

CAMP CLOSING

The last group of campers, completing a successful summer, went home September 1st. The closing of the camp was then handily handled by the closing staff of Dee, Alley, Pogo, Pluto, Spike, Chanock, Cody, Frosty, Pepper and Smokey. By Sept. 3rd. Chain and Felix had delivered all the sleeping bags to Bakersfield for cleaning this winter and the 'inside' closers were ready to lock up. Kingfish helped Granny at Strathmore for a couple of days following camp end and his mom took Frosty and Pepper to their home. Smokey took all the others. By the end of the day of Sept. 4th. a tired but satisfied crew knew the camp was ready for snows of winter.

GRANNY'S CHURCH

On September 22nd. Rifle, Pistol, Bullet and Smokey put on a program for Granny at her church in Strathmore. The church was overflowing and the hospitality and reception was outstanding. Knowing that Granny cannot be back with us next year made this last meeting rather sad but knowing of Grannys love for you and the camp makes our parting more bearable.

POST-CAMP STAFF MEETING

For the first time in the 20 yr. history of the Pyles Camp the camp staff were called together after camp. This meeting was held in Huntington Beach at the main headquarters on Oct. 11-12. Almost all of last years counselors were there except Barney and Tiger Paw. Choctau got the record for coming the farthest, he drove from Sacramento. The meeting was a great success as we discussed last summers program and how we could make next summer better. We had fine meals, some football, some swimming and slides were shown by Prof, on his Whitney Trip, and slides that everyone took on their own this summer. Vic Rivera 'Cool' came over and got just as excited as we all did over camp. Sunday morning was given over to Church Service with Chain in charge and that good old camp quartet of Rifle, Chain, Colonel and Professor. Notes were made on all the suggestions which Rifle and Smokey will work over with Chain and the program staff for 1969.

STAFF RETURNING

An unbelievable 95% of our staff are returning next summer. Granny and Auntie will not be able to return but they are already replaced by two other wonderful ladies. To

our knowledge no other camp has had such a tremendous percentage of returning staff. No doubt this will make for a very successful summer next season.

WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING?

Chain--Going to Cal Poly College in San Luis Obispo and running 20 miles every day. Won his first college race of the year.

Yo-Yo--After camp went right to work and then got a scholarship to Whittier College. Now works part-time at Whittier hauling furniture.

Felix--Has a part-time job parking cars in Bakersfield (along with Col) and going to Bakersfield J.C.

Stu--Studying hard on his major at Cal Poly (same as Chains) which is math.

Gabby--Works at Eagleston's Mens Store in Bakersfield and going to Bakersfield College.

Click--Took 9 hrs. to get home from camp (car broke down). Going to San Fernando Valley State College and majoring in Anthropology. Is a box boy at Boy's market.

Bear--Going to Hi School and playing on 1st. String 'B' team as center. Won first game but pretty beat up. Looking for a job.

Chanock--Finishing High School and working as box boy. Taking some ex-campers fishing.

Alley--Working part-time cleaning up a liquor store. Gets \$1. per hr. Is a P.E. major and shooting for a higher grade pt. average so he can get in college.

Professor--Missed registration in College and decided to work one semester. Will take Forestry for 2 yrs., J.C. and then Sr. College. Helping Smokey turn out this Pylet and visiting his Orange Co. boys.

Dee--Playing 1st. String football with brother. Ready to leave city and go back to camp.

Archey--Went deer hunting with Tex after camp. Going to Univ. of Redlands. Great but tough says Arch.

Tex--Got new car-one step ahead of bank payments. Going to Bakersfield College. Plenty girls, no jobs.

Choctau--Going to Amer. River College in Sacramento. Working with youth in Neighborhood program (volunteer).

Rifle--He and Pistol and Bullet mov-

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ing into a new home in Taft. Pistol very busy setting up new house, Pistol walking and smiling and laughing.

Buzz--Missed last 2 wks. of camp due to large accident he and mother had in Arizona. Mom still hurt. Going to Golden West College in Huntington Beach. Helped on this Pylet too!

Spud--Taking 5 solids in H.S. Is cheer leader in school, thinking of running for President of class. Lots of girl friends.

Colonel--Working with Felix. Going to Bakersfield J.C. and leading the Bakersfield College Christian Fellowship group. Prayed for and got new job.

Cody--Not working steady yet this fall but going in to check on camp three times. Lead pack-trip back to Pecks Canyon. Seeing Smokey very often.

Spike--In Jr. Hi. this year and liking it better. Swimming often with Smokey. Going in to camp in Nov.

Swede--Working to support Smokey and Spike.

Smokey--Finally hitting his stride in winter program. Planning reunions etc. and visiting campers as much as possible.

Granny--Working in new job with the Tulare Co. Scicon Camp in Springville. Liking it, missing Pyles.

Beany--Coming to Stanton Boys reunion with family. Making it in school so far.

Barney--In San Diego State College but won't write.

Tiger Paw--Living in Palo Alto, trying for big job in San Francisco and inviting us all to use his new boat when-ever up that way.

Count--Getting over a tough (bad) case of 'bugs' in blood stream and home for 5 weeks.

Twig--Talking to a lot of campers. Thinking of moving soon.

Frosty--Made reporter for school paper this year. Member of wrestling Club.

Cricket--Set back with a concussion of the head bone. Doing fine now.

Pogo--Member of cross country track team at Western High in Buena Park.

Pluto--Writing often and seeing Alley and other San Fernando boys.

(forgive us if we left out any)

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 Dee-14417 Kingsbury, Mission Hills
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(they all want you to write)

REUNIONS

Los Angeles Reunion:
 Thur., Dec. 5th. at 6:00 P.M.
 Union Oil Center, Los Angeles

Bakersfield Reunion:
 Sat. Dec. 14th. at 12:00 Noon
 Mason-Jaussaud's, Bakersfield

Ventura Reunion:
 Fri. Dec. 20th. at 7:00 P.M.
 Fair Grounds, Ventura

Orange Co. Reunion:
 Not definitely set yet but will
 be in early Spring '69.

(Detailed info. will be sent you for
 your area-don't panic).

MT. WHITNEY TRIP-by Professor

Two summers ago the Mt. Whitney trip began to take root in the minds of Prof and Colonel. Was it possible to make it in five days from Pyles Camp?

That summer of 1967 went fast and the trip stopped at a standstill.. Mt. Whitney was still unconquered by the staff of Pyles Camp. In the beginning of the new camp season 1968, plans were underway. In the final countdown it was only Barney, Bear, Prof and Stu, who ventured into the unknown territory of the forests and National Parks. On Sept. 1st. they left camp and took the Jordan Peak trail about seven miles down the logging road near Woody's Pack Station. Our first stop was Grey Meadow Guard Station. Next we crossed swinging bridge, followed by Trout Meadow.

We then continued until we arrived at Grasshopper Meadow. The second day, we left for the Kern Lakes and then after breakfast and lunch, we kept on moving until we reached the junction of Sequoia National Forest and Inyo National Forest on the Kern River at Coyote Creek. After crossing Coyote Creek we arrived at the kern River Ranger Station in the National Park. We spent the afternoon there and then proceeded to Lower Funston Meadow, where we spent the night. The third day we ventured to Kern Hot Springs and spent the whole day there. The fishing was good.

The morning of the fourth day we went to Whitney Creek. The fishing there is really great. We climbed up Whitney Creek, where we saw our first black bear. We arrived at Crabtree Ranger Station for the night. We were all happy, Whitney was only eight more miles away. The fifth day we just rested and took it easy and hiked to Guitar Lake three miles from the Ranger Station. We had to hike 1/2 to 1 mile back to the timberline to get firewood, elevation about 10,500. It was a full moon that night and it was beautiful but cold even in a sleeping bag. The 6th. day we left around 7:00 A.M. to start to climb to the summit of Mt. Whitney. We hiked past the Hitchcock Lakes on the way up. The scenery was fabulous. We arrived late in the afternoon at Whitney Portals. The total mileage was close to 85 miles.

I'm sure all who went would do it again.

Prof.

1. R.M. Pyles Camp
2. Jordan Peak Trail
3. Coyote Creek-Boundary Line
4. Funsten Meadows
5. Kern Hot Springs
6. Whitney Creek
7. Mt. Whitney, Elev. 14,495
8. Whitney Portal



CAMPER LETTERS

almost all of you know there was to be a road built into the camp this winter. At this time the progress on the road is such that the builders have already reached Freeman Creek (near 10 Min. Meadow about 3/4 mi. from Camp) with the first bull-dozer. All winter they will continue to work and, we are certain, we shall use it for supplies this coming summer.

NEW COOKS

We are very pleased to welcome to our camp family Mrs. Stella Phillips and Mrs. George Torix (Maxine). Stella lives in Strathmore, Grannys home town, and was our camp cook in 1955-56. We are very happy and lucky to get her back. Maxine is the wife of George Torix, our resident ranger in Grey Meadow. To both of these fine ladies we extend our sincere welcome.

TRIPS TO CAMP THIS WINTER

On November 8-9-10 Smokey, Swede, Spike and Freck (Linda) will be going into camp for their annual winter visit. On November 29-30 and Dec. 1, Rifle and Pistol and some of their friends will be going in for a visit. Both groups plan to walk in on the new road way to see the progress. Rifle and Smokey will take pictures to be put in the next Pylet.

We are very pleased to have received so many camper letters this fall. However there are a lot that have not written. In the next issue of the Pylet we shall devote a lot of space to reprinting your news. We are very interested in knowing what you are doing and want to share this with your other friends from Camp, both staff and campers. Please write to:

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CAMP HORSES

The camp horses are safely pastured in our lease pasture near Bks. All of them came out in very good shape considering the big job of packing and riding boys they all had throughout the summer. Buster had a small cut on his foot which has healed since he was put in the pasture. Remember their names; Red, Roany, Buster, Walker, Jo, Reiny, Toby, Mert, Jake, Ace, Weird Harold, Bones and of course two horses Cody used, Sooner and Pojan. Our mare, Snip, has had a beautiful colt named 'Oh Boy'. It is a horse Colt (male) and is to be trained by our good man in Bak-ersfield who is taking care of the stock through the winter, Mr. Jim Patton. Thanks Jim.

EDITORIAL by Smokey

Every boy that came to Pyles Camp during the summer of 1968 knows that the Camp foremost stands for the right thing. Sometimes this "right thing" is hard for a inexperienced, young man to determine. Most times he must rely on his conscience and good sense to know what it is. We think however, that every boy knows that NARCOTICS is the wrong thing. We talked about this during the summer but we want to emphasize the DANGER again. We have seen some pretty "hairy" things since camp is over and we pray each day that our boys will not only not have anything to do with narcotics, which include marijuana, but will try to guide their friends away from this awful blight to our youth.

Do not get "racked up" over the racial tensions that seem to be tearing up America. Within your own life treat others like they, and you, were treated in our Camp. I need say no more because you know exactly how that was. We stand by that.

Try to get some work. Go after it, don't wait for it to come to you. Be neat in appearance, respectful and courteous, and when you get a job show your employer how much you appreciate the opportunity by doing, not just what he wants, but MORE. You will always have a job-better and better ones.

Study hard in school this winter. You will have that the rest of your life. Follow the example of the staff.

Be sure and write. S.