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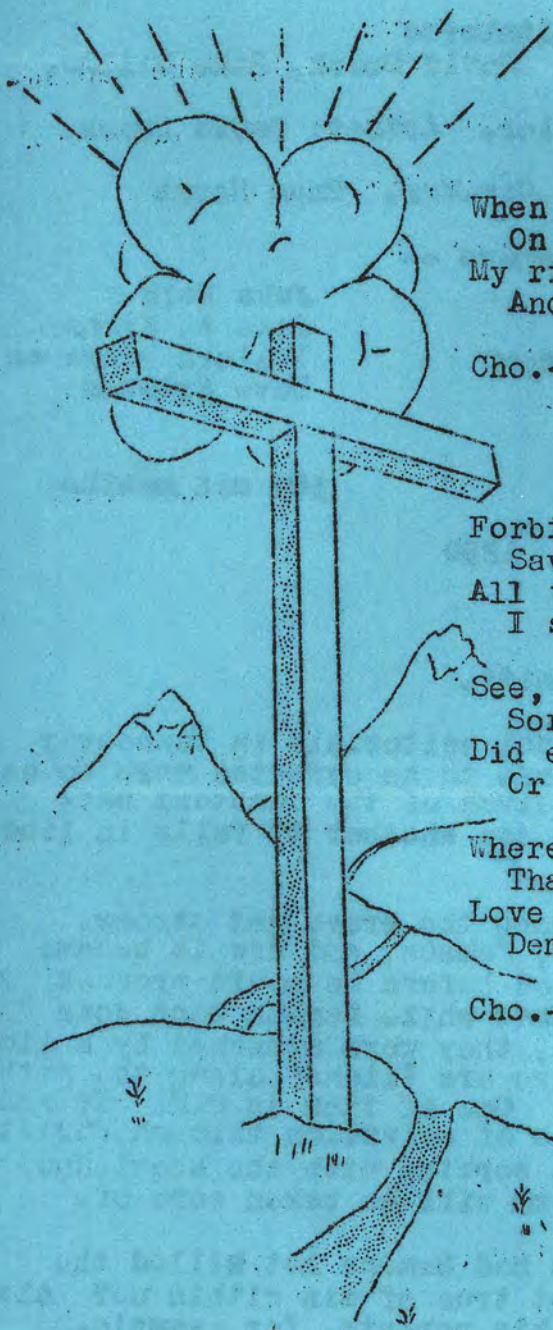
# THE BEACON

"Let your light so shine"

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## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
 On which the Prince of glory died,  
 My richest gain I count but loss,  
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

Cho.--O wondrous cross where Jesus died,  
 And for my sins was crucified;  
 My longing eyes look up to Thee,  
 Thou blessed Lamb of Calvary.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
 Save in the death of Christ, my Lord;  
 All the vain things that charm me most,  
 I sacrifice them to His blood,

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Where the whole realm of nature mine,  
 That were a present far too small;  
 Love so amazing, so divine,  
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Cho.--O wondrous cross where Jesus died,  
 And for my sins was crucified;  
 My longing eyes look up to Thee,  
 Thou blessed Lamb of Calvary.

-- Isaac Watts.

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Editorial -- H. J. Schmidt.

Recently there have appeared several critical editorials in Vancouver newspapers about A.S.W. men. Such things are to be expected more so as time goes on. Yet, we need to remind ourselves of the constant necessity of re-examining our daily living to see whether it falls in line with our religious professions.

We all wish as young men to be numbered among the brave and strong. Think now of the strongest man of all time, Samson, and how it became necessary for him to kill a lion bare-handed before he could proceed with his plans for life. The story goes that while Samson went down with his parents to Timnath to find a wife, they were attacked by a lion. He took prompt action. For most of us there are 'lions' along the path of life against which we must take action. One of them is SIN. If individually we take care of this one by means of salvation through Christ we may carry on confidently in our present service with the knowledge that somehow, somewhere, all undue criticism will be taken care of.

In the above story it will be noticed that had Samson not killed the lion it would have killed him. Is this not true of sin within us? Also others depended on him and his success -- his parents, for example. Fellows, do not our parents and friends depend on us as well?

# THE CROSS OF CALVARY

Editorial by Edwin C. Byers, GT-1.

"And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left". (Luke 23:33.)

At this Easter season, our hearts are again led to the Cross and its meaning. In chapter 22 and 23 of Luke, we find the passion story. Read it for yourself and imagine you are in Jerusalem and have witnessed these events. Think of the agony Jesus suffered for you and me. Surely the prophecy has been fulfilled that Christ died for the sins of the world that it might be saved (Matt. 1: 21).

The picture of the Cross stands for many aspects of our Christian lives. We shall deal here with three.

First, it stands for substitution (2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24). He, the sinless One, who lives in the sphere of life, holiness, peace, and love, voluntarily stepped down into connection with our fallen race and undertook, by His identification with it, to bear our just penalty and stroke and doom. He was numbered with the transgressors, bore the sins of many, and made intercession for us, the transgressors.

Secondly, the Cross stands for separation. It is not enough for us to reach out our hands to receive the forgiveness of our sins and then to live as we like. The apostles were always insisting that we identify ourselves with Christ. In the mind of Eternity, we were with Him when He died. In Him we arose, alive unto God; in Him we were raised, as He ascended above all the powers of Hell; in Him we are accepted and beloved. As we died with Christ to the spirits of the world, why should we live as if we still belonged to the world (Col. 2:20, 3:1-3)? We must surrender our several faculties to God, to be used as weapons for maintaining the right. We become one with Him by sharing His death; we shall also be one with Him by sharing his resurrection, not in the hereafter, but now in this present day (Rom. 6: 5, 13).

Of course, we have to mix with men, conduct our businesses, play our part in grave crises--just as our Lord did in His earthly life. But our behaviour must be guided by a Spirit and by principles which emanate from our union with the risen and ascended Christ. Praise God, old things pass away; all things become new.

Finally, the Cross stands as the gateway to a fuller life. "Having been made perfect through death, he became the author of eternal salvation to them that obey him" The grave difficulty with us is the ego, that "I" which has its seat in the soul's life. The apostle calls it "the flesh" (Rom. 7:18). Clearly then, "the flesh" is you and I. In the person of our Lord, the likeness of our sinful flesh was nailed to the Cross. God has condemned the self life, has counted it wickedness, and has sentenced it to eternal damnation. They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its affections and lust.

Is it impossible to live in this way? Do you fear a self-examination? Just remember that you have to turn all this over to the Holy Spirit. While you are occupied with Christ's voice, personality, love and grace the Holy Spirit who reveals Christ will look after the other side of the process. It was by the Eternal Spirit that Christ offered Himself without spot to God, and it is by the Eternal Spirit the flesh and the self life are going to be kept on the Cross. May I urge you, dear reader, to examine your heart, and pray, "God forbid that I should should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ".

## Seymour Mountain

by H. J. Schmidt.

The return to our former camp strength has made the place buzz with activity. The night of April 4th saw the return of thirty men from Q-1 after a period of five weeks' tree-planting. After a one-day rest, it was back to the common task again. The present project calls for further construction on a road up Seymour Mountain.

The first hour of service here saw an accident when Ben Dyck fell on an axe while rounding a corner in the back of our truck on the way to work. A visit to the doctor who administered a stitching job made Ben feel much better. Ben is now playing nurse-made to himself.

Change of foreman - There is to be a change in the management here when the present foreman, Mr. W. Turner, is transferred. This will be a promotion for him, and we campers wish him much success with his new duties. No doubt what will be our loss will be another's gain, for we find our vocabulary too inadequate to describe our high regard for Mr. Turner. Under his leadership life in camp has progressed smoothly, and we wish to commend his ability in handling the men. Again we wish Mr. Turner and his charming wife the best of everything and our sincere appreciation for his kindness in the past.

Mr. H. Christian, a former "Cat" driver here, will be the new foreman. Mr. Christian too has shown great qualities of leadership, and has had previous experience as a foreman. Therefore, we feel quite honoured with his appointment for we realize able organization, plus an understanding of our philosophy of life make for cooperative environment.

Release - During the past month one member was released from camp. Tonny Dyck (Manitoba) was discharged because of an ulcerated stomach. We all join in wishing Tonny a speedy recovery. We venture to guess that the welcome he received from his wife and two-year-old daughter made him feel much better on the spot. He is a devoted husband, a quiet thinker, and a steady worker.

Popular member returned - After a ten-week leave of absence following a rupture operation, we are favoured with the return of Norman Lies from Ontario. Like all others, Norman was pleased to get back among his friends, and seems to enjoy complete recovery. At least we notice that he is washing his hands of the effects of his sickness. He is our dish-washer.

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### ANOTHER C.O. PAPER TO START

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For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth. Proverbs 3: 12.

## LEASE RENEWED

Last May the B.C. Forest Service made an agreement with the Dominion Government to give alternative service work to hundreds of conscientious objectors. The work consists of snag-falling, road-building, stringing telephone lines, firefighting and reforestation. Under the agreement the Dominion Government paid the Forest Service \$2.50 per day per man. Of that amount, 50¢ paid the c.o. and the balance takes care of his board, lodging and medical attention. This agreement expired with the end of the government fiscal year on March 31.

A new lease has been agreed to, similar to the first one, for a period of 12 months. Military authorities still anticipate a bombing of the West Coast and urged that conchies be retained for forest protection.

## To Work On Farm

Under an order-in-council passed April 7th, conscientious objectors will have the option of working on farms or in industry. Farmers will pay for the labour at the rate of \$40 per month and industries will pay the current wage rates. Conchies, themselves, will receive \$25 a month with board and lodging. The balance of the wage will be paid to the Canadian Red Cross.

Men in camps will not be moved out immediately. However, another order-in-council is expected shortly to transfer men of special qualifications. Under it, conchies who have been granted deferrment, and are receiving full wages, will probably receive \$25 a month as their brothers, or be sent to an A.S.W. camp.

British Columbia operates 17 camps for forest protection. Twelve others are operated by the mines department, 2 of them in B.C., 5 in Alberta, 2 in Saskatchewan, 1 in Manitoba and 2 in Ontario. Mines department camps are used for national park projects except in Ontario where the Montreal River camp is on highway construction and Chalk River camp is on forestry experimentation.

On February 3 there had been granted 3401 postponements from military training. Of this total, 1273 were in camps; the remaining 2128 had not been called to camps because of lack of facilities to place us in work of "national" importance.

## FARMERS NEED HELP

Last fall about forty percent of the harvest in Alberta was left in the fields due to the shortage of farm labour. This year it is doubtful if the arable land in Canada will be used to its fullest extent. Southern Ontario mixed farming will amount to considerably less than last year unless adequate help can be obtained immediately.

In the Haysville district, large farms operated by Earl Poll, M. Roth and Z. Cressman have not been worked to capacity as their hired men were taken away last fall to A.S.W. camps. Letters to authorities asking for the release of their men have not been acknowledged.

This is an example of present conditions which threatens a fifty percent cut in farm production for parts of Southern Ontario.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS: British Columbia has employed the services of 700 wartime objectors in forest protection during the past year. The services rendered by these men have won high praise. In holding down losses from forest fires, the fire-fighting crews made up from the ranks of "Conchies" worked unsparingly and under steady discipline.

-- From Forest & Outdoors, Montreal

14,000 CONCHIES: Of the millions of men who have been processed by Selective Service machinery throughout the United States only 6,277 by last week had been finally classified as conscientious objectors (4-E). Most were in labour camps working on soil conservation, reclamation and reforestation projects formerly in the CCC domain. Housed in 59 camps from coast to coast, c.o.'s are under Army jurisdiction, do all their own work, pay their own upkeep or are supported by funds from churches and sympathizers.

Classed as objectors willing to accept noncombatant duties (1-A-0)-- ambulance drivers, stretcher-bearers, etc.--were 6,577 others. (Most famous 1-A-0: Cinemactor Lew Ayres.) In prison by draft-law violations were between 1,000 and 1,300 avowed conscientious objectors, half of them "Jehovah's Witnesses", whose claims did not get draft-board recognition.

Though the total of these three groups, about 14,000, seemed minute compared to the millions of draft registrants, actually their number far exceeded the conscientious objectors of World War I. Then 3,989 c.o.'s were confined in camps, 1,300 of them accepted noncombatant service.

World War II's U.S. total is far below that of Britain, which has 50,000 conchies. One probable reason for this seemingly inverse showing between a nation under the stress of battle and a nation new to the war: many U.S. conchies had other reasons for deferment (e.g. dependents, occupational, mental, moral or physical disability) and are not therefore listed as 4-E.

-- From Time Magazine. (Jan, 18)

By March 29, 1942 applications for postponements from military service on the grounds of conscientious objection totaled 4,208. Of this number 3,401 have been granted a c.o. rating and 1,273 were in A.S.W. camps.

Two hundred and seventy-four failed to report and 152 more were taken into custody.

By districts the number of applicants for c.o. rating was: London, Ont., 793; Toronto, 574; Kingston 64; Port Arthur, 12; Montreal, 148; Quebec 3; Halifax, 23; St. John, N.B., 20; Charlottetown, 11; Winnipeg, 1,363; Regina, 387; Edmonton, 215; Vancouver, 595.

## DEAR READERS OF THE BEACON:

Wishing you all God's nearness and grace as a greeting of love.

I, for some time, felt to write to you a few words of encouragement through the columns of our valuable paper.

The apostle Peter in his second epistle speaks of the like precious faith that they had obtained and it certainly is a precious faith that we can have through Jesus Christ. The writer to the Hebrews makes it very clear what this faith is; and then he enumerates a long list of heroes of faith who were of the old dispensation, how they received things they needed and how they overcame the evil that they faced in this world, how they also quenched the power of the fire, how they subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, how in weakness they were made strong. The writer tells even of women receiving their dead raised to life again. We in our time have a still greater cloud of witnesses; the heroes of the cross under the gospel dispensation, the martyrs of the middle ages, etc. The question for us today is; have we as we sing in the hymn "Faith of our Fathers living still"?

The apostle Peter later on states how exceeding great the precious promises are that God has given us. Is it possible that we doubt those promises.

There is one thought that I want to draw our attention to and that is this: Is the faith that we have able to make our lives more pure, more kind, more loving? If this is true we read that then we will not be barren or unfruitful, but will be useful vessels in God's household.

My thoughts are often with you young men in the different camps, especially with those on the north end of the island, since I had the privilege of visiting you a number of times and sharing joys and sorrows in a certain measure. Again let us put real effort to our Christian lives as our labour is not going to be in vain.

After my wife and I left you over a month ago we first stopped over at Bonners Ferry, Idaho for a short while and also at Swalwell, Alberta, and from there we went home.

We are well, but usually very busy.

Please drop us a line and we shall try to answer any one of you.

Your loving friend and brother,  
John M. Penner,  
R.R.#1, Box 75,  
Ste. Anne, Man.,

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MAN RETURNED TO CAMP

On April 8, James L. Smith of Hamilton, Ontario was returned to Chalk River Camp near Petawawa after he had pleaded not guilty to failing to return to camp after a leave home to recover from an operation.

Magistrate H. A. Burbidge fined Smith \$100 and costs or two months, Under National War Services Regulations, 1942 as approved by order-in-council September 16, 1942, Smith was liable to a fine not exceeding \$200 or to imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

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FLASH -- Robert Simpson, C-1, and George Ewanovitch, Q-1, both former Montreal River campees have received farm leaves.

## TREE-PROPAGATION AT THE QUINSAM NURSERY

by Lloyd Smith

On April 12, six men from Q-3 arrived at the Quinsam Nursery to join the eight from Powell River who have been here since March 3. Our cook, Aaron Regier from Q-2, is doing a wonderful job in our improvised kitchen with the able assistance of Frank Showler who serves in the triple capacity of second cook, flunkey and bull cook.

Our work at present is the preparation of seed beds. To give you an idea of how it is done, let us go back and trace the life of a tree from the beginning until it lands in the planter's bag.

The seed is gathered by small farmers and Indians under contract. The drying of the cones is carefully supervised so that perfect seed may be extracted at a commercial plant and packed in four-gallon, air-tight tins. It is then stored at a temperature of 41 degrees F. until planted. It is tested to determine the percentage of germination and from this it can be roughly calculated how many seeds are required to produce a given number of seedlings.

In early spring, the beds are prepared on ground that has been fallow the previous summer or planted with a cover crop. Each bed is 4 ft. by 50 ft. and is made of 1 x 10 cedar boards, set 1 inch in the ground. These frames are to protect the seedlings from the effect of frost and sun. The beds are cultivated, levelled and raked, then they are packed with a lawn-roller. Upon this surface the seeds are broadcast in sufficient quantity to give 50 seedlings per square foot. The seeds are covered with half an inch of sifted soil. Approximately ten days after planting, the surface of the beds is burned with a flame from a "Hawk" torch. This kills all surface weeds and weed seeds, reducing the amount of hand weeding to be done later. When the seeds germinate, the frames are covered with snow-fencing, laths spaced equally and fastened with wire. The seedlings are kept moist by an overhead sprinkling system. The water is pumped from the river into a large open reservoir where it is warmed by the sun, then put through the sprinkling system under 60 lb. pressure.

In early spring the year-old trees are root-pruned to stimulate a more diversified root system. This is done with a most ingenious invention. The pruning machine has a large blade with rounded teeth which pass under the beds at a depth of four inches, as it is pulled by a 'cat' which straddles the beds. Its blade is motivated from side to side as it moves forward, thus cutting all the tap roots at the desired depth.

The Quinsam Nursery worked to capacity, can turn out four million two-year-old trees annually. This spring the men lifted only three million as a large number were culled out. The all-time record for tree-lifting is held by Guy Mosher who lifted 19,300 trees in one day. An average lift is considered to be 10,000. The trees are loosened with a fork, taken out by hand and tied in bundles of 100 for bailing.

The estimated cost to produce trees in the nursery is \$3.00 a thousand.

This year's planting is the harvest of the next generation. It is our return for what our brothers did for us.



## Happenings of Q-3

by Henry Hamm

"All good things must come to an end", as did tree-planting. The last tree was planted on April 3rd, the day to which everyone looked forward. Our usual occupation of snag-falling ensued for a short time. On April 14th construction of a road began south of camp. But it leads to more snags.

The end of planting marked the beginning of numerous changes in our camp. Abe Funk, time-keeper and first-aid man, went on his annual leave which had been postponed until after the busy season. Abe and his jug of hot lemonade had been a welcome sight by those who had fallen victim to "camp enemy number 1", the common cold.

Ben Reimer of Giroux, Manitoba and Bill Boldt of Osler, Saskatchewan have obtained farm leaves and vacated their bunks. Lots of good wishes go with you, comrades.

Henry Reimer, Lloyd Smith, Nick Siblock, Frank Showler, Pete Wolfe and Henry Hamm were transferred to the Quinsam Nursery, just 3 miles out of Campbell River. Their work is somewhat similar to that of the school-boy who had to go out and cut the switch that -- well, that brought the lesson home! They are "nursing" trees for next year's planting, when all preceding records will be broken once more. ???

On April 11th, the boys from Q-1 and Q-3 had a picnic at Elk Falls Park. Owing to the cooperation and generosity of our cook, Alex. "Scotty" McDonald, the picnic was a real success, as picnics inevitably are when lunch is served amid such pleasant scenery and such good-natured comradeship.

Several devotees of the piscatorial art tried their luck, but nary a nibble did they get. Hugo Harms went the limit in his efforts to land something, only to land waist-deep in water himself. Do it again Hugh, I never saw you the first time.

To end a perfect day, a game of soft-ball was played between the two camps. Q-3 men showed the results of living in cramped quarters, hence the disastrous result; 16 - 14 "in favour of the winner", to quote a camp expression. We trust you will accept our alibi as just -an alibi

Ross Jones, our former sub-foreman, is in full charge of camp since Jack Fisher left on April 18th for the Horne Lake camp. Ross will carry on until a new foreman is appointed, but the camp is running so smoothly under his guidance we wish his foremanship was not temporary.

## At Q-5, Bowser

George Brewster, Eric Hazelwood, and Sam Ediger received leaves and departed for the east on April 11th. George and Eric travel to farms in Ontario, Sam to Saskatchewan. We needn't comment on the expressions of their faces as the truck taking them to the station pulled out. (they looked slightly happier than the boys who waved them good-bye) Best wishes of all in camp go with them.

It is understood that Henry Fehr, until recently night bull-cook, is also in line for a leave starting on the 20th of April.

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## Horne Lake High Spots

It is April 15th and summer is here to stay, if one may judge from appearances. The temperature is 80 in the shade. We swim daily in the lake. We work stripped to the waist and come in with suntanned arms and faces. Cabin doors are left open, reading outside is enjoyable till 8 p.m., and Henry Martens is no longer needed as night fireman. The snow has disappeared on the tops of nearby mountains. Snakes, butterflies, flies, and other insects are much in evidence. John Gossen displays a bouquet of white curly lilies on his desk, Clarence Hiebert, a bouquet of red salmon-berry blossoms.

An Ontario letter, just received, states: "At least three inches of fresh snow is on the ground now and more is coming down." Imagine fellows!

But our camp is favoured not only by ideal weather but by the exquisite beauty of our location, claimed by those who know to be the nicest Forestry camp site in B.C. However, C-2, Cowichan Lake, is a close rival, we understand.

Fair treatment on the part of the foreman makes life go along with a song. A boss can either break or make a camp. But now Barney talks of leaving us soon. The man who fills his shoes will have a real job keeping the camp up to its present standard.

When 21 of us returned from the tree-planting project at the Campbell River camps, Jack Tabbutt of Vancouver, greeted us with a superb meal in the mess hall. We're always wary about new cooks, but Jack certainly knows his business. We doubted at first whether he could maintain the high quality of his work for long. But after these weeks we've yet to be disappointed once in the meals Jack turns out.

Cougars, the last animal one would care to meet, are at large! John Koop met one after dark at the washhouse door, recently. His description suggests a cub. But don't be alarmed, folks. Jim Dewar, game warden, and famous cougar hunter, has been making Horne Lake camp his headquarters for several days and, with his trusty hounds, is on the war path for these ferocious beasts.

We thoroughly enjoyed our month's fellowship with the campees of Q3 and Q7, Campbell River, and are happy about the many new friendships we made, even if it took the dreaded tree-planting to bring it about. Best regards, fellows, from your Q-7 pals.

The first three men to be granted farm leaves this spring are Austin Byers of Owen Sound, Ont., Harvey Byer of Toronto, and Joyn Knelsen of McManon, Sask. The first two left on April 9th, while John followed the next day. His departure was a rather solemn occasion. While Corny Hiebert played the autoharp, a quartet of conchie's gathered at the truck cab and sang, "God be with you till we meet again." John Gossen was elected in Knelsen's place as camp circulation manager of the Beacon. Knelsen recently disclosed to the editor his ability to pilot a plane and testifies to having made many flights. Heart-condition prevented him from following to completion his divillian air training.

Recent camp excitement due to current news reports about farm leaves, was augmented Sunday night when announcement was made that seven of our already depleted number were to join the Mobile Unit at Qualicum Park, some six miles from here, to engage in park beautification. They are John P. Fehr, Dave Epp, Henry Fehr, all of Sask., our three Christadelph friends, and our one Baptist, the last four are Torontonians. Q6 person is now only about half the former number. Now wonder things don't seem quite the same about camp.

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## He Is Risen!

by Rev. Isaac Toews, Swalwell, Alta.

As the disciples approached the sepulchre, "when it was yet dark", expecting a tomb securely closed by a great stone, despondent, cast down, perplexed and bewildered, the truth "began to dawn" concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: "He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 24).

What a message! "At the rising of the sun", indeed! No wonder their bewildered mind could not grasp the full truth for joy and that they could not convey it to those that heard the message from them. But after meeting Jesus personally, and having him open the scriptures unto them and showing them his hands and his feet, then they could joyfully answer, "He is risen indeed!"

Easter, in these parts coincides with the awakening of Nature. Just preceding it, millions of unsightly, charred stumps and fallen trees lie in wild confusion everywhere typical evidence of the wicked and sinful waste that results from human greed. These are the remains of sacrifice to the god Mammoth, a jarring discord, disturbing the beauty of God's wonderful creation.

But lo! The sun is rising higher in the heavens. Life, hidden, miraculously preserved from the trampling feet of human greed, is springing up on every side. Shoots, blossoms, flowers, ferns and vines are robed in a living green--emblem of hope--which covers all.

So also into the human night of suffering and sin, wickedness, corruption, confusion, strife and hatred,--(results of greed), comes the glorious angelic message:-- "He is risen!" The "Prince of Life", "the Lord of Peace", "is risen indeed".

The tomb, death and corruption, could not hold Him. And He, unto whom as power is given, prayed: "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am." -- "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." "For in that he died, he died unto sin once, but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." And Jesus said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, and ye are witnesses of these things.

Therefore, let us seek and keep the living testimony of His abiding presence in our hearts and lives, that we may truly answer in spirit and in truth, "He is risen indeed".

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### TRANSFERS

Loveland Lake Camp, Q-7, moves to Vedder Crossing on the mainland on April 29. Sam Toews and Walter DeVear will remain as watchmen. Vedder Crossing camp has been closed all winter. Emery Creek Camp will receive a few of these men during the acute fire season. Timberland Camp, C-7, and Bowser Camp, Q-5, will close. It is expected that Courtenay, Pt. Alberni and Langford camps will open in May.

FLASH -- Jake Wilms, St. Catherines and Henry Harder, Rosthern, Sask. received their farm leaves this month.

BY ELIZABETH CHENEY.

Whenever there is silence around me  
By day or by night--  
I am startled by a cry.  
It came down from the cross--  
The first time I heard it  
I went out and searched--  
And found a Man in the throes of crucifixion,  
And I said, "I will take you down,"  
And I tried to take the nails out of His feet.  
But He said, "Let them be  
For I cannot be taken down  
Until every man; every woman, and every child  
Come together to take me down."  
And I said, "But I cannot hear you cry.  
"What can I do?"  
And he said, "Go about the world--  
Tell everyone that you meet--  
There is a Man on the cross,  
Waiting for them to take Him down."

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"O, FOR A LOVE LIKE JESUS' LOVE."

"But I say unto you which hear, love  
your enemies, do good to them which  
hate you." Luke 6:27.

O, for a love like Jesus' love!  
He came His God to please,  
He died in shame, not for His friends  
But for His enemies.

O matchless love! How sweet its flame  
Shines in a world of blood,  
Here hatred swells like an angry stream  
And vengeance as a flood.

Here neighbour seeks his neighbour's life,  
And brothers join the fight  
On sides opposed, -- He healed His foe  
And taught us not to smite

O for a love like Jesus' love!  
O, Saviour, on our knees  
We pray: help us to love our friends,  
But more -- our enemies.

John Boldt, C-2.

## At "Hill 60" Camp C-1

by Ab. Watson

On March 2nd, tree-planting operation began at the "Hill-60" camp. At the time of writing (March 29th) 579,000 Douglas Firs have been planted. Early in the month, fourteen men arrived here from Camp C-2, Lake Cowichan, to assist in the work, while on March 26th, ten Seventh-day Adventists reached Hill 60 from Powell River, B.C. The work is being done by four crews of twelve to fifteen men each under the foremanship of Gerhard Penner, Ernest Best, Ronald Price and Lloyd Edstrom. Clarence Pekrul, Charles Shorten, Arther Schoofield, a newcomer from the Forest Branch in Victoria, and Daniel Kessler are acting as stakers and packers. The record crew average is 900 trees per man per day. Davis Carey Forestry Research Assistant, had this to say: "The tree-planting at Hill 60 is as fine as any I have seen". Our men can feel proud of the job they are doing.

### NEW METHOD FOR PREPARING LUNCHESES PROVES SUCCESSFUL.

In an effort to overcome the butter ration problem, a new method for preparing lunches, which we understand is in operation in some other camps was attempted here by Archie Brown our cook. Instead, of having each man prepare his own lunch in the mornings. The cook house staff prepared all the lunches the night before. Those who are particular about their diet or who have certain strong likes and dislikes and effort is being made to satisfy all concerned. The new method is proving quite successful.

### SAW-FILER LEAVES

Mervyn Wren, who has been saw-filer at this camp for the past ten months, left on March 20th to accept another position. We were sorry to see him go.

### FARM LEAVES

Three men from this project have been granted farm leaves by their Mobilization Boards. On February 26th, Donald Crone, who recently underwent an appendix operation, left for his home in Mount Albert, Ont., on a six months' farm leave. On March 6th Henry W. Hoepfner, who was a stew-boss here, left for his farm near Morden, Man. where he will remain for a year. On March 13th John Berzin, a B.C. boy, was allowed to return to his home at Sullivan Station for six months to assist his father on the farm.

### FIRST AID COURSE

Recently, twelve men from this camp were examined orally by Dr. C.W. Mewhort and Mr. T.S. Elvins, Secretary of the St. John Ambulance Assoc. of Duncan. The men had completed a seven-weeks First Aid Course, in which 21 campers participated. The lectures were given by Mr. Chas. Thomson. The course, the first to be attempted in the camps throughout B.C., proved quite successful from the stand-point of first aid education, as well as providing the men with a leisure activity. Mr. Thomson's friendly and informal method of lecturing was well liked by his class.

## Yet I Will Rejoice

by John I. Andres, C-1

In these distressing times we need to hold tenaciously to the truths and promises of the word of God. Apostle Paul tells us to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil.4:4). We may have found it easy to rejoice because of the more pleasant circumstances we have already experienced. Yet we have a future before us which may give us greater privileges to prove the reality of Paul's exhortation.

Then we turn our thoughts to the prophet Habakkuk's determination. In the midst of the most distressing circumstances he had determined to find God to be what He claimed He was. Said the prophet: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation". How can he do this? Again his testimony is the same as Paul's, "The Lord God is my strength" (Hab.3:17). Paul's testimony was "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me". (Phil.4:13).

What a source of help and strength we have! There may be no earthly reason for us to rejoice and be thankful, but we have every heavenly reason to do so. Our days of rejoicing should be every day, for we are not told to rejoice in circumstances, in people, or in ourselves; but in the Lord. That is what Paul and Habakkuk tell us to do and that is what they themselves did.

Were these great men of God born with this thankful and joyful spirit? Paul said, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to abound and to suffer need", then, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

The psalmist exclaims, "Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee" (Ps.5:11). Again he says, "I will rejoice in thy salvation" (Ps.9:14). That is the secret. He is salvation to His people in every circumstance. He is salvation in sorrow, in trial, in bitterness, in distress, in want, in loneliness, in every need. Trusting in Him and in His salvation is the cause of rejoicing. There is no joy on earth, but there is in heaven, and through His exceeding and marvelous grace it is poured down upon God's believing ones.

When we are rejoicing in the Lord, we need not fear. The psalmist made a wonderful boast in the Lord when he said, "God is our refuge, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea". (Ps.46:1,2). "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he is also become my salvation" (Is.12:2).

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He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in fire.

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## WHO'S WHO

## At Q-1

PETER B. HILDEBRANDT - Married farmer from Halbstad, Manitoba....camp truck-driver...getting an increase, not in wages, but in waistline... But "Fatboy" still manages to keep his end up in camp sports.

JOHN WALDNER - Hutterite from Benard, Manitoba....Holds camp record for weight....can be distinguished by his habit of taking only the big snags ..thinks big men should handle big trees.

J.P. "Bubbles" HIEBERT - From Plum Coulee 'Center', Manitoba...Acquired nick-name by becoming lost in the dishwater suds ... we think the name appropriate.

## At Q-5

HENRY NEUFELD - Abbotsford, B.C....our popular straw-boss....claims that farming is the real life, and "cheese is brain food"....after a cheese sandwich he makes plans for the new swimming pool or dreams of some day touring Palestine...writes letters on the ration system-one per month.

JAKE REDDEKOPP - Osler, Saskatchewan farmer...one of the camp comedians likes to ride around with the trucks, especially to town for supplies! A man of courage, Jake will "rassle" with anyone no matter what his size.

RUBEN FERSTER - Leduc, Alberta farmer....plays the cornet sweetly and softly....inventive where engines are concerned.....a "jolly" fellow.

ISAAC HILDEBRANDT - Osler, Sask....flunky and pie-baker par excellence.. plays the guitar, also the typewriter...looks forward to doing missionary work.

## At C-7

VICTOR SIEMENS - Is handy at snagging, but you should hear him cut wood on his own time....Once his machinery was stopped abruptly when his air passage was obstructed by a clothes-pin.

LEONARD WIDEMAN - Likes to lie in bed on his back and think...sometimes he just lies on his back....causes considerable excitement by occasionally pushing his foot against the bed above him.

JAKE WILLMS - When he blushes, one can hardly tell whether it is a flow of blood coming to his face or the reflection of his beautiful crop of red whiskers....Snag!

CLARENCE LAUBER - If you wish to argue, visit "Good old Laub"....in the height of a discussion he will jump off his bed and wind up by saying "I tell you, fellows, I can't stand it any longer", after which he'll lie down quietly and think of his prairie home.....Lauber is married.

DAN LOEWEN - Has a lame back, but is not at all lame when it comes to defending himself verbally...takes an active part in helping to make camp-life more agreeable.

SEEBE FRAGMENTS -- 7 men have received farm leave since January 1st. Others hope to get the chance to go on the farm where we believe we would be more essential as most of us are experienced farm hands.

Present weather conditions are very favorable and mud-holes on the roads are drying up fast. Graveling roads is an everyday job and the supply of fire-charred timber is not exhausted for a while yet either.

Christ for Victory -- Frank Isaacs.

## AT Q-5, BOWSER - cont'd

Planting went off on schedule with only a few interruptions by the weatherman. At the finish, trees were being planted at the rate of 1400 per man per day. It was all over on the week-end of the 11th, and now almost everyone has got back to the habit of walking upright again, hands swinging naturally at the sides instead of dragging on the ground!

April Fools day passed quietly, except that Al Smith, sub-foreman, found some trees in his lunch....

Isaac Enns sprained his ankle, Elmer Burkholder had some tonsil trouble, but in general there's been little sickness in camp. Almost everyone is in the pink of condition - sunburn. We sympathize with the boys of Kootenay camp, many of whom are down with mumps this month.

Henry Fehr, Jake Reddekopp, John Dyck and Bill Zacharias visited the isolated caretakers of Q-4 at Courtenay not long ago. They found Toby Schmidt and Johann Friessen feeling fine but suffering a bit from the solitude there.

Jack Tiessen, Rufus Bartsch and John and Henry Peters had a pleasant time with friends, though Jack regrets one little incident. It seems that he was the cause of a "shiner" - he batted a soft ball into the air; the would-be catcher lost it in the sun and caught it in the eye. What a way to treat a lady school-teacher!

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HORNE LAKE HIGH SPOTS - cont'd

There was some discussion as to who the seven should be. At first it was decided that Paul Storms would be one. Therefore, a new religious leader, Henry Toews, was elected to take his place. Paul did not go, but took occasion to hand over the leadership to one quite capable of carrying on. He will continue as leader of the Friday evening Bible discussions on the Book of Acts, as well as the Sunday School class. Ed Bayly took John Knelsen's place on the program committee along with John C.G. Fehr and Henry Toews.

We were greatly blessed through the recent visits of Rev. Isaac Toews of Alberta and Rev. Edward Gilmore of Ontario. These devoted ministers of the Gospel delivered inspirational and heart-searching messages to warm our hearts in the faith.

Neighbours of Cabin "E" were aroused about midnight one night last week by a terrifying scream. It was only our quiet Henry Toews disturbing the peace, but by morning he knew nothing of it. Strange, though, neither did some of his bunkmates!

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Jake ("Jerry") Gerbrandt, Q-1, cut his finger almost through, and has received a two-week recuperation leave.

Leonard Ramer, Q-1, was granted farm leave until December 1st, 1943, and departed April 4th for Ontario.



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## Green Timbers Nursery

TREE-LIFTING COMPLETED. For a long time, the fellows at GT-1 viewed the six acres of trees at the nursery with impatience and itched to get at it. During March, they had their chance. A total of 3,358,221 trees was the yield from six acres. It took 259 man days to complete the job. On an average, each man lifted 12,100 trees per day, which is not doing badly. At first, there were stiff legs and aching backs: the Boys at Green Timbers soon found that tree-lifting is no sissy's job

A number of the boys have applied for farm leave, but so far only two have left--Peter Enns, former Vancouver truck-driver, and Peter Sunderman (Saskatchewan), better known as "3 o'clock in the morning Pete". Pete is working near Cloverdale, B.C.

We welcomed two new recruits here recently. Henry Friesen (M.B.), Vancouver truck-driver, is undergoing his initiation exercises on the end of a sledge-hammer. Another attractive-looking gentleman by the name of Elmer Ried (Plymouth Brethren), Vancouver sawyer, blew into camp on April 6th.

Austin Byers and Harvey Byer of Horne Lake camp paid a short visit to the former's brother at GT-1, en route to Ontario, where they will have seven months' farm leave.

Rev. Isaac Toews paid GT-1 a brief visit, and delivered an inspirational message to the campers.

Dave Friesen, Beacon circulation manager at GT-1, went home recently on compassionate leave, due to the critical condition of his brother in Saskatchewan.

Henry Braun, of Hague, Sask., left for home on April 10th. Happy-go-lucky Hank has been released after being re-examined by the medical board and placed in category "E".

Edwin Byers, camp-editor of The Beacon and timekeeper, received a farm leave until November. Ed. expects to leave camp about April 25th to work on Mr. M. Shupe's farm, R.R.#1, New Dundee, Ontario.

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Duncan camp was visited this month by Rev. Mr. Gilmour, (Brethren in Christ, of Waterloo, Ont., Rev. C. J. Remar, (Old Order of Mennonites), of Swalm, Alta. and Rev. Isaac Toews, (Church of God in Christ-Mennonite), of Swallow, Alta. Our religious activities are under the direction of a special committee, which has, as its chairman, Gerhard Penner. These activities consist of Sunday School on Sunday morning, at which time, the boys are following the International Sunday School Lessons; a Gospel Service on Sunday evening, when the message is brought by different camp members; a Young People's program on Monday evenings, consisting of vocal and instrumental numbers, as well as an address and a Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening. "Hill 60" also boasts a newly-formed choir of 12 voices under the leadership of Gerhard Penner.

## Who's Who, C-2

BRUCE GOWING -- Brethren -- Preston, Ont.-- Believes life is "a game to be played fairly and squarely"...active in Christian service...recently stung when gathering honey from an old tree.

MERVIN WISMER -- Mennonite -- Preston, Ont.-- Never knows whether to study, to play or to laugh...willingly takes part in Christian activities.

MIKE BOHONOSKI -- Kitchener, Ont.-- Musically inclined,..has qualities of leadership---a jack of all trades...always going something constructive.

LEONARD BECHTEL -- Mennonite -- Preston, Ont.-- Big-hearted, quiet among strangers...expresses his opinions when prompted. A hard worker. Interested in picture-developing.

FRED CRESSMAN -- Mennonite -- Kitchener, Ont.-- Enthusiastic over his correspondence course...a well-trained bridge constructor--uses his talents in the Lord's service.

DANIEL KLASSEN -- Mennonite Brethren -- B.C. -- one of the volleyball coaches...helps in the camp choir...jolly and easy to get along with.

ANDREW BOWMAN -- Mennonite -- Bridgeport, Ont.-- Calm, good-natured and fun-loving...an experienced Shur-gain feed mill-operator...is another volleyball coach.

PETER WIENS -- Mennonite Brethren -- Leamington, Ont.-- A gentleman with zeal and a cheery smile...a new-born Christian...interested in mathematics and science...recently advanced to post of office clerk.

JOHN L. FRETZ -- Mennonite -- Kitchener, Ont.-- former college student: photography fan...makes "hourly" visits to the flunkys' shack...plans to devote his life to Christian service...camp-editor of The Beacon.

CLIFFORD CRESSMAN -- Mennonite -- Kitchener, Ont.-- Can be identified by his whistle...interested in poultry...reads educational books...makes and keeps friends.

HAROLD GARMAN -- Experimental Station Caretaker...enjoys photography and botany...paints well...operates Diesel lighting plant for camp.

EDWARD LEWIS -- camp cook...knows how to use wartime rations...is an artist and an expert at painting...quiet and studious.

## Q-7 Roundup

On April 5, one month and three days after we had started planting trees, we completed this job for this season. In all we planted 922, 000 trees.

Our visitors from Camps C-3 and Q-6, who had come to help us, did not stay until the very end, but left us on April 1. Twenty-one men went back to Shawnigan Lake, but only three to Horne Lake. The fourth Horne Lake man, Henry Neufeld, has a brother at this camp, and because of this did not wish to leave again. He is now a regular enrollee at this camp.

Marinus Dykshoorn of Foremost, Alberta, was released from Alternative Service. He had been sent to camp by mistake, and has served at Banff for four months in 1941, and has been with the B.C. Forest Service for almost nine months.

## Q-7 ROUNDUP

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Our cook, N.J. Tatro, left us on April 12. Since then Waldemar Hooge has been our Chief Chef, Henry Janzen, second cook, The boys are doing really well, too.

The quiet seclusion of Camp Q-7 has been most rudely shattered by the invasion of bears.

One beautiful Sunday evening Paul Poetker, weary of the noisy cabin life, went out for a walk in the invigorating night air. He was returning, deep in thought, and almost reached camp when his reverie was interrupted by the angry growls of a "bear". After one wild shriek Paul gathered his wits about him and decided to offer some resistance. He picked up a stone and threw it at the spot from which the noise had come, but nothing happened. This gave Paul new courage and he confidently parted the bushes to see who was hiding there, but this was exactly what the "bear" had been waiting for. With a ferocious growl he lunged straight at Paul, but Paul was no longer there. He had departed rather hastily with this idea uppermost in his mind: he wanted to beat the "bear" into camp. He did, too.

Our next news report will come from Vedder Crossing on the mainland. It is to be our new home beginning April 29th.

## Spoiled Child, April

April is a spoiled child,  
The clouds cry in their pillows  
And let the tears drip down on us.  
And if we were to reprimand her foolishness  
The winds roar back their gusty will.

To do as April wishes,  
Yet in her might there is a tender force  
Which gently urges seeds awake  
To stretch their necks and push their heads  
Upward to the warm arms of sunshine

And open up their eyes,  
Then, as if suddenly angry with herself  
She lashes out the cold winds of frost  
To waken up the crocus and the daffodils so young  
And make them shiver and draw closer to the earth

For protection.  
Repentant, spoiled brat that April is  
She once again sends her warm breaths  
To heal her wounded friends and waken those  
Late sleepers to dress the earth in floral beauty.

-- Wes Brown. --

## Bus Schedule, C-3

Koksilah Camp offers daily except Sunday open-air excursions on the Renfrew Trail, or the Second Burma Road.

Take this thrilling tour starting from the famous camp site on the banks of the Koksilah River, where the rushing torrent of Blackwall Creek seeks to hurl its crystal might into its rippling counterpart. Steady yourself for the primary jerk, the first bump as the bridge is crossed as the ascent begun. Now we curve to a new elevation and weave a fanciful course past a million firs. Now we see on our left, the entire slope of Mt. Lazar, like a giant carpet of green spread before our eyes. The air becomes thinner.

Restrain yourselves, tourists!! No room for demonstrations on this bus. Inhale deeply the fresh, thin air. Turn!! See now in the distance glistening like the sail of a phantom ship on an unknown sea, the ineffable beauty of Mt. Baker, two hundred miles to the south. Now the view is gone, hidden by the trunks of sturdy timbers, every one a giant in his own right.

Hold on tightly, for now the springs of our vehicle seem weaker, or is it the road which suddenly becomes rougher? here a puddle, there a rock, here a bump, there a knock. Now our bus plows to a stop! - no stores, no houses, no people -- only a black, black raven and another million trees.

Take this tour daily!! Bus leaves 7:45 a.m. for points west, returning 4:45 p.m. to the Valley of the Koksilah and Camp C-3.

### WE MOURN THE LOSS OF:

JAKE TIESSEN, joking quipster from Leamington, Ont., who departed from Koksilah and his many friends on April 5th to become a farmer.  
 PETE DYCK, the 6ft. 2 specimen of massive manhood who now spends his energy on an Ontario farm.

Chuckling MILT NOAKE, smiling little waiter, who made his legitimate escape to an Ontario farm April 10.

EDWARD MOUTOUX, the rabid radio rowdy, who took his leave for Ontario with a medical release.

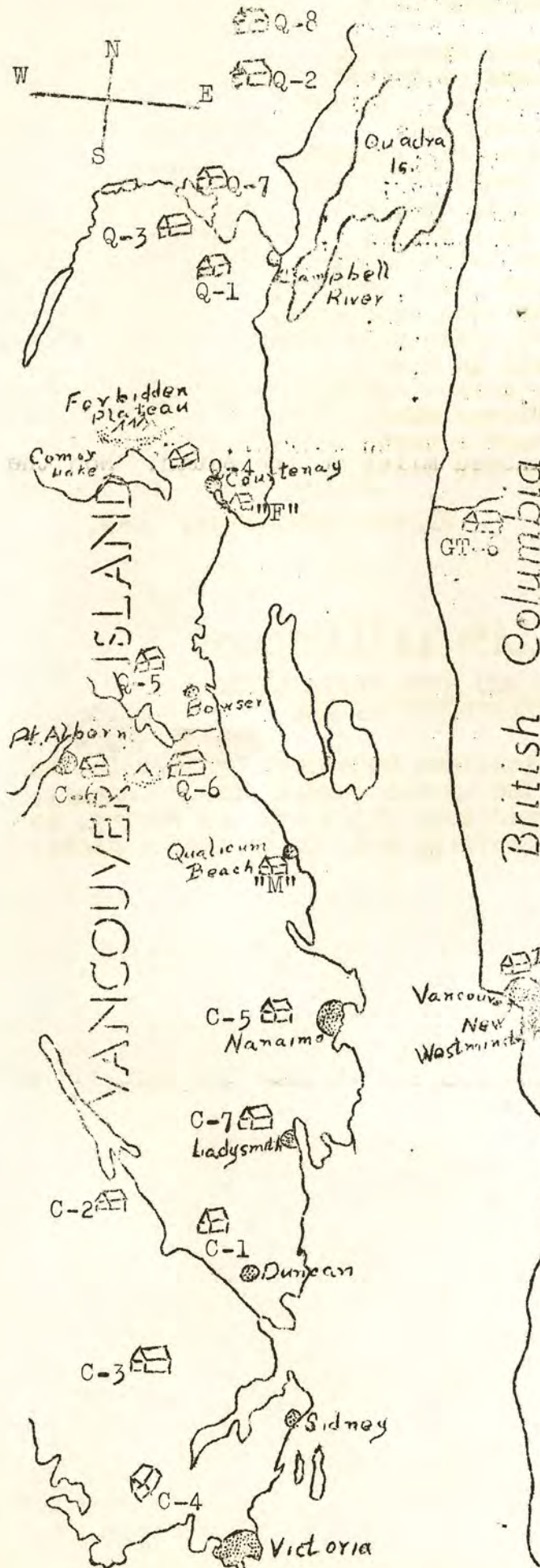
P.S. Have you heard of the absent-minded C.O. who pulled the last sandwich from his lunch-pail and soliloquized thusly: "What a fine tomato sandwich. I'll not toast this." And throwing it into the fire bit into the shreddy bark of his toasting stick.

## Spring Doggerel

So many poems we hear on "Spring"  
 That it's become a tiresome thing  
 To think on flowers, birds and bees,  
 Pink butterflies and poplar trees,  
 On whispering winds and babbling brooks,  
 On dandelions and fishing hooks.  
 Oh let the mind new heights aspire,  
 And drag our thoughts from out the mire  
 Of dreamy things.....

Oh come my friends and think on these....  
 In concrete thinking seek release

## CAMPS IN B.C.F.S.



"Q" camps in Quinsam District	
Camp Name	Address
Q-1	Quinsam Campbell River
Q-2	Menzies Bay Campbell River
Q-3	Campbell Lake Campbell River
Q-4	Courtenay Courtenay
Q-5	Bowser Bowser
Q-6	Horne Lake RRI Parksville
Q-7	Loveland Lake Campbell River
Q-8	Kelsey Bay c/. Salmon River Logging Co., Kelsey Bay
"C" camps in Cowichan District	
C-1	Hill 60 Box 276, Duncan
C-2	Cowichan Box 6, Cowichan Lake
C-3	Koksilah Shawnigan Lake
C-4	Langford Langford
C-5	Nanaimo Lakes Nanaimo
C-6	Alberni Pt. Alberni
C-7	Timberlands Box 144, Ladysmit
"GT" camps--Green Timbers Dist.	
GT-1	Green Timbers RRI, New Westminster
GT-2	Hanes Vedder Tedder Crossing
GT-3	Hanes Vedder Webster's Corners
GT-4	Hanes Vedder Webster's Corners
GT-5	Seymour Mountain Dollarton
GT-6	Powell River Box 760, Powell River
"M"	Mobile Unit Box 21, Qualicum Beach
"F"	Farm Unit Courtenay

These camps have been closed for the winter. They are open again or about to open for the fire season.

Camps are closing for the summer. The area they serve will probably be closed to tourists to prevent fires.

From springtime's drowsy dreaming.  
Oh why is earth the home of moles?  
And why is porridge served in bowls?  
Oh why is ice-cream never hot?  
And why are fat girls seldom sought?  
Oh how do rings grow round in trees?  
And why the many holes in cheese?  
Tell why kings lived in a tower;  
And why rhubarb always is so sour;  
Why men wear shirts and women dresses,  
Why Goebbels ne'er his lies confesses,  
Why boys play marbles, girls play jacks,  
Why sugar ne'er is sold in sacks,  
Why hen's eggs always have a shell,  
Why skunks and cauliflower smell,  
Why little boys can toot a horn,  
And why the like of ~~me~~ was born.

Wilson Hunsberger, C-3.

## *They Fight Without Weapons*

THE DRAMATIC STORY OF MEN WHO RISK THEIR LIVES,  
ON THE STRANGEST BATTLEFRONTS OF ALL

This true account of American Conscientious Objectors appears in the April issue of "Cosmopolitan". The writer quotes Ernest Angell, chairman of the committee on conscientious objectors as saying, we have recognized "the futility of coercing men to do what a higher sanction than law forbids".

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