

My Experiences In CCC Life

The question has been asked as to why CCC camps were located in certain localities and in many cases the question is still unanswered.

The expense of erecting some of these camps extended well into the thousands of dollars, and today I am told several of them are vacant.

I have in mind one that was located out up on a high, rocky and isolated bit of desert country and upon inquiry of one of the officers as to what that camp was there for and what work project did they have in view, he remarked with a shrug of the shoulders and a cynical smile, "we have orders to build over 20 miles of stone fence" and "some telephone lines."

I do not know what the stone fence was for as very few heads of stock roamed that desert country, and it surely was not to stop snow from drifting as a snow drift in that country would do absolutely no harm as there were very few settlers to be found there, and could not be for defensive purposes as nearly all the Indians in that country had been dead for many years.

Another camp was erected in a place in the mountains so close to a mountain side that during fall, winter and spring the sun scarcely shone upon the buildings and I found while in that camp that every one was complaining about the dampness and chilly air both outside and inside the buildings. A few rods away was some open country which would have made a fine camp site, but I was told that the farmer who owned the good site asked a pretty fair price for his land or the use of it, and our government being so poor but anxious to help the needy, could not pay the sum asked, consequently the poor site was used.

If one's curiosity leads him to look over one of these camps just drive out to Camp Prescott at the base of Medford's wonderful rock pile (Park) Roxy Ann.

A stupendous blunder if I am any judge of blunders. Ground so sticky one can scarcely appreciate two feet at once under his own power when wet weather sets in. Water supply so inadequate at one time that the men were ordered to bathe in turns and as little as possible. Any cattle or sheep man living around these hills could tell more about the water supply in such places than a whole pack if so called Army Engineers.

No fuel convenient and this writer was in the barracks repeatedly and found the men many of them going to bed immediately after eating supper to keep warm. Scarcely enough wood in the camp for operating the kitchen. Many of the meals in this camp were utterly unfit to be eaten by human beings.

Here is just one example. For breakfast we had scrambled eggs (some of them quite ancient) with bacon cut into pieces about one half inch square and dumped into the scrambled eggs and cooked the little it could cook while the eggs were cooking. The bacon was about as near raw as it could be.

We had some oatmeal cereal that was cooked almost as well as the bacon, some bread and butter (it was ancient too, some times) and some stuff they called coffee.

At another time this writer went out onto a job to work with several groups of the men and owing to condition of road to summit of the mountain we were ordered to walk to work, which I understand is strictly against government orders, a distance of about 3 1/4 miles. At noon for lunch we were given a very liberal supply of meat and jam sandwiches, a small orange and a small apple. The officer in charge of the mess supplies gave orders that the men be fed less next day as that was too expensive. Next day the sandwiches were cut down one less, also one less on the fruit. Coffee, such as it was, furnished drink, also ice cold water.

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In many of the camps the men were very well fed and very little complaint was heard, but in some of them many times the food was very poor in quality, short in quantity and rank as to cooking.

The writer was in one Calif. camp repeatedly and found the boys grumbling and almost constantly talking strike because of poor eats.

I ate several meals there and found they could have butter only for their breakfast, and at noon I have been compelled to eat boiled potatoes with no butter, not even gravy of any sort, bread with not even jam or fruit butter and beef half cooked and so tough that I often asked, as did the croupuncher in a Texan Hotel, "for heavens sake how old was she when she died."

As I stated before in many of the Camps the men were well fed and I shall endeavor to give some of the better side in my next article.

A CITIZEN

Washington Snap Shots

As is always the way with catchphrases, the "breathing spell" that was to help business and industry speed recovery is getting a new interpretation in Washington.

It is that bills which they oppose are to be rushed through before businessmen can catch a breath. To illustrate what they have in mind, the industrialists point to procedure adopted by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee on the Wheeler-Rayburn bill empowering the Federal Trade Commission to study the personal affairs of any businessman for any purpose.

That bill was introduced weeks ago. Its opponents generally were encouraged to believe that it would get nowhere. Then, suddenly, the committee ordered hearings.

Surprised, individual businessmen had no opportunity to prepare themselves for testimony against the bill. Consequently, when the hearings were called, few opponents were ready. The hearings on the bill, which would give the Trade Commission what some Congressmen term "unprecedented snooping powers," lasted just one day.

Significant, too, was the fact that Trade Commission officials who proposed the bill were heard in secret session. The few opponents of the measure who did have time to testify could not, therefore, answer the arguments of the proponents. More and more Washington is working secretly and keeping the people from knowing what is going on.

A representative of one industrial group has put into words what many who are not politicians feel to be the present situation. John C. Gall, associate counsel of the National Association of Manufacturers, made an address urging businessmen to withhold judgment on the new tax bill until it was in final form because it held promise of both good and evil.

"Whatever may be the facts as to a temporary 'breathing spell' in other fields," he said, "we now face a permanent 'grieving spell' in the field of taxation."

He then pointed out that in addition to any burdens which might accrue under the new tax plan, employers were having to prepare for the new \$2,400,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000 annual levy which they must pay under the new social security act.

Much talk is being heard around the Capitol about the fact that the new tax on corporate profits not distributed as dividends was put forward as a substitute for other existing but objectionable levies. At the same time it was said that the sug-

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gested taxes on processing replacing those invalidated when AAA was held unconstitutional, would be only "temporary."

Economists and tax experts point out that the taxes which the corporate profits levy would replace have been proved fertile sources of revenue and the possibilities are, therefore, that when the government begins raising more money to pay the present stupendous debt the repeal taxes will be revived.

The Washington Daily News had this to say on the "temporary" taxes:

"Nor should we be lulled by the adjective 'temporary.' For temporary taxes—especially those of the invisible, 'painless' variety, as these new processing levies would be—have a very bad habit of becoming permanent.

"The so-called luxury or nuisance taxes were put on the books in 1932 for a 'temporary period' of only two years. Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills asked for them 'to balance the budget.' But the budget was still not balanced in 1934, so the nuisance taxes were extended for one year more. And in 1935 they were extended for two years more. And in 1937 we'll probably hear a request for further extension."

A rubber industry strike in Akron widened the split in organized labor. The American Federation of Labor sent \$2,000 to help the strikers. The United Mine Workers' industrial union organization dispatched five organizers to the Ohio city. The A.F. of L.'s idea was to win support for its method of organizing workers by trades and crafts. The others wanted to stimulate interest in organization by industries. All of which, labor observers say, created more hard feelings and made it doubly difficult for the striking employees and their employer to get together.

High School Notes

Roberta Pankey and Dorothea Hedgpath hiked to Jacksonville Sunday afternoon.

Joyce, Harry and Warren Young, Lawrence Martin and Margaret Tyrell climbed Table Rock Sunday.

Janice Nealon motored to Ashland Sunday.

Hazel Stager spent Sunday at her home in Eagle Point.

Libby Hamilton spent the weekend at her home at Table Rock.

Erma Richardson spent the weekend visiting Jean Hermanson in Medford. While there she attended the Junior High School Operetta entitled "The Purple Pigeon."

Nelda Ayers motored to Ashland Sunday evening.

Work has begun on the Senior Play, "Hot Copy."

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Dug to illness in the cast the opera was not presented again.

At an assembly Friday the following boys received letters for basketball: Ernest, Lathrop, Richard Jewett, Bill Grimes, Roger Lawrence, Kenneth Hood, Arthur Copinger, Pink and Blue O'Connor.

First DuPont Exhibit

DALEAS, Texas—For the first time in more than 100 years of existence, E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. will exhibit at a national exposition featuring the marvels of modern chemistry. The \$100,000 display will be housed in the Hall of Varied Industries when the Exposition opens June 6.

Texas Invites Nation

DALLAS, Texas.—Half a million postcards will go into the mail during the week beginning Jan. 12, addressed to out-of-staters by Dallas residents and inviting them here for the Texas Centennial opening June 6.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, Administrator with the Will annexed, of the estate of Mary E. Grim, deceased, and have qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers and duly verified to me at my office in Room 409 of the Medford Center Building, in Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this Notice. Dated and first published this 20th day of March, 1936.
HARRY C. SKYRMAN,
Administrator with the Will annexed.
18—March 20, 27, April 3, 10.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

BY VIRTUE of an execution in foreclosure duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 6th day of April, 1936, in a certain suit therein, wherein Mark Skinner, Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon, as Plaintiff, recovered judgment against A. L. Seabrooke and Ethel Rose Seabrooke, husband and wife, the defendants, for the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars, together with in-

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terest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from December 22nd, 1932, until paid, together with the further sum of \$30.44, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from July 9th, 1935, until paid, with costs and disbursements taxed at Eight and 25-100 (\$8.25) Dollars, and the further sum of Two hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars, as attorney's fees, which judgment was entered and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 3rd day of April, 1936.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the terms of the said execution, I will on the 9th day of May, 1936, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Medford, in Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said judgment, together with the cost of this sale, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest that the defendants in said suit, A. L. Seabrooke and Ethel Rose Seabrooke, husband and wife, and Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, a corporation, had on the 22nd day of September 1930, or now have in and to the following described property, situated in the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, to-wit:
The West half of the East half of that certain tract or


body of land described as Government Lots Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), and Eleven (11) in Section 10, and Government Lots Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16), in Section Eleven (11), in Township Thirty-six (36) South of Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian, the whole of said government Lots containing 159.19 acres, and the property hereby conveyed, containing thirty-nine and eighty-hundredth (39.80) acres, more or less, together with all water rights, all in Jackson County, Oregon.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances there unto belonging or in anywise appertaining.
Dated this 6th day of April, 1936.
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