

Conscientious Objectors

Ten Thousand Young Americans in Civilian Public Service
Serve Their Country and Prepare for Postwar Reconstruction

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Camp Elkton, Oregon, is one camp where conscientious objectors carry on "work of national importance" under civilian direction. It is administered by the American Friends Service Committee



The Civilian Public Service Program is financed by the campers and their churches, not by the government. These men are canning fruit which will be very useful during the winter season



One camper cares for the camp farm. Approximately ten thousand young Americans' religious convictions forbid their participation in the war. Included in this category are about six hundred Methodists



Daily tasks train men for work in the postwar world. Mechanics will be useful in reconstruction times



The office staff at Camp Elkton, in Oregon, is entirely composed of C.O.'s selected by the campers through a democratically organized work committee. The director (standing, right) is a young minister



Reforestation, one of the work projects at Elkton, is an attempt to preserve our natural resources



The library is a center of spare-time activity. The educational program seeks to aid men in preparing for the sort of constructive postwar living that will be in keeping with their ideals



Sunday evening brings many of the campers to the home of the director to discuss either the democratic policies of camp government or one of the many complex problems of our modern world



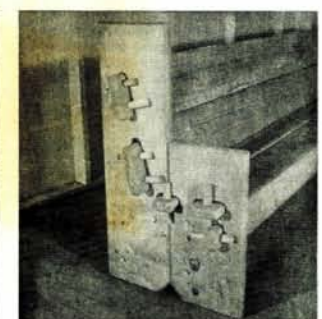
These campers are interested in co-operatives. They are making a model of the camp's co-op store. CPS men work for nothing, receive a \$2.50 monthly allowance from administering agency
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Drafting and map making are also projects of the camp. The two-million-dollar cost of the program to the present time has been borne by the voluntary contributions of interested individuals and churches
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These studious campers prepare for detached service in a mental hospital. Over 3,300, or about one-third of the total number of C.O.'s, are serving in such institutions throughout the country
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Real craftsmanship is shown in this bench made by the men to improve the chapel for their Sunday services
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