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## NEWS

TO OPEN NEW HOSPITAL UNIT IN OREGON Plans were underway this week to open a new 40-man unit under MCC administration at the veterans' hospital, Roseburg, Oregon, a mental institution. Men in western camps with less than 2½ years of service as of Dec. 1 may volunteer for this project, which may start Jan. 15. They will replace army personnel which is being removed, and the majority will work as ward attendants. The institution is described as a comparatively new one of brick, colonial style buildings. Roseburg is in the lumbering country of southwest Oregon.

OTHER UNITS CLOSING Official word has been received from Washington that the Downey, Idaho, camp will close Dec. 15 or soon after. Completion of the McCammon Dam is expected by that time. In general, the 80-odd men at Downey will transfer to base camps in the West or Midwest which are in the direction of their homes. The American Fork, Utah, hospital unit is also scheduled to close by mid-December, because of a returning labor supply. There are 13 men in this unit. Out at Hill City, S. D., the Deerfield Dam is nearing completion, and present plans call for a 50% reduction in camp personnel by Jan. 1.

### MCC DELEGATION TO TESTIFY

Opposition testimony in the hearings on peacetime military training is to be heard Dec. 3 to 15. A delegation from the MCC is scheduled to present Mennonite concerns before the House Military Affairs Committee in Washington at 10:00 A.M., Dec. 3.

BRETHREN TO CONTINUE CPS ADMINISTRATION The Brethren Service Committee will continue its administration of CPS beyond March 2, 1946, if necessary, according to the BCPS Bulletin for Nov. 16. This decision was recommended by a joint committee of CPS-Council representatives and BSC members after considerable discussion, and was described as a reversal of the trend of thought at the beginning of the meetings. The decision came about largely because of a concern "for those who would continue to be inducted into CPS past the March 2 date, and for the keeping of the door open to improved forms of alternative service in case of long-term conscription legislation." The joint committee also recommended, among other things, (1) lessening government control over CPS and (2) providing improved opportunities for service by: closing all but one or two base camps by spring; enlarging the BSC relief goods units; further attempts to get CPS men into foreign relief and individual assignments with scientific and social agencies.

NEWS SHORTS Jesse Harder, director at Camino for 1½ years, becomes regional director of the Rocky Mountain area Dec. 1, replacing David Suderman, released. Ralph Beechy, also a "free man", continues to travel in the Middle West area. . . . A petition signed by 60 Powellsville campers, recommending that MCC withdraw from CPS administration on March 2, 1946, has been received at Akron. Reasons for the recommendation were not given. . . . Erwin Goering of the Akron office and Harold Martin of Gulfport are visiting several southern states to look into possible locations for new public health units. . . . At MCC headquarters, Ray Schlichting, now released, is continuing in his position as Comptroller. Marlin Lauver of the business office also received his "paper", and has been replaced by Paul Schmidt, former director at Downey. Roy R. Miller and John E. Bender, both released, have departed for their respective homes. . . . Men in CPS who plan to enter medical school within the next year should take the next Medical Aptitude Test, to be given on December 14--see your educational director about arrangements. . . . Flash! C.O.s Sing For Sailors. A quartet from the Howard, R.I., unit sang recently at the large USO center, East Greenwich.

FIRST FOUR-YEAR SINGLE  
MEN RELEASED

Among the 70 release authorizations received at Akron this week were seven single men with four years of service. The total of MCC "systematic releases" now stands at 242. Following are authorizations received November 22 to 28:

Hardship:

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| 1. Johnson, Leonard Petter | 35  |
| 2. Kauffman, Reuben S.     | 64  |
| 3. Schumacher, Harold Paul | 117 |

Over 35, 2 yrs. service as of Oct. 15:

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|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. Geiger, Edgar Dale      | 117 |
| 2. Miller, Atlee D.        | 55  |
| 3. Nachtigall, Irver David | 86  |

Married, 4 yrs. service as of Nov. 1:

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Bartel, Donnell Willis        | 97-M-4  |
| 2. Benner, Nathan Temple         | 28      |
| 3. Birkey, Ralph Orvil           | 97-M-1  |
| 4. Bontrager, Rudy M.            | 97-M-7  |
| 5. Buller, Alvin Walter          | 5       |
| 6. Detwiler, John Russell        | 97-M-10 |
| 7. Ebersole, Paul Herman         | 97-M-28 |
| 8. Epp, Abe Jake                 | 97-M-4  |
| 9. Esch, George Frederick        | 97-M-19 |
| 10. Friesen, Alwin               | 86      |
| 11. Gaeddert, Melvin Victor      | 97-M-4  |
| 12. Goering, John Hobart         | 31      |
| 13. Habegger, Loris Aldo         | 63      |
| 14. Hartzler, Ralph Glen         | 97-M-18 |
| 15. Hershberger, Clarence Edward | 97-M-8  |
| 16. Hershberger, Clement Clark   | 71      |
| 17. Hess, David Martin           | 4       |
| 18. Hostetler, Eli T.            | 55      |
| 19. Jaberg, Robert, Jr.          | 58      |
| 20. Kauffman, Melvin Lee         | 97-M-3  |
| 21. King, Milphert               | 18      |
| 22. Koerner, Leray David         | 26      |
| 23. Krekbiel, Erwin Philip       | 18      |
| 24. Krug, Lyle Frederick         | 127     |
| 25. Landis, Raymond Richard      | 100-Pa. |
| 26. Lauver, Marlin Henry         | 3LDS    |
| 27. Leinbach, Earl Remus         | 86      |
| 28. Loopp, Henry T.              | 97-M-4  |

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| 29. Loewen, Harry Jr.         | 18        |
| 30. Martin, Charles W.        | 52        |
| 31. Martin, Harold Wayne      | 63        |
| 32. Martin, Herbert Leroy     | 24        |
| 33. Mast, Amos L.             | 18        |
| 34. Miller, Eli A.            | 97-M-20   |
| 35. Miller, Henry S.          | 77        |
| 36. Miller, Mahlon John       | 63        |
| 37. Miller, Noah A.           | 5         |
| 38. Mishler, Howard Wilson    | 97-M-16   |
| 39. Pankratz, Harrison        | 86        |
| 40. Pauls, Jacob R.           | 78        |
| 41. Peters, Gerhard Marvin    | 93        |
| 42. Petersheim, Jake L.       | 18        |
| 43. Plett, Jake J.            | 5         |
| 44. Regier, Albert V.         | 5         |
| 45. Reimer, John Milton       | 3LDS      |
| 46. Sauder, Carl Sauder       | 100-Mich. |
| 47. Schmidt, Frank Vernon     | 71        |
| 48. Schmidt, Roy Omar         | 86        |
| 49. Sherk, Ezra William       | 78        |
| 50. Stalter, Milo D.          | 63        |
| 51. Stamm, Frederick Carl     | 63        |
| 52. Strausz, Lyle Keith       | 86        |
| 53. Thompson, Kenneth Wilford | 97-M-1    |
| 54. Yoder, Crist Samuel       | 97-M-8    |
| 55. Yoder, Eli L.             | 97-M-7    |
| 56. Yoder, Melvin Junior      | 71        |
| 57. Yoder, Roy Ellsworth      | 86        |

Four yrs. service as of Nov. 15:

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|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. Gingerich, Ora S.     | 126     |
| 2. Kaufman, Elmer Lee    | 138-1   |
| 3. Moyer, Marie Elden    | 126     |
| 4. Raber, Elias M.       | 97-M-16 |
| 5. Schlabach, Loyd Edwin | 97-M-15 |
| 6. Steiner, Nathan       | 97-M-16 |
| 7. Yoder, Stephen Kore   | 126     |

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Dairy Farmer: Opportunity for man with dairy experience on dairy farm one mile from Hannibal, Mo. Living quarters: four room tenant house, furnished, electricity, firewood, milk. Also chicken house and garden plot. Begin at \$20.00 per week. WRITE K. W. Atkins, RFD #1, Hannibal, Mo., or Nelson E. Kauffman, 1417 Broadway, Hannibal, Mo.

Dairy Farmers: Beginning March 1, 1946, two men to do dairy farm work on Wayne County, Ohio, farm near Wooster. In recent years two men have shared cash income of from \$3200 to \$4000 besides house and milk. Possibility of working out share basis of lump sum payment for one year. Living accommodations, two modern houses: four rooms and six rooms. WRITE H. C. Yoder, RFD #3, Wooster, Ohio, or Aid Section.

The following openings are taken from JOB BULLETIN NO. 5. See Job Bulletin for complete list.

Automobile Business: \* CPS man in the automobile business with his father for a number of years before CPS hopes to employ up to 40 people in a similar business within six months after his discharge. \* He plans to operate the business on a profit-sharing plan (persons would be paid a salary plus a portion of the profits). He would like to correspond with men qualified as bookkeepers, stenographers, parts and accessories men, shop foremen, mechanics, body, fender, and paint men, and salesmen. WRITE B.

Tart Bell, Brethren Service Committee, 22 S. State Str, Elgin, Illinois.  
Assistant Manager and Salesman; Ephrata, Penna. Coal and Feed business; WRITE Robert C. Wenger, Ephrata, Penna.  
Photographer; portland, Oregon Experienced photographer for portrait work, permanent or temporary; possible furlough employment. WRITE Mrs. Albert Schmedier, Photo Craft Laboratories, 12th and Stark, Portland, Oregon.

#### "SERVICE FOR PEACE"

POUGHKEEPSIE Men working as attendants in mental hospitals often wonder whether their efforts are appreciated by those whom they seek to serve. They may sometimes wonder about the supposition that there is a very definite relationship between kind, patient, understanding care and the recovery of a mentally ill person, having seen few results. Concrete evidence that the type of service being rendered by many CPS attendants does bring results is found in a letter of appreciation received at MCC headquarters from a former patient at the Hudson River State Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The letter states, in part:

"Believe me, I can never repay these two (CPS attendants) and their fellow CPS man for all their kindnesses, thoughtfulness and consideration to me during my stay at the hospital. They not only tended to my physical needs but they imparted to me a renewed faith in God and did much to help me back on the road to health. They gave unsparingly of their time and made life a lot easier for me during my convalescence. I have never met a finer group of fellows, imbued with the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ. I firmly believe that I owe my miraculous recovery, to a major degree, to their kind ministrations and guidance."

#### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

A camper in one of the western camps has written us his reactions to the article, "Do CPS Men Favor A Voluntary Service Program for Peacetime?" which appeared in the October 22 issue of the Bulletin. We quote from his letter:

"The writer takes far too much for granted in his summary of CPS. He looks at only the positive aspect and fails to consider the negative. Yes, I can probably be shown many who today are better men for having been in CPS, but we must not forget the many more who have been permanently injured physically, and mentally, and what is far worse, spiritually..... To say that CPS has its advantages is totally correct but to insinuate that the same or greater benefits cannot be reaped elsewhere is an absurdity.

"If the VSP is to be an institution made up of volunteers, there will never be a VSP! However, if the wages were placed at an enticing level many would probably volunteer with the idea in mind to 'join the VSP and see the U.S.' and at the same time make good wages. So beside being unpractical it would be unworkable because the non-profit idea would have to be abandoned to even start the VSP movement at all. With a future like that staring us in the face we surely aren't going to be foolish enough to attempt to start a VSP or its equivalent!

"Although a VSP could have many practical values I think my brothers and thousands of other young men in the Mennonite church could find many better ways to spend their youth. After all, what is the home and family for? Surely we don't need camps to promote Christian idealism in our youth as Hitler did for Nazism. If we are forced to have a VSP to train our youth, it seems to me the home, the church, and the community better start a self-examination to discover why our youth aren't gaining the same advantages at home as they might gain from a so-called training and service organization like the VSP."

(We invite further comment on the idea of a voluntary service program, or on that of a post-CPS "alumni association." --Editor)

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