

Is the CCC Militaristic?

Quite often we hear it said there is nothing of a militaristic nature in the C.C.C.

Well maybe not but I feel there is something back of all this thorough knowledge they have of one.

Your record is as absolutely true of your past life and your present qualifications as is possible to obtain, and your qualifications are all catalogued so that at any time in the future if one is called to military service there will be no doubt as to where a man will fit in.

Your record of service is kept and in case of need those in authority can place their hand on a carpenter, a truck driver, a "cat" driver, a powder monkey, a cook, baker, mess steward or what they may need.

I am not despairing of these facts but why try to fool the people, for our Government should know the trade and qualifications of every male citizen so that in case of need, the men may be found quickly.

It is common knowledge that the men in the C.C.C. were supposed to send the major part of their money to those who are dependent upon them thus making it a form of Gov't. relief, but in scores upon scores of cases the home folks are quite able to care for themselves and are doing so, and returning much of the allotment to the boy in camp, and he in turn spends it for booze and gambling and amusements much of which is of a questionable nature.

Gambling in the camps is very prevalent and the drinking of beer is encouraged every way possible by those in authority.

At a recent banquet in a local camp I have been informed that beer flowed very freely as it was served on the table.

As the result of personal investigating I found scores of the boys are taking their first drinks of beer, then soon follows the drinking of stronger stuff and soon the boy is well on the way to a drunkards life.

I have never been able to command strong enough language to express my disgust and feeling when I see, how those in authority, who are supposed to have the proper use of at least a little common everyday horse sense, actually encouraging in every possible manner the use of stuff that a hog would not drink.

(for it has been tried on hogs, and they refused it) and all because it makes a big showing in the funds of the company, and affords them more money to spend for whatever the officers see fit.

We speak of our wonderful Christian Government but I wonder many times when I see so many un-Christian things being pushed upon us by those in authority, how long God will permit us to go on under such un-Godly rule and authority.

Some of the things which I observed being practiced in the camps which made many of the men unmanageable were utterly disgusting and disgraceful.

Here I wish to mention some of the things I referred to above.

Entering one camp I read the orders as posted on the bulletin board:

This is one of them: "Absolutely no liquor is to be brought into this camp either on the person or in the belly."

About the second or third night I was in the above camp, the Lieutenant, who was Commanding Officer, was taking part in a celebration of the finishing of a telephone line, and by helping to put away ten cases of beer got so stewed he had to be put to bed, and not only he, but the Lieutenant who was under him together with most of the Forest Service foremen present were, absolutely, about the most vile, debauched bunch I ever saw, and they in turn urging the boys who were celebrating with them to drink and eat and be merry and I do not hesitate to say certainly the CCC can not possibly exist long if conducted on this basis.

Here are some other bulletins: "Any driver of Government vehicles shall not be allowed to smoke while driving his vehicle."

This rule was never enforced that I know of. Why should a driver care.

"Drivers of Government vehicles are not allowed to transport liquor for their own use."

But I know of one instance where a driver of an officers car was sent at least eighteen or twenty miles out of his way to get liquor for certain officers.

"Drivers of Government vehicles are not allowed to transport women without special permission."

Once in a while a driver got picked up for this offence and was usually fined \$3.00, but fine seldom collected, the whole thing usually ending in a farce. As the following case will show.

A driver was seen with a woman in the O.D. truck, fined \$3.00 but paid his fine by being kept in Camp on Sunday and told to wash windows. He washed a few windows and the very next chance he got picked up two girl hitch-hikers and it was generally known, yet he was not fined again. Why should he be fined? More of this next time.

A COMMON CITIZEN

MISS HAY JUVENILE UNIT HEAD IN GIRL SCOUT CAMP

Miss Arlene Hay left Tuesday morning for Camp Cleanox near Florence. She will be Art Director of the Girl Scouts and Juvenile Unit head. She expects to be gone for a month, and kindly promised to write

us about the camp if she could find time. This camp is supposed to be one of the best girl scout camps on the coast.

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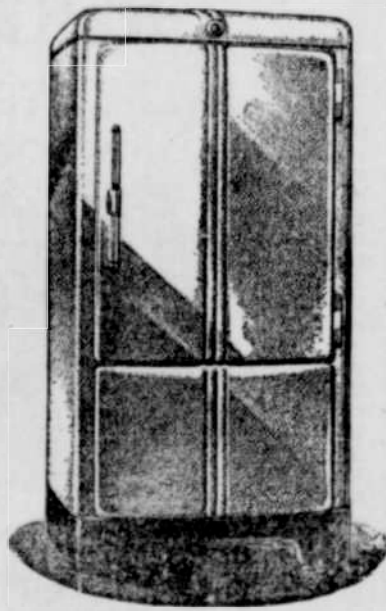
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