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FOMEDL RIYER OPENS

The latter part of Novembor a new, camp mas opened at Powell River on the mainland. Don McNaughton of Green Timbers helped construct the new site and claims it is a dandy camp. This camp is for mombers of the Seventh Day Adventists tho expressod a desire to work in one camp. Twenty-four S.D.A!s from Green Timbers opened it and more returning from leaves and transferring from other camps has smolled the onrollment to forty.

The site is twelve miles from the town of Powell River in the heart of the wilderness. Campees are especially talented and have many musical instruments, including an organ. Nearly everyone is taking correspondence courses. The B.C. Conference of S.D.A. and Home Study Institute unite to pay $80 \%$ of their tuition and books; campeos pay the remaining 20\%. Each evening the entire; camp is quiet for two hours study period.
Having completed improvement of camp grounus and roads, their project of snag-falling has bogun.

## REITGIOUS EDUCATION

The Peace Problems Committee of Manitoba met on January 15th. As a result all A.S.W. camps in the B.C.F.S. are supplied with song books and school quartorlies for religious services. Mr. John M. Penner was authorized to buy a cir which is for the use of ministers visiting the various crmps. Mr. Dave W. Friessen of Altona and Rev. D. P. Reimer of Giroux are in charge of collecting books to bc sent to the mumerous camps. Already severvl hundred books hove boen gathered.

## MAXIMUM SCALE

The maximum seale for December of any set of fallers in the Island Camps jas cut by Dan Lowen and Vic Siemens of Timberinnds Camp. S. Vipond, snag-falling instructor, scaled thom $139.24 \mathrm{sq.ft}$. Dan and Vic fell 43 trees 10 inches or iarger and 8 trees under ten inches to象ain this December record.

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## WELCOME

Additional contributors to our $\mathrm{A}_{\text {. }}$ S.W. inter-camp paper are Seymour Mountain Park, GT5; Ladysmith, C7; and Quinsam, QI. The rest of the camps welcome these new comers into our realm of communication and hope they enjoy participating in this venture. Judging from their initial reports they have added much to our efforts. Keep coming that way., ${ }^{3}$ Friends. GT5,Harold Schmidt, editor, Paul.Hunsberger, cir. mgr., C7, Robert Allenbrand, editor, Jack Johnston, cir. mgr., Q1, Ray Sider Editor.

## EO YOUR BACK

Editorial
Most annual leaves have come and gone. On first, retturning'to camp a homesick feeling asserted itself in a bad case of the doldrums. Swinging into the routine of camp life though, acted as a back-fire and killed the "blues". Pleasant momories now linger in our minds, sufficient for a year. Yes, happy thoughts, recall the good time we had.

It was diffícult to leave home, but you are back now. Have you ever thought of that? Have you thought why you gave up familiar environment, friends and a chance, perhaps, to better serve in your own way at home? Returning to camp goes much deeper than the fact that the government legislates for delinquents.

We believe in Christ, His way of Life, His Love, His Kingaom on Earth. Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my discipझe; Iove your enemies, do good to them which hate you; Thy Kingdom come on earth these are our maxims as taught by the Son of God. Christ pointed the way for us.

So your return to camp was more than just getting back of necessity to work. It was a renewal of your faith in God. It vas a further pledge of allegiance to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. It is an action portraying the incompatibility of war and Christ. Ye are a witness unto the world

I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, hesshall be saved.

John 10: 9.

## CHRISTIANITY CAN MAKE A BETTER WOFĖD <br> Editorial - J. S. Rowe

Our world is broken up by divisive forces that prevent peaceful and happy living even in the intervals between wars. This is because our society has not been based on principles of intelligent goodwill, freedom, and equality. We have never achieved the Christian Community.

Jesus evidently intended the establishment of such a community, and he explained the principles on which it should be founded. To many today, this Christian intention is tie only hope of the world. Jesus? - idea that the vorld needs Community is no idyllic dream, and people are realizing that a Christian world order is the only practical alternative to endless, social chaos. Necessity now makes the ideal practical.

What are the difficulties in the way? Why, in 2000 years, hasn't humanity achieved a Christian world? John MacMurray, in his book "The Clue to History", suggests that it is because the western world has never understood what it means to be religeious, to be Christian. Our present religion has lost something that was present in the primitive church. Our problem is to find where werve gone wrong.

Let us compare our society with early Christianity itself, and with the Jewish society from which Christianity sprang. Just as we discover the meaning of great art by studying paintings of the great artists, so we can discover the meaning of the "religious Bonscience" by studying the only truly religious community we know in history. We find that so the Jews their religion was everything - Art, Science, Politics Law, Morality, Philosophy, all rolled into one. It was the whole of their lives. And so they didn't, for instance, separate religion from politics as some people would do today. Neither did they split life into spiritual and material fields, or separate thought from action. All Iife was one. Quite evidently we don't have this outlook, Historically, we lost this attitude toward life when, after Jesus death, Christianity was fighting for its life against the Roman Empire. As time went on the new religion became stronger, and finally the Empire was forced to come to terms with it. Christianity compromised and became the official religion of the Roman Empire. This involved the division of power, for compromising parties agree to leave each other alone in specified fields. Henceforth, it was agreed, the church was to have the spiritual field (men's minds), while the empire was to control the material field of life. Thus was lost the religious or whole outlook on life. By surrendering tho natorial field where things are done, the church lost its ability to act for the Christian intentions of equality, freedom, and brotherhood.

Today this heritage is apnarent. Religion is considered one little part of life, and its practise is confined to one day a week. The church is thought of as a place for spiritual welfare, and few consider it an organization suitable for social action. In place of action and filling the gap, beautiful systems of thoology have been built to lull people into thinking that evorything will bo all right if only they think the right thoughts.

How can we regain the religious conscience? The scientific mind, in its limited field, comes closest to the ideal wo have set ourselves. There we sec thought guiding action, and action testing thoory. By this method truth is discovered, for false theory begets irrational action, but truth begots right action. As Jesus said "the truth will make you free". Could we integrate our lives like this, testing our ideals by Contld on Page 4.

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action, and illuminating our action by thought, our intentions of brotherhood would pass into action, and progress toward that more communal and Christian life would be inevitable.


Greetings from the aristocratic Seymour Mountain Camp.
Someone has said that sometimes one must wait for the better things in life: We hope this applies to the news from Seymour Mountain Camp. A brief explanation might be in order at this time to explain to our readers and interested friends the reason for our lateness in making the headines. While we would not like to classify our paper as a rural paper, yet it happens that we as a camp are orphaned by the remoteness of its headquarters and center of activities to the extent that we had no knowledge of its original organization until we received a sample issue at camp. I might say here that on behalf of our camp I wish to congratulate the editor-in-chief for his organizing such a project, which we feel will serve as a means towards intelligent thinking for the men in camp, and perhaps will be the deciding factor for some new readers as to the correct opinion of a Conchie. In many cases, I would say through misinformed information a quite common conception of a Conchie is one who is weakminded, cowardly, lacking a sane understanding without principle. Therefore, by the reading of such editorials and articles of news demonstrating that we are normal individuals of at least average intellect, possessing a reasonable amount of dignity and hold as our objective a respectable desire for the order of societyy it might lead toward a more sympathetic understanding by the public, hence, gainine some valuable friends, This is the very core of our life and religion, our desire to be a friend to all and by the Grace of God without enemies.

The location of our domicile is within ten miles of downtown Vancouver on the extreme outskirts of Northr Vancouver. Such ready access to town affords the capitaiistic members of our camp the opportunity to visit the more civilized sections of B.C. every weekend. However, we of the labouring class find economics a difficult subject for study to include such luxury. The writer a life-long student on the aforesaid subject has as yet not found the secret on how frecuent visits to the city can be made on' a Conchie's salary.

Our work has much in common as was reported by our various colleagues stationed in camps on the Island. The only new feat re on which I shall enlarge is our assistance in developing Seymour Mountain Park. There are times when we are at a loss to explain to our own satisfaction just where the construction of a park, during what we are told is an acute labour shortage, would rate a very high rating in priorities for man power. Yet on second thousht the lasting effects and benefits it will Contld. on Page 5 .

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be to our country might reach such proportions that they are beyond our immediate comprehension. The value and importance of a foreign country to our economics is often calculated on suich standards as the tangible evidence and the much advertized desirability for tourist travel. For example, many of us while in our younger years formed our early impression that our neighbour to the south was a grand country because we heard it contained such delightful spots as Yellowstone National Park, etc. When this messy war is over, a fact for which all hope and pray regardess of religion or creed, we shall be in a position to onjoy tho peaceful surroundings of such places as nature's own, a park. I mould be so bold to predict that many of our friends now serving the cause in the armed forces will apnreciate the Conchie's sacrifice by the constructive nature of our work, which will improve his native land and increase his personal comfort and enjoymont. Seymour Mountain I understand has the natural making of a park. Seymour Park has perhans the most attractive natural ski run in southern B.C. As long as tho war continues it is our ambition to make Soymour Mountain Park second to none. The hale and hardy carry on clearing and cleaning, working toward a common goal, the building of a super highway up Seymour Mountain, that future holiday seakers might arrive at the ski run in comparitive comfort in plastic cars, and not on all fours as they do now.

## COMMON PLATFORM <br> Harold J. Schmidt, GT5.

I would like to state in a fow simple words the policy of a true Conchie, in other words our common platform. The greatur portion of us place our 'ono track thinking' on some Biblical teaching of the new order taught $\mathrm{b}^{\text {Christ }}$ in the New Tostament. We intorpret various passages of scripture to teach this, and as to whother our interpretation is correct or otherwise is up to each to decide for himself. We do recognize there are folks equa'ly as sincere as we, who consider Christ's same teachings moan the entirely opnosite. To such folks I will say we admire your sincerity and ruspect your belief. Wo ask only the same in return. Wo realize our doctrino sounds unpractical to many; indeed, our line of thought is in the minority. It has boen stated that the strength of any domocracy lies in its respect toward the minority groups within it. Wo claim to be of the strongest of democracies in Canada, and so I believe we are, because we as a peacegroup should be, and are, grateful for the respect and tolerance shown us in this country.

Perhaps one of the hardest verses in the Bible to live out is Matt. 5:44, "Love your enomies, blass thom that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for thom which despitefully use yous' Let us therefore consider this matter together with an open mind. The hardest thing in the world is not to do something, but to bo somothing. To be something is to liv well with others, according to Christ. This implios love and kindness for foe as well as friend. 'Fur in so doing Contld. on Page 6.

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thou shalt heap coals of fire on his hat＇．This achievement can be reached only by reliance upon Hiw，The Sin of God，of whom Peter said： ＇casting all your care upon Hil，for He careth for you＇．Much of nan＇s religion has been based on fear．The world was peopled with spirits， in earlier times，that have been unfriendly，even hostile．In a more＇ advanced age men have made so many rulas and regulations that one can $\rightarrow$ not move about without infringing upon these and incuring the penalty of disobedience．What a different spirit animates those in Cririst； Grace supplants law；love banishes fear；the slave is changed into the son；and with love comes the desire for cooperation．Did I say cooper－ ation？Yes，the very thing the United Nations want，and the world is hoping for in its new order for a lasting world peace．

## O，シ ANALYジロ

The present official population of camp Q3 stands at 46 C．0＇s．， 42 in camp， 1 in hospital and $3 A_{0} W_{0}$ O．L．for a protracted period of time．Provinces represented are Ont．，Man．，Sesk．，Alta．，and B．C．

Number of denominations represented in camp is 12．Numerical representation of each denomination is as follows：Konference 10； M．B．6；United Church 4；Somierfelder 2；Seventh－Day Adventists 2； Old Colony 2；Church of God in Christ 2；Christadelphian l；Church of Christ 1；Pentecostal I；Bergthaler 1；Kleingemeinde 1． 13 non－ church members．

From the above statement it will perhaps be obvious to the reader what an amount of goodwill and cooperation is required from each ind－ ividual to make united participation in everything possible．

Latest news have it that Q3 is to have its population boosted again． How many or where from is not yet known．According to current local rumor the number will not be very large．

Out of our present 46 men， 9 come under the heading＂Yarried＂；hich to their opinion is the ideal state of being．＂nore can be put in a class by themselves and under no other classification than＂engaged to be married＂；which，of course in their opinion，is the ideal state of being．How many more can be termed as＂on the verge＂is beyond know－ ledge．

Fair reader，could you，perhaps，help us out？The address is＂The Beacon，＂Camp Q3，Campbell River，B．C．

Camp life is just one forgetful fellow multiplied by 40．Ration－ ing of sugar and butter necessitates a program of each fellow carrying his own week＇s supply in a couple of tins．On the way to ewery meal some one forgets to take his rations with him． Then he is late．And after the meal is over many return to the table to pick up their tins．Why not ration forgetfulness too？

## ON JOKES.. <br> $\therefore$ by Nick Vogt

I have always like to hear or tell a good clean joke, but there were two -supposedly 'funny things in the December issue of . $\mathrm{T}_{\text {The }}$ Beacon" that I, and many others, did not consider to be funny. The first of these

The first of these was that cartoon depicting a Cion as a skinny hog. I don't know yet whether I interpreted that thing correctly or not but the way it seemed to me two fat hogs, apparently signifying persons who are not $\mathrm{C}, 0, \mathrm{~s}$, are scoffing at that skinny specimen for his failure to produce the fat for victory. Chfortinately this is the attitude taken by the general public, but is it necessary thar we advertise this, or what is worse, make it seem as though we ourselves compare ourselves to that underfed pig? No, let us rather try to change this attitude by our words and deeds, and try to win respect from the public. I Enow, too, that the government does not consider our work to be without value.

The second "joke" was a sentence in a C -3 article concerning the 2 mile part of their l3-mile road project I quote: "We trust that the war will not be over before we reach that track". Nice bit of humor, isn't it? Wishing more bloodshed on the world, while we build a rodin peace and quiet. Did the writer of this sentence think when he wrote it? Ne all trust that the war will be successfully over as soon as possible.

In closing I would like to remind us to be fore careful of what we write in our paper. It is read by many readers who do not share our viewpoint, and they are judging us by it.
Q7 fornchip

Claude Klassen has been transferred to $C-3$ where his brother is. Sam Thews, who was transferred here from $Q-5$, has been granted a 60 day leave to work for a sick farmer near Courtenay. Gordon Brooker, who has been suffering with asthma for some time, has been discharged from service.

Of the 46 boys now enrolled at this camp 29 were given their annual leave a tXmas time. The remaining 16 were granted leave on Jan. 18.
While away on leave Gordon Dick got engaged to be married. Nick Siebert, and Abe Fast, as we learn a bit later did the same thing. The youth of today certainly are reckless. However, we wish them the best of luck, EXTRA...A sure cure for falling hair. The best remedy for dandruff. No more premature grey hair. KEEP THEM SHAVED CLOSE, At least this is the cure discovered by Henry Lepp and Neil Newfeld. Pete Unger referred to them as being barefooted on the head
Val Peters, Dan de Veer, Simon Jantz, Bill Fp, Nick Siebert, and Henry Siebert were transferred to camp Q-2 at very short notice. They are to fall snags there. We who pe the will enjoy themselves in their new environment, and hurry back as soon 'as they have finished all the work. at $\mathrm{Q}-2$.

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Q－7 ROUNDUP<br>Contld．from Page 7.

Those boys who had their leaves at Xmas wore pleasantly surprised to find the long awaited hot water tank already installed in the wash－ house．That shower certainly felt good after the long train ride． Except for two more heaters，including the one in the recreation hall Camp Q－7 is absolutely completed．

The Nanaimo－Vancouver boat has not always eot smooth sailing．For full particulars concorning a stom at sea and seasickness apply to John Ungor．

## GIFTS RECETVED

All men in the B．C．F．S．camps received a grand gift of English corres－ pondence paper andenvelopes from the Southern Manitoba Gewing Circles． It was indeed a practical gift made possible by the cooperation of numerous sewing clubs，and expresses the interest for unity of all denominations；the unity of men in camps amd groups at home．The fell． ows are really appreciative of this fine gesture of love．The Altona Sewing Circle wảs represented by Miss Nina Nikkel，Mrs．H．Reimer， Rev．D，Schultz，Mr．John Siemens，Sro，Rev．Jo $\mathbb{N}_{0}$ Hoppner，Mr．H．H． Hamm，Mrs．H．Braun，Mr．D．W．Friessen，Mrs．H．E。Epp，Mrs．C。 P。 Heinrichs．Homewood was represented by Rev．D．D．Klassen and Love Farm by Mrs．A．J．Hiebert．Mrs．M．Siemens and Miss Helen Enns con－ tributed for Winkler．Mrs．H．A．Thiessen is chairman of the Circle．

## MARRIED MEN CALLED

Married men，regardiess of whether or not they have children，will become subject to call in January if they are between the ages of I9 and 25 inclusive，but will be entitled to an allowance for dependents． If they have entered upon the year in which they will become 19，they will be eligible for call，but if they have entered upon the year in which they will be 26 they will not be eligible for the present，ex－ cept as they volunteer．The next glans of married men to be called are tho se between the ages of 26 and 30．Subsequent calls will be by five－year－age groups．

## ；BELIEVED IN KILLING JAPANRSE

The attitude of some so－called non－combatants is really humorous－－if tragic．A man who registered as a conscientious objector，didn＇t know when to stop writing．He duly filled out a questionnairecovering his objections to war，and then added thirs postscript：＂I believe in kill－． ing Japs．＂This young man should not feel hardly used if his appeal for postponement is turned down！

## VANCOUVER FUEL SHORTAGE

A severe cold snap has of Vancouver citizens, of Vancouver citizens, Coal and sawdusit supplies dwindled until schools didd. f exposure in ge get food or fue:, are outting uation.
struck tie Wost Coast, increasing the hardship persom: talron zis srid unabie to get food or fuel Tie aftay and 75 Conscientious Objectors

## IN BRIEF

Up to January lst, $740 \mathrm{C}, 0$ 's had been allocated to the B.C.F.S. Of these, 19 have been granted extended leave, 47 discharged for medical reasons and 8 released for military service. We have fought 145 forest fires, felled 259,400 snags and cleared 24,500 acres of these fire hazards. Sixteen miles of new roads have been slashed and graded, 57 miles of old logging grades improved, po thile 44 miles of existing roads have been impruved and 64 miles of rosds maintained. Ten miles of new trails were cut. Telephone lines were constructed over 28 miles and 425,000 trees planted. Work is also being done in the development of several provincial parks.

## WEBSTERS CORNERS CAIP G.T. 4.

0.K. fellows! Give a flare on the trumpets and then move over to make roon for us. The boys here have read THE BEACON remarking, "Why doesn't somebody write about our camp for the paper?"
G.T. 4 is situated on the banks of the South Allouette River, $5 \frac{1}{2}$ miles from Haney, or about 45 east of Vancquver. It is in a picturesque setting of bush and mountains, the most famous of which are The Golden
There are 33 boys in camp, representative of ten denominations. HowGver, denominationalism is forgotten in our meetings. We simply gather as a group of Christians in the name of the Lord. There are 7 men from Ontario, 4 from Manitoba, 4 Sask., 2 B.C. and the rest from Al-
Oin foreman is Ed Brownlee。: We touldn' trade Ed for any other foreman in the A.S.W. set-up. Our fallinginstructor is Campbell Marshall, a local stump rancher.
The work consists of Snag falling, and trail building. Reinhardt Friebel and Alfred Posien felled the largest snag in this camp. It had a base areas of 132 sq . ft. The record cut for one day is also held by this pair at $207.73 \mathrm{sq.ft}$. The average daily score for Docember was exactiy $105 \mathrm{sq} . f \mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{a}}$
jund winlay has been off work since Ootober lst with a broken ankle. Johan Penner has been in hospital since Sept. I9th with a broken hip. Sone of tou boys in other camps who know Johann micht like to write him. His address is the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, S.O.

FLASH: P Phillip Isaac of camp $Q-7$ was struck by a falling snag. Ho is in hospital with two broken ribs and a broken collar-bone.

## REFORESTATION

The purpose of reforestation is not to replace the trees on every area logged or burned, but only to supplement nature by taking sáre of those sections which, through repeated burns, lack of seed-trees, or other causes, cannot reforest naturally. The most accessible of our best growing sites on Vancouver Island and the Lower Coast Mainland are being replanted first. Soil, geography and topography must all be taken into consideration in deciding the type of trees to plant. The principal species in B.C. are Douglas Fir, Western Hemlock and Western Red Cedar.

The first steps in tree-planting must be collecting the tree seed. Tree seed is expensive; fir seed costs approximately $\$ 5$ a pound. However, a pound will proáuce 25,000 see.dlings, sufficient to plant 20 acres. The seed is sown in rich, humus soil in beds 52 feet long, 4 ft. wide, and surrounded by 1 by 12-inch boards on edge. The seed is covered with a mulch of good earth. Before the young seedlings appear, a multitude of weeds push their way thecugh the surface; theso are burned off with torch burnors.

To simulato as nearly as possible conditions in the forosts, slats placed at l-inch intervals are laid across frames 12 inches high. These shelter the young seedlings from diroct sunlight, heavy rain, birds and animals. At the end of one season the little plants are well on their way. In the fall, straw mulch, linch deep, is spread over the beds to provent frost-heaving during the winter.

Each year the Forest Service grows about 10,000,000 seedlings for planting in denuded areas. During tho socond growing season, to harden them to the conditions they will encounter when transplanted, they are given very iittlc care. Taking up the young treas for transplanting is the job of the lifting crows. The little trees are carefully taken from the ground individually, shaken froe of soil and bound together with twine in bundles of 100 .

Forest nurseries are some distance from the sito of planting operations, so the seedlings must be well propered for shipment. Five thousand young trees - 50 bundes of 100 - are placed together in a box-like frame, the roots pointed invard and covered with peat-moss. Waxed paper is wrapped around tho bundles to keep the moisture in, and covered with a layer of sacking. A man can casily carry one of these bales, which contain enough troes to plant 5 acres of land. All haste must be made to get the young trees replanted.

Equippod with plan'ting tools and carrying convas buckets filled with scedlings, the plenting crews work fast along laid-out lines, spacing trees at 6 -foot intervals. A good planter can average 700 to 800 trees a day. A single stroke rith a mattock makes a hole large enough for a seedling. The young tre is placed in the hole, the roots straightened out, and the soil is pushed firmly back.

Planting is done either in the very enrly spring, February and March, or the very late fall, October and November. Approximately $7 \frac{1}{2}$ million trees are to be replanted this Spring.

Groves of trees were Godis first temples,

- Ir silence may come the deepest fellorship and lifting of the mind and the dosire of the heart into the Prosence of God.


## WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING William Buller, Q-l.

The Babylonian Empire had come to a climax. God had raised it up to chastiso the Israelites and othor nations. But Babylon's day had come, it was about to be doomed. Already tho enemy was lurkine at its gates, ready to destroy it.

While Babylon was secretly being besioged by King Cyrus, Belshazzar, king of the Babylonian Empire, lived in mirth and gaiety. He had de-' clared a festival, and together with his lords, princos, wives and cone cubines they sat around the table drinking wing to their heart's content In his drunkness King Belshazzar commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which King Nebechadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem. They took the golden and silvor vessels from the House of God and desecrated the Lord's property by polluting it with wine. In their drunken dondition they praised the gods of gold, of silvor, of brass, of iron, of wood and of stone. They worshipped idols.

Although' Belshazzar's sin may have been hidden t.o the eyes of mon, yet was it open to the sight of God. In the midst of the celebration God intervened."In the same hour came forth fingors of a man's hand and wrote oyer against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace." Judgement had come. Belshazzar's sins had found him out. This, once proud and self-confident man became troubled. His loins wore loosed and his knoes smote one against anothor. He called for the astrologers, the Chaldeans and soothsayers; he finally callod upon upon the prophot Danicl. However, Belshazzar had sinnod away the day of grace. It was not man with whom he had to reason; he was to give account of himself before his Creator. Belshazzar had not reckoned with God in the accopted time and therefore was not prepared to meet his God. "Thou art veighed in the balances and art found wanting."

Friend, do you realize that one day you will have to give account of yoursolf before Almighty God? Are you amare of the fact that you will be placed in the balances of God? "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my Gospol". Rom. 2:I6. "Rejoice, 0 young man, in thy youth; and let thy: hoart cheor thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou that for all those things God Will bring thee into judgmente" Eccl. ll:9. You may live aftor your heart's content and fullill the desires of the flesh, but remember, one day you pill have to give account unto God.

If you should be called upon God's scales today, ?hich may mould the balances tip? Are you trusting in the finished work of Calvary, in Which alone is redemption from sin? Have you been washed by the blood of Jesus and been made whiterthan snow? "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Only pith Christ will tho balances tip to the right.

The love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind, And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.


Sing the cloud's away! Night will turn to day: If you sing and sing and sing
You'll sing the clouds away.
Certainly camplife would be less bright if it were not for the art of singing. Songs in verse and melody are pleasant companions in work and leisure hours. They are uplifting to the spiritual life of everyone. The word of God exhorts us to resort to singing for admonition, teaching and spiritual edification. In all wisdom teach and admonish one another with psalms, and sing with grace in your hearts to God"
(Weymouth). Well does a Christian sing:
"There is sunshine in my soul today"
The believer in the Lord Jesus Christ distinguishes between sunshine and Son-shine. When Christ comes in the soul. is filled with Son-shine and His shine never fails. We would sing:
"There is Son-shine in my soul today, more glorious and bright, Than glows in any earthly sky, for Jesus is the light."
Songs are powerful in awakening memories of the past. Just a tune or a verse learned by heart may bring recollections, some pleasant, some perhaps less pleasant.

I remember, I remember the house where $I$ was born,
The little window where the sun came creeping in at morn. .
II remember, I remember the fir trees dark and high;
I used to think their slender tops were close against the sky.
I remember, I remember where I eased to swing,
And thought the air must rush as fresh to swallows on the wing.
But that would be living in the past. Let.. us live in the present and make the best of it. When out on the road or among the stumps and snags, why not sing: Try smiling.

When the weather suits you not, Try smiling, try: smiling;
When the coffee isn't hot, Try smiling, try smiling;
And it seems to help your case, Brightens up a gloomy place; Then it sort o' rests your face - Just smiling, just smiling.

A suitable song to slip out of the mental "rut" or depressed spirit. Concluding with the song we began with, let us take the author's advice when he sings: Sing and smile and pray,

That's the only way. If you sing and smile and pray
You'll drive the clouds away.

At the end of November, 1942 Conscientious Objectors
in Alternative Service' Work camps of the British Columbia Forest Service had cut 424,513. square feet of timber. The first camp opened the middle of May.

## CHIPS FROM THE Q-2 BLOCK

Tuesday January 5, saw a group of weary boys returning from their two weeks Christmas leave. Were they tired? I'll say they were. Af $\rightarrow$ ter spending a sleepless night in an over-crowded boat, most of the boys stayed in the bunkhouse all day, with the exception of Frank Peters, who had to dig right into his work in the office.

We did have a fair Christmas, considering. The normal population of about seventy men, had been boiled down to thirteen men, thus giveing all the remaining men a good share of the turkey. Just after Christmas we were visited by Mr. Nickel, from Alberta, and later in the same week, Mr. Penner, from Manitoba came to see us. We had a few lovely services, and it was only too bad that there was such a small audience.

Most of us were just nicely settled down for another year, when, without notice, six boys showed up from Q-7, to help us in snag falling. Then a few days later, six more showed up, fresh from Green Timbers. They commented on the terrible road conditions, and the crude surroundings in general, which made us realize once more, that we were in a very remote section of Vancouver Island, and less fortunate than other co-workers on the Island. There always have been rumors that this would be made a hundred-men camp, and now I believe it. Six more are to come next Monday. Soon we will have as many inhabitants in here as Campbell River Metropolis itself.

The weather has been quite cold here lately, and tonight a few boys went out.,to do some skating. Lets hope that we may get a lot of skating in, before the weather gets milder again.

Chesty Pete Loewe, the swamper, and a few others had a great time digging the giant bulldozer out of the mud. After about two and a half days of hard work, they accomplished the feat, but not without mud stains all over them.

Dave Balzer gave himself a nasty cut in his toe with the axe while out snagging. The boss said it was too bad that the accidents always hit the best workers.


Carl Krause, Yarrow, B.C., Mennonite Brethren--sleep walks around the stove at midnight--speaks frankly and dead on the level.

John Barman, Kleingemeinde, good sport--quiescent character consoles bunkmates--early riser to light the fire, a habit wort more than gold to his pals.

Pete Duck, $\mathbb{K}$ leingemeinde from Steinback, Man--announces visitors by barking like a dog--slightly embarrassed when he barked at a visiting minister from his home town. Has a brother Corrie in camp with him.

## SUBSCRIBERS' THOUGHTS (Jnsolicited)

THE BEACON was read enthusiastically by the boys here. We wish it much success, and hope it will have a wide circulation.

VANCOUVER ISLAND SOUTH
Received a sample copy of THE BEACON and find it highly interesting. Keep up the good mork!

## ALB $\operatorname{cr}$ RTA

I read with considerable interest à copy of THE BEACON. I don't know who was good enough to send it to me, but was glad to note the abscence of denominational bias.

NEW BRUNSWICK.
The young paper (The Beacon) is a witness to the Government and the Canadian Public. It will help much to cause the men to be even more conscientious and true in their ways and work.according to their testimony. Continue to serve the Lord where you are with the Bible, axe and pen.

## ALBERTA

I am interested in the activities of the c.o. camps. I wish THE BEAGON every success. It thould serve as a real moralebuilder for the boys.

## NANITOBA

How would it be if THE BEACON sold at a higher price? I congratulate you on your good work.

VAINCOUVER ISLAND NORTH
I desire to keep in touch with the various activities of the camps. I wish THE BEACON continued success and pray for God's blessing upon all the boys.

## ONTARIO

Just a few words to let you know how our family enjoyed THE BEACON. So glad for each testimony in it and the information of what camp life is like.

## ALBERTA

As a Canadian in a U.S. Civilian Public Service Camp I've wondered for sometime that was happening with Canadian pacifists and enjoy reading your inter-camp news.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, U.S.A.
A friend of mine forvarded your first publication. of THE BEACON to me. My family and I have read it from beginning to end with the greatest of interest. Ners of Mur boys" is always fondly cherished by "folks at horre". Please forward two subscriptions; one to my son in England and one to my son at home.

## PRJCE BOOSTED

PAPER OPERATES WITH LOSS
At a meeting of the Headquarters Staff, the treasurer's financial report covering the first two issues of THE BEACON showed a considerable deficit. In analysis of the report submittedinddiated that the paper operated at a loss bithout providing for any expenditure on account of publication equipment. Present equipment is valued at approximately \$75., little of which is paid for.

The main reason for the deficit and inability to make provision for publication equipment was due to the number of ${ }^{\prime} p$ geges which it has been necessary to include in each issue resultant of the large volume of news received. The editorial staff has done its utmost to condense the material into less space, but felt that further condensation would not provide the news of the camps, adequately. Itrwas, therefore, agreed the size of THICBEACON could not be decreased. In fact, as soon as complete participation of all camps occurrs, it may be necessary to increase the size of the paper.

Therefore, to provide for our present deficit, to prevent further losses to pay for our publication equipment and to permit the future development of THE BEACON it was agreed necessary to raise the "price of the paper to $10 \notin$ per copy, $50 \phi$ for six issues and $\$ 1.00$ for twelve issues. Présent subscriptions will be carried on to their original expiry date without additional charge.

THE BEACON is published as a service to A.S.W. men and their friends. It is not operated for profit. With the new price of $10 \phi$ a copy it will take fourteen months to pay present liabilities.

We trust our subscribers and readers will understand the necessity for us to make ends meet, and that they will continue to show their loyal support.

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## CORRPSPONDENCE

## The Editor:

I wish to congratulate the staff of The B Acon on the rosuscitation of the medium of contact between the religious objectors, their parents and frionds who, although separated from them, are continually thinking and praying for them. It is I think an outstanding example of zeal and enterprise under adverse circumstances; an example of unselfish intercst in one another; a deep regard for those whom they have left at home; an cxample of labor without desire for remuneration to further the cause of Christ and to do His will.

THE BEACON staff has assumed an obligation to keep in touch with the boys in the difforent A.S.W. Camps in B.C. and other work camps throughout Canada and the United States, that they in turn may have the pleasure of knowing that folks left at home may, in some manner at least, take part in camp activities.

Thinking over the sitaation of the Religious Objector I recall the words of the Son of God, "I came not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me." So you young men, some of whom I had the honour and pleasure of meeting at Montreal River and all of whom $I$ am deeply interested in, are not in a sase doing your own will; but the will of Him who died for you and has called you to His Kingdom and Glory, and has sent you to your present place to be an example and a witness to those who do not know the power of His Iove. He has sent you, willing and obedient servants, sacrificing positions and ambitions for "conscjence sake."

Conscience is to the inner man, what the eye is to the physical. All our actions, words and deeds must pass before the scaning eye of conscience which derives its power of condemning or condoning from the commands and requests of God. and His Son bhom we are all trying, to follors.

Keep up the good work. and let's finish the job.
Frank G. Vinall;
Hamilton, Ontario.

## NONLCOMBATANT SERVICE

Divisional Registrars, and military officers in the Maritime Proviñees are showing great cooperation with the S.D.A. Church in that part of Canada. Rev. E. A. Beavon, President of the Maritime Conference ofy Seventh-Day Adventists, intercedes with government authorities to : assure Conscientious diventists a place in the army and air-force in which all their religious rights are granted. Most of them serve in military hospitalls and medical. corps. They are free from sundovn Friday to Sabbath evening and do not have to bear arms. Few Maritime Adventists are sent to A.S.W. camps. Understanding registrars guide them into non combatant service or grant postponements for urgent farm dut-
ies.

## OTHER CA小PG

MARIETTA，Ohio－－Almost all campees are widing in relief work in the Ohio River flood．The flood is severe demanding all the effort poss－ ible，preventing the making of a full report at this time．

DENISON，Iowa－－FOUR men from Camp Denison are subjects of an experi－ ment in Urbana on Iov．altitude and hot temperature dietary needs．The experiment is being conducted by xesearch men at the University of Ill－ inois．
TERRY，Montana－A new and interesting camp opened here Jan．I3．A unique project of preparing scme 10,000 acres of land for farming by building irrigation ditches，drains，farm buildings and general pre－ paration of the land will．ultimately accomodate 410 families．

POWELLSVILLE，Md．－A theatre in nearby Salisbury is honouring camp liberty slips for admission at half price．Campees have also been in－ vited to church dances and to the Salisbury State Teachers College dances．

COLEVILIE，Calif．－－Campee Donald Cajhoun，speaking on pacifist pro－ gress said，＂The means of modern warfare，which make God a petty off－ icer in the morale division，are morally wrong．The means contradict the professed ends，and the ends sought by a warring society are not those for which I could fight．War in fact tends to destroy the goals I seek－－right of personal expression and economic security for the individual＂。

A Iogging experiment which may reveal untouched lumber resources in California is a project of Camp Antelope．The men plan to saw 100,000 board feet of Jeffrey pine，never before used for lumber，and by keepino ing weekly reports of shrinkage，loss of weight，crackine and rot det－ ermine its value to the lumber mills．：

MOITREAL RIVER，Ont．－－Construction of a branch of the Trans－Canada Hichway is continuing between Schreiber and Sault Ste．Marie．The partition in the old office is removed to make a bunkhouse．A new office buildine is being constructed．Huts will be built 3 miles from the main camp，housing fifty men who will clear right－of－way．The re－ creational hall is now equipped with electricity．Camp capacity is 200 ． GROTTOES，Virginia－－Three men tried a new delicacy－－filet mignon a la fish－worms！The first one collected 50申；the second raised 35申； and the third gulped one down for a dime．What would a ten－pereent man get on a slug？

Did you notice the mistake in the heading of our editorial this issue？It should read＂So You＇re Back＂．Publisher Al Viaall noticed it first，but not until almost all copies had been printed．It is an unforgivable error by the editor．

Q3 WEATHER REPORT by Peter J. Bueckert

After having had a taste of B.C. weather, I find it is not nearly what it's cooked up to be, unbelievable as it may seem to the B. C. boys.

Now I have heard that B,C. has a mild climate all the year round, But, to my dismay, I find that not quite correct; or else my conception of the term "mild" is incorrect. In summer it is so "mild" for three months straight that I was nearly.convinced Vancouver Island had more than one sun--one over each shoulder. But after that, --why it starts to rain and we only get to see the sun about once a week, perhaps not even that much. Unfortunately, most of us haven't received our rain hats as yet and during the rain I have a "mild" strean of liquid-sunshine trickling down my neck. On foggy days we have a little trouble finding our snags. After we find them we have trouble getting them to fall. Fortunately, however, the fog is not as persistent as the rain, else we would be forced to carry a ladder with us to: untie the snags from the fors.

Perhaps it is because of the snow and sub-freezing weather we are having; perhaps it is the over abundance of liquid-sunshine; or maybe I expected to meh: watever it may be, I'm fed up with "mild"B.C. meather. Give me good old Sask. ?here the weather at leasti: can be relied upon!
(Ed. Note-Jan. 2lst the mercury dropped to 12 below zero. There is an average of 2 feet of snow in the district, first severe winter since 1935.)

## REPORTING CAMP C7, LADYSMITH, B.C.

Jake Goertz, Dave Hubert, Warren Lock, Ronnie Norrow and Dave Loewen are at the time of this report away on Honie Leave. After they return there will still be three or four yet to take leave but the majority of the boys are through the ordeal, and are once more satisfied to settle down to work again.

The camp at Nanaimo is not practically dismantled and the caretakers, George Harder and Pete Neufeld are now members of the camp at C7.
George is nicht watchman and is doing a fine job of it; however the fore man expressed his desire for George to substitute mocassins or the equivelant for the; iron shods which he uses on his rounds.
Our foreman left on Jan. 14th for his much deserved holiday. Shep is very capably filling the place as foreman in his absence.

The camp is gradually growing and improving under laborin efforts of our carpenter, Frank Vernon. Since Jan. Ist. he and his helpers have erected a second tool shed and a first-aid hut.

Our recreation hut is well under way also, but we are at present at a stand still with it until more lumber arrives.

John Heidebrecht is receiving a ten months leave to aid his aged par ents on the farm this summer. Honry Goertz and Robert Allenbrand have had another army medical examination and are being released to take up esșential war werk. They are being placed in service by the War Servinces Board.

John Dueck is taking over as second cook in Robert's place.

## FLIES HOME ON LEAVE

(from the Diary of John Gossen, time-keeper, Camp Q6, Horne Lake)
"Arrived in Vancouver by boat. Got up 4 a.m. Picked up by special taxi and taken to the Sea Island Airport where $\mathbb{I}$ boarded the TransCanada Airlines plan e at 6 a.m., heading for Kenyon Airport, Lethbridge, Alta. Made a landing in one of the valleys for refeling, at Cranbrook, B.C. Half hour stop here.

Plane had wonderful accommodations and the friendliest stewardess service. Breakfast served at 7 a.m. on the plane. Our average altitude was about 11,000 feet above sea. level and speed about 180 miles per hour. Time golng three hours; returning only two and a half, since no stop was made for refueling. Distance 470 miles.

When descending at the airport, a remarkable itching feeling in one's ears is experienced, and we were all given gum to chew. I enJoyed every bit of the trip and recomend others to travel by T.C.A., whose services I highly esteem."

The plane has a crew of three, two pilots and a stewardesis, and accommodates ten passengers. A person travels very comfortably, wi th no more noise than if going by auto. The interior is very beautiful.

## 40 HORNE LAKE BOYS TRAVEL 128,000 MILES

The two weeks annual leave home to various parts of Alta., Sask., Man. and Ont. went all too quickly for the fellows of Camp Q6, but they stand out in their memories as happy days of pleasant reunions and delightful visitations of the old haunts. To some going home meant to a familiar and cherished quiet prairie farm, to others it meant the busy life of a large Ontario city, equally cherished.

All but three of the boys took their leaves either in Nov. or Dec., while Ernie Dyck and Harvey Byer are at home as we write this article.

Twenty-two men travel to various parts of Sask. returning to cover : a distance of 65.200 miles. Five men furloughed in Alta. crossing over 10,900 miles. Three took leave to Manitoba distancing 11,400 miles and five Ontario men travelled 29.400. Arthur Pankratz. was granted a six-month leave to work on his farm.

## TO THE BOYS AT HORNE LAKE

Hello there fellows! How are you? I am just fine, and hope you are much the same. Having met up with old man "Winter", I do muich sleigh riding these days, and also have to face the occasional cold northwest wind.

Is John C. G. Fehr still having his daily swim in the lake, and is Harvey Byer still feeding worms to the fish?

The dairy farm appears to be quite a busy place, and oft-times I do not get my day's work done in 8 hours.

Just the same, I am satisfied with my job and I hope you are too.
Here s wishing you the best of everything that 1943 can offer.
Cheerio.
Your fellow camper, Arthur Pankratz.

## TRANS COINTTNENTAL. <br> John L. Fretz, C-2.

This month the material from C-2 goes to the publication office from Ontario. "Yours truly" is enjoying his leave at the particular time when contributions are due at Campbell River, and therefore the articles cover several thousand miles before being published. No doubt they will again return in the issue of the January Beacon. The home folks here show an intense interest in the A.S.W. program. Let's advertise this paper to all our friends amd acquaintances, that they may get authentic information through this informative organ of the A.S.W. camps on the West Coast.

REMINISCENT
Rußus Jutzi, , C-2.
"Am I tired", "Will I ever be able to sleep tonight", or MMy wife really put up a wonderful chicken roast for men. Many and varied were the expressions heard as groups re'turned to camp after leaves.

Having been home on leave and seeing loved ones and friends, we are able and ready to settle down to another year of camp life. The leaves certainly raised the morale of the boys. By the way, this matter of morale works both ways. Did not our parents and friends welcome the first-hnnd information we gave them concerning our stay in B.C.? Was not many an anxious Mother glad to hear her son say, wYes, Mother, w.e have good food and our beds are warm and comfortable."

Again, as when we came out here earlier in the year, we were impressed with the beauties of our Dominion. As we came out of the Gardem Spot of Canada (Southern Ontario) we travel through the wilds of Northern Ontario. While it isn't a section of great beauty, it has a wild, lonely, rugged appearance that one cannot resist.

Across the vast expanse of our Canadian Wost we roll on toward the mountains. Through the foothills along the Bor River and finally past the famous Three Sisters Range. Entering the mountains a feeling of awe takes hold of us; their lofty peaks tower high above like silent spires pointing toward Heaven.

As the train rolls along we think of the historic account of Lord Sthrathcona driving the last spike that united the East with the West in our country's first trans-continental railroad. Little did we realize, when we read the story in school, of the difficulties that had to be overcome to make this possible. Going through the spiral tunnels and later the Connaught Tunnel we marvel at the engincering skill required on a construction job such as this. Speeding along the fast mountain rivers we are reminded our journey is drawing to an end.

Wo pass through and get but a glimpse of our great western metropolis of Vancouv r. Wo board a boat and after a two-and-a-half hour ride we reach Nanaimo. From here we go by train, then by bus to Lake Corwichan, and then to camp.

Are we. glad we re back? Well, yes after such a long trip, but we wish the could have stayed longer. However we are thankful for having had the privilege of being home even for a short time. As we pause and think of the wonderful scenery we sav, with the Psalmist we can truly say, "The heavens declare the Giory of God, and the firmament

## A. C.O.'S PRAYER IN B.C. John Boldt, C2.

Lord Jesus, for Thy sake we left our Homes
And followed Thee into the wilderness
We knew not where the distant path would lead,
We trusted that Thy loving Hand would bless.
Thou hast been faithful. We have irott Thy Peace
And seen Thy beauty on the mountain-side;
Thou hast provided every day 's' demands,
Thy promised strength Thou ever hast supplied.
And now I pray; let us be true, 0 Lord,
True to our faith in Thee, O Primec of Peace;
Let not the stain of war come near to mar,
Let notithe fervour of our love decrease.
But let us humbly seek to do Thy will,
And show Thy. beauty to the lost ones here,
That they may see Thy Hand outstretched to save,
And reach and clasp, and find that Thou art near.
0 bless our witness, Lord, and let it shine,
A humble yet a clear and burning light,
Until Thou come st to receive Thine own,
To reign with Thee, in Thine own Glory Bright.

## SHAMNIGAN IAKE CAMP C-3.

A few names can be added to the list of those who have left the refuge of Camp C-3, and the bond of fellowship here that is stronger than love, mightier than the power of the sword, deeper than the ocean. The following have been granted a six month farm postponement in ontario: Leonard Burkholder, Markham; Vernon Yager, Selkirk; Gordon Smith, Stayner; Francis Starr, Newmarket; Murray Wideman, Richmond Hill.

Marsh Ariss and Lorne Litwiller of Kitchener, Ontario, and Jack Young of Sarnia; Ont., have left the environment of camp C-3, which has been so dear to them for the past six or seven months.

Edwin Bearinger, of Elmira, Ont.; who was a former resident of this camp, has had a very serious operation performed on his ear. His ear drum was removed and also a portion of bone behind his ear that was diseased. This occurred in a Kitchener Hospitall. It is not known whether Edwin will return to camp or not. He has confessed in one of his letters that he misses camp life and assocations here.

Seymour camp has gained a good man in the person of Ken Harding, of $V$ :ncouver, who has been transferred from this camp.

We are pleased to report that no accidents of a serious nature have occurred here since our last news report. This perhaps has to do with the nature of our work of late, which has had to do with the business end of a shovel. I don't think it necessary to explain which end of the shovel I mean.

Cont ${ }^{*}$ d on Page 22.

## SHAWIIGAN IAKE，CAMP C－3． <br> Sontid from Page 2i．

Due to the absence from camp of two former members of our camp－coun－ cil，a general meeting of the camp took olace on the night of Jan。 $9_{2}$ 4943．The following is now the official jineup：Haxley Wideman，Rorig－ lous Supervisor and chaiman of the camp－council，Co，Barg，Eponts－Ifr．．． ector，E．Martin，Rec．Hall Director，Bob Philip，Secretary－iroasurer， Brank Redford，Member at luarge o：

Our camp carpenter，George Warnock，has his working hours fully occ－ upied．The former dining－hall as been converted into a recreation hall．A table for playing table tennis has arrived and will soon be put into use．An adjoining portion of the Rec．Hall，which was former－ Iy the kitchen has been converted into a reading room：George is busy constructing tables，chairs，and booishsives．

The new dining hall is a masterpiece of the builder＇s art．It is approximately seventy feet long，by eighteen feet wide．At one end is the cook＇s quarters，and store room，separated by a partition．The kitchen is next to this，taking up the wiath of the building．The din－ ing hall is separated from the kitchen by a partition with an arch in it．The tables are arranged at rightangies to the side walls，One set of tables，on the left，（as you enter）．seat eight，and the others seat six．This arrangement，plus the conveniences with which the buildom ing abounds makes working in the kitchen a pleasure，and thus puts those now occupied as＂Flunkies＂in an emviabきe position．

A wash house has also been erected in camp．It contains room for drying clothes，wash stands，hot and cold water．Four showers enable the lads to get up an hour before breakfast and give themselves a brisk rub－down，while cold water trickles down their spines．

The hot water system consisting of two coils passing through a huge stove，and connected to a sixty gallon hot water tank，is proving high－ ly satisfactory．

I was noticing that the early signs of spring are being manifested by the actions of some in camp．Corny Barg was seen staking out the Volleyball court，getting ready for the famous＂after supper league＂， which will commence as soon as the $\neq 0$ ger hours of daylight permit． Corny Barg and Elmer Martin are two real live wites，and will make a success in their，respective offices of Sports Director and Rec．Hall Dircetor．

> CAMP QrI. by Ray Sjder

Abe Hamm and Bernhard Hildabrand made full use of their Christmas leave． Each was married on their furlough．

Sheldon Wilson did an exceptional job as chief cook while the regular cook，Stewart Doraldson，was vacationing。 Nie。Donaldson is back now and more pie and other dessert is featured．

Henry Tschetter left Q－I to work on the farm of Mr．Fowler of Courtenay． We hope Honcy gets along alright and likes the work．His partner，Paul Waltors hasn ${ }^{1}$ slept since Henry left．

We welcome Larry Steries our new saw－fịler to camp．Tho boys agree his sawa really cut．

## HORIVE LAKE "HIGH SPOTS"

For those in Camp during the Christmas season, things were made as delightful as possible. Barney Moriez, foreman, bought Christmas decorations for the dining hall. The fellows were very grateful to the B.C.F.S. for supplying turkey with cranberry sauce, candies, oranges and chojce pudding.

The Wednesday before Christmas Day, a Carol Service was held in the Chapel with Edwin Byers as chairman and Ernie Dyci in charge of the singing. Rev. John Penner from Man: a favorite minister of the Horne Lake boys, was present for the occasion and brought the message. Se⿰eral readings, vocal mumbers and instrumentals were given. The boys realized by presents and Christmas cards received that the folks and friends back home had not forgotten them.

Jake Droeker was wedded in holy matrimony to Elizabeth Dueck, on - December 6th, at Rosenort Man., Rev. Cornelius Reimer officiated.

It is difficult to believe thet it is winter here, with mild spring like days and grass quite green. Volley ball is enjoyed on the lawn. A few days ago some fellows ventured into the water for limited splashes ro a short swim. The water temperature was 45 degrees, a little cool, but most refreshing. On getting up the morning of Jan. 16 th, everybody was amazed to $f$ ind seven inches of snow! Henry Martens the night fireman, claims it came in two hours. As we write, it is fast thaving away. John Koop picked several lovely apples from a tree he found while snag-falling this week.

The Beacon takes pleasure in announcing the engagement, during the Christmas Holdays, of Mr. Henry Reimer of Abbotsford, B.C. to Miss Helen Doerlssen, allso of Abbotsford! All Henry's comrades of $Q-3$ join in offering hearty congratulations to the couple.

## TREE PLANTING TO START IN FEBRUARY

The 1943 Spring Planting programme will start early in February providing there is not too much snow. Approximately $7 \frac{7}{2}$ million growing trees are to be planted, which will take from six to seven week.

The trees are tmo years old and consist of 50,000 Spruce, 45,000 Hemlock and the remainder Douglas Fix. These troes are grown at the

- Green Timbers and Quinsam Nurseries.

Projects which will participate in the programme are:- C-1 Hill 60, C-2 Robertson River, C-7 Timberlands, Q-1 Quinsam, Q-3 Campbell Lake, Q-7 Loveland Lake, Q-2 Menzies Bay, and Q-5 Bowser.

Tom McBrine, $Q-3$, hopped into bed in his pajamas and next morning crawled out in his undervear. He now wants to know who changed him around or why didn't somebody stop him.

Winnipeg, for Testaments for men in the Active Forces, as well as $\$ 10.00$ to Chis. E. Futer to help carry on the splendid radio work the Old Fashioned Revival Hour is doing Sunday nights.

Horrie Lake men are taking a course in First Aid, conducted weekly by Mr. C. Thomson. The course will cover a period of eight weeks, with lectures of about two hours each.

## ELEANOR ROOSEVELT'S "MY DAY"

(From the Victoria Colonist)
Washington. - Yesterday was certainly a day packed full of interest. Mrs. Lewis Thompson met me and we visited the Marloboro Hospital for the Insane, in Monmouth County, N.J. It is extremely interesting because it is built on the cottage plan. This is by far the most successful way of treating patients with mental disorders, or for that matter, patients with any ailment that means a long period of hospitalization.

We met here with some of the group of Mennonites, who are conscientious objectors, and who have volunteered to serve in hospitals for mental cases. They are a very fine group of young men and bring a spiritual quality to their work because of their religion. In many ways, this is probably raising the standard of care given the patients.

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