The words of the prophet, "Make level... a highway...Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain:" might well be adopted as a motto for our camp. Perhaps Isaiah was thinking of roads he had travelled, through desert wastes and over mountain ridges of the east, as he spoke these words; but his thoughts, also, were lifted high above the literal highways of earth. He was describing the spiritual work of another great prophet who was to follow in his steps and prepare a way for the Lord.

Who among our group has not been impressed with the seemingly impossible task of building a modern highway through this rugged country of the north? As you go daily to or from work, climbing hills and rocks or as you have viewed the country through which the road must pass from some lofty height, perhaps you have been tempted to say, "It can't be done." Evidence to dispel that doubt is provided by the fine modern highway stretching for eighty miles to the south through similar country. It has been done! It shall be done! But, how? Not Cont'd pg 2 Col 2.

THREE CONCHIES RETURN HOME AGAINST RECEIVERS FROM FEVER

On January 26th, Leslie Dunn was taken to the General Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie where he underwent an appendix operation. He returned to camp February 15th, where he is now recuperating. Les will return home near Iron Bridge in the near future.

Suffering from a badly bruised leg, Peter Dyok was also taken to the hospital. He returned to his home last week.

A third trainee to receive his medical discharge is Gordon Bolender of Steffsville. He returned home on January 30th. Gord, was Art Editor of the Northern Beacon He now resumes his duties as principal of Altona Public School.

Francis Starr, taken to the hospital on Christmas Day with scarlet fever returned to camp on January 29th.

The Grottoes, Civilian Public Service Camp $1/4 situated among the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains near National Park, Virginia is serving its country by aiding in soil conservation in the counties of Buckingham and Augusta. Eighty-six trainees are finding their change of life exceedingly interesting. Soon after camp opened a forest fire broke out and every boy experienced their first fight against such fire. They work on soil projects on local farms and encourage the farmers to cooperate with their government in the soil conservation program. They have surveyors, bookkeepers, truck drivers, foremen, woodsmen, fence builders and post hole diggers. One of the campers dug fourteen post-holes, 30 inches deep in four hours to set a record. They have their own laundry and do their own cooking and house cleaning. In the evening courses are provided them in Bible study, Church History, bookkeeping, typing, First Aid, soil conservation, choral practice and woodworking. A library of 360 books lines their shelves in the reading room.

Marietta, G.P.S.C. $6, Ohio has 43 trainees engaged in Forest Service. As the American C.O. camps are under the direction of the Churches, the trainees operate the camp with the guidance of an expert technical staff. Being close to the city they are privileged to have many guest speakers and local entertainment. They have a small library, courses in Bible Study, foreign languages, typing and woodworking.

Marietta exchanges their camp paper "Whispering Pines" with us. We much admire the fine spirit of fellowship evident throughout their camp activities and wish them every success. Bishop Swalm, Chairman of the Conference of Historic Peace Churches, paid Marietta a visit last month to bring them news of C.O. affairs in Canada. We anticipate a visit from Bishop Swalm in the near future and will be pleased to hear his good tidings of our C.O. neighbours.
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FAITH TO RIDDLE MOUNTAINS
Cont’d from Pg. 1.

Pine tree by pine tree, rock by rock,
shovel-full by shovel-full; slowly
the road takes form.
The church has a task
to-day similar to that of John the
Baptist. The way must be prepared
for the Lord to come and fulfill
His purposes concerning this earth.
Are there obstacles in the way—
valleys to be filled, high places
to be levelled? Certainly! and
some of them at this time seem
incredibly large. There are those
who are ready to throw up their hands
in despair and say, "It can't be
done; the program of good will
and peace which the Lord wants establish-
ment upon earth is a lost cause."

Religious REALMS.

Romans 8:37, "Yea, in all these
things we are more conquerors
through Him that loved us." "Are we conquerors or are we
suffering defeat? If the latter
then let us take time to let God
point out where we are failing.
Let us by his Grace remove the sin
from our lives and come into the
glorious experience of being more
than conquerors.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday Feb. 15th, 1942, our
Morning service was conducted by
He used as his text 1 Cor. 5:
20-21, and chose as his topic
"Ambassadors for Christ."

He compared the office of an
ambassador to a foreign country,
with the Christian as an ambas-
ador for Christ in this world.

The Outline:

Ambassadors for Christ:

A. The Ambassador's Citizenship:
   (1) Citizens of Heaven
       Phil. 3:20
       (a) Citizens not of this
            world, John 17:14
       (b) Citizens who are not
            ashamed.

B. The Ambassador's Mission:
   (1) To represent Christ:
       (a) Strictly preach God's
            word.
       (b) Adapt ourselves to
            his standards.
       (c) The Message: "Be ye
            reconciled."

C. The Ambassador's Provision:
   (1) The resources of God:
       (a) Our limitless supply.
       (b) Our Protection.
       (c) Our Reward
           Cont’d in Col. 2.

RELIGIOUS REALMS.

Cont’d from Col. 1.

What kind of Ambassadors are
we. Can we meet God's requirements
and standards, or are we below
par?

The Evening Service was again
conducted by Rev. H. D. Groh.
Members of the Camp Quartet, Lewis
Reesor, Floyd MacReynolds, Ross
Wideman and Albert Drudge rendered
the Hymn, "Shall I Crucify My Saviour?"

Rev. Groh pointed out to us four
precious things that Peter enumer-
at in his Epistle:
1. 1 Peter 1:17 The trial of our
Faith is precious.
2. 1 Peter 1:19 We are redeemed
with the precious Blood of Christ.
3. 2 Peter 2:47 We are establish-
ed upon the Christ, the precious
cornerstone.
4. 2 Peter 1:14 There are given
unto us exceeding great and preci-
ous promises.

Peter realized the fulfillment
of many promises, yet one promise
he was looking for was not fulfill-
ed. That was the coming of Christ
for His Bride.
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"YE ARE MY WITNESSES" Rev. J. Harold Sherx.

Almost the last words which the apostles heard from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ before His ascension were "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me.

They were qualified to be witnesses. They had seen him, met him, talked with him, touched him, walked with him, sat with him, sailed with him, lived with him, rejoiced with him, wept with him. They had listened to him speaking as "never man spake before." They had been with him as he healed paralytics, opened the eyes of the blind, cleansed lepers, raised the dead, forgave sins, gave hope to the despairing, preached the Gospel to the poor, healed all who were oppressed of the devil. They had heard him soothingly denounce sin and weep, broken-hearted, over the sinner. They had seen him sleep in the midst of the tempest and still the raging waves with a word. They had seen strong men pay him homage and little children press close that he might touch them. They had seen His glory in the mount of transfiguration and his agony in Gethsemane. They had watched him die at the hands of sinners, praying for them and pardoning the penitent. They had despair ed at his death and severely believed, for joy, when they saw him again alive, after his resurrection. For forty days more they had rejoiced in his presence as he walked with them by the way or met them on the mountain or sat with them at the table. They knew him and he had become their life.

The world did not know him - does not know him to-day. They did not understand when the Father testified to his divine Sonship. They called him the "son of fornication." They attributed his divine power to Satan and misrepresented his divine mission, pretending (perhaps believing) that he who can reconcile the world unto God was come to be a rebel against authority and a destroyer to his people. They refused to see his power or to recognize his authority over the hearts and lives of men. They put to death him who had the gift of life.

The world needs him to-day. Never has it been more necessary that he be shown as he is and not as he has been so often falsely or mistakenly represented to be. He is still the friend of sinners, the Saviour of the lost, the hope of the despairing, the comfort of the sorrowing, the Prince of Peace. As in the beginning, so to-day it is the privilege of believers to know him, walk with him, commune with him, experience his power and live triumphantly by his grace. No life is full without him.

Is the world ready to receive him to-day? Will the witness of his disciples of this generation be convincing? The whole world did not receive the witness of the first disciples but they persisted in their testimony and some believed, enough to change the character of the world. We may not see the whole world accept the witness of the Lord's disciples in this way, but, if the witness of all who know him is faithfully given, some will receive him and greater things may follow than the Church of Christ has yet seen.

Do we want to see his power manifest in our world? Then we must witness. Do we want to witness? Then we must know him - know him as the first disciples knew him - live with him, commit our lives to him and live by his life. If we so know him then we can show him, and in no other way will he, the Christ of the Gospel, ever be seen by our world.

WEIGH UP!

Much enthusiasm was shown among the boys on the appearance of scales in camp. The majority of boys proceeded to weigh themselves at once, a cent being charged for each weighing. Many who believed to have gained in avoirdupois were surprised to find themselves weighing about the same, a few having lost in weight. However, in a number of cases, some 30 as many as from ten to fifteen pounds. Ben Baerg who tips the scales at 193 pounds exerted the greatest hand pressure upon the scales.

A. E. MILLNER, CAMP GUEST

Elder A. E. Millner of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has arrived to visit the camp over the week-end of February 22nd., and to have fellowship with the boys of his faith, of whom there are six. Elder Millner is President of the Ontario-Quebec Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
HIS LIGHT
Was Brown

Oh to be in Europe
Now that war is there,
To help the bombed and homeless
And for the sick to care;
And seek to share their burdens
As Christ would have us do,
To help, to heal restore, encourage
And let His light shine through!

Oh to be in the East
For suffering too is there,
And tell them of the Christ-like way
That would their souls repair
And stop this war which has no place
In the Heaven on Earth He taught;
And bring them peace and freedom
Which by His light is wrought.

Oh to be where suffering
Hunts the hearts of men,
To soothe their broken spirit
And through Christ try once again
To build a universe of love.
There in all would be happy be,
Striving for the better way
With His light for us to see.

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PERSONAL TESTIMONIES
Cont’d

service of Jesus Christ is more
interesting and more joyful, like
Paul I can say, "For me to live is
Christ and, to die is gain."

HARLEY VIDEAN

WAR RELIEF WORK

Close to $350,000 was loaned to
the Government without interest or
donated to war relief work last
year by non-resistant groups in
Ontario. The war relief work is
being carried forward this year on
an even larger scale. Outright
donations during the year were in
excess of $30,000. The remaining
$300,000 was loaned to the Govern-
ment through non-interest bearing
bonds. Non-interest bearing bonds
were instituted last February as a
substitute for war savings certifi-
cates. Proceeds of the bonds are
used entirely for the alleviation of
suffering and distress.

This bond series is known as
"Series B()."

Mennonite people have pledged
to provide $6,000 a month for war
relief workers from Capaqua, John
cottman of Vineland and Peter Dick
of Winnipeg. Two Mennonite nurses
will be sent overseas in the near
future. Five shipments of new
apparel and blankets were sent
overseas during the past year,
estimated at a value of $12,700.

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YOU MUST THINK

Because you would not think, we
had to die.
We died. And there you stand, no
step advanced.
Oh, world, there is another way to
serve justice and liberty
Than thus to fill out the glory
Beneath the hoofs of horses. Go
Send out your soul
To life
Into the sky to find it. The way
to
Life
There is another way, and you shall
find it.

Dead eyes keep watch. You must not
Rest or sleep.
We died. And now you others who
shall live
Shall do a harder thing than dying,
For you must think -- and ghosts
shall drive you on.

From "The Boy in Armour"
by Norman Hagdorn.
Feb. 21, 1942

PUBLICATION SEMI-MONTHLY

Considerable time has lapsed between our first publication and this, our second one. Postponement in circulating the first publication and in printing this paper was due to the time required to obtain necessary approbation from Ottawa. The Northern Beacon went into action immediately after receiving from the Engineer of the Alternative Service Camp here the following note:

"The Northern Beacon is approved with the understanding that all material be submitted to camp engineer for approval before publication. There has been some delay in securing approval." Signed - C. T. Tench.

At a meeting of the press staff it was decided to publish twice monthly, the first and third Saturdays in the month, the paper to be circulated as far as possible amongst the friends and relatives of the Conchie boys in camp; and others such as pastors of like faith in the churches.

As mentioned in our first edition, the Northern Beacon has as its main purpose for publication, the following:

1. To afford a worthwhile project for the boys in training who are solely responsible for its publication with the assistance of the Religious Director.
2. To inform those interested in the camp as to the news of the camp, meeting the demand by many for such a publication.

Contributions for publication by conscientious objectors outside the camp, whether by ministers or by laymen, will be welcomed, providing they are of such a nature to be of interest to subscribers. Constructive criticisms and suggestions will be appreciated in letters to the Editor.

The subscription rate for this semi-monthly publication is only $1.00 a year, single copies selling at 25 each, all papers postpaid. The publication of the Northern Beacon is not a money-making scheme, but trainees are offering their services for the benefit of subscribers.

An order form appears on the back page of this publication for your convenience in subscribing. If you have not already written for your subscriptions, will you not fill out the order form now and mail today to the Northern Beacon, Box 444, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario? Perhaps you would like a C.O. friend to receive a copy of the Northern Beacon too. Let us mail your friend a paper. We are thankful for subscriptions already received.

Paul Storms,
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

FIRST AID COURSE OFFERED

The boys of the camp are looking forward to a course of training in First Aid. Although no doctor is available to give the lectures in theory, the boys are anxious to study the practical part of the work. Cecil Bell, who has his certificate from the St. John's Ambulance Association, has kindly consented to supervise the work. The text books have been ordered and in a short time the class should be in operation.

It's hard to dislike a fellow who likes you, isn't it? There's the basis of the only peace plan that will really work.

The rewards are always at the end of the trail. Follow through!

WHO'S WHO

HARRY WIGGERT hails from Niagara-on-the-Lake. Before coming to camp he was a car mechanic at St. Kits. A member of the Brethren Mennonite, Harry is the shy fellow at present looking after the compressor machine. Hockey is his favourite sport.

NICK SIBLEY is the 22 year old super harmonist from the automobile assembly lines of Oshawa. He favours fishing and photography. Says it's the smile that makes life worth while and is active in Pontiac Young Peoples to bear it out. Donald Darley, 5 ft. 6½ of Chrístadelphian sunshine from Toronto. He is usually occupied as a photo engraver and hopes to be an expert natural colour photographer. Spends his summer spare time sailing. Pat saying, "The nerve of some people's kids".
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Recreation

Don Leffatt & Don Darley

Since last going to press, a

very successful checker tournament

sponsored by this column has been

played.

Guy Mosher, winner for the

south bank and Ross High, winner

for the north bank, thrashed it

out for a thrilling finale. Ross

emerged the victor by winning two

ties two for the best out of

two and became the "Champ of the

Camp." Ross has not yet been

beaten.

Proceeds from the tournament

netted enough to purchase two

crocinial boards for our recreation

room. This now brings our number

game up to 1 monopoly game, 2

checker boards and 2 crocinial

boards for our enjoyment.

A crocinial tournament will

begin on Tuesday, February 24th.

Drug knockers wishing to enter

should be signed up before this
date.

A young Owen Sound lady kindly

donated two table-tennis sets which

will be set up as soon as tables

are available.

SKI SCOPS

A number of the boys have taken

up the speedy art of skiing in
their free time. The recent snow-

fall has made the hills very fast

and soft to fall on.

Bill Herbst and "Rose" Sider

are ardent enthusiasts and teach

the beginners this slippery sport.

They guarantee stiff legs and snow-

banks of fun. From the top of our

hills to the bottom of our valleys

we wish them "Happy Landings".

DEER (NOT DEARS) SEEN AT CAMP

On different occasions, a deer

has been sighted in the neighbor-

hood and at one time several Con-

chies gave chase to one which ap-

peared right at the camp. On two occa-

sions the howling of wolves was quite

audible.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations from the boys to

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Epp of Niag-

ara-on-the-Lake on the birth of a

daughter, Wednesday, February 16th,

1942. "Poppa" Ewald can hardly wait
to get home to see his first arrival.

"WHO'S WHO"

Nick Siblock

LEONARD BURKHOLDER - a friendly

Markham farmer, always relating

humorous stories. Len is a Mennon-

ite well liked by the gang.

HEN BURGEN - 6 foot, 1 inch,

203 lb., 41 year-old bulldozer from

Reesor, Ont. Cuts and loads pulp

in the winter and works his 20 acre

farm in the summer. Don is a Unit-

ed Mennonite born in Siberia. He

is an expert skier and is cultivat-

ing a liking for tennis. Ben is a

straw-boss at camp, a favourite of

the fellows.

PETE NEUFELD - United Mennonite,

was born 1918 on a farm at Niagara-

on-the-Lake. His chief hobby is

photography. He has a responsible

job as dynamiter here and takes it

seriously. Pete is one of the

friendliest boys in camp.

JOE D. SHERK - of the Brethren

in Christ Church from Ridgeway; de-

lights the fellows playing his gui-

tar and harmonica. Joe says that

married people have more fun than

anybody and wants to be a success-

ful baseball.

HARLY UDLAPAN - Mennonite

Brethren in Canada, hails from

Markham. Harley is a school teach-

er and says he is enjoying life.

He has worked in the gravel pits

since coming to camp. He likes base-

ball and picture "taking".

CAST GOES ON FAST TIME

Monday, February 9th, Montreal

River Camp went on war saving time.

Because the sun is not up on new

time, this has made no difference in

camp routine. Instead of rising

at 6:15 S.T. the boys now roll out

of bed at 7:15 W.S.T., come to

work at 9 o'clock instead of 8 a.m. and

finish work at 6 o'clock instead of

5 p.m., retiring at 11:30 instead

of 10:30 p.m. It is expected that

camp hours will go back as before in

March as the sun should be up by

then.

DIRECTORS EXCHANGE

Because of numerous church duti-

ies demanding his attention at his

home in Toronto, Rev. H. Groh left

camp on Jan. 26th returning to camp

once again on Feb. 7th. Religious

director, Rev. J. H. Sherk, who at

the present time is teaching at

Manhattan Bible College, Stouffville,

visited the camp for a few days in

the absence of Rev. Groh, taking the

Sunday services of Feb. 1st. Rev.

Groh is also going home next week,

when Rev. Sherk will visit the camp

once again.

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CONCHIL CARPENTERS ACTIVE AT CAMP

Just recently a new frame washhouse annex to the north bunkhouse has been built by four of the trainees, Victor Dyck, George Ewanstitch, Gordon Smith and Vernon Yager. The size of the washhouse is 15 feet by 18 feet. It is equipped with two showers and five tubs. A heating system is being installed.

Jake Dyck has built a medicine chest which has been placed in the office and Victor Dyck has built a covering for the Chevrolet pick-up truck. Various things have been built by the carpenters.

In the near future, a new recreation room, 24 feet by 50 feet is being erected, the trainees having already cut the stiles for a foundation.

CAMP EXPERIENCES MODERATE WEATHER

When the trainees of Montreal River Camp left for their destination here last fall, they expected experiencing much colder weather than has been the case to date. The coldest spell came the second week in January, the mercury dropping to 25 degrees below zero on January 7th: otherwise the thermometer for the most part has stood in the neighborhood just above zero. There has been an occasional snow storm, but nothing as serious as what Southern Ontario has recently experienced.

TEMPERATURE RECORDINGS AND WEATHER REPORT

(Manuel KeQuarrie, statistician)

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HOLY SEASON OF LENT

This period of special meditation on the death and resurrection of the Saviour begins on Feb. 18 (next column) and culminates on the Sunday of Apr. 5. Plan to join the millions of other Christians in active remembrance of this holy season. Only through Christ is there real peace and happiness for mankind.
POEM: WRITTEN BY DON MOFFATT
IN VIC DICK'S ALBUM

In days to come you'll remember
About the one who above you did bunk.
He stepped on your pillow and
blankets
As upstairs he went with a jump.
You will think of nothing more annoying
Than when from work you withdraw
To find that your bed was all
covered
With a coating of dusty old straw.
You are fortunate twill not last
forever--
The 25th is the day we disband;
So I trust that you'll always re-
remember
Your bothersome upper-bunk friend.

IT HAPPENED ONLY ONCE

The boys that eat in the tent
were one day relating various ad-
ventures they had experienced.
After the supply of tales was al-
most exhausted, Jack Grieve chirp-
ed up with, "Well the most exciting
time in my life was when I was born.
I was speechless for two years."

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