been in the past with current and scheduled entertainment features will bear out this statement. This is a much needed improvement. It is to be hoped that this improvement will continue and that even the present standard may be improved.

**New Educational Film Catalogue
Received From Corps**

A new educational film catalogue has been received from Corps Area. It is an excellent piece of work. The new catalogue is not only attractively bound but very attractively arranged. Varied paper adds to its attractiveness and to ease in inspecting its contents. There is also the ease of keeping it up to date. It is an excellent piece of work and should greatly stimulate the use of visual aids.

**INCREASED INTEREST IN WELDING,
TRUCK DRIVING, AND MECHANICS**

From inquiries and interviews with members, it is believed that more than ordinary interest is now being manifested in welding, auto mechanics, and truck driving. This is probably to be expected with the discussions appearing in Happy Days and in the publicity given in camp and in the camp publication, The Valpo Vane. There is also the fact men who have acquired adequate skill in these activities have found it easier to secure employment where these particular jobs are open.

NEWS

(CONTINUED)

Valpo Vane Continues To Receive High Ratings From Happy Days

The latest edition of the Valpo Vane, July, 1940, received a four star rating from Happy Days. The editors and reporters of Camp Calumet are to be congratulated on the consistently high ratings that has been received by this publication. There is a lot of work involved putting out a camp publication. In addition to their regular work and educational activities, these members have somehow found time to do an excellent job and to produce a paper that is a credit to their camp and to the district. The last edition contained special cartoons by Andy Such. It is hoped that any member who can contribute any feature that will add to the interest or appeal of the paper, will do so. Contributions by others than the regular staff are always welcome.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO CO. 1583

Representatives of the American Legion Auxiliary visited Camp Calumet recently and expressed their desire to be of some service to the boys in camp. Ways and means by which they might be of service to the boys were discussed with the commanding officer, George E. Wiley and the Educational Adviser, William T. Stuckey. Books, magazines, games, etc, were among the ways in which they felt that they could be of service. These voluntary offers of organizations in this area are very much appreciated. The ladies of the Auxiliary have been invited to visit camp as a group.

MR. MASON AND FAMILY VISIT CAMP

Mr. Mason of the SCS Personnel Division, Milwaukee, Wis., made a call at Camp Calumet on Tuesday, August 20th. He was on his vacation but took time out to look over the camp.

The many fine compliments paid by Mr. Mason and Mrs. Mason were very much appreciated. He made the complete round of camp and expressed much pleasure at the great improvements since his last visit to camp. He was especially impressed with the excellent library and reading room and its facilities. He also noticed the great advance in facilities for shop work and informal activities. We are always very glad to have these words of encouragement and praise. Continual effort is being made to improve all facilities for the training and welfare of the boys. To realize that we have accomplished some of these objectives is heartening.

EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES FOR MEMBERS ARE INCREASING

With increased activity of industry in the Calumet Area, employment possibilities for the more mature members who have a good record, are on the upgrade. On a recent visit to the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company at Gary, many former members were noted on the pay roll. We found a representative at the information desk, one in the office, and saw many of them in the mill. Some of the boys have received advancement and increases in pay. The heartening thing was they all got their start in this very camp.

• • • • • GARAGE NEWS • • • • •

COBURN: "What's the matter with that truck?"

SHELLY: "I don't know! Think I put two of the pistons in upside down."

Who is the boy, that when he gets a girl don't know what to do and stands around with his hands in his pocket?

Somebody said Dillinger wanted to be a truck driver.

Anybody interested in truck driving see "Curly" before the last of September.

Does anybody know a person who answers to the name "Semi-Joe?"

Steve "Curly" Tokarcik, whose time has finally caught up with him, will be leaving us the last of September. Curley has been driving truck here for the past 11 months.

Cobb, whose license was revoked for a period of about two months, has had them returned to him and is now back in the garage.

Truck inspection will be held every Saturday about 11 o'clock. Each driver is expected to have his truck in A-1 condition.

COBURN: "Have you seen Curley?"

DOPEY: "No - why?"

COBURN: "He and I are supposed to go to Chicago and get a job driving a Semi."

Why didn't Coburn go to Chicago and get the job driving Semi? Could it be because the boys razzed him too much? (or what?)

Does anybody think we should move the gas house, or should we get another driver for 214?

"Baakus", the double-clutcher!

KITCHEN SMOKE

THE KITCHEN AND ITS "ROMEO'S"

Gerald Cox, Jimmy Miller, and Bill Turpin were added to the kitchen force this month, and helped build up the kitchen's record as "FEMALE HEART BREAKERS."

First we have Pop Powers. He is married so I guess that without any more word we can pass him on, for I think he will understand very clearly.

Next we have Jim Miller. All you boys know that when Jimmy goes to Chesterton to roller skate, why he has an awful hard time keeping the girls from wanting to skate with him, and don't forget about

that steady girl friend.

Next in line we have Gerald Cox. They tell me that a certain girl in Valpo has fell completely in love with him and even asked him for a date in the near future. We also wonder why he goes to the hamburger joint every night. Then up at the Beach when Cox shows up, all the other CCC boys start for camp because they know that they haven't got a chance when Cox begins crooning those Hill - Billy songs that originally came from West Virginia.

Here lately he seems to have very important business up at Burlington Beach.

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KITCHEN SMOKE

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Then there's this fellow Dob-
sziewicz. He is one of Co. 1583's
best skaters and second to no one
except Jimmy Miller. He has quite
a string of girl friends in Ches-
terton. Only the other day he was
telling me about his sweetheart
and heart breaks from La Porte.

Next we have Sepiel. He seems
to like Wanatah for some reason or
other. I have heard that he has a
girl who lives there. When he goes
to Johnson's Beach he never comes
back unless he has lipstick all
over him. How many of you other
fellows can show that for evidence?

Almost forgot about you Turpin!

He's the fellow who likes to
go to Griffith so well. Perhaps he
has a girl friend there. At least
that is what he tells us. Says he
wished "Sprouse" was a cook. He
also has girls who live in Hammond
and East Chicago. He has them by
the groups. Well more power to him.

Now what about Kimery? I don't
know for sure because it happened
before I came to camp, but for some
reason I have the right to believe
that some girl in Valpo has broken
his heart. For now he doesn't care
for the girls like the rest of Co.
1583's cooks do. If this is true I
am sure he has all our sympathy,
and we all hope the right girl
will soon come along and cheer up
his sad and broken heart.

Last we have P. Scamihorn. He
has learned to hate all women. The
black sheep of the cooks, for he is
the only one who don't care for
the women. I guess I will have to
say that he sometimes keeps late
hours and gets his corners mixed
sometimes in the wee hours of the
morning.

I guess that about completes
all of cooks history about their

girls, and how they stand, so I
will pass on to other subjects.

COMPANY TO GET DISHES

Company 1583 will have dishes
in a week or so, and I am sure that
it will make our camp mess much
better and make it more like home.

NEW K. P'S. ARE WORKERS

We have a new bunch of K.P's.
and they sure are good workers. We
want to give them our best wishes
and thank them for their willing-
ness to work. Keep up the good work
boys and maybe some day you will
be rewarded.

NEW MESS STEWART TAKES OVER

Kemery has taken over the job
as mess steward and outside of a
few headaches is doing a swell job.

More luck to you Kemery, we
hope you like your new job and we
are pulling for you.

INSPECTION THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN

All the K.P's. were ready to
scalp a certain young cook when he
told them they were going to have
a big inspection. They got up early
and cleaned and ceaned on the kit-
chen and around 8:00 O'clock the
kitchen was just shining. All the
cooks were careful not to get the
kitchen dirty and the K.P's fol-
lowed around with brooms and table
legs to make sure. Noon came and
no inspection. About three O'clock
they all came around and asked
when this big inspection was going
to come off. As the higher ups had
told the cook he was not to blame
and he soon explained.

JONES and JEPS

Papa tip-toed into the parlor and stood behind the young couple who were in a love clinch on the sofa.

"Necking my daughter, eh!" He barked gruffly, "well young man, as concerns my girl's own good, I ought to ostracize you!"

"Oh, yeah!" cried the young boy friend, jumping to his feet, "and who are you going to get to hold me?"

As the copper said when he arrested the cancan dancer: "C'mon baby, let's wriggle down and put the motion before the Captain!"

If asbestos is a good protection against "flames," then how does it happen that the Asbestos King gets burned so much?

"Have you felt the thrilling sensation of a kiss going up and down your spine?"

"Yes once, when an old sugar daddy kissed the nape of my neck and his false teeth dropped down the back of my dress!"

"Did the bridal suite you and your wife rented have a parlor, bedroom, and bath?"

"Why yes, I THINK it had a parlor."

"What were you doing with that old automobile tire yesterday? I didn't know you had a car."

"I haven't. My baby elephant is teething and I had to get him a teething ring."

What's this about "Joe Henley" taking up lessons to be a Beauty Specialist. Some say this is because of his present fiance. What about it Joe?

SHE (accepting gift): "Oh, such lovely silk pajamas. I'll remember you every time I put them on."

HE: "All right, here's my telephone number."

The trouble with men who feather your nest is, that they always come home to roost.

LAWYER (to client in jail): "So you've been arrested for bigamy, huh? Well why did you marry six women in six days?"

CLIENT: "Because my doctor lied to me."

LAWYER: "Explain further."

CLIENT: "Well a month ago, he gave me just a week to live."

MRS. JEEPS: Don't you worry when you go out and leave your husband home with that pretty maid of yours?"

MRS. BEEPS: "Of course not. As long as she's home he'll never follow me."

"Peter Peep the columnist had a piece in the paper about you today."

"My goodness!"

"No, dearie, your badness!"

MCCOLLEY: "Did you whistle when you passed the cemetery Saturday night?"

SKINNER: "No, I can't whistle worth a darn when I'm running."

Doy Hamrick says, "Don't call me 'DOPEY' call me DOY."

George S. Wiseman broke his G string at the dance down town because he got too hot with his fiddling.

GERALD COX: "Slurp! None of your business how I got my job."

SCS NEWS

RECLEANING OF TRAVIS

DITCH STARTED

Friday, August 25, a one-half yard Bay City rental dragline was moved to the Travis Ditch in La-Porte County to begin the recleaning excavation on Job R-229. The machine is being operated by Mr. Elmer L. Eckert, Government Power Shovel Operator.

Recleaning of the 5.8 miles of ditch will consist of removal of 64,681 cubic yards of dirt in an estimated time of 1500 operating hours.

WHAT WOULD THE CAMP BE -

To the town girls without a certain dark-haired chap from Missouri? To the Argonne and Chesterton without the camp's impresario of paint, dynamite, and ditch surveys?

IT'S ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

Assistant Leader Frank Spro-use, Property Clerk, must see property cards and inventories in his sleep. If anyone hears him mutte-

ring dismally 'quota, quota, quota, one, two, three cards', he isn't really losing his reason--it's merely the times. Changes and future changes in property procedure have kept him at his typewriter for long hours of preparing duplicate property cards, inserting quotas on two sets of cards, and making up sheets for use in reconciling changes on the December 31st inventory. If he's glum now and again, or if perchance he forgets to shave now and then, bear with him, boys, and gladden his heart with a smile and a cheery word. Brazil's a long way off, and he can stand a lot of cheering.

CAMP WORK ACCOMPLISHMENT

The following listing of work accomplished and man-days expended by Camp SCS-20 during the fiscal year 1940, which terminated June 30, 1940, reflects the long-proven fact the Civilian Conservation Corps member are earning their pay by putting out a good day's work every day on worthwhile jobs. The quantities of work shown are impressively large, but they do not show all the work done.

Vehicular Bridges Constructed	1	414 man days
Fences Built	1,552 rods	498 man days
Levee Construction	62 cu. yds.	35 man days
Clearing	1,428,253 sq. yds.	15,206 man days
Excavation, Earth	159,928 cu. yds.	2,319 man days
Tile Lines Laid	14,072 lin. ft.	6,950 man days
Riprap	10 sq. yds.	96 man days
Water Control Structures Constructed	21	2,597 man days
Leveling Spoil Banks	117,870 cu. yds.	643 man days
Seeding or Sodding	28.3 acres	3,072 man days
Surveys		2,294 man days
Hydraulic Research		8 man days
Fighting Fires		42 man days
Emergency Work		55 man days
		Total 34,229 man days

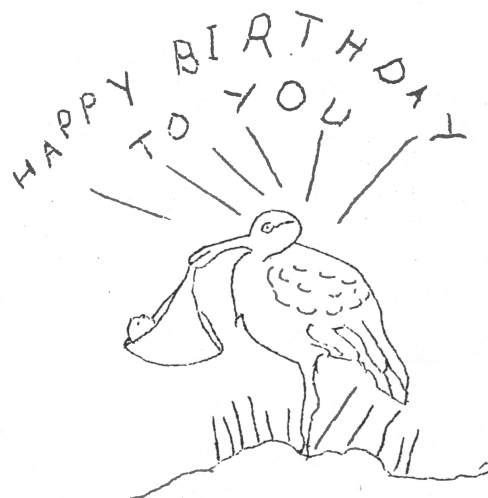
 THE VALPO VANE



If you were born on any of the dates indicated, July 21, to August 22, inclusive, your birthstone is "LEO", and if you were born between the dates August 23, to September 22, your birthstone is "VIRGO". We shall list only the enrollees names that have birthdays between the first of August and the first of September. This is due to the fact that the paper is issued only at the last of each month.

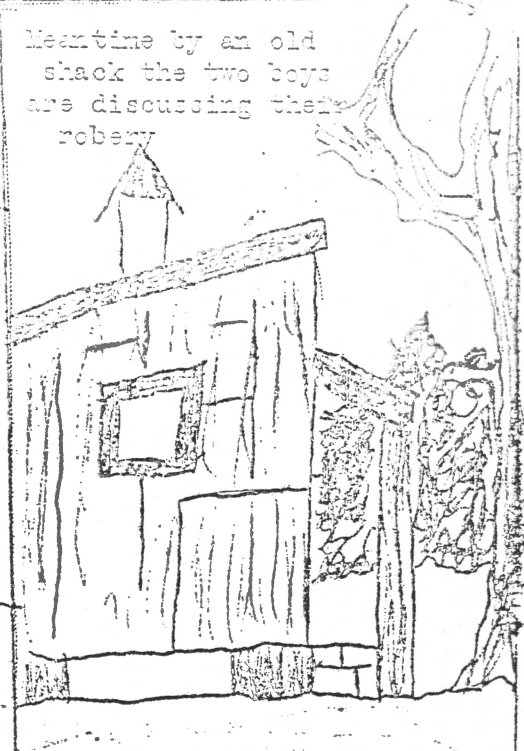
"LEO'S AND VIRGOS, WE SALUTE YOU!"

McCloy, Charles	August 1, 1917
Jacusic, Paul	August 3, 1921
Campbell, Walter	August 8, 1922
Strawmier, Vernon	August 9, 1920
Conway, Robert	August 10, 1921
Whitt, Floyd	August 11, 1922
Granzow, Donald	August 16, 1921
Tokarcik, Steve	August 16, 1920
Mausen, Kenneth	August 16, 1922
Bollet, Edward	August 20, 1921
Rak, John	August 21, 1921
Maravilla, Joseph	August 28, 1922
Goddarn, Tom	August 31, 1922

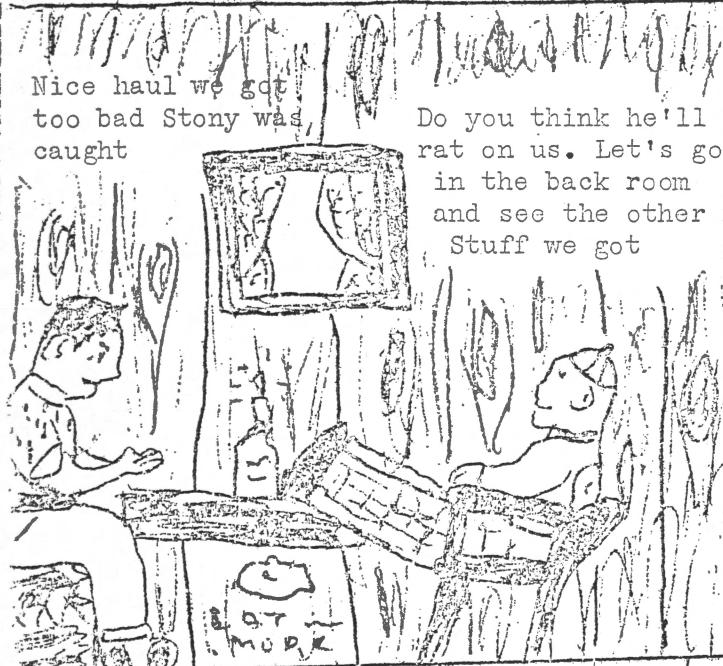




All right you
 bug get up. We'll
 see what the has to say
 about this.



Meantime by an old
 shack the two boys
 are discussing their
 robbery



Nice haul we got
 too bad Stony was
 caught

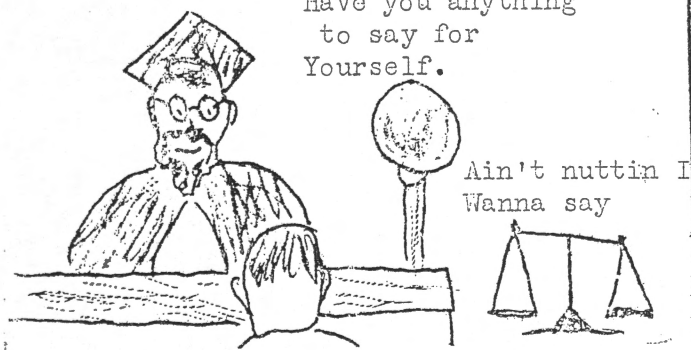
Do you think he'll
 rat on us. Let's go
 in the back room
 and see the other
 Stuff we got



Do you know one
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 has dynimight
 in it.

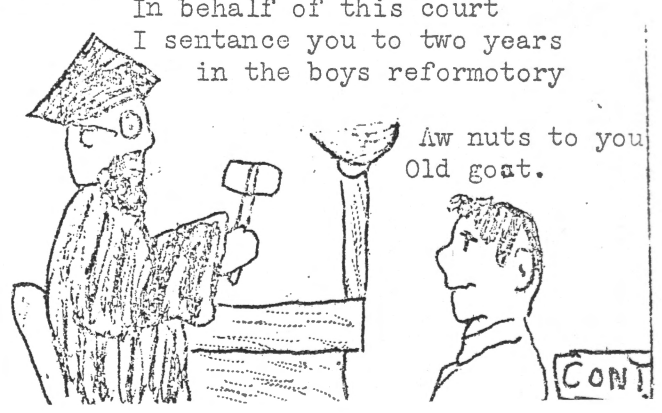
Well don't
 get the can
 too close.

IN THE MEANTIME AT THE COURT



Have you anything
 to say for
 Yourself.

Ain't nuttin I
 Wanna say



In behalf of this court
 I sentance you to two years
 in the boys reformatory

Aw nuts to you
 Old goat.

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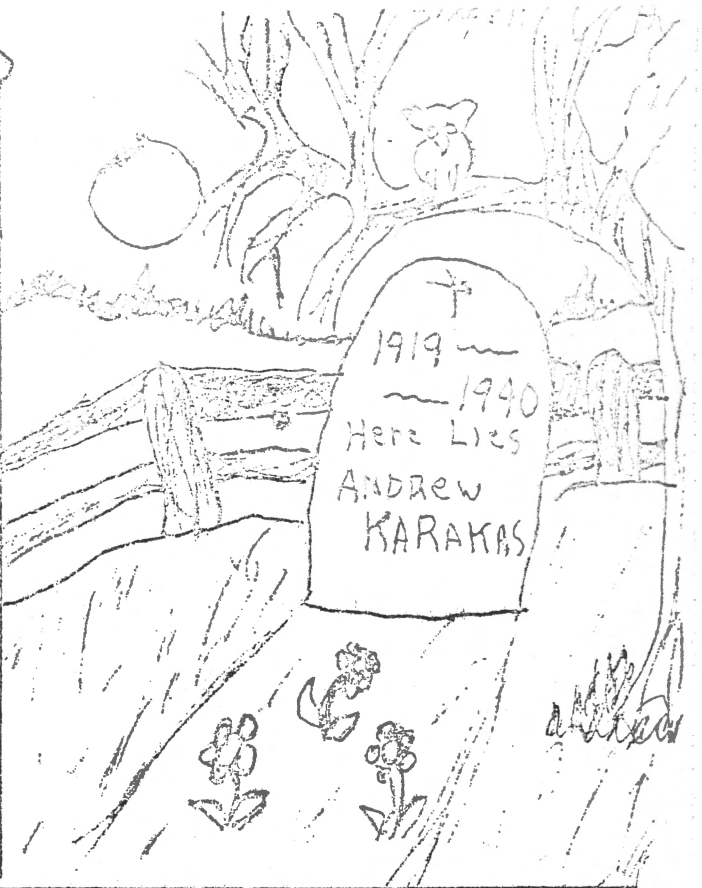
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I'LL light a match
And see how much
gas I have

ANDY
KARAKAS
AND HIS
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Here Lies
Andrew
KARAKAS



POOR RALPH
I BET HE'S
LONESOME
FOR ME

AW THATS
ALRIGHT
HE WONT
MISS YOU

AT THE PARK
JUNE AND
SHORTY ROBINSON



I WONDER
WHAT'S KEEPING
MY GIRL ITS
GETTING
LATE

MEAN-
TIME
WEAVER
AT THE
PINK IS
WORRIED
ABOUT HIS
GIRL

