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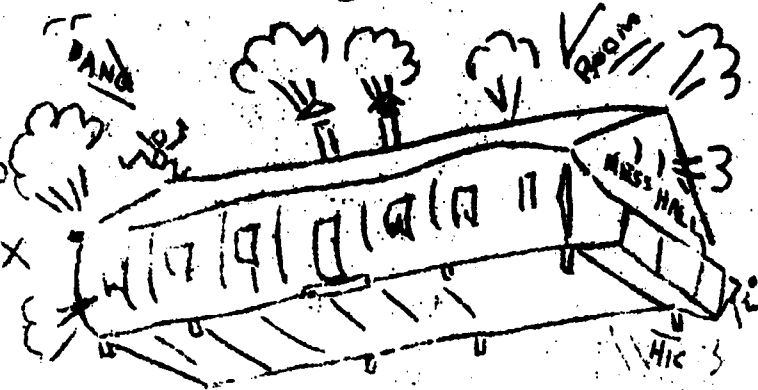
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CAMP BEAR RIVER, CALIF.

June 20, 1934

MAMMOTH FAREWELL BANQUET !!!

OLD
TIMERS TO
BE HONORED
AT BIG JINX
JULY 9th



\$6.00
TO
RAISE
IN
PA

Wow! Was that a dinner!! And that beer and those cigarets sure hit the spot. Gosh darn it, I never knew we had so much talent in this here company.

Comments such as these will probably be heard on all sides as you climb under the blankets on July 9th.

What's it all about, anyway? Why, haven't you heard? The biggest blowout ever put on by "ye ole 999" will come off on Monday, July, 9, 1934.

Yes sirree! In honor of and as a rousing sendoff for the old-timers and others who are leaving, we are going to have a real banquet with all the trimmin's, a vaudeville and minstrel show that will make you swallow your false teeth and, and, --why everything else that is necessary to a helluva good time.

To get down to the details. In the first place there will be all kinds of contests. Of course there will be prizes; what kind of guys do youze t'ink we are?

Then a dinner that will keep you talking about it for the next year. Charlie hasn't got the menu completed but I'll bet anyone a

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On or about July 15, there will be 10 new assistant Leaders and Leaders needed for this company. These are to replace the veteran members of this company who will be discharged at the termination of their allowable enrollment in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

ANY MEMBER OF THIS COMPANY is eligible for this promotion. The pay is from \$6.00 to \$15.00 more than a member's.

The following simple requirements are all that are necessary:

1. Willingness to work more and oftener than an ordinary crew member.
2. A cheerful, helpful attitude toward all members of the outfit.
3. He must be able to LEAD men.
4. He must have a desire to better himself.
5. He must be a fellow who can keep his shoulders back and his chin up, and TAKE IT, when the going is tough.
6. He must be HONEST and LOYAL to himself, his Company, and his Country.

Applications are being received always

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BEAR RIVER BLAST

semi-monthly newspaper published by the Journalism Class of Company 99, Camp Bear River, Pine Grove, California.

- Editor.....Jack Joyce
Associate Editor.....Norman Grey
Assistant Editor.....Dick Horsley
Special Writer.....Ralph Davis
Staff Artist.....Ken W. ...
Staff Poet.....Bill C. ...

THE DAYS AHEAD

We are now at the mid-season of the 1934 encampment of the 99th Company, CCC. The construction period is over and before us lies about four months of summer work. During this time, the members of this company will have an excellent opportunity to build themselves up physically, and contribute in substantial measure to the comforts of their allottees at home, as well as perform a service to the nation.

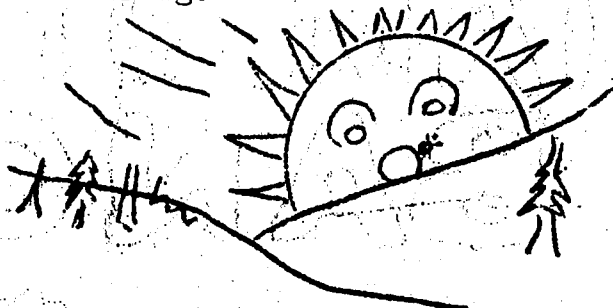
From the business and industry front comes news of gradual recovery, but there are still many young men without work on the outside and it should behoove our members to take the very best advantage of their enrollment with this company.

Once on the outside and in commercial employment, the matter of making a living is virtually cold turkey--meals and clothing, medical attention, education and recreation are rarely if ever, furnished by employers. To hold a job a man must be BETTER than some other fellow who is anxious to replace him.

While numbers of men are without employment, the CCC member is keeping step with normal times, by being actively engaged in important work. When the time comes for our men to shove off into the world, they will be way ahead of hundreds of other young men who have not had the opportunities offered by the CCC and who have been unemployed, or intermittently employed during the past few years.

WEATHER REPORTS

Our Camp Meteorologist, old timer fail Top Driscoll, reports that while his predictions of the weather conditions for the past month were a little off, he is sure, considering the positions of the sun spots and other signs he uses, that from now on we will have sunshine every morning (we don't know whether he means above or below the clouds) it will not rain more than 24 hours a day and it will never be colder than freezing.



WHAT IS IT HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

We are very grateful to Driscoll for his encouraging prognostication and are looking forward to spending a delightful summer hunting dry spots.

OUR NATURALIST SEZ

Among the many trees within our camp boundaries is one of unusual interest, a Western or Sierra Juniper (Juniperus Occidentalis). It is growing near the camp end of the bridge which crosses the river to the Forestry camp.

Ordinarily these trees grow only to half the height of our specimen and while the average Juniper is exceedingly long-lived, this one is of unusual age. Estimated from 500 to 1000 years, it is probably somewhere near 750 years.

You will probably notice that a number of trees around camp have been labeled, the name appearing on a small sign staked in the ground at the base of the tree. If you have any questions regarding trees come in to the Ed. Office and we'll try to help you.

MORE ABOUT BIG BANQUET

BEER it'll make your mouth water just to read it.

At great expense, "M.c" has secured the services of the Sierra Serenaders. It'll be a great nite on the Broadway of the Sierras.

IT'S TOUGH TO BE TALL

George Schlein of the Forest Service is peeved at the Army because he can't reach the hot water valve in the Shower House. He thinks there is enough cold water in the river for bathing purposes.

A WHOPPER

Hey! fellows. Did you know that Paul Bunyan (a well-known Western provaricator) has been a member of this company for the past year?

Probably most of the old-timers know who I am talking about but for the benefit of those who don't, I'm going to risk my life and disclose his identity. He's none other than our well-known sawyer and meat-cutter, Joe Anderson.

One of his most recent whoppers concerns an incident that happened on a trip to Hayward. Joe and his pal Pat were forced to spend the night in or rather just out of Stockton. Finding a hayfield with plenty of new-mown hay in it, they proceeded to try to sleep. According to Joe, several large mosquitoes, about the size of crows, bothered him all night. These pestif-



erous insects would zoom around Joe's head for a while, then in a spiral climb, get about 40 or 50 feet up from where they would come down in a regular power dive, levelling off within an inch of his nose.

Then to vary the routine, the next aerial stunt would consist of climbing to an altitude of 100 to 200 feet, cut the motor and descend in a nose-dive. By the time he was almost to Joe's ear the mosquito would turn on his motor, make a vertical bank and be off again.

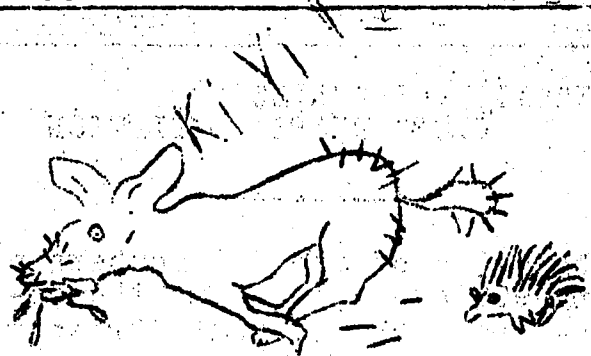
Joe claims he can't hear very well since these hair-raising experiences occurred. It is understood that Joe is considering taking ear-muffs, nose-guard and goggles on his next expedition.

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CIVIL SUIT SETTLED OUT OF COURT

The suit of the Teague Const. Co. vs the Violet Wray Plumbing Co. has been settled out of court much to the disappointment of Judge Reed.

The terms of the settlement consisted of the defendant buying the plaintiff 4 bottles of beer and the plaintiff reciprocating with a trout feed,



The above illustration is sufficient proof of a porcupine's ability to protect itself.

To those who insist on facts, Harvey Peter's dog became overly hungry one morning and finding a nice fat porky, endeavored to get some fresh meat. The result was that the dog came in to camp howling like a stuck pig and at least 50 quills were plucked from the dog's jaw.

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COMPANY MEMBERS PRAISED FOR CONSTRUCTING FINEST CAMP IN NINTH CORPS AREA

A great deal of credit is due the members of the various construction crews for their splendid work in completing our building program in record time. We have a camp of which we are justly proud. In our opinion, Bear River Camp is the finest in the Ninth Corps Area and we challenge any one to dispute our statement.

The following named members are those who participated in the construction and to them we dedicate this issue of the BEAR RIVER BLAST:

Carpenter Crew--Galuppi, head carpenter; Morris, Hamilton, Teague, Maslov, Fry and George King.

Plumbing Crew--Harry Wray, head plumber; Walden and Williams.

Electrical Crew--Van Richardson and Mayes.

Painting Crew--Gibson, head painter; Wells and Fugate.

Headers Crew--Berglund, chief; A. King, Robertson and Hodgkins.

Cement Crew--Brown, Goodwin, Garcia, Ellithorpe, M. Smith and Therpe.

Incinerator--Morgan, L. Rowland and Geiger.

Can Crusher--Rowland.

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YOU TELL ME

Are those hog-calling contests after taps inspired by that strange silhouette of an animal that adorns our entrance gate?

ORGANIZATION OF "GRIZZLY CLUB" NEARS COMPLETION

The "400" of the 200 members of Company 999 are organizing the exclusive and high falutin' "Grizzly Club". This democratic fraternity is basing its claim for distinction upon the strict rules and regulations of conduct and the requirements of high character and integrity of its prospective membership.

The necessary qualifications required of office-holders makes their selection extremely difficult. Any aspirants who feel that the following requirements are not too stiff may file applications with the committee.

President--A man who lacks judgment.

1st Vice-Pres--A good hand-shaker.

2nd Vice-Pres--Anyone who "can take it."

3rd Vice-Pres--Doesn't need to amount to much.

4th Vice-Pres--Less than the 3d Next 39 Vice-Presidents--No brains required.

Treasurer--Anyone who can spend money not his own.

Ass't Treas--Someone to help the Treasurer.

Secretary--Someone who can neither read nor write. (Good chance to learn)

1st Ass't Sec'ty--A man who can teach the Sec'ty to read.

2nd Ass't Sec'ty--A man who can teach the Sec'ty to write.

Doorkeepers, Sergeant-at-Arms, Stewards and the Keeper of the Privy (Council)--The requirements are somewhat elastic (so they'll fit any CCC man)

The membership committee offers the following suggestions for By Laws:

1. Preferred membership in the Grizzly Club is limited to those who can qualify as an office-holder
 2. Common membership in the Grizzly Club is limited to one (1) member. This membership will be rotated among those on the dirt list.
 3. The Club will meet regularly and occasionally--whenever any occasion arises.
 4. All members are vested with equal voting privileges. A majority of 110% is required on all matters of importance. 100% is sufficient on trivial matters.
 5. All members are required to attend all Club meetings. Those
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failing to do so will buy each officer a bottle of beer. (Figure out for yourself what it will cost).

6. In order that the Treasurer may have a large sum of money to squander there will be no dues.

7. No minutes will be recorded so the Secretary will have many hours to work.

Additional suggestions will be published in the next issue of the BEAR RIVER BLAST.

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EDUCATIONAL PLANS BROADENED

S NEW IDEAS ARE DEVELOPED

With the electric light plant running full force, classes and discussion groups in many subjects are again in full swing.

Classes meeting regularly are English, Public Speaking, Short Story Writing, Typing, Bookkeeping, Mathematics, Auto Mechanics, Electricity including elementary radio construction, Surveying, Mechanical Drawing, Journalism and Music.

A lot of interest is being displayed in hobbies. One of the most interesting right now is the trapping and taming of chipmunks. Several small chipmunks were born in the attic of the Educational Building and may be seen every morning playing on the porch roof. Several fellows have built cages. Stan Geiger has a nice looking one which is on a post behind Tent No. 3. Another nifty cage that reposes behind Tent No. 13 was built by Gatter and Suplich.

Other hobbies include stamp collecting, photography and wood-carving.

It is expected that a number of additional subjects will be added to the list of classes next week. Probably the most important of the new subjects will be those pertaining to Forestry. Mr. Ed. Smith, Supervisor of the Eldorado National Forest, is now working on a survey of Forestry subjects.

All the work that is being done by "Mac" and the men who are helping him will not be worth anything unless you men take advantage of it. If you are interested in any subject for which a class has not been announced, drop in at the Educational Building and talk it over with "Mac". If there are not enough men interested to form a class he will assist you in getting books and information so you can go ahead by yourself.

SPORTS

**SPORTS ACTIVITIES HIT NEW
LOW BUT A SLOW START
OFTEN FINISHES FAST**

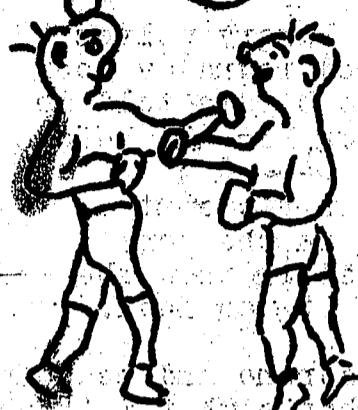
Sports in the 999th Company seemed to have dropped down to a new low. Losing three baseball games in a row, glove flinging a rarity, all push us down. It's about time we started climbing again. Our early year run is a tough one to live up to, but we can reach its peak and even exceed it.

We play Pine Grove this weekend. Let's revenge the last defeat. They're far from unbeatable and their bragging is pretty near unbearable--let's stop it. After beating them the rest is a cinch. That pennant looks good; we're still in the running!

Boxing starts with a meet with the Veterans on July 14; a nice easy start. Our new ring will be set for action within this week; let's have a good turnout. There's possibilities of a good team; we ought to clean up easy.

The schedules are printed in the next column. Look them over; be at the games and meets. Even if you don't play or fight, yell till your hoarse; rooters win many a game.

You're a Nine-Ninety-Niner; and we're the best in the district. Let's show 'em!



BOXING SCHEDULE

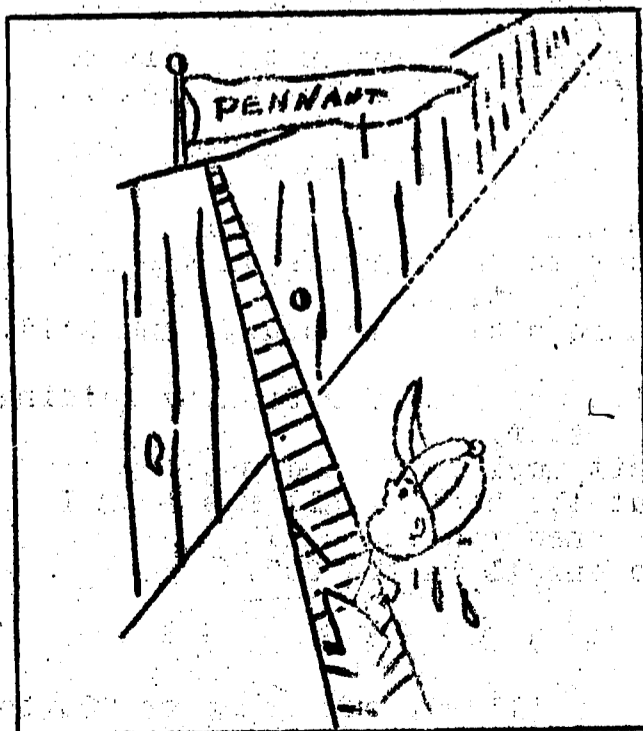
July 14	Co. 1921	Cal. Big Trees
28	Co. 923	Jupiter
Aug. 4	Co. 993	Skull Creek
Aug. 11	Co. 1909	Pine Grove

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

June 23	Co. 1909	Pine Grove
" 30	Open	
July 7	Co. 1921	Cal. B. Trees
" 14	Co. 923	Jupiter
" 21	Open	
" 28	Co. 993	Skull Creek
Aug 4	Co. 1909	Pine Grove
" 11	Co. 993	Skull Creek
" 18	Co. 923	Jupiter
" 25	Open	
Sept 1	Co. 993	Skull Creek
" 8	Co. 1909	Pine Grove

BASEBALL TEAM BATTING AVERAGES

	AB	R	H	Pctg.
King	1	1	1	1.000
Warmath	9	2	6	.667
Rumsby	5	1	3	.600
Mann	9	4	4	.444
Cain	3	1	1	.333
Geiger	3	0	1	.333
Wray	8	1	2	.250
Schmidt	7	0	1	.143
Berglund	7	0	1	.143
Scott	8	2	1	.125
Degnan	9	0	1	.111
Lowney	2	0	0	.000
Joyce	2	0	0	.000
Anderson	1	0	0	.000
Team Avg.	74	12	21	.283



The above averages cover the last two games only. No records are available for the first game.

THE MESS SERGEANT'S DREAM

By A K-F

Two hundred hungry wolves
Were gathered round my door
And a little birdie told me
That I'd seen 'em all before.

The mess tin was empty,
No meat was in the box;
A face peered in thru the window,
I knew that it was Latex.

Red Brown, serene and peaceful
(At least that's what I thought),
Was armed with a cleaver and
Growled--food, like one distraught.

The truck from Sacramento
Had failed to make the grade.
To make it worse, it was pay day
And the boys had not been paid.

I saw a bunch of rookies
That I hadn't thought so tough,
But they hadn't shaved for days,
And they looked plenty rough.

It was usually, Hello Charlie,
And all that sort of thing,
But the minute the food ran out
They turned on me like fiends

BOY! Was I relieved
When I awoke and jumped to my feet,
To hear cook Mann say--
C'mon boys, it's time to eat.

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STAMP COLLECTORS FORM CLUB

A stamp club has been formed by
a few members of our company who
met recently in the Educational
Building.

The offer of Mr. Beeckman of
the Forest Service at Washington
D. C. will be of interest to men
who have not collected stamps. Mr.
Beeckman has offered to send pack-
ets of stamps every month to clubs
in CCC camps.

Our club has written to Mr.
Beeckman and the next meeting will
be held as soon as these stamps
arrive.

All members of the company are
eligible for membership in the club
and beginners will be given every
help necessary. This is a good
chance to learn an interesting
hobby and increase your knowledge
of geography and history in an easy
manner.

CAMERA CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Clubs, clubs and more clubs.
The next one will be or rather is
now in the making--a camera club.
A large number of men at this camp
have cameras and a great deal about
photography may be learned if those
interested get together occassionly.

A temporary dark room will be
built so that club members may de-
velop and print their own films.
Space will be provided in the new
educational quarters for a modern
up-to-date dark room.

The first meeting of the Cam-
era Club will be held soon. Watch
the Bulletin Board for an announce-
ment.

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FOUND: HARBOR

By

Bill Gibson

I've ridden the plains as a cowboy
I've sailed the seven seas,
Known the pangs of hunger
An what it was to freeze.

I've made my home with the Indians
Shacked up with the Eskimo,
Watched for the sun six months at
a time
And prayed for the ice to flow.

I've eaten sor belly and sorhgum
Down south with the dark-skinned
folk,
Helped Paul Bunyan tame his ox
And watched him hev the yoke.

I've seen the hell of the Yukon
spell
As men went mad for gold.
Been to the markets on the Barbary
Coast,
Where souls were bought and sold.

I've wondered far from my guiding
star,
Left much to do and see;
But the best of all was when I
answered the call
To enroll in the CCC.

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We'll put our money on "Cowboy"
as the champion canoeist.