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"let your light so shine."

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C.M.P. CHAIRMAN VISITS CAMP

REV. J. B. MARTIN RETURNS FROM B. C.

On Sunday, June 28th, Rev. Jesse B. Martin visited Montreal River on his return from British Columbia. Bro. Martin is Chairman of the Committee on Military Problems. He preached a lively sermon Sunday evening after which he told us about his trip to British Columbia accompanying 92 conchies there for forest ranging.

On Monday morning Bro. Martin inspected the work we are doing here and was pleased with the efforts made. He remarked that many improvements are noticeable since camp was opened in July 1941, referring particularly to the camp garden, new recreation building and tidy campees. After dinner Bro. Martin and Bro. Sherk left for Toronto to aid other conchies to entrain for British Columbia and to attend a meeting of the Committee on Military Problems in Waterloo on Thursday night.

Bro. Martin is a Mennonite minister at Waterloo, Ontario.

FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS ARRIVE IN B. C.

On June 2nd, 92 conscientious objectors entrained at Kitchener, Ontario for British Columbia. At Capreol 7 fellows missed the train after a lunch stop, but caught the second half and joined the original group at Winnipeg. The 2 special C.O. cars were joined by 5 cars from the States with 500 labourers bound for work on the Alaskan highway. From Winnipeg, Man. to Edmonton, Alberta they travelled as a secret military train. The trip was exciting for those who had never travelled before and the beautiful Rocky Mountain scenery was enjoyed all. "Unto the Hills do I left up my longing eyes," was a fitting thought as conchie faces were raised in awesome wonder of the snow-peaked mountains. On the rocky cliffs high up, mountain-goats were spotted. Moose roamed the small green plateaus and sheep herded in the deep, abysmal valleys. The beauty of God was not lost to the conchies as they recalled the tenth verse of Psalm

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CAMP CLOSING

JULY 2ND, 1942.

FOR YOUR (TRAINEES) INFORMATION THE CONTENTS OF A WIRE RECEIVED INDICATES THAT YOU WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO BR. COLUMBIA. FURTHER LEAVE CAN NOT BE CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME

(SIGNED) C. E. TENCH
CAMP ENGINEER.

THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS WERE POSTED AT NOON ON JULY 2ND. TRAINEES IMMEDIATELY ARRANGED THEMSELVES IN HAPPY DISCUSSION GROUPS, RUMOR RINGS AND BLUE ROOMS. WHEN WOULD CAMP BE TRANSFERRED, WILL LEAVES BE GRANTED BEFORE ENTRAINING, WHERE ABOUTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANY OTHER QUESTIONS WERE FEATURE TOPICS. "BRITISH COLUMBIA. HERE WE COME" WAS THE CRY OF THE DAY. SONGS SUCH AS "GIVE ME MY HOSE AND WAGON", "A CONCHIE WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN" FILLED THE AIR. MOST OF THE TRAINEES ACCEPTED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF TRANSFER WITH GLADNESS.

IT WAS FIRST THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD LEAVE MONTREAL RIVER ON THURSDAY, JULY 9TH. IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT TRAINEES WILL BE TRANSFERRED ABOUT JULY 11TH. THIS DATE IS NOT DEFINITE, HOWEVER, AS TRANSPORTATION WARRANTS HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED.

CONCHIES WILL TRAVEL IN A SPECIAL C.P.R. COACH, LEAVING THE SOO AT 3.55 P.M. AND ARRIVING IN SUDBURY AT 9.30 P.M. WE SHALL REMAIN IN SUDBURY OVERNIGHT AND LEAVE THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 6.55 A.M. MANY TRAINEES ARE ANTICIPATING SEEING FRIENDS AT THEIR OVERNIGHT STOP. THE TRAIN WILL ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER AT 8.35 A.M. FOUR DAYS AFTER LEAVING SUDBURY.

FROM VANCOUVER WE SHALL TAKE A BUS TO MANNING DEPOT, GREEN TIMBERS, BRITISH

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Contrary to the usual procedure the morning worship service, conducted by our religious director, Rev. J. Harold Sherk, was held at 9.00 A.M. the usual Sunday School hour.

Using Rev. 4: 7-13 as a text, Bro. Sherk spoke on The Church at Philadelphia. He pointed out the misconceptions of holiness which is essential for war, (v. 7) that have arisen as contrasted with the true holiness of God. The Moslem thinks he gains holiness by visiting Mecca. When he has made one pilgrimage he is a man to be watched for he feels free to cheat and take revenge. When he has made three journeys there and has the highest holiness he is a man to be exceedingly feared and always avoided. True holiness makes one loving and can come only as the gift of God. Proceeding in his topic he pointed out how God has the key to every situation. Sometimes a door seems to shut in our faces but it is only because God has another one for us, a better way. When the way is closed it is up to us to pray for guidance that we may go forward in the will of God.

The evening service was conducted by Bro. J. B. Martin, pastor of the Waterloo Mennonite Church. He preached a very timely message on the "The Secret of the Power of the Holy Spirit". These secrets are four. 1. Yielding to the Holy Spirit. 2. Abiding in the Holy Spirit. 3. Walking in the Spirit. 4. Implicit obedience. Our prayer should be, "Lord what wilt thou." He demonstrated from the lives of the great spiritual leaders of the past the necessity for the Holy Spirit's power, and showed us the possibilities for us who are Christians. We thank Bro. Martin for his timely message calling our attention back to this necessity for a truly spiritual life.

A CALL TO PRAYER

"O Almighty God, who canst bring good out of evil and makest even the wrath of men to turn to Thy praise; We beseech Thee so to order and dispose the issue of this war, that we may be brought through strife to a lasting peace for the promotions of Thy glory and good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MONTREAL RIVER CAMP

Montreal River Camp is located 80 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie, 658 feet above sea level on the shores of Lake Superior where Montreal River empties. Conscientious objectors to war number 58 in camp, representing 15 religious denominations. Trainees work 48 hours a week for 50¢ a day constructing highway $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. known as the Trans-Canada Highway. They supply their own clothing and serve for the duration.

SELECTIVE SERVICE
Editorial

The 1937 General Conference statement on "Peace, War, and Military Service" makes the following pronouncement on work in war industry. "We cannot knowingly participate in the manufacture of munitions and weapons of war, either in peace time or in war time."

The principle set forth in this statement is clear and consistent with our conscientious convictions regarding war. As followers of Christ we must abstain from all forms of support of war. The manufacture of war weapons and machinery is essential to the prosecution of war. Consequently, those who participate in the manufacture of these materials contribute their labor to that

Selective service has pronounced the importance of war industry more forcibly in the present conflict. The dependence of armed force on products of industry has increased with advanced mechanization and motorization. For those who believe in war and the necessity of carrying it thru to a successful conclusion, it is clear that they must serve in such industry as men serve in the armed forces. Those who have not an objection to war, yet refuse to support their country in essential labor commit a moral act of disloyalty.

Conscientious objectors are not expected by government officials to participate in war industry. It would be inconsistent for us C.O.s to object to the bearing of arms and then make weapons of war for others to use. Last March a chap who earned his living in war industry applied for postponement of military service as a conscientious objector. He refused to bear arms or to proceed to an Alternative Service Work Camp; yet was active in an essential war industry. In court the judge vigorously criticized this inconsistency and gave sentence.

It will become more and more difficult for conscientious objectors to obtain adequate employment as civilian industries become fewer and war industry increases. Some will find it necessary to forego a good paying job for a poor job. Others, because of their convictions will be unable to find employment in which they are skilled for peace industry. Due to the intense shortage of farm help an alternative of earning of a living, however meagre, is offered here. The (Civilian) Canadian Fire Fighters Corps, having some administration basis as the army, also offers an excellent opportunity of service. The freezing of labor has already occurred in

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"TO HIM THAT OVERCOMETH"
 Rev. J. Harold Sheik

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In the midst of the present world struggle plans are being made for the peace which is to follow. A "New Order" is to ensue in which, according to some, the world will be dominated by certain select individuals or races, or in which, according to others, every man is to have a fair share of the earth's good and opportunity to enjoy it, injustice and inequalities are to be abolished and not only the opportunities for making war but the very causes for war will be removed. With such fundamentally different conceptions it is evident that the "New Order" which the world will see, if it sees any, will depend very much on who is the victor in the struggle. There are no spoils to the vanquished and crowns are only for victors.

In the hope of ensuring victory and a controlling interest in the reconstruction to follow, many millions of the peoples of autocratically governed nations have toiled willingly for years and have sacrificed heavily. They have philosophically, if not cheerfully, suffered great present privation for the sake of future gain. And now the masses of the great democracies are almost vying with one another in yielding up, for a time, their cherished comforts and liberties and leisure, so that victory may be assured and a better world be built. Whether it is in Axis or Allied countries, autocracy or democracy, occupied or free, victory alone is what matters--the whole future hinges on that.

A grander struggle has gone on for many centuries and its tempo is on the increase. For nineteen centuries Christ and His Church have battled the powers of darkness and will not cease until the kingdoms of the earth are become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. It is the bitterest fight that was ever faced and the casualties have often been heavy. The greatest privations are often required, but the end to be gained is worth the sacrifice. The attitude of Paul who willingly bore all manner of hardship for Christ has been ever that of the true Church--"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

Nothing is too good for the victor in this struggle. See the promises "to him that overcometh" in the Revelation, chapters two and three. The best things of heaven and earth are set forth as the prize of victory. See them -- Paradise regained, eternal life, soul-satisfaction, peace, righteous government, the best society, strength and honour. The meek shall inherit the earth, but the meekness that wins has in it not only the harmlessness of doves but the wisdom of serpents and the courage of lions.

There is no promise to nor hope for the vanquished. No promise, no hope for the defeated sould? No, none apart from victory. But the gracious hand of the Captain of our salvation is reached down to the one who has fainted and quit to raise him up again and to steady the one who is faltering. The weakest and most sinful person has access through Christ to the Spirit of cleansing and of power and to the way of ultimate triumph.

What must be overcome? Lesser interests, the fear of death, compromise with evil, fleshly sin, spiritual death, inferiority complex, selfishness, self-conceit, self-complacency, these and more stand in the way but are vulnerable to the weapons given to God's children. Self-interest is so deep in human nature that many persons will never make a sacrifice for the common good unless it is wrested from them. The service of Jesus Christ is open only to volunteers and self-interest must first be overcome. But when that first victory is gained what a vast field of service there is today for the disciple of Christ, what mountainous obstacles to overcome but what omnipotent power with which to win, and what a prize--the age-long hope of humanity--to the victor!

There will be a "New Order", CHRIST'S ORDER, and you and I may share in it. It's date is not yet proclaimed and its achievement may seem remote--and may be very near. The Invincible Christ is leading His host to "The Day". Shall we not share in the battle today? Tomorrow will be the victory.

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some districts, trapping ment in industry which has become part of the war machine. In such cases, conscientious objectors can only accept the consequences when they refuse to participate in such industry, save in the knowledge that God will undertake for them and will not leave the righteous forsaken. The Church should be glad of an opportunity to alleviate the suffering and need of those who are humbled for conscience sake.

SUPERIOR WAVES

WHO'S WHO

BUSINEST--Before we are able to complete our new recreation building a pair of red-breasted swallows have made their home in its rafters. They have been busy warming eggs in the hopes of claiming squatter's rights.

DUCK SEASON--The rising mercury proclaims open duck season and every evening finds a group of swimming enthusiasts taking a duck in the cool, refreshing waters of Montreal River. Who said cool--why not COLD?

BLUE LETTERS--Why does Chuck Bletsoe get so excited when he receives blue letters? The contents can't be so blue--on the contrary; my friend, on the contrary!

TRANSFERRED--Bob Iviney was transferred from the General Hospital in the Soo to Christie St. Hospital in Toronto on June 13th just eight weeks after he had two fingers taken off his left hand. Fellow C.O.'s in Toronto are encouraged to visit Bob to cheer his lonely hours of inactivity.

WATERLINE--Ken William watered the hoeses one evening at the lake. As Ken was fatigued after the days work he mounted Susie to save his legs and Susie proceeded into the water. After drinking her fill she could not see mainland, having her blind eye shoreward, and started to swim for the island six miles distant. Did you see Ken with his legs up around his head trying to keep his tootsies out of the water?

CONGRATS--Much credit is due Abe Willms and Mitch Glecoff for their fine cooking last week when Chef Brydges visited the Soc. The meals were really tops. Could they be going thru for bachelors?

PIT PROGRESS--The large gravel pit has now been cut thru to join with the second pit. Sloping of the sides has started and at least two trucks will be hauling from the face as usual. Keep a straight face coys!

SUGGESTION--Reading the notice in the recreation room we discover that "shopping" hours in Mr. Sherk's general store and office are from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sundays. Mr. Sherk is busy and we can help him plan his time better if we purchase during this one hour only.

CHALK RIVER CAMP--Four more trainees arrived at the Chalk River Camp on June 12th. Twenty-two men are now in camp.

FLASH--Bob Iviney returned to camp on Monday, July 6th, and will be travelling with us to British Columbia.

HENRY BRAUN--United Mennonite--Niagara-on-the-Lake farmer--camp janitor--hobbies, fretwork, fishing, photography--married just two weeks previous to his call.

CORNELIUS BARG--A smiling, husky, six-footer from farm near Virgil--reading, hockey, baseball--whiffs fast greaseball across plate--"Corny" is a jackhammer man--Brethren Mennonite.

HAROLD DONER--"Pop" to everyone but his 4 month old daughter --a Gormley farmer--now shovelling in gravel pit--M.B.C.

PETER S. DYCK--United Mennonite farmer from Niagara-on-the-Lake--strong swimmer--canoe enthusiast--one of the shovellers on top camp-shovelling team.

OTTO GIESBRECHT--"Squeaker" the human dictionary--farmer from Campden--United Mennonite--"Fill Man" at camp--hobbies, girls, (Blondes) and canoeing.

BEN L. HOTCHKISS--Church of Christ--from Thessalon (50 miles from Soo)--worked in saw mill before call--on top shovelling team in gravel pit--official camp "Sock Patcher"--canoeing, swimming, letter-writing are his hobbies.

LESLIE KAYTOR--Seventh-Day Adventist--Hamilton used-car salesman--faithfully writes his "better half"--wood-cutter and camp painter--likes to fish.

Once upon a time there was a rural pedagogue named Harley Wideman. He was a very masterful instructor and was much loved by his pupils.

One day as he was partaking of his lunch; surrounded by his little flock, who were happily munching their sandwiches and cookies, a little girl approached him. "Mr. Wideman, could you please tell me what is in this sandwich?" asked the timid little damsel.

Harley gingerly lifted the tid-bit to the light and inspected it carefully. After he had made a thorough survey of the dainty morsel he laid it aside and expounded thus to his eager audience.

"Although I am not very thoroughly grounded in Biology, I perceive that the filling in your sandwich, Mary, to be of vegetable matter and it is my considered opinion that said matter is either baked beans or stewed prunes. Any further observations that I might make on the matter would merely be the result of conjecture."

Editor's note: We have been unable to prove the authenticity of the above anecdote. Nevertheless, we expect that Harley little dreamed that years after this supposed incident as he waited on table at a C.O. Camp he would take out a prune dish for a refill and return with a dish of "many times baked" beans.

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ANCHORS AWAY

Teamster Ken William, who originated in the wild and woolly West where men become cowboys before they learn to walk, loves to revive the roundup spirit by mounting Susie on the way in from work.

On one such occasion he decided to ride her into the lake for a drink, thus saving time in carrying water. Susie, who was pleased to get a drink in this way, waded into the world's largest body of fresh water and proceeded to show Ken that Chicago isn't the only corporation that can lower the level of the Great Lakes. Quenching her thirst, Susie raised her head and cast about for land and not being able to see land where she thought it should be, Susie beheld Montreal Island six miles away. Considering it to be her destination, she weighed anchor before horror stricken onlookers and despite "Lochinvar" William's vigorous protests, verbal and otherwise, proceeded far enough into the lake to jeopardize the dryness of Ken's pants.

Then Susie stopped for a moment to reconsider her move and in the interim cast a glance with her good eye towards home base. There she espied her faithful mate Rock waiting on shore. Rock, seeing his opportunity to encourage Susie to desist from her foolish enterprise, gave the return signal and Susie paddled to terra firma much to the joy and relief of cowboy William.

PRESENCE

God is very near to me
In the whispering of a tree;
And His voice I've often heard
In the singing of a bird.

I have often walked with Him
In the twilight warm and dim;
Sure and tender, He is there
In the clover scented air.

I have waited in the wood,
Where the mystic asters brood,
Where the maples altars flame,
Even there His splendour came.

I have watched for God at night
In the silent silver light;
I have seen His footsteps go
Softly over fallen snow.

God is near, for He is found
In all lovely things around,
Hill, or cloud, or leaf, or star,
He is never very far.

Mary E. McCullough

WHAT'S COOKING?

In the past few days the kitchen quarters has had some alterations. A double window has been placed in the north end of the kitchen permitting a breeze off the river to drop the temp from 98 to a cool and refreshing 70. Chef Brydges and cookees appreciate the comforting, fresh, air-circulation. We sincerely felicitate carpenters Vern Yager and Gord Smith.

Mitch Glecoff added to kitchen conveniences by building two modern cupboards, one on either side of the new window. Time meant nothing, but his efforts were manifested. P.S. His father is a carpenter. Chip off the old block, eh?

The inventive mind of "Rob" Simpson also came forth with a brilliantly, simple idea. Rob put up a partition in the middle of the wood rack so that one side could be emptied entirely while the other was being billed up. This means that there is a complete turn-over in the wood and no dust can accumulate on wood that might otherwise be left on the bottom. Thanks, Rob. Hope you and your chum, Don Darley, (sitting in the wheel-barrow) receive a beautiful sun tan in the near future.

COULD BE!

Ever since "Mo" Mosher arrived at Montreal River Camp he has been considered somewhat of an enigma by his fellow bunkers. Mo's moody manner of attacking his daily labor and his long periods of silence, occasionally interrupted by bits of quaint philosophy, have often been the cause for comment among his associates.

Altho Harold "The finer things of life" Sider and Lorne "Termite" Wideman, as well as other camp psychologists, had often attempted to crack Mo's suave exterior and really examine the functions of his mind, he was until recently the camp's No. 1 mystery man.

But as Ken William often reminds us "There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed." Just the other day Len "Rabbi" Markwell made a revelation concerning Mo's past habits that may be a valuable clue to his present unorthodox behaviour. According to "The Rabbi", Mo as a young man living in Oshawa, Ontario used to journey over the nearby Whitby in his spare time to play ball with the inmates of that town's largest institution.

This may not have any bearing on Mo's life today, but it is an interesting sidelight on an interesting character.

DIVISION "B" CALLED

On Thursday, July 2nd, a group of conscientious objectors left Toronto for British Columbia. This is the first group from Division "B" to be called for Alternative Service since the retaining of conscripts for the duration went into effect April 7th. A number of those who were in camp prior to April 7th have been recalled in addition to draftees who received their first call.

Those in group 4 whom we know to have left for British Columbia are: John Andres, Ben Baerg, John Dyck, Alex Heggie, Corny Kaethler, Ronald Morrow, Foster Moore, Donald Moffatt, George Sawatsky and Alex Kirby.

A few were given exemptions because of the need on farms. They are Jake Dyck, Peter Dyck, Victor Dyck, John Enns, Orville Heise, Jake Neufeld, Peter Neufeld.

RECREATION

Since baseball games are one up both East and West teams appear hesitant to play a third game. In the first game Westsides beat the East 19-17 but in the second game Eastsides trimmed the West 14-6. "Cornie" Barg of the Eastsides pitched an excellent game for victory.

Volleyball claimed the interest of trainees then and June 18th saw three close games. Eastsides had first serve but Ray Sider muffed and West boys took it for 2 points. Abe Wilms fumbled several times and Eastside soon took advantage of this "weak point." Game finished 21-17 for the East.

The Second game was close all the way and many difficult shots were made. Vern Yager got down on his knees in an effort to scoop the ball over. The score was tied 20-20 and after valiant efforts Eastsides came thru. Games stand 2-0 for East.

Third game Westsides used their heads, hands, noses, etc. to push the ball to victory. Their do-or-die effort finished the third game 21-15. Score on games: Eastsides 2, Westsides 1.

GRAVEL PITS MEET

On Friday, June 26th, the gravel-pit gangs shovelled their way thru to the second large pit. The first pit was started last November and the second pit opened in January. Usually four trucks were worked with a four-man team on each truck to make this 700 foot cut, 48 feet wide and average 21 feet deep. Another 200 feet will complete the entire cut and after the sides are sloped 30,000 cubic yards of gravel will have then been shovelled out by hand.

AMERICAN NEWS

MERRIM, IND.--A camp farm has been started that will save the camp over \$1,400 in vegetables. Under contract are 38 acres 10 of which are in pasture and improvements, 10 in truck garden and the remainder in feed crops for livestock. They also have 30 pigs, 120 laying hens and 400 baby chicks. They hope to sweeten the camp by utilizing a swarm of bees discovered in an old tree on the farm. Don't get stung on this neighbors.

MARIETTA, OHIO--Twenty campees travelled 125 miles to hoe and weed the nursery stock at Chillicothe's Stoney Creek Camp which has been abandoned.

CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA--Recently opened to eradicate hookworm and receive training for effective work in post-war reconstruction and community living.

MEDARYVILLE, IND.--C.P.S. men set out 83,000 young trees in a day for a new record at the Jasper-Pulaski State Park nursery. The 130 men in camp moved from their previous location at Bluffton with the loss of only a day from project work.

CAMP ANTELOPE--At Coleville, California opened June 14th, as a fire-fighting unit of 132 men. The camp site has an elevation of 5,800 feet in the beautifully snow-capped Sierra Nevada Mountains. Side camps of 30 men each have been set up at June Lake and Lake Tahoe. Five men act as roving fire-spotters and repair crew. The balance are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and clear dirt and snow from irrigation ditches, repair fences while waiting for call.

DENISON, IOWA--Thirty-eight men left for California to do fire-fighting. Thirty-four men left to set up a side camp at Oakland, Iowa on their own. Thirteen men left to alleviate the shortage of help on Wisconsin farms.--Nine are left. Good work Denison, hope your "Olive Twig" soon becomes a "Branch". A little more sap should do it. Beware of Marietta transfers because it would then be "Marietta Olive."!

CASCADE LOCKS, ORE.--Largest in U.S. with 171 men fought its first forest fire for 8 hours. Flames burned 160 acres and leaped 200 feet high.

English Professor: "Correct this sentence: 'Girls is naturally better looking than boys'".

Student: "Girls is artificially better looking than boys."

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MARSHMALLOW ROAST

On the evening of July 1st most of the campees could be seen wending their way towards the recreation hall.

There "Bab" Markwell was waiting to lead them in singing "Alouette", "Darling I am Growing Old", and the new song, "All the Nice Girls Love A Conchie". Then Ray Sider and Harold Doner excelled all others at doing "a little smooching" over a marshmallow. Jake Wilms surprised all comers by knocking them all over in the cock-fight.

After another sing-song the group adjourned to the beach where Bob Templeton had a large bonfire awaiting. Marshmallows were ready for toasting and due to the kindness of Cook Brydges we had all the cookies we could eat. Many bowls of lime punch were consumed. As the hour for "lights out" approached, Ben Bergen left the beach and admitted, "I made a hog of myself."

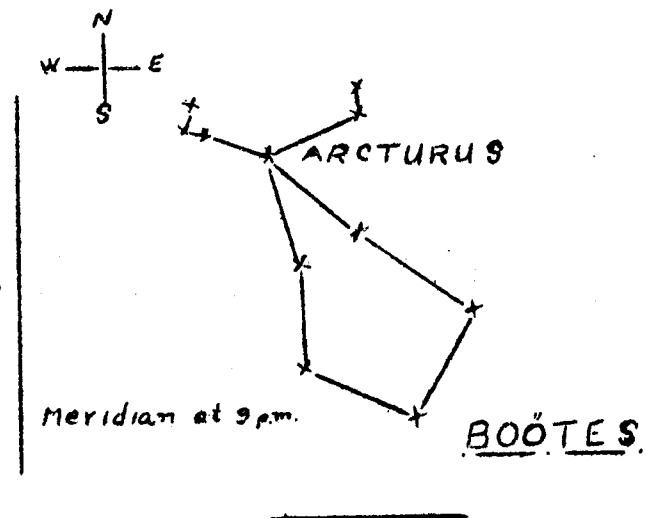
SHORTER WORKING HOURS

Teamster Jack's team have started a campaign for earlier lunch hours. When Jack left Cub and Sid standing for a few minutes between stone-boat loads, they decided it was time they had something to eat even though it was only eleven o'clock. Before Jack caught up to them, they were standing expectantly in front of their feet boxes at the tent. Unfortunately for Cub and Sid Jack immediately turned them around and they had to haul the stone-boats for another hour.

AMATEUR ASTRONOMY

This week let us study the great constellation known as Bootes. To read chart face south and you will find Bootes just a little to the left of the Meridian during the month of June. The Meridian is an imaginary line in the heavens passing through the zenith of any place.

South of Ursa Major lies the constellation Bootes or the Hordsman one of the most venerable of all star groups. Although it is known as the Hordsman it more closely resembles a kite. In this group you will notice Arcturus which is the sixth brightest star in the heavens. It shines with a deep yellow light, at times taking on an almost reddish hue. Arcturus is a giant star and is estimated to be approximately 20 million miles in diameter. It is also interesting to know that Arcturus is moving through space more rapidly than any other bright star visible to the naked eye.

FIRE FIGHTERS ARRIVE IN B. C.

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50: For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

The conchies from Division "A" arrived in Vancouver Saturday morning, June 6th, and were met by Mr. H. J. McWilliams of the Forestry Department. They proceeded by bus to Green Timbers on the Fraser River. Green Timbers serves as a manning depot from which the men are despatched in groups of 24 to their ranger camps. Political pacifists were put into separate camps from the religious pacifists. Camps at Seymour and Koksilch on Victoria Island were opened and one at Emory Creek near Yale on the Fraser. Five more are to be opened on the island.

The men sleep in huts, 8 to a hut. Kitchen, washroom, office and recreation hall are separate buildings. Coal-oil lamps are used as electricity does not reach into the dense forests. At present the trainees are cutting trails up the mountains wide enough for a pack-horse to pass thru. Groups of three go out for two or three days at a time carrying their food and equipment in packs weighing about 35 lbs. The trails are a distance of ten miles. When a fire breaks out one of them reports to home base and horses trained to follow the trails carry fire fighting equipment up. Camps are staffed with three hired men, the foreman, a sub-foreman and a cook.

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Columbia. This will be our mailing address until distributed in groups of 24 to our regular forest fire station.

Because of the doubtful date of departure from Montreal River, trainees are waiting in preparedness. Suitcases, dunnage bags, and "home-made" boxes are fully packed and labelled. In fact the bunkhouse looks like a Spring and Fall house-cleaning in one: heavy winter clothes and light summer apparel are bundled high in the aisle. Shelves are empty.

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