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# BASS RIVER LOG

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## BOUTS AT MANAHAWKIN DRAW BIG CROWD

Manahawkin, May 9. - Bristling action, clever boxing, and fine sportsmanship marked the fights held last night at the National Hotel in Manahawkin. They were held under the auspices of Father Placid Hennessey, visiting priest to many CCC camps in this section, and the proceeds are used for charitable purposes.

The contests were witnessed by an enthusiastic audience of 500, which voiced its approval of the scraps by loud applause. Among the interested spectators were Scrator Camp of New Jersey, who delivered a short address of welcome, Judge Leary, of Toms River, Dr. Willis, Mr. I. Hirshblond, Manager, Traco Theatre, Toms River, Mr. Norman Bitzer, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitson.

The fights in the order of their appearance, and the results are listed below. They were all scheduled for three rounds, and the judges' verdicts were decisions unless otherwise indicated.

- Pen, 116, Waretown vs. Friel, 118, Tuckerton. - Draw.
- Leadbeater, 125, Camden, vs. Lambert, 127, Blackwood. Winner - Lambert.
- Heinrich, 136, Toms River vs. Trainer, 138, Manahawkin. Winner - Heinrich.
- Masked Marvel, 148, Lakewood, vs. Martin, 144, Parkertown. - Draw.
- Carr, 156, New York, vs. Hartfelder, 154, Honolulu, Winner - Hartfelder.
- Jacquin, 155, Point Pleasant, vs. Brown. Winner - Jacquin.
- Ruzzo, 144, Lakehurst, vs. Nolan, 146, Toms River. Winner - Ruzzo.
- Denner, 160, Philly, vs. Pharo, 167, Tuckerton. Winner - Pharo; by technical K. O. Denner failed to time a knockdown, and was declared out by the referee.
- Gatti, Toms River vs. Agnolia, Toms River. This was a sparring exhibition.

The next set of bouts will be held at the hotel on May 23, at 8:30 P. M.

## CAMP S-55 RATED FIRST IN DISTRICT

This camp has been rated first in the district for the month of April, 1935. The district rating is obtained by the inspecting officers, who visit the various camps throughout the month. This is an enviable record and can be retained only by cooperation of all the men.

The detailed ratings are as follows, in the order of their standing: Co. 225, Bass River, 92.4%; Co. 242, Woodbine, 92.1%; Co. 265, Mays Landing, 91.6%; Co. 1202, Greenbank, 91.4%.

## INDIVIDUAL RATINGS TO BE GIVEN

The Forestry Dept., under the direction of Supt. Risley, has been rating each crew as to efficiency for the past few weeks. Now the Forestry foremen have been instructed to rate each member of his crew. The four highest rated men of each crew will be rewarded with a trip of special interest each month. This system is certain to meet the approval of every man in the company. The results will be published in the camp paper.

The individual members will be rated upon:

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Knowledge-----                  | 20  |
| 2. Willingness to work-----        | 20  |
| 3. Quality and amount of work----- | 20  |
| 4. Initiative-----                 | 20  |
| 5. Character-----                  | 20  |
| Total points                       | 100 |

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**SAFETY TIP**

MAKE SURE YOUR MATCHES AND CIGARETTES ARE OUT BEFORE THROWING AWAY!!!

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# EDITORIALS

## BASS RIVER LOG

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Mr. W. I. Risloy, Camp Supt.  
Mr. T. W. Booth, Ed. Adviser.

## AHOY MATES!

In behalf of the entire organization, it becomes our pleasure once again to extend greetings to the new members who have recently arrived in camp.

You are embarking on the good ship "S-55" for a cruise into new waters. It is a fine craft with an outstanding reputation of excellence. The Commanding Officer aboard is the experienced and able leader. His bridge is Headquarters, and he is constantly on watch for your comfort and welfare. Captain Bonkart guarantees a pleasant passage if your cooperation is forthcoming. He is assisted by two competent first mates, Lieutenants Shear and Brewer, whose interest in your behalf is as great as that of their superior officer. Your work is under the supervision of Mr. W. I. Risloy, and his associates, in charge of the work projects.

To the new men who recently joined the present crew of this vessel; Your active participation in all the ship's activities will prove financially, mentally and physically profitable, and the journey can be converted into an invaluable experience. It is highly probable that many of the new crew have been stranded on the rocks of employment for some time. Others may have had stormy weather on past voyages. As you set sail, throw all depressing thoughts overboard. Feel secure in the knowledge that you are supporting yourself and contributing to the support of your dependents. Make the "S-55" your real home.

The anchor is up and you are leaving for a new port. Good luck and smooth sailing!

THE EDITOR

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## A NEWSPAPER CONTEST FOR ALL

As you are all aware, the success of any paper depends on the cooperation of all the men. With your support, the task of editing and publishing the "Log" is made pleasant, and the paper is representative of the entire camp. It is impossible for a few reporters to be everywhere at the same time, therefore many news items and notes of interest are by necessity not called to our attention. With this thought in mind, and the desire to add permanent members to the staff, we are pleased to announce the following contest:

Every second week four tickets to the Community Theater in Tuckerton will be awarded to those contributors submitting the best material for publication. This offer is made possible through the generosity and cooperation of the manager of the theater, who is interested in our work. News items, editorials, stories, poems, cartoons, gossip and humor is what we need to make a well balanced sheet. Remember that gossip alone cannot make an interesting publication. The winners will be announced in each edition of the paper. Drop your contributions in the Suggestion Box, in the Rec. Hall or give them to the editor, S. Goldberg. The judging will be impartial, with careful consideration given each and every contribution.

We feel there is plenty of writing talent in camp that has not been brought to light. Here is the inducement for you to get busy, so the paper may grow bigger and better as time goes on. Let's go!

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A word to the wise is sufficient; The assistant manager of the Steel Pier in Atlantic City informs us that if we wish to retain the privilege of being admitted to the Pier for a quarter charge, the following must be done: A group of men who wish to get tickets should appoint one of their number to speak to the manager, letting him know how many are in the party. With his O.K. this man should purchase all the tickets while the rest of the party waits on the boardwalk, NOT IN THE LOBBY. Take this tip and you'll save money.

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Denner has been given a new nickname. The latest monnikor is "Broad Bill". It's well known that he often indulges in the manly art of fisticuffs, but he often makes the mistake of loading with his schnozzle, resulting in the spreading out of this feature. Hence the name.

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It happens in the best of camps. Hodge, one of the new men walked up to Lt. Shear and asked him where he could find the lieutenant. Just to put you straight, Hodge, Lt. Shear is a lieutenant. Savvy?

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They say that Shorty Kirk is proud of his voice and often exercises his tonsils on the truck going out to work. The other day a certain forester, riding in the cab, told him to cut it out, cease, and stop. Was his face red! (Or maybe he was sunburnt.)

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Our night reporters tell us that strange things happened around camp on pay nite. Eckert was seen trying to swim in the dam, "Worm" was clamming in the same place, and Blackie ("Lookie, lookie, lookie, here comes cookie") insisted on lying down for a nap outside Bar. 5. The dough must have gone to their heads or was it something else?

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Ask Fauser why he was so nervous when he saw his fellow rookies being taken out of Bar. 3 for their initiation dunking in the creek. Fauser says he prefers his bathing in the good old summer time.

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"Step right up! Only a dime, ten cents to see this colossal attraction. The largest pine snakes in captivity, gentlemen! Yes, you may see this stupendous attraction in Bar. 4 where Bernie Galling beards his 7 ft. pine snake, which he captured in the woods after a terrific struggle. This big "woim" eats everything but beans.

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"Hitlor" Kleschko met with an accident (?) a few days ago. Some of the boys thought that he would look cuter if he wore only a half of his mustache. So they holpod him along and shaved one side off. A half a loaf is better than none, big boy.

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A reliable snooper reports that Skipper is receiving mail from Horso, Swede Morridew is that way about Margarot, Funny Man Haloy talks about Mamio in his sleep, and that love is in bloom all over the camp. It looks like the season for losing sleep is here.

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A few of the boys were hittin' it up, etc. The boys were Wimpy, Willots, Wop, and a few others. The scene is a thirst quonching establishment in yo town of Tuckertown. The refreshment is beer. After a few rounds, Wimpy orders root beer, and one by one his buddies follow suit. They ask for a round on the house, and the barkeep says a "thousand times no." So the ruggod lads took the beer mugs home. A short story, but true.

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We have the information that a young gentleman, (whose name we need not mention) is falling like like a ton of bricks for a young miss in Bay Head. Hardly a weekend goes by that he doesn't rush out to the highway and cuss every car that passes him, either way. Cut it out, Chuck, or we'll have to turn you over to Doc. Singe.

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Here is part of a letter sent in to the paper by a writer who did not sign his name: "I think the company should have a Hog table. That is, all the so-called hogs and pigs should be put on one table by themselves. It would stop the grabbing at the tables and make it better for everyone." What do you think?

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## THE NEWS PARADE by - ERNEST SCHERER

The Senate has passed, 55 to 53, the House approved Patman Bonus Bill. This bill calls for a 2,201 million dollar currency issue to pay the veterans immediately. Roosevelt is opposed to it and a veto is expected. Predictions are that the House will override the veto, but the Senate will stand by the President.

From Coughlin, whose recent appeal for this measure brought telegrams to Washington by the wheelbarrows full, comes the prediction that Roosevelt will not veto the bill, but should he, it will mean political suicide.

The Congressionally enacted Railroad Retirement Act of last summer providing old age pensions for a million workers was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court on its usual verdict day, Monday.

It was a 5 to 4 decision based mainly on the point that the National Government could only control intra-state commerce which it exceeded in this Act. Chief Justice Hughes was among the minority.

Senator Bronson Cutting (R) of New Mexico and three other persons were killed when a TWA passenger plane crashed on a farm in Barnesville, Mo. The crash occurred when the plane ran out of fuel and due to a heavy fog failed to make the emergency landing field at Millor, Mo. There were 14 persons aboard, seven more of which were injured.

An occasional crash, however, will not impede aviation progress and word of a different nature comes from New York where Amelia Earhart, by flying non-stop from Mexico City to New York, has again done what has never been done before.

The Radio Corporation of America announces that they will launch an experimental television station for field demonstrations at a cost of one million dollars. David Sarnoff, their president, declared that we were further advanced in this field than any other country.

First code, then sound, and now sight is to be sent over the ether. Truly remarkable is modern science.

News has just reached me via the Radio that the heavyweight king, Max Baer, was injured when accidentally shot by a stage pistol supposed to contain blank cartridges only.

## LATEST NEWS FLASHES FROM "HAPPY DAYS"

CCC is given 220 million dollars. Pay days assured as President allots funds to carry on work during rest of fiscal year, with enough more to get new army of forest workers started June 15..... Reserve Corps officers are being called to active duty from all sections of the country, preparatory to assignment to CCC companies on or after June 15. Three thousand to be headed for the new camps.... The CCC is fast becoming one of the favorite performers over the nation's radio stations...The fire fought by Co. 1202, Green Bank, N.J. was the first in over a year.. Gen. Fox-Connor has expressed an interest in the work of creating garden plots within camp areas, or on nearby land...Camp in Calif. has "hossback" riding class under the direction of one of the officers...Co. 220, Paul Smith's, N.Y. is the Governor's "aco" camp, having won the Governor Lehman prize offered for amount and quality of work done and morale of members...Enrolled in Mass. camp has driven Packard car 15,000 miles and hasn't moved an inch. The car is used to run a big circular saw.. Happy Days will be increased in size each week to 24 pages. A million men have read this paper in the CCC camps in the last two years.

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COMMUNITY THEATER TUCKERTON, N. J.  
PHONE 299

"Presenting Only The Best In Cinema"

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Attractions for the week of May 13.

Mon. - Tuos. - Joan Harlow-Wm. Powell in "Rockliss"

Wed. - Francis Lederer-Ginger Rogers in "Romance in Manhattan"

Thurs. - Double Feature "Charlie Chan in Paris" & "Timber Terrors"

Fri.-Sat. - Clark Gable - Claudette Colbert in "It Happened One Night."

C.C.C. Members - .25 at all times.

# CLUB AND SPORTS NEWS

## PING - PONG

A new ping - pong tournament has been organized and the eliminations will begin on Mon., May 13, in the Recreation Hall. The participants will consist of those men who have signified their intentions of entering the contest. It is hoped that the finals will be completed by Fri. May 17. The victor and new champ will receive one dollar's worth of canteen checks, which has been contributed by the Welfare Dept. as the prize. We may all look forward to some thrilling contests as the competition will be very keen.

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## TRACK

Without a doubt, there are many men who are interested in cross-country running. It is planned to have an Inter-Barrack Cross Country Run of 2 miles. Competitors from all barracks are necessary to make this event a success. All those interested in this sport will please leave their names with Fred Ridgeway in the canteen. As soon as these entries are complete, the date of the run will be announced with sufficient time given for training. Sign up, you speed demons!

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## BOXING

In spite of the season, boxing is still going strong. The club has been reorganized and meets every Mon. at 6 in the Rec. Hall. The following officers were elected at the last meeting: Gatti, President, Goldberg, Sec.-Treasurer, Denner, Chief Trainer, Ruzzo, Asst. Trainer.

The team boxes every second week at the National Hotel in Manahawkin, and is building a splendid reputation. Gatti is rapidly becoming an outstanding member of the group. He brings with him an impressive list of victories in his past bouts, and has yet to be defeated since entering camp. He is building a sound foundation in anticipation of entering the pro ranks. The other fighters in the club have proven their worth, as is well known. Most of the organization's funds will be used to purchase boxing equipment for the benefit of all the camp.

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## CIVICS

Lt. Brewer's Civics and History group is meeting regularly in the Forestry Office on Tuesdays at 6 P.M. This club is making fine progress in these interesting subjects and the members are acquiring much valuable information. New members are invited to join this organization and receive the benefits of Lt. Brewer's excellent instruction. The informal discussion is the highlight of the meetings.

## CIVIL SERVICE

Mr. Booth, Educational Adviser, invites all men who are interested in Civil Service to join him in his quarters any Monday night at 6 P.M. The object of this club is preparation and study for civil service examinations for various government positions in which vacancies appear. Those who contemplate trying for these jobs should take advantage of this instruction and prepare themselves.

## FIRST AID

Do you know how to apply first aid in case of an accident? If not, you would do well to join the First Aid Club which meets every Tues. at 5:30 in the Infirmary. A new class is being organized for the men who have not taken up this subject in camp. The present group has practically completed the course and will take the American Red Cross examination in the very near future for membership cards in this organization and also certificates of proficiency.

## FORESTRY

It is well known that in a short time there will be vacancies in the CCC for foresters, to provide for the needs of the new camps which are going up. Camp enrollees are eligible for these positions, providing they possess the necessary knowledge to meet the requirements. A Forestry Club has been organized to prepare for these future openings. The first meeting will be held on Thur. May 16, in the office, under the direction of Forester Campbell. This course promises to be one of the most popular in camp.

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



## THE OLD RED TAVERN

Relics of the past take the form of many shapes and objects or landmarks. They may be pieces of flint from the arrow of a savage, swords of Revolutionary days, or old clothing worn by our forefathers. Few of us ever think of our landmarks as relics of bygone days. A relic must have a significance. Is there anything with a greater significance than an old oak tree, that has shadowed an old homestead, an old foundation, or an old road that carried our ancestors through the vast territories of unsettled timberland? - Roads over which were hauled products of forest and field to the nearby ports for shipment to foreign lands. Such a road is the old Stage Road, running through the Bass River State Forest.

This old road was a highway, running between Freehold and Hamorton. It runs nearly parallel to the New York highway, and though most of it is now covered with trees and scrub oak, traces of it may yet be discerned. There is about eight miles of it now in use, which extends from Tuckerton west and terminates at the Allentown Road about three miles north of New Gretna. About one half mile west of the CCC Camp at Bass River, along this road stood an inn known as the Red Tavern, a landmark of great importance in the historic development of this section.

It stood at the intersection of the Stage and Martha roads, which were channels of great importance in their time. Past this building, about the time of the Washington Administration, large quantities of sassafras and lumber were hauled for export to Holland and the West Indies. The sassafras was generally shipped directly to Holland, where the Dutch made it into a beverage which they sold on the English market under the name "Sloop". This shipping interfered with English trade so badly that in order to break it up, they sent to this section an expedition consisting of eight or ten vessels and seven hundred men, the flagship being the Zobra, sloop-of-war. General Washington, hearing of this proposed attack, dispatched Count Pulaski and his legion to meet it, and at the same time he sent a messenger to Tuckerton so that the people in this section could escape. Pulaski arrived three days after the British, who had landed and burned the village of Chonnut Neck

and ten or twelve houses at Bass River, including the old Red Tavern, which was reconstructed a few years later.

All this and more are the stories centered about the old Red Tavern and its location along the Stage and Martha roads. The town of Martha was later a mining town, after the discovery of bog iron. Here they made cannons and balls for the Civil War.

The members of Company 225, Bass River Camp, are now rebuilding and graveling this historic road, changing it from a sand road to one with a harder surface. Little did the people of one hundred years ago dream that trucks would haul C.C.C. men over the road that once carried a stage coach between Freehold and Hamorton.

C. A. Smith,  
Foreman.

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PLEASE THIS IN YOUR HAT Compiled by S. B. G.
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One-half of the world doesn't stop to consider that it's none of its business how the other half lives.

Somehow or other happiness is seldom appreciated till we reach the point where we speak of it in the past tense.

A man must either make way for himself or make way for others.

What you fear from an enemy, you often get from a pal.

Many a man who boasts he knows himself might well be ashamed of the acquaintance.

A bore is one who has nothing to say and always says it.

He who has conferred a kindness should be silent; he who has received one should speak of it.

The world is looking for the man who can do something, not for the man who can "explain" why he didn't do it.

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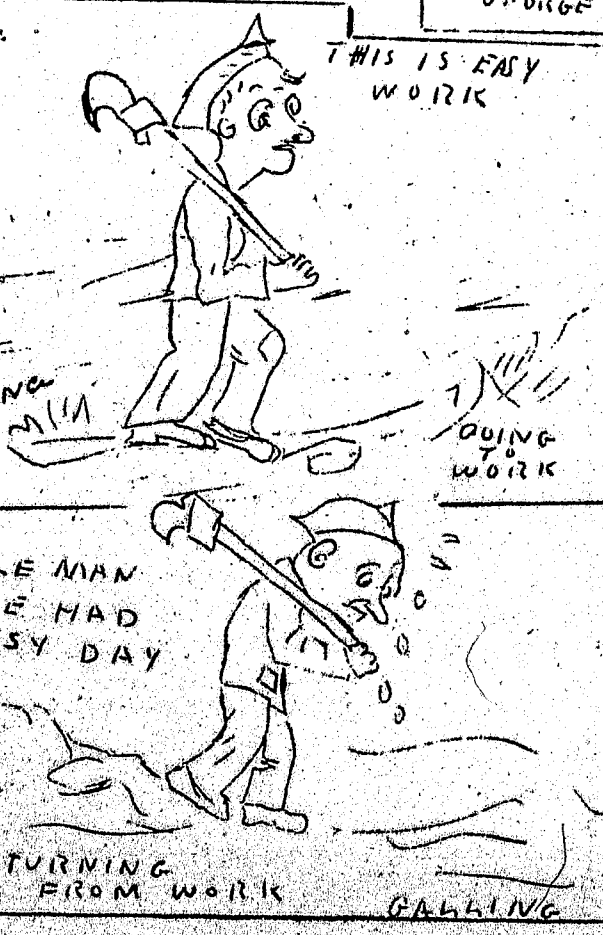
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ROBERT	VOGAL
GEORGE	GROSS



PAKING

GOING WORK

LITTLE MAN YOU'VE HAD A BUSY DAY

RETURNING FROM WORK

GABING



EDITOR'S NOTE  
THE POOR GUY STRAIGHTENED OUT ONCE BEFORE DYING AND TWICE AFTERWARDS



G.C.C. LOYALTY

Voice in the dark - "If the fellow who threw that shoe won't confess, he is a traitor to our institution."

Another voice in the dark - "I'll confess. I done it. I couldn't be rotten to the corps."

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DOWN THE LINE

Rookie's girl friend: "Why do they call you the do-er? It surely must be an important job."

Rookie: "Well, you see it's this way. When the General comes around, if something is wrong, he tells the Captain; he tells the first lieutenant; he tells the second lieutenant; he tells the sergeant; he tells the leaders; they tell the assistant leaders; and being that they are unable to do it, they tell me, - and I do it."

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Denner: "Gotta match?"

Gatti: "Sure."

Denner: "Gimme a cigarette."

Gatti: "Want me to light it for you?"

Denner: "If ya don't mind."

Gatti: "How ya fixed for spitt'n?"

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YEAH!

Sagira: "While I was in Europe, I saw a bed 20 feet long and 10 feet wide."

Galling: "Sounds like a lot of bunk!"

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Lady: "I suppose Tuckerton is one of those places where everyone goes down to meet the train."

CC: "What train?"

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At this time of the year some men consult style books to find out what they will be wearing this spring. We CC's just look in the glass.

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Once you could take the Janes out,  
And blow your dough, WOW!  
But now you're broke--That's no  
joke,  
You're in the CC now.

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THOSE MARINES

Marine Captain: "An old timer like you ought to know better than to have a dirty rifle. Have you ever been reported for anything like this before?"

Grizzled Sergeant: "Yes sir, on my first cruise I was picked up for having a dirty bow and arrow."

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PERFECT

Manager: "Are you sure you're qualified to lead a jazz orchestra?"

Applicant (with confidence): "Absolutely. I've had two nervous breakdowns, was shell-shocked in France, and I live in a CCC barracks with forty other men."

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS

You will now hear a half hour of good old Mountain Music from the Bronx Hill Billie Band.

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Lt. Shear: "Did you hear about the politician's wife who had triplets?"

Lt. Brewer: "No, what about it?"

Lt. Shear: "Well, he was very disappointed and denounced a rocourt."

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BOTH SAFE

City Boy: "If things get too bad, we can eat our traffic jams."

CC: "You've got nothing on us. We can eat our forest preserves."

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"The coffee is not up to snuff this morning."

"Well, it tastes like it."

"You mean it's O. K.?"

"Heck, no! It tastes like it."

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EDUCATION

Father: "You take accounting at school, don't you, son?"

Son: "Yes, sure."

Father: "Well, how can you account for the brassiere and panties you sent home in your last laundry?"

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AN OPEN LETTER TO CAPTAIN BENKART

C.C.C. Camp S-55,  
Tuckerton, N. J.  
May 27, 1935.

Dear Captain,

As you take up your new duties as Assistant Executive Officer, Dist. No. 2, Southern Zone CCC, at Camp Dix, N. J., we, the men of Co. 225, feel it is fitting to extend our farewell message to you via an open letter in the "Log". Next to a personal address, it is our best means of echoing the sentiments from our midst, and expressing our frank and truthful opinion of you as our former C. O. and as a man.

The veterans of this organization can clearly remember your arrival in camp to fill the executive position. The sight that greeted your eyes was not a pretty one. Camp S-55, at that time, was a very desolate spot, unattractive and without the minimum comforts which go for good morale. Even an extreme optimist would have been discouraged at the prospect of commanding a camp which was as barren as the terrain on which it stood. What has happened since you took command? An inspection of the camp at present relates the story more fully than is within our power. Your thorough experience as Captain in the World War and your civilian engineering training proved invaluable in transferring a dreary place in the wilderness into a self-sustaining village. Your guiding genius has made this wonderful change possible. Through your unceasing efforts and tireless energy, a place has been provided for us that we may truly call our second home; a home to which we are happy to return for food, rest and recreation, when the day's labor has been done. It is difficult for us to fully express our appreciation in this respect. Time and time again, inspecting officers have commented on the many conveniences and improvements inaugurated by you,

thus raising this camp above the average for C.C.C. organizations. We know that this was the leading factor in determining your present assignment.

We speak straight from the shoulder and without exaggeration when we make the utterance that to find your peer as a Commanding Officer would be a task very difficult to accomplish. We never have considered you solely as one of our superiors, but as a counselor, a guide, and last but not least, as a friend. Your sympathetic understanding of us and our problems in matters concerning not only C.C.C. life but our private lives, your fatherly advice, your high ideals, your cheerfulness and broad-mindedness at all times, struck a responsive chord in our hearts which will remain with us for a long time to come. You set an example which we should all strive to maintain. A clearer understanding of C.C.C. aims and purposes was made possible by your frequent appearances and speeches in public. This could not help but stimulate closer cooperation between the outside world and camp, and clarify any misunderstanding that may have arisen. The entire personnel holds you in high esteem, and the deep respect given you as a leader of men is richly deserved.

We sincerely regret your departure from our midst, and will miss your inspiring presence, but rejoice with you in your new appointment. The knowledge that you will be close at hand and continue to give us the benefit of your experience during your inspection tours, is a comforting thought. With you go our heartiest wishes for success and happiness in your new work. Au revoir, Captain. We salute you!

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# FOREST FIRE NEWS

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Mr. T. W. Booth,  
Ed. Adviser.

## CAMP S-55 MEN FIGHT TERRIFIC FOREST FIRE DAY AND NIGHT

### FORTY-FIVE SQUARE MILES BURNT IN THREE DAY BLAZE

A forest fire which broke out Sat. morning, May 18, was the scene of heroic fighting on the part of the men of the camp. The blaze started in the vicinity of Buckingham, in the Lebanon State Forest and rapidly cut a wide swath which burned an area of forty-five miles, or thirty thousand acres, in the three day conflagration. Camp S-55 responded to the call at 4 A.M. Sat. and fought in shifts until 11 P.M. Mon., when the enemy of the woods was brought under control.

Oblivious to personal injury, and with the greatest of enthusiasm, the men fought for hour after hour in the face of red hot flames and billows of smoke that at times made breathing, let alone fighting, almost impossible. Some of the smoke-eaters walked for twenty-four miles without a let-up, back-firing continually, an exhausting task to which they responded nobly. Others covered a wide territory, extinguishing and sanding, exerting their all to prevent the red monster from devouring the towns of Barnegat, Waretown and Forked River, which lay in its path at different times. For hours the men plugged along without water to relieve their parched throats. In the face of constant danger, their presence of mind and coolness was a sight to gladden the hearts of those on the scene

who had had much former experience in fire fighting. Fourteen hour shifts were common occurrences, due to the limited number of members in camp, but lack of sleep failed to phase the feverish activity. The shining example of leadership and excellent supervision exemplified by Foresters Philip, Sommes, Peterson, Smith, Cubberly, Irvine Campbell and Sherwood, helped greatly to spur the fighters on to greater efforts. No casualties were reported, but Mr. Peterson received a dislocated toe while in action.

The organization and efficiency behind the lines and in camp was well nigh perfect. The kitchen functioned in high gear, keeping the men on the lines supplied with food and hot coffee, beside turning out meals for those in camp. This difficult assignment was handled with speed and good cheer by Cooks Hartman and Wargny, who were assisted by Morey and Marshall. Lt. Brewer and Mess Sergeant Warner supervised this work in a more than capable manner, and the lieutenant was on the spot, personally distributing the plentiful supply of food which gave the fighters renewed vigor. During all the rush and excitement, Lt. Shear kept the camp running on even keel, supplying the needs of those on the lines. The relief workers were dispatched on time by Supt. Risley, who remained on his post without sleep, for long periods of time. Mention must also be made of Top Kick Sagirs and Truck Driver Youngblood, who cooperated to the best of their ability.

We earnestly hope that it will not be necessary to answer any more fire calls, but if another such

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Top-Kick Sagirs had a rugged experience the other nite that he'll remember for a long time. He was walking by the Officers' quarters when he saw a figure in white (Cookie Jake Hartman). He hollered "I say, who is that?" He received no answer, after calling a few times. His heart jumped up in his throat and he swallowed it. Did he make a bee line for the pump house and his cot? You ask us, and we'll tell you.

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It's a good thing barking boys don't bite, or "Primo" Stout would be torn to shreds by this time. Since he's taken over the dog-robber's job, the lads in the mess hall have been bow-wowing the head off him everytime he walks down the aisle with food. A suggestion has been made that all the barracks chip in and buy you a pretty dog collar, Stout. Won't that be just ducky wucky?

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This guy Bensky always manages to break into print. This comedian (Joe Penfer is a punk compared to him) felt unusually strong out in the swamps, and tried to pull a tree up by the roots, a la Tarzan or King Kong. It seemed that "Screwy" fell into the water and managed to get his first bath since the stock market crash. Were his pants wet!

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We nominate for the Speaker of Camp S-55 the Honorable "Eight Ball" Willets. If you should hear of Cubberly's crew being taken away in a body to an insane asylum, blame it on the constant chatter that emanates from Willet's loud-speaker. He can talk more and say less than any ten men in camp.

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Remember the wide open spaces "Rugged" Eckert used to have in his mouth? They ain't no more. He done went and had some store installed that really bring out the handsome side of his pan. Now don't ask us which side.

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Gents, step up and meet the new champ. It is a great honor to present the new eating champ of Camp S-55, namely, "Swede" Draheim. He defeated Trainer by four helpings during one of the meals last week. Where he puts it is one of those unsolved mysteries.

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Schoenberg is the latest member to join the "Cradle Snatchers A.C." This is the club whose members must not take out any girl from Tuckerton who is over twelve years old. All that the he-men in this outfit need to give the young ladies a swell treat is a nickel for lollipops. Ga, Ga!

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Clayton is keeping steady company now - with his pine snake. They are inseparable companions. Clayton says he or she is much cheaper than a girl friend and doesn't keep him out nights. That's something to think about, boys.

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Polly has been going around lately singing "Am I Blue". First he bought himself a lizzie which we hear was a lemon. To make matters worse, his girl friend done him wrong and deserted him in his hour of need. That's a combination that will drive the strongest man to the dogs, or other races.

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Ask Blackie why he ran all over a field near Tuckerton chasing a creature that occasionally releases an exquisite perfume; you know, a skunk. What did you do, Blackie, mistake it for a rabbit?

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The men who will receive free tickets for the Tuckerton theater in this week's newspaper contest are Pettus, Scherer, Van Sant and Perlus. Their contributions to the paper were the best of those submitted. The next contest begins May 27 and all material must be in by June 4. Get busy, you writers, and win a ticket. Give your stuff to Goldberg or drop it in the Suggestion Box in the Rec. Hall.

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One white haired individual in Bar. 4 continued to fight fire in his sleep. His orders were: "Stomp it out there, you frogs!"

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Crews No. 6 and 7 of Bar. 4 thank the Forestry Dept. for the privilege of being first to use the new State trucks.

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# NEWS AND VIEWS

## LT. HECHT REPORTS FOR DUTY

Lt. Leo H. Hecht, 310 Inf. Res., reported for duty on May 13, from Fort Jay, Governors' Island, N. Y. He is comfortably settled and will handle Property, Supply, and Motor Transport.

Greetings and salutations, Lt. We welcome you.

## YOUNGBLOOD AND GALLING SAVE CRASH VICTIM'S LIFE

While going to Tuckerton, on Mon., May 20, Tim Youngblood and Bernard Galling came upon an overturned car that had struck a telephone pole on the highway. The car contained three occupants who were returning from fire fighting. The victims were pinned under the wreckage. The CCC men quickly released them and immediately called for a doctor. One of the hurt men had a badly lacerated throat that was bleeding severely. Youngblood and Galling administered expert first aid that stopped the flow, and bandaged the injured part. This saved the patient's life, who undoubtedly would have bled to death. The other men were also treated for their injuries and transported in the Army truck to Tuckerton. Galling accompanied the most seriously hurt victim to the Atlantic City Hospital.

This was another example of CCC cool-headed efficiency in an emergency. These men cannot be commended to highly for their heroic work.

## LATEST NEWS FLASHES FROM "HAPPY DAYS"

Army plans for new camps as selection of enrollees progresses. Reserve officers sent west as first of advance; men will follow. Navy and Marine corps being called to augment CCC organization...CCC pay roll robbed, three camps suffer in Missouri...Enrollee ferry man drowns as craft sinks in raging W. Va. river - comrades make vain attempt to save him...Post falls on civie's shoulder, breaks ankle... Corps area educational advisers to meet in Washington to develop educational plans for summer quarter... Arizona camps transfer desert into swell park...More stations join CCC radio network...Camp S-55 gets two fine writeups in Happy Days... Michigan member claims farthest-off job. Leaves for African coast to work as drill operator in gold mine project...A real poultry farm has been started by Co. 1704 in Arkansas...Baseball launched all over the country; Cos. clean up first games...

## THE NEWS PARADE by ERNEST SCHERER

In a speech destined to become famous, made before a joint session of Congress, Roosevelt returned the famous Patman Bonus Bill.

He cited the gladly accented liberal settlement reached in 1924 and stated that the general welfare of the whole people deserves prior consideration to the claims of the veterans. Despite his emphatic plea of the unsoundness and unfairness of this bill the House immediately overrode his veto by a 322 to 98 vote.

Later, the Senate came to the support of the President by unholding the veto on a 52 to 44 vote.

Perhaps a sign of better times is to be found in the announcement by the Ford Motor Co. of the restoration of the \$6.00 a day minimum. However, before conclusions are drawn, it would be interesting to know how many less mechanics are needed because of the constant improvement of machinery. The president of General Electric has admitted that his concern needs only one fifth the manpower it needed seven years ago. How about the other four-fifths?

A 19 to 94 dollar per month wage scale has been set by the administration for the four billion dollar works program. The individual's wage depends upon his skill and living costs in his section.

Organized Labor has openly attacked this low wage scale.

## COMMUNITY THEATER, TUCKERTON, N. J. PHONE 229

"Presenting Only The Best in Cinema"

Attractions for the week of May 27.

Mon. - Tues. - George Arliss in "Cardinal Richlieu".

Wed. - Kay Francis in "Living on Velvet".

Thurs. - Double Feature  
Spencer Tracey in "It's A Small World" and Lane Chandler in "Battling Buckaroo".

Fri. - Sat. - Edward G. Robinson in "The Whole Town is Talking."

C.C.C. Members, - .25 at all times.

# CLUB AND SPORT NEWS

## FIRST BALL GAME OF SEASON ENDS IN TIE, 2-2

Our baseball team, under the direction of Lt. Brewér and Mr. Booth, traveled to Greenbank, N. J. on May 22 to play the Camp S-61 in the first scheduled game of the new season. The contest was a thriller from start to finish, and a tie, 2-2 resulted after eight exciting innings. It was strictly a pitcher's duel. Lyster was on the slab for our boys and permitted only two hits, a remarkable job even in mid-season. A three base hit off his delivery by the opposing pitcher and a base on balls was responsible for the two Greenbank runs. The Camp S-61 moundsman deserves credit for his fine work throughout the game. He dished out a mere three hits, which were made by Ruzzo, Perlus and Imperatore. A walk by Milesi, an error by the Greenbank catcher, and a double by Ruzzo accounted for our two runs.

A little strength added to the present club should give us a fine outfit. Seventy-five rooters accompanied the team and encouraged it by loud cheering. Keep up the good work, boys, and we'll surely come through. The next game will be on June 5 with the Chatsworth camp.

The line-up and batting order of Wednesday's game was as follows: Imperatore, 3B - Doug Miller, C - Ruzzo, SS - Perlus, 1B - Kirsch, Lambert and Wilbert, 2B - Nisky, C.F. Stakehouse and Burke, L.F. - Milesi and Upmal, R. F. Youngdale entered the game as a pinch hitter.

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## PING-PONG

We regret being unable to announce the winner of the ping-pong tournament as it was impossible to play off the games due to the many disruptions in camp. Now that all is quiet, it will be possible to determine the champ and announce him in the next issue.

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## THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND ETC.

Barnum called them suckers; but politicians always refer to them as taxpayers.

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## BASEBALL SCHEDULE OF CENTRAL DIVISION OF DISTRICT #2, N. J.

- May 22  
Camp S-55 at Camp #S-61, Greenbank, N.J.
- May 29  
\*Camp S-60 at Camp S-55, Tuckerton, N.J.
- June 5  
Camp S-61 at Camp S-60, Chatsworth, N.J.
- June 12  
Camp S-61 at Camp S-55, Tuckerton, N.J.
- June 19  
Camp S-55 at Camp S-60, Chatsworth, N.J.
- June 26  
Camp S-60 at Camp S-61, Greenbank, N.J.

1. The above games will start not later than 6:15.
2. Seven innings, if possible, will constitute a game.

\* Postponed.  
T.W. Booth, Ed. Adviser,  
Camp S-55.  
Representative, Central District.

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A trophy to the value of about twenty-five dollars will be issued to the company whose team wins the district championship in baseball for the season, 1935. An individual trophy will be awarded to each member (not to exceed nine playing members and four substitutes) of the winning team.

Effective June 1st, 1935, a flag will be awarded to the camp making the highest percentage on the monthly rating sheet of Dist. No. 2, Headquarters for the preceding month. At the end of the month, it will pass to the winning company for that month. When the flag becomes unserviceable, it will be turned over as a permanent trophy to that company which has held it the most times during its period of use.

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## HE CAN TAKE IT

Housewife (To tramp): "I know you. You are one of the tramps that I gave a piece of pie to last summer."  
Tramp: "You are right madam. You gave it to three of us. I am the sole survivor."

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APPEARANCE OF CAMP

Appearance, the chief selling point of any concern, is one of the easiest virtues to be attained. In a camp a little work by every man makes for a maximum of comfort and adds multitudes of praise to the camp.

Tourists from all over the United States go past the camp daily and if it presents an inviting appearance, they stop. When they leave, Camp S-55 is advanced many times in their estimation.

Through the fine cooperation of Lieut. Shear and his staff, Supt. Risley and the foresters, a start has been made in the beautification of the camp. A call has been made for volunteers to work two or three times a week after mess to improve the grounds. All credit for the improvements will primarily go to the men who make it possible. Mr. Sherwood, a well known landscape artist, has volunteered his services in the efforts to beautify the camp.

Let us get behind our Officers and Foresters and make this camp as beautiful as possible. Then while we are selling Camp S-55 to the public, we are also selling the C.C.C. to the citizens of the United States. To a certain extent we are engaged in the beautification of the forests, so let us get behind Lieut. Shear in his efforts to make the camp more and more attractive.

GEORGE VAN SANT

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FIRE

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emergency should arise, we are sure that the population in this vicinity is thankful for the C.C.C., and secure in the knowledge that such a fine body of men is ready at all times to aid in saving of forests and property, and perhaps lives. Too much praise cannot be heaped upon the camp for its fine response and cooperation. Congratulations men!

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Well, we know what the circus giant does on his day off. He goes to the movies and sits directly in front of us.

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Getting up early is entirely a matter of will power. You know, the triumph of mind over mattress.

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PASTE THESE IN YOUR HAT  
Compiled by S.B.G.

The man who is his own worst enemy is always willing to forgive and forget.

A hardboiled man is generally preferred to one who is only half-baked.

Virtue is its own reward. The people who never make mistakes are mighty uninteresting.

The man who makes an ass of himself wouldn't be so annoying if he didn't bray so much about it.

When woman gets what she figures is her full right, man will have little left.

Some men's heads are as easily blown away as their hats.

No man fully realizes how full of contradictions life is till he gets married.

Keep your faults to yourself and you will find that they are soon forgotten.

Some defeats are only installments of victory.

DO IT NOW!

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FIRE SPARKS

James Wilbert and Gatti acted as lookouts during the height of the fire. They climbed some of the tall pines and sighted the direction of the flames, informing the men on the ground.

Some of the fighters had a narrow escape. A truck-load of them, with Ruzzo at the wheel, were the victims of a close call when the fire swept over the vehicle while they were driving through one of the roads in the center of the trouble. They escaped unscathed, however, but many gray hairs must have appeared on their youthful heads.

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BUTTS

Penn: "McNemer says he smokes only quarter cigars!"  
Koller: "That's right! Somebody else always smokes the other three-quarters first, though."

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The modern bride asks that her husband shall love, honor and defray.

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# BASS RIVER

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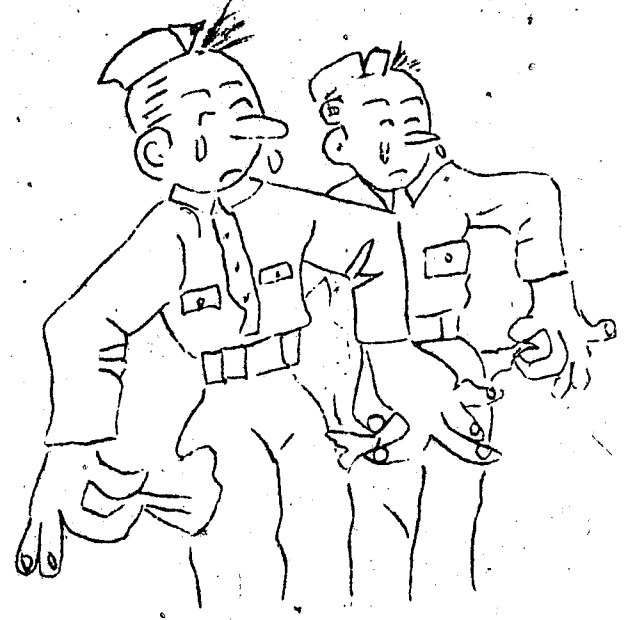
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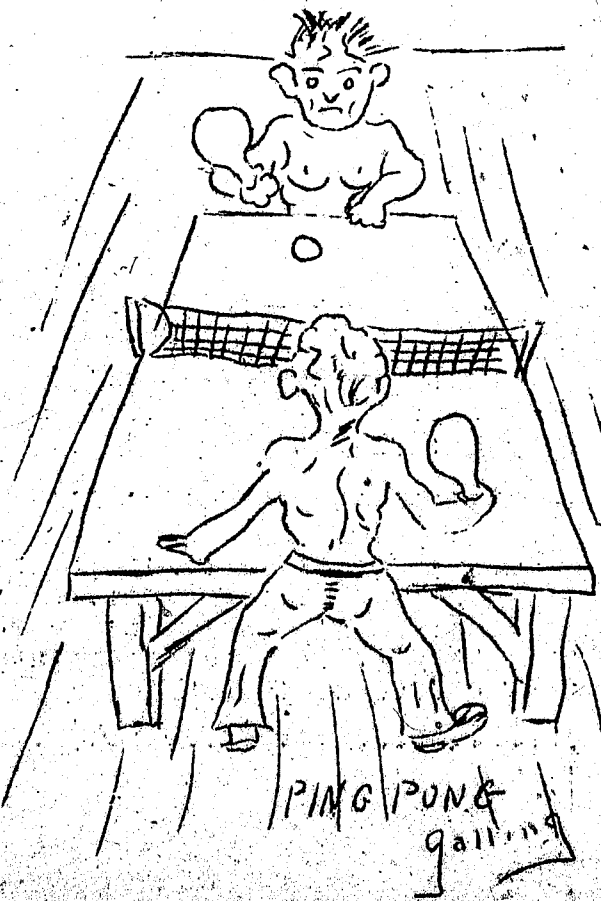


YEAH! THIS REALLY HAPPENS (SOMETIMES) SKIPPER

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FAMILIAR SCENE ON PAY DAY  
BENNY



PING PONG GALLING



SKIPPER



Draheim: "I hear your girl-friend is a pearl. But how come you can't keep her out later than ten at nite?"  
Heinrich: "It's not Pearl. It's the mother of Pearl."

Maxfield: "Why do you keep your mouth full of camphor balls?"  
Byrnes: "Well, you see, that's to stop the moths from getting to the coat on my tongue."

REALLY

Robber: "Hand over your money or I'll blow out your brains."  
Willetts: "Plaze away at the brains. I can go out without brains but I'll be darned if I can without money."

LIBERAL GUY

"Did the doctor treat you for that sprain?"  
"Treat me! He soaked me ten bucks."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

All things considered, baby, being alone with you on a desert island would have its drawbacks.

COMMON ERROR

I'd like to think you crave to kiss  
But somehow never dare to;  
The truth, it seems, is more like this:  
You'd never really care to.

Harshman: "I love to watch the man in the moon."  
Johnson: "I prefer watching a woman in the sun."

Another on the Austin

Judge--Did you say that this old C. C. was intoxicated?  
Witness--"No, Your Honor, I merely said that he brought the spare tire of his Austin in my restaurant and ordered a cup of coffee to go with his doughnut."

"SOME EDGE"

"Gee, that's swell, Tom," said one of the boys admiringly, to the toll foreman at Camp S-55, who had been sharpening the lad's brush hook. "I could go out tomorrow morning and cut a quarter acre with that before 9:00 o'clock."  
"Yeah, it's pretty good," said Tom, "but I am not quite through with it. Let me finish the job and you won't have to go out at all. All you'll need to do will be to just send the hook out."

H.A.P.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Women have probably ruined more men than drink, but they ruined quite a bit of drinking, at that.

Judge: "You are charged with stealing \$8,000! Why did you do it?"  
Prisoner: "I was hungry, judge."

IT NEVER FAILS

Handsome gals consumed with grief  
Get instantaneous relief.

SURE ENOUGH

Lt. Brewer: "I thought you said that you get up when the first ray of sunshine comes in through your window."  
Sagirs: "Right, but my room faces the West."

Blackie: "Gotny m'lfame."  
Ridgeway: "Whatsa name?"  
Blackie: "Itzon the nvelope."

Farmer-- "No, I wouldn't think of chargin' ye for the cider. That'd be bootleggin' and I ain't come p' that yit. The peck of potatoes 'll be five dollars."