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OFF AGAIN There seemed to be agreement this week at both Akron and Washington that
ON AGAIN the final and official closing date at Medaryville would be March 31. It is understood that campers at No. 28 are keeping their fingers crossed concerning this most recent announcement, the third one on Medaryville closing within the past few weeks. Indications are, however, that this is "the real thing." Selective Service has also approved the closing of Grottoes and Colorado Springs by April 15. Closing of these three camps will bring to seven the number of MCC base camps closed since demobilization began.

POUGHKEEPSIE UNIT TO Due to the availability of male attendants from the ranks of
CLOSE THIS MONTH the regular labor supply, it has been decided to conclude the Poughkeepsie, N.Y. hospital unit by March 25. The hospital continues to be in dire need of women attendants, however. Eight of the twelve men remaining at Poughkeepsie will transfer to other hospital units. This unit, which opened as a relief training unit April 1, 1945, received considerable publicity for its part in exposing attendant practices at the Hudson River State Hospital.

MORE CPS MEN, EX-CPS MEN Nineteen CPS men and former CPS men were among those
APPOINTED FOR RELIEF WORK appointed for relief work at the meeting of the Executive Committee on March 2. Of these, two are CPS men slated for transfer to Puerto Rico, and seventeen are released men who will go to foreign fields. Seven are scheduled to become members of the proposed Builders' and Transport Unit in Europe. Following are the CPS appointees:

Puerto Rico

Ira D. Good, Ypsilanti

Mervin D. Nafziger, Ypsilanti

Holland

Charles Cocanower, Jr., Elkhart, Ind.

Builders' Unit, Europe

Arthur Egli, Los Angeles, Calif.

Joe Schrock, Arthur, Ill.

Roland V. Lehman, Versailles, Mo.

Samuel Yoder, Topeka, Ind.

Paul Good, Bainbridge, Pa.

Paul L. Ruth, Chalfont, Pa.

Enos A. Bontrager, Haven, Kansas

Italy--Boyd Nelson, Ellsworth, Minn.

Ethiopia

Dorsa J. Mishler, Shipshewana, Ind.

China

Harold Wik, Norbeck, S. Dakota

William Ewert, Bingham Lake, Minn.

Wilbert Lind, Lebanon, Oregon

Ralph I. Sommer, Pandora, Ohio

India--Menno Diener, Wellman, Iowa

Paraguay

Edwin Schmidt, Montezuma, Kansas

Vernon Neuschwander, Lebanon, Oregon

SUMMER SERVICE Voluntary Summer Service Units of about twenty-five members each
UNITS ANNOUNCED will be held this summer at Norristown, Pennsylvania, Howard, R.I., Cleveland, Ohio hospital units and a unit of ten at the Gulfport, Mississippi public health unit. The units will be open for both men and women and will run for ten weeks beginning June 4. Special courses of study will be conducted at the hospital units during off-hours. The areas of study have been tentatively designated as follows: Norristown, recreational leadership; Howard, relief training; and Cleveland, young people's church work. At Gulfport, the spare-time emphasis will be on religious and recreational work in the community.

NEBEL LEAVES Farewell services were held at Akron headquarters on March 9 for Dale
FOR CHINA Nebel, former North Fork director, who was scheduled to embark from Houston, Texas, for Shanghai, China, on March 12. Dale is to join other MCC workers in relief work in Honan Province, China.

OHIO MENTAL HYGIENE Representatives of the Ohio Mental Hygiene Association, the Men-
MEETING MARCH 26 tal Hygiene Program of CPS, the religious agencies, and NSBRO

will meet in Columbus on March 26 to consider ways and means of improving conditions in Ohio mental institutions. The Ohio Mental Hygiene Association was organized on November 23, 1945, with D. R. Sharpe as the interim chairman, and has been instrumental in organizing local Citizens Committees on Mental Health in an effort to secure a modern mental health program for Ohio. The initial objectives are:

1. To stimulate the development of receiving hospitals and mental hygiene clinics.
2. To increase salaries of institutional workers, especially attendants.
3. To educate the public on the nature of mental illness.
4. Adequate facilities for veterans with psychiatric difficulties.
5. Care of children with emotional and mental problems.

VACANCIES IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS Due to releases, there are openings at the two Farm and Community Schools at Lincoln Units 1 and 2, and the Christian Workers' School at Clearspring, Maryland. These schools offer special opportunities for spare-time study in the fields of rural community and Christian work. At all three places, the project work is soil conservation. Applicants should keep in mind that the 100 mile rule still applies, and that SS is reluctant to transfer a man further from his home. Full details may be found in a memo sent out this week by the education office.

CPS LINGO

"Pretty Common." This one has made the rounds at a number of the camps. As most CPS men know, it is an expression of disapproval, disapprobation, and animadversion applied to everything from the way the director combs his hair to the latest directive from Selective Service. As one man puts it, "If releases don't come through, it's pretty common. If the coffee is too strong (or too weak) it's pretty common. And if a bed is dumped, it's a pretty common trick." Taken in another sense, that last statement strikes us as being uncommonly true!

NEWS SHORTS. J. N. Byler, Director of Relief, is now visiting the Puerto Rico unit and is to assist in the dedication of the new chapel on March 17. . . . Col. Kosch, head of the Camp Operations Division of SS paid his first visit to the MCC headquarters on March 13. His visit also included the Ephrata clothing center and relief food warehouses at Silver Springs and Smoketown, Pennsylvania.

REPLACEMENT NEEDED. CPS man wanted to transfer to the Akron office to serve as secretary in Education Office. Must have knowledge of typing, shorthand, and general office procedure.

FIRST RELEASES IN MARCH GROUP RECEIVED This week's list of releases includes the names of twelve fathers of one child, who will have completed three years of service by March 31, 1946, and fifty-eight men who completed three years of service by September 30, 1945, both of which are new groups eligible for release in March. Releases from MCC-CPS since October 1 now total 1,453. Following are the authorizations received at Akron March 7 to 13:

Dependency Hardship	Camp		
1 Williams, Menno B.	18	10 Schmidt, Leonard Reuben	18
<u>Occupational Hardship</u>		11 Wedel, Harvey Reed	44
1 Miller, Menno A.	52	12 Wiggers, Allen Ardel	143
<u>Over 35 with Two Years Service</u>		<u>3 Yrs. Service as of September 30, 1945</u>	
1 Bonner, Robert W.	34DS	1 Ackerman, Frank Vercler	28
<u>Father of 2 Children, 2 Yrs. Service</u>		2 Bixler, Milo L.	58
1 Umble, Roy Herman	34DS	3 Boyer, John William	86
<u>Father of 1 Child, 3 Yrs. Service</u>		4 Bucher, Roy Carper	58
1 Beechy, John M.	28	5 Buller, Victor David	43
2 Colclasure, William Robert	28	6 Clemons, James Rittenhouse	45
3 Dorstino, Samuel Nyce	45	7 Cocanower, Charles Laverne, Jr.	18
4 Engle, Royce Allen	28	8 Culp, Lester Irvin	24-4
5 Fast, Marvin	55	9 Eckel, Ora Dale	45
6 Miller, Sanford	143	10 Ediger, Elmer M.	34DS
7 Neuenschwander, Edward Leon	18	11 Epp, Carl H.	43
8 Nightengale, Herman	18	12 Ewert, Wilbur Arnold	123
9 Roth, Leo John	33	13 Garig, Lester Clifford	18
		14 Gingerich, John, Jr.	28

3 Yrs. Service as of Sept. 30, 1945, Cont'd.

15 Gingerich, Willard A.	18	37 Schmidt, Eldo Walter	96
16 Glanzer, Jacob E.	18	38 Schmidt, Ernest Henry	18
17 Graber, Ora A.	18	39 Schmucker, Carl F.	45
18 Guengerich, Paul Thomas	45	40 Schwartz, Amos	18
19 Hofer, Andrew S.	33	41 Smucker, Cletus Sears	28
20 Hofstetter, Leland	143	42 Smucker, Daniel Stoltzfus	24-3
21 Horning, George Sylvan	45	43 Smucker, Roy William	34DS
22 Hostettler, John Andrew	34DS	44 Souder, Russell Landis	142
23 Keller, Norman A.	58	45 Stahl, Chris John	33
24 King, Olen	58	46 Steffy, John Anthony	45
25 Lanbright, Harvey J.	24-3	47 Stoltzfus, Gideon M.	44
26 Lapp, Christ B.	24-3	48 Stutzman, Jake J.	18
27 Leinbach, Maurice E.	18	49 Swartzendruber, Joseph Paul	44
28 Link, John August	143	50 Vance, Clyde	34 (BSC)
29 Martin, Clarence Bowman	45	51 Weaver, Luke Lichti	34 (BSC)
30 Miller, Henry R.	24-4	52 Weaver, Menno Wenger	52
31 Nikkel, Harold John	125	53 White, Jasper James	23
32 Norris, Milburn Otis	18	54 Wiggers, Arverd Robert	143
33 Penner, Fred P.	142	55 Wollmann, Samuel S.	33
34 Regier, Ruben	18	56 Yoder, Wayne Ray	58
35 Richer, Orville Edwin	28	57 Zehr, Eugene Amos	86
36 Rupp, Glenn Dale	44	58 Zimmerman, Elmer E.	45

MUTUAL AID PLANS

With this issue we conclude our descriptions of the mutual aid plans of the various conference groups. Any questions about a particular conference plan should be directed to the aid section representative of that conference or to the Mennonite Aid Section of the MCC, Akron, Pennsylvania.

Conservative Amish Mennonite. Each congregation looks after its own men. If a man's DSR indicates a need for aid, the aid section representative takes up the matter with the local Bishop or church. Such cases as cannot be handled in this way are worked out individually with the aid section representative, Elmer Swartzendruber, Wellman, Iowa.

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren. This conference has made the following recommendation to all of its churches: that each CPS man upon release receive \$7.50 a month for every month of service, plus

\$5.00 a month for every dependent child for the time such child has been dependent during the period of CPS service. "We believe that this would be in line with Galatians 6:2 and 10." The aid section representative is David Regier, Mt. Lake, Minn.

Central Conference. The aid section representative, Harry Yoder, Carlock, Illinois, sends each discharged CPS man a letter requesting information as to his needs. Each case is handled individually by either the aid section representative or the conference field secretary.

J O B O P P O R T U N I T I E S

Instructors Two instructors needed at the Meade Bible Academy. Good salary. Ability to teach Bible and general academic subjects. WRITE Dave J. Classen, Meade, Kansas.

Farmer Experienced CPS farmer interested in farming 100 acres with approximately 80 acres under cultivation. One-half of the livestock and one-half of all seed and fertilizer will be furnished as will also one-half of the gasoline and oil costs of a tractor. Farmer would need to supply the farm machinery and draft animals if such were used. Previous farmer has late model tractor and some livestock for sale. WRITE Carl M. Lehman, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio.

Vegetable Farmer Experienced CPS man to help on 125 acre truck farm, prevailing wages for a suitable man, board and room or house furnished, married man preferred, necessary be experienced with farm machinery and maintenance, no livestock. WRITE W.C. Martin, Route 2, Orrville, Ohio.

- Farmer-Butcher Helper Opportunity for single man to care for a vineyard, strawberry patch, and truck garden. Also help in slaughtering hogs part time. No experience needed. Mennonite community. State wages expected. WRITE Solomon G. Gehman, Route 1, Barto, Pennsylvania.
- Dairy Farmer Permanent position on Virginia dairy farm for either single or married man. Mennonite community. Prevailing wage. WRITE Joe H. Wenger, Norge, Virginia.
- Farmer Single man, 200 acre dairy farm, general dairy and farming duties. Wages \$75 plus room, board, and laundry. Mennonite community. WRITE S. G. Yoder, Route 1, Kent, Ohio.
- Farmer Single man, 100 acre farm, dairying and general farm work, ability operate tractor and general farm machinery, good wages. Mennonite community. WRITE J. J. Stoltzfus, Elverson, Pennsylvania.
- Farmer Married, tenant house, modern conveniences, dairy farming, prevailing wage plus house, milk, etc., needed after April 1. WRITE Ben Bushong, Route 2, Columbia, Pennsylvania.

LETTER FROM HOLLAND

This letter from a leader in the youth organization of the Mennonite church, Aalsmeer, Holland, gives a little picture of Mennonite life in Holland and of some hopes and desires growing out of the war experience.

Aalsmeer, (Holland), December 24

Dear Friend,

With great interest and gladness I received your letter of December 11. I hope we'll hear soon from you again. Also the pamphlet about CPS was very interesting. Parts of your letter and some parts of that pamphlet will be published in our youth paper, "Torch."

One of the reasons our interest in Mennonite things in America and Canada is so great and warm is the following: In Holland is our Mennonite life and church no more so much "Mennonite" as it used to be. Great typical Mennonite things as "non-resistance" "soberness in the way of living" etc. we have lost and the typical Mennonite accent in our life and church and institutions has gone away, so that there is not much difference between us and other protestants. . . . Now in the last five years of war and cruelty and terrible hunger and death and sorrow we have learned all again what it means to bear arms, what war means. These five years have whipped us back to the centre of the Gospels. But now there is a strong and burning movement, among our young men and women especially, that wants to accept again the old principles of our fathers. Among us, in our Aalsmeer youth movement there is very much written and spoken about these things. Perhaps you can understand how we, young people, were gladly surprised when we heard about your attitude in war-time. I hope it may be so that our Mennonite church in Holland will now stand upon the threshold of a new future, and that God will give us strength and love to stay so warm and close to Jesus and to the Gospels as the terribleness of these five years have brought us.

I'll try to get as soon as possible a sort of article ready for you about our youth movement in Holland. I hope to receive soon an article from you about all things concerning Mennonite life in America. I'll do my best to tell you also much about our trials in war-time and about the spiritual struggle of these years. Hoping that the fellowship between us and our brethren over the Atlantic will be strong and pure, and that it may help to build the Kingdom of God,

I am very sincerely yours in Christ,

Johan Hilverde