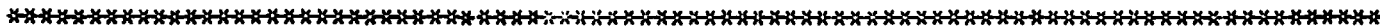


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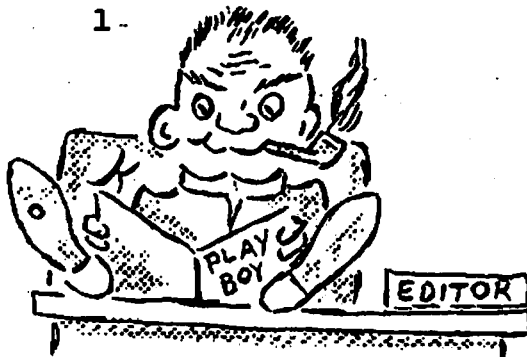
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# Editorial

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Since I have been in the camp I have, on a number of occasions run across the initials D.A.S.H. and wondered what that was all about. My curiosity was curtailed somewhat by expounding some views on crime, rehabilitation, and punishment but my curiosity being what it is; I decided to satisfy it and find out what D.A.S.H. meant. I approached our liason officer on this and he arranged for me to spend a day at Centre Creek Camp and obtain as much first hand information as I could.

On May 29th, I was at Centre Creek to discuss this program with the staff and inmates, I must admit my timing could have been better not only was it raining but, one inmate decided he didn't like the program and arranged his own parole. (Apparently there have only been three escapes from Centre Creek in two years, this in itself speaks well for the program) I was given most of my information and a tour of the camp by Mr. Wagner who I would like to take this opportunity to thank for his interest and hospitality.

The initials D.A.S.H. stand for Development of Attitude, Skills, and Habits. This particular program is basically physical and is aimed at the old theory of a "healthy mind in a healthy body". It is also designed for the young, those under twenty-three and the inmates are selected by classification at Oakalla Prison Farm. This new concept on rehabilitation for the younger offender began as an idea by the staff at Centre Creek who have a genuine interest in youth and the outdoors; this idea happened to coincide with a similar plan with the higher-ups in the penal service - and so D.A.S.H. was born.

The staff whose job it is to try to make this idea work were in the beginning all volunteers, since then however some of them have been hired. Though this program is still in the experimental stages and suffering the usual growing pains all the staff I met were sincere and very enthusiastic for its success. I was certainly not mislead by the staff, it was pointed out to me that it is much too early for a true evaluation of its merits; neither was there any attempt whatsoever to hide anything from me, I was allowed to roam at will and talk to whoever I pleased.

The program itself is a six month course with progressive stages and at the completion the inmate is almost guaranteed a parole, but it is made abundently clear to him that he must earn it; not so much as by actual physical ability but rather by effort and a sincere desire to help himself.

As each new batch of trainees come into the camp they are assigned a troop number the highest number being the newest arrivals. If somewhere along the line an inmate does not measure up, then rather than drop him from the program he will be back-trooped or in other words do that month over again. The first month will consist mostly of work, P.T., group

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counselling, and lectures - very much like an army boot camp. From there the inmate will graduate to such things as the uses and maintenance of survival and work equipment, knots and lashings, map and compass, outdoor survival, fire suppression, search and rescue, rafting and boating, rappelling, day and overnight hikes and at the end of the program a five day graduation hike.

Not all of the program is physical, the trainee is given lectures on the structure of a business letter, job application, V.D., facts on glue sniffing, cigarette smoking, alcoholism, marijuana and drugs, understanding human nature, public speaking, the citizen and the community. On these he is given tests and he must reach a certain standard. I had the opportunity to sit in on a lesson on first aid and found it both interesting and educational.

I toured most of the camp including the obstacle course which is much like any such course anywhere, not as difficult as some and not as easy as others I have seen. I inspected the camping and hiking equipment and found it to be of excellent quality and everything that one would need for a camping expedition is there. I was shown the rations and menu for the five day hike and I can't see where anyone is going to be hungry. Due to the time element, I didn't get a chance to talk to as many of the inmates as I would have liked, but I did get the general impression of optimism - I received the usual gripes and complaints, some rather foolish but for the most part constructive.

Will it work? The staff at Centre Creek Camp think the percentage of success will be 80% some others I have spoken to about D.A.S.H. don't give it anywhere near that. BUT to a young man who may have say eighteen months to serve, is he not better off on a program such as this than peeling spuds or some such chore behind the gray walls of a stone dwelling; of no use to himself, his family or society? I say definitely yes, I cannot see what difference (apart from the monetary one) the percentage makes as long as some do not come back to prison, that in itself is accomplishing a great deal, recidivism being what it is today. My personal congratulations to the staff and inmates of Centre Creek Camp who are trying so hard to make this program work.....GOOD LUCK.

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The difficulties of today, when overcome, will be remembered as the good deeds of yesterday.

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There is a big difference between free speech and cheap talk.

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It's useless to put your best foot forward - and then drag the other.

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Most crime is an accumulation of bad habits.

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Accomplishment increases self-confidence and spurs a man on to greater efforts.

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Fatigue and a short life are the arch enemies of accomplishment.

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# PAROLE

I have, on a number of occasions been asked questions regarding National Paroles. Since I am no authority on paroles of any description I decided to compile a list of questions I was most often asked and the answers I took from the Handbook on Paroles printed by the National Parole Board. I hope this will be of help to the inmates who asked these questions or any inmate who may be contemplating writing for a parole.

Editor

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. When can an inmate make application for a National Parole?
- A. Application can be made at any time. The application, after being typed in duplicate, is forwarded to the National Parole Service in Ottawa, and the regional office of the National Parole Service in Vancouver.
- Q. When is the earliest time a person can receive a National Parole?
- A. Normally, when he has served one third of his sentence.
- Q. Is it essential to have a job for Parole?
- A. No, but it helps. Serious thought given to future employment is an indication that the inmate is serious about rehabilitation.
- Q. How long does it take for a parole application to be processed and a final answer given to the applicant?
- A. This will vary with the length of time required to complete the community investigation. National Parole Service regulations, however, require that a decision be made not later than four months from the time the application is received in Ottawa. I am given to understand steps have now been taken to speed the processing of National Parole applications.
- Q. Does the type of offence involved make a difference when you are being considered for parole?
- A. The nature of the offence is one factor considered by the National Parole Board. More important is the inmates awareness of his shortcomings leading to the offence and what he has done to overcome them.

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- Q. If a person has two or more consecutive sentences, are these totalled to find the time for eligibility for parole?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do character references from people on the outside help to sway the decision of the Parole Board?
- A. Consideration is given to character references. The camp report is one of the most important character references. In other words, the Parole Board will be concerned to whether the outside character references are supported by persons observing the inmate in the camp.
- Q. Does the fact that a person is married help when he is being considered for Parole?
- A. No, both married persons, and single persons must convince the National Parole Board that they sincerely intend to reform and that granting a parole will assist their reformation.
- Q. Why would a parole be refused a first offender who has a good record in the institution and in the community prior to his offence?
- A. A first offender with a good institutional and community record is likely to be granted a parole provided his post-release plans are responsible and he sincerely intends to reform.
- Q. Who, and what decides whether a person receives a parole, and what bearing does the camp record have on his application?
- A. Parole decisions are made by the five member National Parole Board, one of whom is a woman, which sits in Ottawa. The camp record is one of several reports considered. It is one of the more important ones because, the Parole Board is concerned to know whether the inmate has changed for the better since coming to the camp.
- Q. Is it possible to avoid having an inmates wife (or anyone else) involved in his application for parole?
- A. Yes, provided release plans involve temporary or permanent separation from wife, and provided this is fully discussed with the National Parole Service representative and your counsellor, and they support the plan.
- Q. Please explain the system with remission in regard to paroles?
- A. No remission is earned for the period the person is on parole. Remission already earned will be credited to inmate up to date of release on parole. Therefore a person who is sentenced to one year, who is released after serving only six months would have his total sentence (including parole period) reduced by thirty days. He would, in effect, serve only five months on parole.

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- Q. Can a person receive a National Parole and move to another province or even another country to serve the parole period?
- A. Yes, provided there is adequate supervision outside of B.C. to the satisfaction of the National Parole Service in B.C.
- Q. Is it possible for a person who has received one parole within the past five years to be considered for another parole?
- A. Yes, especially if he successfully completes the first one.
- Q. If a person has applied for an ordinary National Parole, is he still eligible for a thirty day parole?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Can a person with a definite - indefinite sentence be considered for a National Parole?
- A. Yes, but the application must be supported by the National Parole Board.
- Q. Does a first offender have a greater chance of making a parole than a third offender?
- A. Generally speaking, the answer is yes. However, the fact that a person is a third or fourth offender does not prevent him from making a parole if his institutional record and post-release plans demonstrate a sincere desire to reform. It is to be expected, however, that the Parole Board will review carefully the case of the third offender before granting a parole again.
- Q. What are the different types of National Parole?
- A. These can be divided into four types as follows:
- (1) ORDINARY PAROLES - These may be granted after the one-third date of the full sentence following receipt of Institutional reports and a full community investigation. Application is made by the inmate. Supervision by a parole officer or a responsible citizen is a condition of parole.
  - (2) SHORT PAROLES - This type of parole may be granted during the last thirty days of a persons sentence. For application, a inmate is required to sign a parole license, he is not supervised by a parole officer during the short parole period. Grounds for a short parole include immediate availability of employment and compassionate factors, such as death or illness of a close relative.

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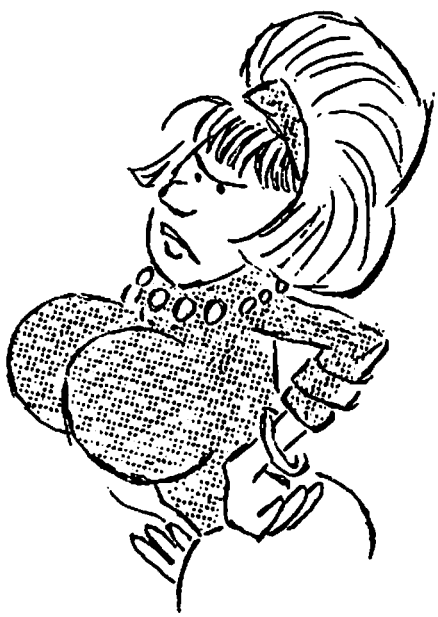
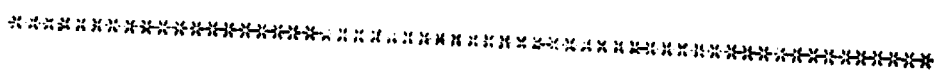
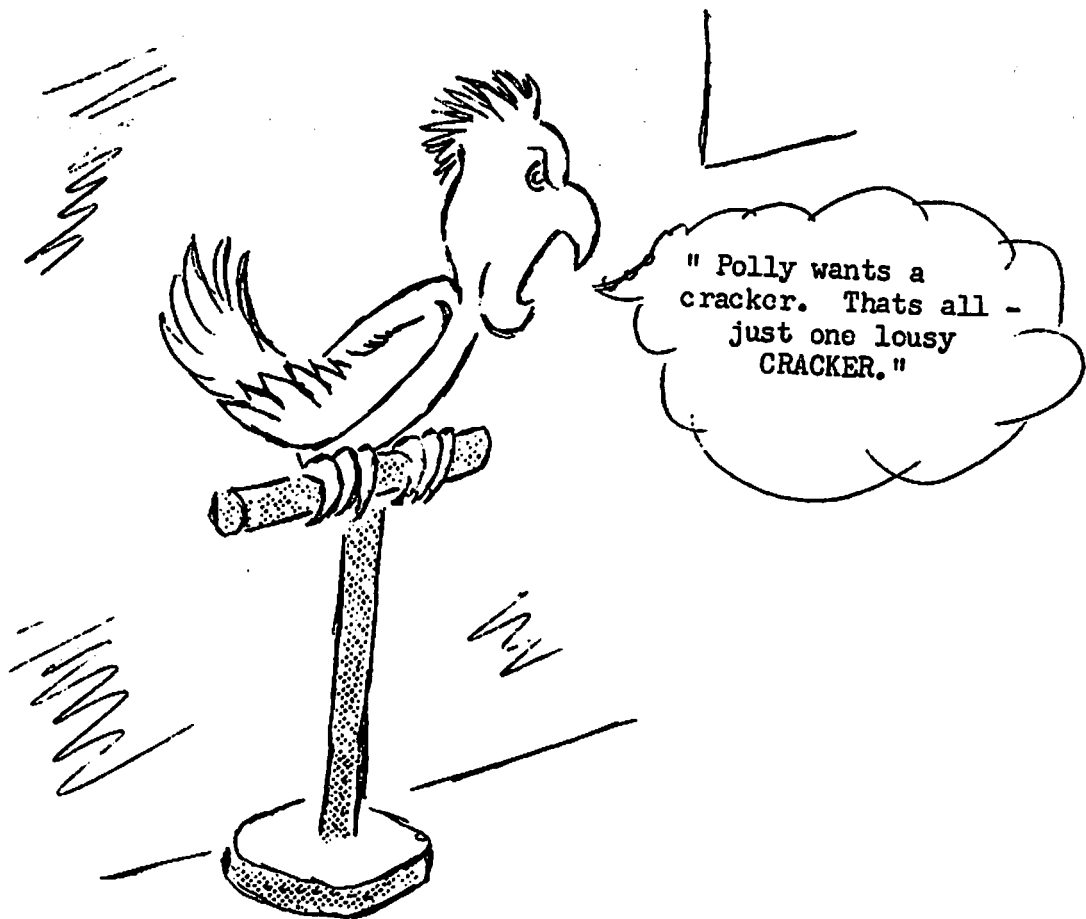
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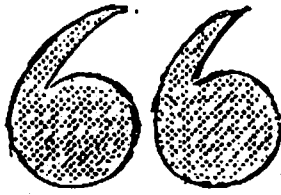
- (3) PAROLE IN PRINCIPLE \* This is a short conditional parole granted by the National Parole Board on the recommendation of the Institution. Release on such a parole during the last thirty days is dependent upon suitable employment being confirmed. The decision to release is made by the Warden. This type of parole is designed to provide deserving inmates with an incentive to vigorously seek employment during the latter part of their sentence.
- (4) GRADUAL RELEASE or RESIDENTIAL PAROLE - This type of parole is designed to enable an inmate to spend a portion of each working day in the community engaged in constructive work or training, returning in the evening to the Institution for participation in other programmes. The inmate is required to pay a reasonable sum towards the cost of his maintenance and transportation to and from work. Application by an inmate for this type of parole is the same as in the case of an ordinary parole.

REMEMBER - Parole is not a right, but instead a privilege.

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# Quotes You Should Have Heard

Jayne Mansfield may turn the boys into men, but I take them from there. - Abbe Lane

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A mamma's boy seldom grows up to be a ladies man. - Anon

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Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eyes fixed on the far horizon will find the right road.-Dag Hammarskjold

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There is a kind of man that has so little going for him that he must plan carefully, enlist friends, and make an inconceivable effort, simply to make a botch of things. - Leroy J. Bongartz

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If you carry too many large bundles in both arms at the same time, it will cause your nose to itch. - John A. Normant

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The Stalins die mostly in their beds. It is the Lincolns and the Kennedys who are shot down - London Daily Herald

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A dwarf on a giants shoulders sees farther than the giant. -Anon

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Do you realize we can no longer teach that everything that goes up must come down?-Oxford Owl

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Adequacy is the ability to do a job well without the desire to do it better. - Anon

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Let us enjoy the Sex Act.... before Congress repeals it. - Prof. Irwin Corey

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Money gives you a chance to select your own misery. - Dennis Weaver

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I am what I am and that's all I am. - Popeye

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The current generation of children is the first in history to think that when women get older their hair turns blonde. - Anon

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The secret of staying youthful is quite simple. So long as a woman has twinkles in her eyes, no man notices whether she has wrinkles under them. - Dolores Del Rio

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I'll never forget What's-His-Name. - Anon

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You can judge a man not only by the company he keeps but by the jokes he tells. - Shannon Carse

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Amateur psychiatry is like amateur plumbing - you make all the wrong connections and end up in hot water. - William Rotsler

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Success...when you are on top you have to send the elevator back down so that others may get to the top. - Edith Piaf

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Dream girls often become nightmares once you wake up to it.-William Rotsler

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No wonder there are so many loose ends in life-there are so many strings. - Steve Tolliver

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God has given you one face, and you make yourselves another.- William Shakespeare

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One thing wrong with the younger generation is that a lot of us don't belong to it anymore. - Anon

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Our editor-the man with one foot in the 19th century and the other in his mouth. - Our editor

THE DREAMER

The dreamer presents the pride of the majestic Rockies. In this early hour with this cool breeze I watched the sun rising from behind the sharp peaks. In the blue sky, patrols the Golden Eagle, its steady glide comes into circles which become smaller each round, searching for his morning meal.

Along the steep sheared like rocks I see a pin point, a white speck with the aid of high powered binoculars, I see a billy lazily but proudly he looks down into the colourful valley. Lower on the rocks lay the grayish coloured mountain sheep, chewing as they enjoy their view and the freshness of the mountain air.

At the timber line are the roving Elk, seeking shelter from the expected heat of the day. The bulls head is alert, high and back as though in a daring challenge to a duel as they move on.

On the landscape of shrubs and berry bushes, in a shrug like movement disappears a silver tipped Grizzly Bear. Meanwhile lower in the same landscape is an undisturbed Bruin rummaging through brushes and turning over rocks and anything moveable.

Now changing my position, down below is a meadow, in it is a deer from my view it is hard to tell what sex it is because it's head is hidden behind the bushes. I hear snorts coming from its direction, the tail is now flared up and now out of sight. Into the clearing comes prancing a male buck and out of sight he went.

Deep into the bush I hear branches and twigs cracking. A bull Moose is now in sight, chewing and nipping at twigs as it pushes his way on into the thickets.

By now the sun is punishing, with the help of these huge bull-flies I'll never be comfortable again. Trying to wave the flies away a chipmunk is making his way, trying to figure what my movements are.

Here comes an unexpected, unwanted animal, a bushy tail curled over his body with a white stripe from head to tail.

Below me and the skunk, is the monarch of all the animals, in his hands is a rifle, walking stealthily along the brush, now and then he wipes the sweat from his brow. Norma: I think this unpredictable individual is dangerous and must be left alone, if you think anymore he'll blow your brains out, so go back to the good old Cascades and do your time.

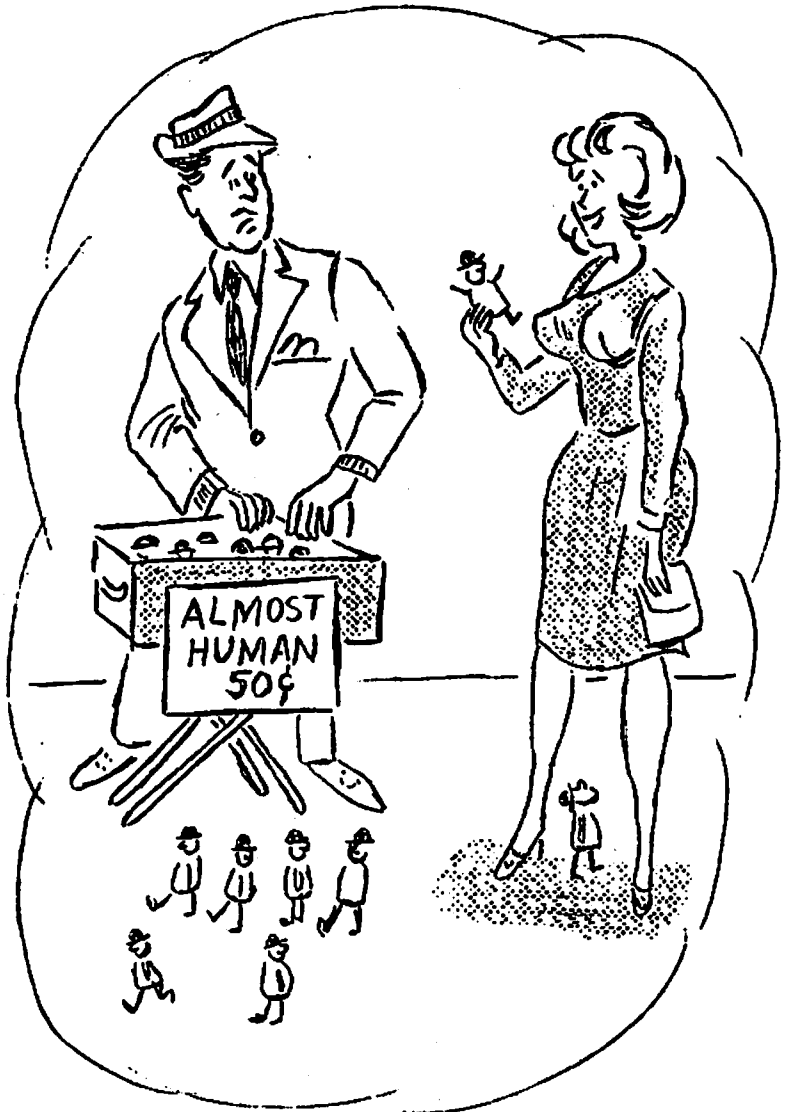
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# FREE

THIS IS A FREE TICKET  
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR ANYTHING!  
IT'S JUST FREE

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# CENTRE CREEK NEWS

Centre Creeks long awaited canoes have finally arrived and there are many smiling faces as a result. Having the canoes will open up a new field on our hikes.

Centre Creek had nine men entered in the May 3rd twenty-five mile walk, there were a few sore feet and legs and we are happy to say all nine participants completed the walk in five hours. All nine also mentioned they would do it again.

There were thirteen releases from Centre Creek in May. Eight were from the course and were released on parole. From the maintenance hut there were five releases. Among the five was the cook, there are some rumors that he left with 'Sweet Pockets', however we wish him well. We also, at this time, welcome the new cook. There has been one escape from Centre Creek, one inmate has been back-trooped for a month. The new troop (7) seems to be progressing well. Troop five and six will be leaving for fly camps on or about the 10th of June, spending only the week-ends in camp, should be a great assistance in the passing of time for these troops. There is probably nothing more the inmates want than a fast summer.

L. Iftody

# Mount THURSTON NEWS

Apart from a few guys coming in and others leaving our happy establishment, not much is going on around here.

I hear 'C' huts favourite india has a thing about listening to radios - especially on Saturdays! 'C' hut is also known as parole haven, must be about throe of the guys waiting, and none too patiently for word from Ottawa - one of them is an optomist anyway, I wonder who marked the calendar "home" on a certain day in June, at least he can always mark an arrow into the next day and if he doesn't make it by then, well just keep on making arrows...

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Mount Thurston News Cont'd

Our heartiest congratulations to Dave and the kitchen crew for the fine smorgasbord we all devoured and enjoyed on the long week-end.

I see the M.T. shop has two new 'volunteers' from Westgate "A", welcome aboard.

Talking of 'C' huts favourite indian, I don't know what this guy dreams about but if the peels of laughter coming from his bunk in the middle of the night are any indication - he must be having some dandies; be a sport Doug., and let the rest of the gang in on them - we could all use a good laugh.

With the leaving of Casey the title of 'Seagull Champion' was vacated, the two likeliest candidates appear to be Big John and Stump.

The hobby room seems to be a beehive of activity these days, lamp-making being the favourite pastime - some pretty nice looking lamps coming out of there too. I see Bill G. is doing his usual excellent work on coffee tables, he has a fine looking one just about completed. Totem-poles are another popular item in there. By the time this goes to press Jim C., the hobby hut man will be rejoining the street people - best of luck Jim. Thurstons Light Delivery Service will be looking for a new driver in June too, best wishes to you Ed. F.

Well thats about it for gossip around here, see you next month.

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# PIERCE CREEK News

The work at Pierce Creek Camp is progressing well, the camp is looking good now, all cleaned up and nice green grass, the flower beds are all planted and we are awaiting for the flowers to bloom.

The work at Ford Nursery is slow now with this dry weather we are having, the gangs cannot clear new land due to the fire hazzard and we are now working on two new beds for the planting of more seed and helping to keep water on the trees that are now growing.

The sports at this camp are not doing very well, our ball team especially, but to look at the scores you can tell it is going well for the others, we still have not got a good pitcher, but the team is still trying and maybe some day they will win a game.

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We are having some hiking and fishing trips now and all that take part are enjoying this very much.

The hobbies are still going strong and there is some nice work being turned out, we have lost our fancy table maker as he got his transfer to A.R.U. and said upon leaving here that he was going to make bigger and better tables, if that is possible, he sure was doing a good job. He got a few of the fellows working on the same type that he was working on and they are coming along well.

We now have the wind spinners that look like three ice-cream scoops on the office roof again and the other equipment that tells us relative humidity, fuel moisture, amount of rain, temperature and wind speed for the summer to enable us to help the forestry with the fire prevention.

With the summer here, I wonder how many of the readers know how to treat bees and wasps etc, that come into house or car, that is to get rid of them without getting stung. All you have to do is hold your breath and you can pick them up in your hand and do what you like with them as long as you hold your breath, but be sure and get rid of them before you let your breath out, if not, as soon as you do he will sting you and as anyone will tell you they can hit hard.

The wild life are on the move now, on the way to work tonight there were deer, a fox and raccoons on the road. And we still have the four deer that come to the ball field and the raccoons at the kitchen. The birds are busy building their nests all around the camp. All this helps the moral of the camp and it is fairly good with the nice weather we have been having. So fellows keep up the good work and get the job done as this will make things a lot more pleasant for all, and now to say so-long for now, wishing good luck to all from Pierce Creek.

O. Farrell, C.O.

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As a new reporter for Pierce Creek I hope to avoid a calendar of day to day action "in the camp". That restriction of time and space would be absurd. I would instead ask you to open your mind beyond the camp gates...

DESERVATA

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons, speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant: they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are a vexation to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your

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achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble: it is a real possession in the changing fortune of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere there is heroism.

Be yourself especially do not feign affection, neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of your years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune, but do not distress yourself with imagining. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars. you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the Universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be. And whatever your labours and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul.

With all its shame and drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Found in old St. Paul's Church,  
Baltimore, 1692.

Before the next edition if anybody has something good to contribute from Pierce Creek, please write me.

Brian Barstead.

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Welcome to the Slesse News reporting team Brian, keep up the good work.

Editor.