

CPS POPULATION LESS: The population of MCC units showed a net decrease of 567 during the last three months of 1945. There were 3,626 assignees in Mennonite CPS as of December 31 and a total of 7,369 in the entire CPS program. There were a total of 687 from MCC-CPS released during the last three months of the year. Inductions continued, with 47 for October and 26 each in November and December--a total of 99. Release of three-year service men really got under way this week, as shown by the authorizations received Jan. 10 to 16:

<u>Dependency Hardship:</u>	<u>Camp</u>		
1 Case, George Clinton	103	18 Kinsel, Waldo Emerson	117
2 Owens, Charles Lee	33	19 Krause, David	138-1
<u>Occupational Hardship</u>		20 Lehrman, Melvin Chester	126
1 Martens, Henry Paul	5	21 Linder, Ervin Louis	28
2 Mishler, Harold Keith	86	22 Martin, Titus LaVerne	69
<u>Physical Disability</u>		23 Miller, Alvin B.	18
1 Mast, Lester E.	45	24 Miller, Eli Ervin	24-4
2 Nussbaum, Marion Arnold	57	25 Neufeld, Ervin F.	63
<u>Over 35 with 2 years service by Oct. 20:</u>		26 Quiring, Elmer Henry	5
1 Becker, Joe	33	27 Rounds, Albert Nathaniel	52
<u>Over 35 with 2 yrs. service by Jan. 31.</u>		28 Schertz, Eldon Arthur	86
1 Aeschliman, John Galen	28	29 Schertz, Robert Lee	18
2 Hochstetler, William John	24-3	30 Schmidt, Clyde Earl	28
3 Lazarus, Leonard	34DS	31 Schmidt, Paul	34DS
4 Newton, Howard Leslie, Jr.	45	32 Schrock, Willard Earl	106
<u>Three years service as of April 30, 1945</u>		33 Schultz, Henry F.	18
1 Augspurger, Delmar Guy	52	34 Sprunger, Ralph Edison	52
2 Brubaker, James Metzler	63	35 Stauffer, Henry Habecker	24-1
3 Burkhart, Thurman Kilhefner	45	36 Stoner, Richard Morris	63
4 Chupp, Rudolph David	24-3	37 Strubhar, Timothy Joseph	138-2
5 Eigsti, Leroy Gayle	18	38 Smith, Vernie	69
6 Entz, Bernhard Edmond	18	39 Stuckey, Orville Dale	143
7 Epp, Pete	5	40 Stucky, Joseph	138-2
8 Esh, Amos Zook	24-3	41 Sundheimer, D. Wyman	43
9 Friesen, Cornie Z.	86	42 Thiesen, Walter	138-1
10 Gingerich, Delmar Simon	63	43 Thiessen, Emil Abel	34DS
11 Hochstetler, Isaac E.	63	44 Terkelson, Arthur Raymond	126
12 Hooley, Clarence David	63	45 Unrau, Rahlen C.	5
13 Householter, Arthur Lee	86	46 Wall, Willie Alvin	63
14 Householter, Earl Richard	86	47 Warkentin, Dietrich G.	18
15 Huber, Benjamin Landis	97-M-29	48 Weaver, Levi D.	28
16 Huebert, Arloy	18	49 Wedel, Arnold Cornelius	5
17 King, Merl David	100-Iowa	50 Yoder, David Willis	92
		51 Yoder, Floyd Franklin	138-2

WORK FOR IMPROVEMENT OF VIRGINIA INSTITUTIONS Representatives of the three service committees and the Mental Hygiene Program met with the Virginia State Hospital Board at Richmond on Jan. 10 to discuss concerns arising out of the experiences of four CPS units in Virginia mental hospitals. Robert Kreider represented the MCC. The discussions centered around two problems: (1) How to raise personnel standards in Virginia institutions and, (2) How to educate the public to the needs and problems of the institutions. The Board is recommending to the State Legislature a 37 percent budget increase for the coming two years. It is hoped that similar meetings may be held in other states which have had CPS units.

"MENNONITE LIFE" A new periodical, Mennonite Life, has made its appearance. Intended to portray the best in the religious, social, and economic phases of Mennonite culture, it contains articles by leaders from various Mennonite groups and various parts of the world, describing Mennonite life of the present and past. Numerous illustrations add to the attractiveness of the 50-page January issue. It is published semi-annually at North Newton, Kansas, and the subscription price is \$1.00 per year, or 70 cents to CPS men ordering in groups of ten or more.

RELEASE OF BRITISH C.O.'s The Friends Intelligencer for Jan. 5 contains a report from Huert W. Peet on the proposal for release of the nearly 30,000 conscientious objectors in England, none of whom have been released as yet. He says: ". . . a Bill has been introduced into Parliament, to authorize the release of conditionally registered conscientious objectors from the conditions of their registration under the National Service Act. The Bill provides for the release of conscientious objectors in groups, according to age and the length of time they have been conditionally registered. The programme of releases will be related to the Army timetable of releases. . . ." The report points out, however, that a considerable number of the 30,000 C.O.'s had been given the "conditional exemption" of staying on their present jobs. The rest did special work with government or private agencies. The report states that there were 12,000 in the non-combatant corps of the Army who will come under ordinary Army regulations. In addition to these groups, there were a few who were given complete exemption.

TEN FAVORITE CHAPTERS Results of the poll taken to determine the ten chapters in the Bible most favored by MCC-CPS men have now been compiled. Intended as a parallel to the Army poll to determine the forty favorite chapters of Army men, the CPS poll shows some interesting comparisons to the Army selections. Following are the CPS selections and the first ten Army selections, in order of preference:

CPS: Matthew 5, I Cor. 13, Psalms 23, Romans 12, Matthew 6, Romans 8, John 14, Matthew 7, John 3, Isaiah 53.

ARMY: Psalm 23, John 10, John 14, John 3, Matthew 5, Romans 12, John 1, Exodus 20, I Timothy 2, James 1.

Half of the chapters chosen by the armed forces were also chosen by CPS--Psalms 23, John 14, John 3, Matthew 5, and Romans 12--but not in the same order of preference. The chapters containing the Sermon on the Mount are all found in the CPS list. The poll would seem to indicate that the New Testament is more favored than the Old by both groups. A total of 226 different chapters from all parts of the Bible were listed by CPS men. Some of the more unusual Old Testament selections were Habakkuk, 3, Leviticus 7, II Samuel 22, and Deuteronomy 6. About forty percent of the MCC units responded to the poll.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS The turnover in staff positions continues at a rapid pace. Following are changes which have gone into effect in recent weeks:

David Ebersole, dir.	Colo. Springs	O. Wayne Book, acting educ. dir.	Three Riv.
Nick Siemens, asst. dir.	Denison	Wayne Miller, pers. sec.	Livermore
Delbert Schrag, dir.	Camino	Melvin Lauver, bus. mgr.	Puerto Rico
Susie Schmidt, dietitian	Camino	Mrs. Lloyd Rodgers, matron	
Willard Gaddert, dir.	Ft. Collins		dietitian New Raymer
Sturgis Miller, asst. dir.	Ft. Collins	Ruth Smucker, dietitian	Powellville
Herman Leichty, bus. mgr.	Belton	Don Jones, educ. dir.	Marlboro
Mrs. Willard Unruh, diat.	Belton	Ivan Bachman, asst. dir.	Wernersville
		Arthur Weaver, asst. dir.	Union Grove

Two additional CPS men have been selected as replacements for the Puerto Rico unit and left Miami this week for their new assignments. They are John Martin of the Poughkeepsie unit and Lawrence Greaser of Ypsilanti.

NOTES FROM THE EDUCATION OFFICE Rudolph Marek of Chicago, a former Catholic and now a minister in the Mennonite Church, will tour eastern and southern MCC units. He will speak on "How I found peace and why I joined a Peace Church." . . . Al Bohrer, back from Puerto Rico, will visit a number of units. A number of ex-CPS men are enrolled in Mennonite colleges. . . Those who expect to enter college next fall should write to the college of their choice immediately about room reservations. . . While colleges of the U.S. are planning to use everything from Quonset Huts to trailers to house returning veterans, the most unusual idea comes from Ohio, where Marietta College is investigating the possibility of placing house boats on the Ohio River as a solution to the problem.

SERVICE FOR PEACE

JAUNDICE EXPERIMENT

(Continuing our series of articles describing significant services performed by CPS men, we present a description of the jaundice experiment now about to be concluded in Philadelphia. It is written by Wallace Fisher, Mennonite CPS man, who served as a "guinea pig" in the experiment.)

CPS Unit No. 140 (an experiment on infectious hepatitis) was started about two years ago under the Office of the Surgeon General. It is being conducted in a fraternity house on the University of Pennsylvania Campus, with the unit under the administration of the AFSC.

The reason for this experiment is that heretofore little was known on the causes and treatment of hepatitis (commonly known as jaundice). During the present war jaundice has caused more deaths and more days lost than any other malady. Several years ago there was an epidemic in a summer camp near Philadelphia in which 350 of the 372 persons in the camp were stricken with jaundice. At the time of this epidemic, fifty CPS men volunteered to serve as guinea pigs to try every conceivable method of contracting jaundice. Some of them swallowed sewage, some drank contaminated water, and some received injections. From these experiments it has been proven that jaundice (a virus disease) is carried by drinking water and it is very doubtful whether the common purification methods used by our cities will kill the virus.

At the present time an experiment is being conducted on twenty men in an effort to find a simple and practical method to purify water for our cities. Before the men are inoculated they are given rigid physical examinations and several weeks of blood tests. The men are inoculated by each drinking one gallon of water in a period of eight hours. Some of the men were given contaminated water and others the same water which had undergone various purification methods. At present the men are isolated in groups in different sections of the building. They are not allowed to leave their section of the building except to go out for walks. When going for walks they are not allowed to mingle with people or go in crowded sections of the city. Men who are taken sick are confined to their beds for one to four weeks and it takes from four to eight weeks to fully recover from the disease.

The men will be isolated for a period of two or three months and therefore have a good deal of spare time. At present their main duties are taking their own temperatures four times daily and giving blood twice a week. The remainder of the time is spent in reading, studying, letter writing, and craft work.

C P S L I N G O

Remember the day you entered CPS (think hard, boys) and how one of the things you noticed first and which you hadn't expected was the CPS slang bandied about by the old-timers? About that time, you began to realize that a CPS camp was a world of its own and as such had a language all its own. Each camp at different periods in its history had its own by-words, some of which were known in other camps, and some weren't. I suppose if all of them were gathered together in one place along with their meanings at different times and places, it would make quite an interesting collection. However, since Selective Service isn't likely to approve anyone for this bit of research, we propose to publish some of these gems in the

Bulletin. We invite contributions from readers of the Bulletin--in fact, we're depending on you! Here's a sample to start the ball rolling:

BRIER. In the old days of No. 8 at Marietta, Ohio, (and possibly in other camps too) everyone in camp was a "brier." (Yes, even the Director). The way we heard it, this term was not original with CPS, but was borrowed from the "brier country" of the East and South--the mountains and foothills of the Appalachians which abound with the prickly plants and where any rough and ready character from back in the hills is known as a "brier." So it was brier this and brier that, or "You old brier you!" And if, like Otis Grogan, you hailed from the deep South, you pronounced it "briah."

SUPPLEMENT

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

An increased interest in the mentally ill of our own church groups has been one outgrowth of the wartime service of CPS men in state institutions. As reported in last week's Bulletin, the MCC-appointed mental hospital study committee found that there were about 1500 mentally ill and mentally deficient persons in Mennonite and Brethren in Christ groups. From the committee's report, it appears that it will be some time before the church can establish mental institutions of its own to care for these unfortunate ones of our own number. In the meantime, there may be ways in which CPS men who have had experience in mental institutions can help to meet this problem. We invite your careful consideration of the proposal given below.--Editor

Dear Brother,

My son is to be released from the mental hospital at _____ next month. The doctor tells us that he is greatly improved, almost completely cured. He says that John needs to find a good healthful occupation and some friendly young people so that his cure can be complete and lasting. My wife and I are old, have no job to offer John, and cannot give him the care he needs.

I know that many of our good Mennonite young men have been in CPS units at mental hospitals the last few years. It occurs to me that one of these men might be able to take care of John in just the right way. Certainly farm work in a good Mennonite home and community would be just what the doctor ordered.

Can you put me in touch with a person who might serve God and fellowmen by helping me in this situation?

Yours in His Service,

J _____ L. B. _____

Have you a reply to such a letter? A few such letters have already been written, and many more will be written if the word gets around that there are former CPS men with experience in mental hospitals available for this kind of service. Not all persons needing care will be young nor just out of hospitals. All types of people needing many different kinds of care are included in the 1500 mentally ill or mentally deficient people who are members of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ church groups. Some people would pay for care; others would earn their way; many might benefit.

Do you think you might, under circumstances which you could designate and control, care for one of these needy people after release from CPS? If so, you might well be the answer to devout prayers of puzzled families and a balm to troubled minds and spirits.

Think this over. Consider it seriously. Then, write to Frank Wright, Mental Hygiene Program, Box 7574, Philadelphia 4, Pa., or to the Hospital Section, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa., and give your reactions and thoughts on the subject. Send your response right away.