



THE WORLD IS THEIR WORKSHOP AND PLAYGROUND
Camp Fire Girls find pen pals all over the globe

FRIENDSHIP UNLIMITED

Camp Fire Girls Make World Their Backyard for Good Work

Vitamin pills and toys, soap and blankets have been winging their way across the seven seas for several years as gifts of Camp Fire Girls to underprivileged children in almost every land under the sun.

Warm long-distance friendships have sprung up between the American girls and young people overseas. Through the interchange of letters and gifts knowledge of the American way of life is being circulated abroad; while impressions of quaint folkways and enchanting old-world culture are filtering back to our shores.

Camp Fire Girls in Larchmont (N. Y.), learning of the plight of a 10-year-old tubercular girl in Germany, "adopted" her. Since 1948 they have been sending her monthly packages of food and clothing. Their "project" is financed from their pin money and by funds earned through their group projects.

The desperate straits of Japanese children in St. Agnes Episcopal girls' school in Kyoto stirred Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Camp Fire members to quick action. They started campaigning among their neighbors; collected blankets and other necessities and shipped them off to the Flowery Kingdom.

Two little Irish colleens in Belfast whose short lives had been fenced in by rationing were made happy through the thoughtfulness of a Brainard (Minn.) Camp Fire group. The organization's young members had been saving pennies for a Valentine party. Instead they purchased cake mix, favors, games, toys and a beautiful doll; wrapped the gifts in a gay party box and shipped them overseas. In the same Minnesota city a group of Blue Birds (Camp Fire juniors) became so fond of a little Dutch pen pal, Corry, that they have named their group the "Corry" Blue Birds.

Underprivileged children living in a camp in Valencia, France, had a delightful surprise when they opened a box containing a set of rag dolls made by Youngstown (Ohio) Camp Fire Girls. While other young people in Germany, Czechoslovakia, Australia, Greece and Switzerland will always think Reading (Pa.) is "Santa's headquarters." For it was from Camp Fire Girls in that community they received Christmas gifts during the past holiday season.

Korea to England
Cleburne (Texas) is separated from Korea by oceans and continents but it is not too distant for the hand of friendship to extend. In spite of the differences in language and customs, Camp Fire



Two Horizon Club (senior Camp Fire group) members pack a party box containing goodies, favors and games for pen pals in Europe.

Girls in that Lone Star state community have been corresponding with pen pals in Seoul.

Learning that tots in Purley, England, looked upon pencils, pens and erasers as luxuries, Camp Fire Girls in the North Hollywood, Calif., district, collected these much-prized items; packed them along with candy, jello, cheeses and hand-craft materials, and sent them off to the overjoyed English children.

As Lewiston, Idaho, Camp Fire Girls were packing party boxes



Blue Birds (Camp Fire juniors) knit an afghan for overseas relief.

filled with the ingredients of a typical American party for their pen pal group in Germany, one of the girls read aloud stories of German folklore sent by the German group.

World Friendship

A world friendship project on the wholesale scale was inaugurated by Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls and Horizon Clubbers of the San Gabriel Valley (Calif.) Area Council. The girls who live in Altadena, Arcadia, Pasadena, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre and Temple City shipped over 2,500 sweaters to children in Calais, France. Naming their project "Send a Sweater and Gain a Friend," the young people collected sweaters in good condition, labeled them and enclosed in the package a self-addressed envelope, pencil and international stamp so that new pen friendships could be established.

In Milan, Ohio, Camp Fire members received a heart-warming letter from boys and girls of the German Youth Activities in Starnberg, Germany. "We wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you have done for us and to assure you that every item is being utilized to the fullest extent. . . . It is a true picture of democracy at work. Thank you each and every one for all you have done. God bless you all and may every day be a happy day."

During the past two years Pittsfield, Mass., Camp Fire members have been corresponding with an eight-year-old invalid Welsh girl. At Christmas time the American girls prepared a lovely surprise for their pen pal—a gift box containing candy, small dolls, stuffed animals and other items.

Thousands of Camp Fire Girls across the country have participated in the CARE soap campaign. In Seattle, Wash., groups manned CARE booths, collecting soap wrappers to be redeemed for cakes of the product for overseas consumption. Saugerties, N. Y., and Reno, Nev., Camp Fire Girls also were active in the campaign.

Earn Own Money

In order to purchase food packages for friendship groups abroad, Camp Fire Girls have earned money in various ways. One Detroit, Mich., group made and sold leather coin purses, while another group in the same city baked and sold \$14.60 worth of cookies.

From coast to coast more than 300,000 Camp Fire Girls have discovered that "neighbor" does not mean only the girl next door or the boy down the road. They have found global neighbors as well—new friends unlimited by barriers of race or customs or language.



Poor Record

THE SECOND SESSION of the 81st congress thus far has made a poor record on behalf of the people. It may be that it will follow much the same pattern as the first session when it ran along for months without doing anything much, but President Truman kept pounding away until finally he came out surprisingly well with his Fair Deal program.

It is suggested that the President, in his scheduled May 15 speech at Chicago, again may lay his program on the line and tell the people. Here's what I have asked; here's what congress has done. That may act as a stimulus. One of the backward steps taken by this congress, however, was passage of the Kerr bill which takes independent gas companies from under jurisdiction of the federal power commission. Certainly these companies, which by the way include most of the big oil companies, were not after this bill to lower natural gas prices. The only alternative is that they seek increased prices for natural gas for cooking and industrial purposes from millions of users.

Ironically, Senator Kerr of Oklahoma was one of the staunch supporters of the public power issue in the first session of this congress when the congress adopted a policy of transmission of public power over publicly owned transmission lines. But the senator, himself a millionaire oil and gas producer of Oklahoma, adopted the opposite policy with reference to this natural gas bill and constituted himself a one-man lobby for its successful passage by the senate by a vote of 44 to 38.

It will be remembered that an identical bill introduced by former Sen. E. H. Moore, Republican of Oklahoma, failed to pass the 80th congress when the Republicans were in control. But in this Democratic controlled congress, a majority of 22 Republicans lined up with 16 Democrats against the bill while 28 Democrats and 16 Republicans went down the line with Senator Kerr for his one-man bill. On this measure, Democratic National Chairman William M. Boyle went on record as opposing the measure against Kerr, who is one of the angels of the Democratic party.

Proponents of the measure passed the word around they had obtained the blessing of President Truman, although it does not seem logical he would favor it if his national chairman was opposing it. It remains to be seen at this writing whether or not the President will veto the measure.

Avoid Controversy

What has happened in this second session of the 81st congress is that during the first session the Democratic leadership went ahead on more or less non-controversial measures, or those they figured they could pass and left the tough and controversial measures for the second session.

For instance, during that first session the congress passed a complete foreign policy trio of measures including the North Atlantic pact. Reciprocal trade agreements and extension of ECA. They passed a housing bill, extension of rent control, raising of minimum wages from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

The house passed the measure extending social security and increasing benefits. The congress passed the agricultural act of 1949, provided for grain storage facilities for the CCC; provided for rural telephones under REA, extension of crop insurance, increased aid to hospital construction and increased medical research; increased and expanded the atomic energy appropriation; ratified the International wheat agreement, passed a stand-by program for public works. . . .

Predictions

But this session likely will see only the extension of social security passed by the senate, a liberalized displaced persons bill and appropriation bill which will slash probably a billion and a half from the budget, slash ECA, and reduce excise taxes by approximately a billion dollars. What they may do with the other Fair Deal measures after the President's gross remarks is conjecture.

A "Probe" Congress

What this congress has been doing instead of taking care of legislation is probing everything in sight from cellar to garret. It is an investigation congress.

Here are a few of the probes that have been or are now going on; the "Commie" probe of the state department by a senate committee; house committee probe of lobbying; senate probe of food prices; house committee probe of monopoly.

MIRROR Of Your MIND

Disgust Is
Trained Feeling
By Lawrence Gould



Is the feeling of "disgust" instinctive?

Answer: No. For instance, babies will eat practically anything and savages love foods, like insects, which we regard as revolting. Disgust is a feeling we unconsciously train children to have for things and behavior which we in turn were taught to feel were repulsive. And while some such training is unquestionably necessary, we should "go slow" with it. For disgust means to a child something associated with complete rejection by his parents—the worst of all dangers. And we must be very careful not to make him feel it toward himself.



Should you always "stand up for your rights"?

Answer: No. There are too many times when it will cost you more than it's worth. It's pure wishful thinking to refuse to recognize that you are living in a world in which you cannot always get what you believe you are entitled to, or which someone "ought

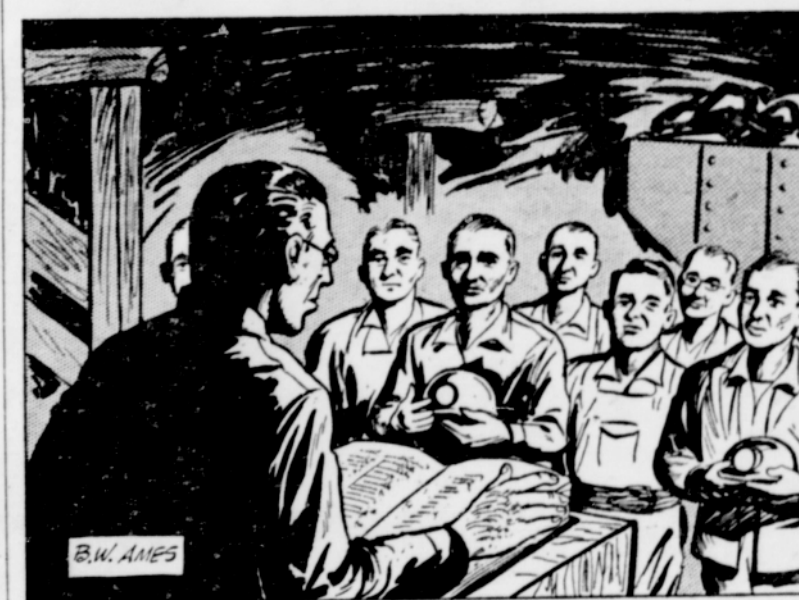
to" give you. Psychologically, your rights are the satisfactions you can fight for with a clear conscience if necessary, but that does not mean that fighting for them is in your own long-term interest. Your right to fair treatment from your boss may matter less than keeping your job.



May chronic illness of the body affect the mind?

Answer: Yes, says Dr. David C. Wilson of the University of Virginia Medical School. Just as deep emotional disturbances may bring on bodily illness, so the illness, if prolonged, may warp the patient's thinking and emotions. He may lose interest in everything but his symptoms, may unconsciously capitalize his helplessness and keep himself ill because he enjoys being taken care of, or his self-absorption may become so complete that he stops trying to adjust to the adult world and slips back to the childishness of psychosis.

LOOKING AT RELIGION



THERE IS A CHURCH IN THE BOTTOM OF A COAL MINE. FOR MANY YEARS IT HAS SERVED THE WORKERS OF THE MYNDYD MINES IN WALES.

KEEPING HEALTHY Abdominal Surgery Less Dangerous

By Dr. James W. Barton

A JOKE ABOUT DOCTORS common a few years ago was: "The operation was a success, but the patient died." We seldom hear this joke today; we know now that in such cases the pus-forming organisms had obtained too great a start before operation was performed.

Also, this was before the wonder germ-killing drugs—sulfa, penicillin and streptomycin—were discovered.

In operations on the abdominal organs—appendix, intestine, gall bladder and others—the danger is peritonitis (inflammation of the covering of the organs and of the lining of the abdomen itself).

It can readily be understood how organisms once getting a start on this moist surface could spread inflammation in all directions above, below, and sideways, so that it is only a matter of perhaps hours until the inflammation would spread beyond control and death would result.

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HEALTH NOTES

Slight infections and slight defects of the body can affect the mind and cause depression and even odd behavior.

Using an antiseptic dusting powder on the feet twice daily is a good remedy for perspiring feet.

The physician must be a good listener.

Social pressure is more influential in causing women to drink than in causing men.

Blood pressure varies within hours or even minutes. It may be high when patient is excited and low when he is calm.

Tuberculosis after the age of 45 is common.

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Stale soap lasts longer than fresh soap. Buy in advance and remove the wrappers as soon as you get home, so the air can get at the soap while it's stored.

After an ironing board cover has been washed, it should be put back on the board while damp. When it dries, it will shrink up enough to be smooth and tight.

To sprinkle clothes without spattering everything around, lay them out in the bathtub and drop the water down on them. After that, they can be rolled up and kept covered inside your washing machine until ready to be ironed.

If you prefer some commercial brand of sand-soap—especially for removing paint—and it isn't kind to your skin, add a little petroleum jelly to the soap before you use it.

If hankies and other small flat articles start doubling back over the rollers when you try to put them through the wringer, squeeze some of the water out of the front end of the hanky with your fingers first, then feed it through.

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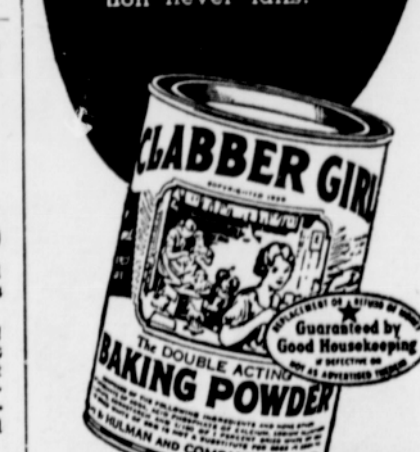
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The Organization Is 40 Years Old

Camp Fire Girls—a recreational and educational youth agency for all girls 7 to 18—celebrated its 40th birthday during March. It was founded in 1910 by Luther H. Gulick and other progressive educators to provide opportunities for enjoyable, worthwhile leisure-time activities through which all girls, regardless of race, religion or financial status, could develop their best potentialities as alert citizens and homemakers or professional women. Camp Fire Girls membership now totals more than 360,000, plus the unofficial "alumnae" group of 2.5 million.