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## THE WESTON WINDOW

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\*\*\*A VICTORY ISSUE\*\*\*

### MR. LAPIDUS RESIGNS

Popular Educational Adviser  
Leaves Camp To Teach School  
in Dorchester, Massachusetts



Mr. Joseph Lapidus

Our Educational Adviser, Mr. Joseph Lapidus, who has been teaching classes here at camp for the past 15 months has resigned to teach school at the Marthar Grammar School in Dorchester. He will teach the 7th and 8th grades. "Joe" will be missed by the boys as he was always taking an active interest in all camp activities. Although he labored under several handicaps he had a good program for the boys at all times. It was through his efforts that the new schoolhouse was erected. We all wish him best of luck!!

### WEST RIVER BASKETEERS MAKE HISTORY BY WINNING TWO GAMES IN ROW — FIRST VICTORY SINCE CAMP WAS ORGANIZED IN 1933 GAINED BY DRUBBING B.R. ACADEMY AT LUDLOW 40-28 !!!

### WEST RIVER WILDCATS ALSO DEFEAT PERU LEADERS IN HECTIC GAME 58-30!!

Playing a wonderful brand of ball, the West River Wild-Cats hit their stride after three years of defeats and emerged victorious in two contests. The first win was at Ludlow on Wednesday evening, February 26, when they downed the Black River Academy to the tune of 40 to 28. The Black River five were the runners up in the Junior Championship Tourney for High Schools of Vermont and they put their first team on the floor for the first time this season in the Ludlow League.

From the first whistle our boys started on a rampage and they didn't let up until the final whistle blew ending the contest. Captain "Hank" Mansfield led the scoring by annexing 13 points. He was closely followed by "Popeye" Strozzi who sank five baskets and one fouls shot accounting for 11 points. "Larry" Tallon played a fine game at guard and tallied six points in the bargain. "Johnny" Dunn surprized the fans (Please turn to the Sport Page)

# SPORT PAGE



Captain H.J. Mansfield.

West River Wins Two Games In A Row!

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by playing a fine defensive game in guard position and scoring 5 points. "Blondy" Burton was in good form and popped two long ones besides sinking a foul shot. "Smokey" Koloski was also in top shape and played a great game amounting for 5 points which brought the total up to 40 points.

The game was well attended and many boys from the camp were there to cheer the team on to victory.

After playing the game Wednesday and working all day Thursday our iron men trekked way down to the town of Manchester to play Peru C.C.C. Team and they piled up 50 points against Peru's 28 to emerge the victors in a hectic battle. At the half our boys were behind by nine points but they returned to the floor with determination to win and baskets were scored from all angles.

The surprise performance of the evening was the fine game played by FITZPATRICK who was superb in both his passing and shooting. This led tallied 13 points. His foul line shooting was perfect making five out of five attempts.

Captain Mansfield was again high scorer with 16 points to his credit. Strozzi played a great game and he made 12 points. Dunn played another fine game and earned eight points beside playing a nice defense game. Taillon was handicapped by being without his eye guard but he scored 7 points and played good defense.

## BOX SCORE

West River versus Peru C.C.C.

Strozzi L.F.	12	Hayes R.G.	14
Fitzpatrick R.F.	13	Botkis L.G.	2
Mansfield C.	16	Milse C.	4
Dunn B.G.	8	Boadman L.F.	6
Taillon L.G.	7	Denmore R.F.	4
Briere	2	Suthki	0
Total	58	Total	30

## Casualties Feature Peru Game !!

Many minor injuries were sustained by members of our team in the game with Peru.

Captain "Hank" Mansfield was knocked unconscious in a collision with two Peru players in a try to gain possession of a free ball.

Strozzi injured his leg and sprained his left thumb; the first in a collision with Mansfield and the second by bumping a Peru man.

Fitzpatrick was dazed when he was struck in the face by the ball which Taillon had passed to him.

Dunn escaped serious injury when he fell against the radiator.

This opportunity to speak to you all reminds me of one of the most famous of French short stories—no, it's not the kind that you'll find in a Spicy Detective Magazine. The name of the story is "The Last Class." The time is near the close of the Franco-Prussian war in 1871; the general is about to take the captured province of Alsace, near the German border.

The story is being told by one of the school boys of the town and expresses his feeling upon realizing that his town has been lost. For several years the boy has been going to school, but in that carefree manner known to most school boys.

The morning of the incident finds him late, for he has stopped to try his luck at fishing. As he approaches the school he notices a strange quietness. He hurries into the building through the rear door.

Seated in the room are many of the townspeople gathered there to listen to the schoolmaster. A notice on the bulletin board has informed them that from that day on the German language was to be the only one taught in the schools of the captured province.

The youngster is amazed to hear the news. He feels heartbroken to think that he has failed to take the opportunity to learn the mother-tongue, the language of his parents and his grand-parents. The old schoolmaster goes through what is for him his last lesson, after thirty years of teaching French in the province. He can no longer teach French there, he must go to some other part of France.

In some ways, this talk may be termed my last class here in camp. I have been here many months, trying to have many of you realize that there is good to be gained from increased knowledge and vocational skill. In the beginning the physical facilities were not good and it was

a very difficult task. However even increased facilities have failed to lure many of you to the classroom or to some other activity. It may be that you're too smart to have room for any further knowledge or increased ability; however I have some very serious doubts about that.

The chief cause of failure in life is laziness; nothing else. Most of you have average intelligence, but you do not have the necessary will-power to develop it. You look about you and see college graduates working at petty tasks for small pay and you say what's the use of going to studying; however, there are plenty of college graduates who are holding down excellent jobs and when conditions improve trained men will undoubtedly get the better jobs. It has been proven many times that if you have the training, under normal conditions, the chances favor your success. But you don't care to train yourself, for training means more work and you'd rather do as little of that as possible. It's a dangerous way of living.

Many of you are going to leave the CCC in the near future. You may obtain work. If you do obtain work, you are fortunate. Even if you do obtain work keep on improving yourself so that when somebody above you steps aside you'll be ready to fill his place. If YOU can't do it someone else will. And the only way to fill his place is to train for it.

Back in the city there are many opportunities for study, especially in the larger cities. Are you going to go back to the corner pool-rooms or are you going to find a library, a trade

school or any other school  
to continue your study.

There are members of this organization who have been stamped into the library. It is almost unbelievable, but it is true. The library does not contain all the books that it should have, but there are some books there that can prove helpful. It's about time that you learned to use the library here and elsewhere.

Some of you think that the only hard work done in this world is done with muscles. It may surprise some of you to learn that there is such a thing as mental fatigue. Most of you will never get it, for you are too lazy mentally, and if you do not snap out of it in a hurry you are going to that way for the rest of your lives.

Thinking should be developed with reading but it is rarely done in the public schools. Most of us read without thinking. Stop every once in a while and ask yourself what is this writer driving at; who is the writer; what is his background, what do I think of his writing, and many other questions.

Then discuss the things you've read with others. Learn to get up on your feet and give your opinions in a clear, understandable manner. Careless sloppy speech usually reflects weakness in general character. Slant has its place but the constant use of it weakens it. If you shout all the time people will pay no heed to your shouting; if you use slant and curse all the time, people will put you in the class of those who use that kind of language because they know no other.

Many of you are so afraid of your own shadow that when an idea does get in your head, you're afraid to carry it out. If this is so wrong you are afraid to go to the proper authorities and offer your complaint criticism or suggestion. You are afraid that you will be labelled an agitator. Forget it. The only progress made

on the face of this earth has been due to agitators; yes, revolutionaries, agitators, in government, science and industry. Don't you think that Christ was an agitator? If you don't, go back and read your Bible. And wasn't Washington a revolutionist?

I might tell you of an incident that occurred while I was in my last year at the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University. At that time, in 1929, there was only one fellowship offered by the University to graduates. Among the conditions was the following: "for students of positive Christian character". You all know that I am Jewish. I did want an opportunity to try for that fellowship but it seemed out of the question. However I did not let the matter drop; after hearing the conditions I went to the Dean and asked him whether I was eligible for the fellowship. He thought awhile and answered that he saw no reason why a young man of Jewish faith could not have "positive Christian character". However, he had to refer his opinion to his committee in charge of the fellowship. The committee decided that he was correct and permitted me to file an application. All the members of the faculty vote on the applications; I did not receive the award. The fellowship was not available again for two years. I asked the Dean if it was possible to make an application after once having been turned down. He said that he had never heard of it but he took it up and found out that there would be no objections so I applied a second time in Jan. 1931. In Feb. I left for France. In March 1931 I received a cablegram informing me I had been awarded the fellowship.

(Ed. Note This speech by Mr. Joseph Lapidus will be concluded in the next issue due to the lack of space here)

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## THAT IS LIFE !!

Against many discouraging odds, our  
basket-ball team came through with  
two consecutive wins, clear-cut  
and fairly played. That is life!!

W. W. Ball  
Lt. USNR.,  
Commanding.

## DO YOU DESERVE TO BE A MEMBER ?

There are many men in camp who  
are under the impression that if  
they do a good days work out in the  
field for the Forest Service that  
they have done all that is re-  
quired of them for that day and if  
they do a good days work every day  
they will be members in good stand-  
ing. **HOW WRONG THEY ARE!**

Of course every man must do an  
honest days work whether he is out

out in the field or whether he  
works around camp. But it does  
not end there. There are many,  
many more factors which enter  
into the make-up of camp life.  
Seemingly little trifles such  
as getting up on time for reveille,  
washing for breakfast, having  
neatly made bunk, keeping oneself  
appearing clean and neat are just  
as important as doing a good job.  
You must do a good job in camp as  
well as in the field.

Members who do not show a spirit  
of cooperation are not worthy of  
membership in the C.C.C. Grubblers  
are not wanted. Agitators are not  
wanted.

The men who ARE wanted in this  
camp are the members who realize  
that they have here an opportunity  
and who appreciate that chance to  
be a worthy member and be a help  
and not a hindrance to camp ac-  
tivities. We want men here who are  
going to help us better this camp  
in ALL ways.

It is up to every individual to  
do his own part. You know whether  
or not you deserve to be a member  
of this camp, BUT, so do OTHERS.

## A FEW NICK-NAMES OF POPULAR MEN

VEZINA.....WIMPY  
FURBISH.....STEP & FETCH IT  
STOLAR.....SLEEPEYE  
McLAUGHLIN.....GOLDIE  
ROCCO.....GOONIE  
GALASSO.....CHARLIE CHANN  
CHAPLIN.....SLAVEY  
STROZZI.....WHAT A MAN  
WHALEN.....POP  
TANGLEY.....CREEPIN NOSE

## POPULAR SONGS POPULAR SONGS

"It's Building Up to an  
awful let-down".....Tailon  
"Goody-Goody".....Berns Again  
"I Don't Know Your Name".....Hash  
"Please Believe Me".....U owe me 5¢  
"What's the Name of  
that Song?".....The Music Goes Round  
"I'm Sitting High On  
a Hill Top".....Mac up the Morgue  
"I Feel Like A Feather  
in the Breeze".....J.....Vezina.