

Diary Provides Vivid Picture Of Daily Life at Arden Shore

Superintendent at Lake Bluff Rest Camp Keeps "Human" Record of Events in Camp

The annual drive for funds to maintain the Arden Shore camp at Lake Bluff will take place the first week in May. In view of this fact the following extracts from the diary of the superintendent, giving, as they do, an intimate picture of life at the winter camp should prove of interest to North Shore readers.

October 25, 1922.—Winter camp opened with 18 boys. My, but they are a skinny bunch! Arden Shore will soon change that.

October 31.—14 more boys, all 14 or 15 years old. Every one has been refused a working certificate because he is undernourished, yet every family needs the boys' earnings. Harry S's father and mother are both mutes.

November 3.—Admitted 2 little Bohemian boys who landed only two months ago in New York. If ever there were war victims, these are. Frank is 15 and weighs only 61 lbs. Their mother had to kidnap them to get them out of their country.

November 9.—Dr. Brannick made her weekly visit. Boys making good gains. Camp full to capacity—40 boys.

November 13.—To-day's program described by Alex is typical: "Bang! Zang! Zang! Bang! rings the bell at Arden Shore at 6:30 a. m. 'Look out! 'Gangway!' 'One side!' cuts the crisp air as 40 boys spring from bed. After we are washed and dressed Mr. Palm, our director, makes us all go out and take our morning exercises. Oh, man, its fierce on a cold day. After exercises we have breakfast and it sure does taste good. At 8:30 we go to manual training and then to school we go. Its the Berries at school, and we have lots of fun everywhere. We can smell the dinner from the playground and that makes us run all the faster when the bell rings.

"Our nurse makes us sleep or rest from 1 to 3 p. m. She says that rest and plenty of milk make boys gain weight. She gives us a lunch every morning and afternoon of milk and crackers. We hike or go to the beach before supper and play games or read afterward."

November 29.—Had a birthday cake with candles for Andrew J. It was his first. He has done practically all the house-keeping and cooking for his family for several years. It is an inspiration to watch his rejuvenation.

November 30.—Thanksgiving Day. If you want a real thrill preside over 40 boys facing a thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. 24 boys have never had one before.

December 10.—Received a fine donation of books for boys. Judging from the way the boys devour books I imagine they have rarely known the luxury of reading a book in peace and quiet.

December 15.—Peter Z. has gained 10 lbs. in 3 weeks. He will soon be ready for a job.

December 25.—Breathless but happy! Four days of Christmas and forty boys are a great combination. All the North Shore seems to love the Arden Shore boys. A. S. S. program and treat; a real party by real camp fire girls; breakfast at the Nurses' Home at Great Lakes; stockings overflowing with useful and attractive gifts; all these fill the camp with joy to the brim.

December 31.—Monthly visiting Sunday for the boys' families. In obedience to his instructions Slim's

family arrived showing evidence of violent scrubbing and scouring.

Hyman's father agrees to buy milk for his son and to let him have the window open at night.

William N's mother, shedding tears and smiles, alternately hugged and kissed her son, exclaiming, "How you get like that, so fat!"

February 6.—A day of real grief. Pat has left us. Looking like a young prince in the good-looking clothes donated by the mother of a son who had outgrown them, he went back to the city to take a job at \$15 per week. There wasn't a dry eye in camp when he broke down on leaving the only real home he knows.

February 19.—Slim graduated today. We wonder who will take his place in breaking in new boys. "Yes," he was overheard to remark, "they learn you manners here. You got to use the right tools at the table. Don't never eat your pie with a spoon."

April 9.—A letter from Gus, graduated Feb. 25, bears testimony to the success of our efforts. "I made my mind up that I was not going to write to Arden Shore till I made myself somebody. Last Saturday my boss asked me where I got my manners. I told him at Arden Shore Camp. During the day he promoted me from mail boy to file clerk. I will make from \$58 to \$61 a month."

North Shore Catholic Woman's League

The North Shore Catholic Woman's League held its annual election and business meeting at the Winnetka Woman's club Thursday, April 12. The president, Mrs. A. E. Tilroe presided. Reports of the officers and various department chairmen were submitted which showed what splendid work the league had accomplished during the past year. Besides ministering to the wants of the poor with baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas time, the league contributed to the following: Near East Relief, St. Catharine's Home for Girls; Joliet Orphanage; Judge Bartelme and her work in Juvenile court; and a specified sum for Park Ridge scholarship fund, which also will be given annually in the future.

Election of officers resulted in the following: President, Mrs. W. A. Kittermaster, Glencoe; first vice-president, Mrs. William Dooley, Highland Park; second vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Winnetka; third vice-president, Mrs. Frederick Hubsch, Winnetka; recording secretary, Mrs. Charles Ryan, Winnetka, completing a second term; corresponding secretary, Mrs. David Hallinan, Winnetka; financial secretary,

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