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Military Camps Celebrate Tenth Anniversary; Advance Work Training Boys

Our citizens' military training camps are each year becoming more popular with the young men of America. The present year brings the tenth anniversary of this patriotic institution which is constantly making better Americans of those who take the training. In an interesting story on the life in the training camps, and the purpose of the training, Mr. Hancock Adams says in the current issue of the National Republic:

Tenth Year

"Citizens' military camps celebrate this summer their tenth birthday. Patriotic Americans who answered the call of country in 1915, to drop their civilian clothes to go to Plattsburgh as one of two or three thousand civilian "rookies" have turned over the torch to the young men who accept Uncle Sam's invitation for a month of citizenship training in these camps held from New England to California. Established soon after the World war as a feature of the plan for domestic security, as laid down in the national defense act of 1920, these camps have now become a recognized American institution. Their value long ago has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of all except the pacifists and the non-patriots. They can look forward to a life as long as that of the American people and their institutions.

Into Every Corner

"The camps reach out into even the smallest communities of the land. The boy from the east or west side of New York finds as his tent mate the country youngster from the little hamlet up state, a boy perhaps who has never seen the bright lights of a city. The son of well to do parents, on his way to one of the big eastern universities, stands shoulder to shoulder with the boy who must go to work to earn his own livelihood at sixteen. Democracy is the keynote of the camps, democracy combined with citizenship and devotion to flag and country.

Are Real Benefit

"The camps are what their name implies. The routine is that of out of door life, far away from school or business, or the distraction and turmoil of the city. Young Americans of all kinds are fond of camping; they inherit even today something of the spirit of the frontiersman, and the citizens' camps give them a taste of the simple country life and the breezes of the great out of doors.

"The camps are training camps, too. The educational aim is never lost sight of by the army instructors who have charge of the military and athletic instruction of the boys. They offer something different from the ordinary vacation. Work is the rule, not idleness."

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