

PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES

Military Training Camps for Summer Vacation

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THE summer camp for boys is a relatively recent but very worthy institution. It corresponds to a craving of boy nature and appeals to parents in the parent. Obvious as its advantages now appear, the summer camp did not spring Minerva like, full fledged, from the brow of Zeus, but was gradually evolved from the brains of men. Although its development was rather slow its growth was extremely rapid. These camps multiplied until within a few years after their first establishment they thickly dotted the sea coasts and lake shores of the northeastern section of the United States. Until four or five years ago all summer camps were conducted on practically the same plan. The owner, usually a master in some preparatory school, was the director, and was assisted by a number of young men, themselves masters or trained students called counselors. Camp fires, canoe trips, hikes through the woods or straw rides across the country, baseball, sometimes tennis, swimming, fishing and boating usually made up the daily round of diversion and entertainment, while lounging, reading and helping with the care of the camp filled in the other waking hours. Such a summer camp for boys was conceived and such, with here and there slight modifications, it continued until recently.

It was the constructive genius of our day and country, Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, to introduce a new idea for boys' summer vacation—the military training camp. This is fast revolutionizing the old style of boys' summer camps. Parents who have seen the benefits their boys have derived from a single summer spent at one of these camps will continue to send their sons to such kind of camps. Parents have at last awakened to the fact that there is nothing in the world better for a boy during his summer vacation than the right sort of military training and discipline. It straightens and broadens drooping shoulders, removes all tendency toward laziness and lack of interest in life, and makes the boy alert, active, self-reliant, courteous and capable.

Future generations of grateful Americans will recognize better than the present generation appreciates the truly wonderful achievements of this titled "Father of the Modern Military Training Camp." It is not too much to say that no man now living is more well deserving of the human race than Gen. Wood. He probably does not fully realize himself what a leading part he has taken ever since he arrived at man's estate, in removing the principal barriers to the advancement of our national civilization. As this civilization took its march westward, the great obstacle it encountered in the narrow Indian. Capt. Leonard Wood removed this barrier when he captured the fierce and wily Geronimo. As our nation looked longingly southward after the abolition of slavery, it beheld its progress in that direction stopped by the apparently insurmountable obstacle, hostility of the old South civilization and the yearning slave. Capt. Leonard Wood at the head of the Rough Rider Regiment, bravely took a leading part in our determined and successful fight twenty years ago to remove the first of these obstacles, and (Governor-General Leonard Wood, by the manifestly fair and sympathetic manner in which he conducted the war, and the fact that he ended the last vestige of the hostility to remain before his magnanimity. Yellow fever, the most scourging pestilence that ever scourged mankind, yet fought with the yearning slave. For twenty years Dr. Finley of Havana maintained that the mosquito was the sole means of transmitting this disease. Some cheap wit had labeled him "Mosquito Finley," and people tapped their foreheads as he proved. Other Governors-General there had been aplenty in Cuba during those twenty years, but none of them would hear or heed the persistent but discredited medical man. There came a day when Gen. Wood sat in the seat of the Warden at the Penitentiary. Dr. Finley now bowed with a salute, but discouraged by ridicule, climbed again the marble stairs down which he had so often disgracefully come, after his full and unqualified attention to interest somebody in authority in his theory.

The man who sat in the seat of Government now was a skilled physician as well as an experienced soldier and a brilliant though only budding statesman. Dr. Wood listened to the elderly enthusiast, and soon the order went forth for the "Anopheles" League Commission to prove or discredit the Finley theory by actual experiment. Within a month or two this theory about proven beyond peradventure of a doubt. Then Gen. Wood returned to Major-General Wood, and applying this theory to the extermination of yellow fever in Havana, and in the island of Cuba. So successfully did Major-General Wood perform this duty that soon yellow fever ceased to exist in Cuba. Gen. Gorgas merely repeated in Panama what he had done in Cuba under the direction of Gen. Wood. Since then yellow fever has been stamped out all over the world. Thus it was that Gen. Wood had a large share in removing this pestilential scourge that was blocking the progress of our civilization. Having, in the course of his day's work and without any blare of trumpets, removed these obstructions to the advancement of our civilization toward the West and the South, Gen. Wood next scanned our eastern horizon with the eyes of a prophet, and realizing the menace to the United States in the war debts he saw gathering over Europe, raised his voice in pleading to our people to begin preparations against the storm.

Wounded with crying out in the wilderness of Congressional disregard, he turned at last to personal friends, and with their aid established through the agency of the Military Training Camp Association, the Business Men's Military Training Camp, on the shores of Lake Champlain, and the Junior Military Training Camp, on Plum Island in Long Island Sound. Thus did Gen. Wood become the "Father" of civilian military training camps in this country. Early last spring, when Gen. Wood realized that the terrible storm devastating Europe must sooner or later reach our shores, he encouraged and aided a friend, in whose ability he had confidence, to establish the Ethan Allen Training Camp on North Hero Island in Lake Champlain. The founders of this camp selected for its site the spot on which Ethan Allen and his associates—



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Here and was well informed about all the details of the camp life. An abundance of well prepared wholesome food is absolutely essential to growing boys and particularly to those engaged in such strenuous exercises as the military training that this camp entails. There are three divisions at the camp: A senior division for the big fellows approaching the draft age, a junior division for those a little removed from that age and a special division for the smaller fellows. In the senior division the training is vigorous and intensive, in the junior division it is slightly mod-

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THE SCOVILLE SCHOOL. Closing events of the school year at the Scoville School, 2045 Fifth avenue, New York city, will include the pupils' piano and vocal recital this evening in the auditorium of the school, Art Building.

THE SEMPLE SCHOOL. Commencement exercises of the Semple School, New York city, Mrs. T. Darrington Semple principal, will be held on Monday, May 20, in the ballroom of the Hotel Plaza. The graduates are the Misses Alberta Farmer, Harriette George and Mary Callahan. The vocal solos are the Misses Pauline Sherman, Margaret Vail and Caroline Boardman. Piano solos will be played by Miss Georgina Sherman. The Rev. Arthur Judge, D. D., will address the graduates. The play "The Girl Over Here," given by the pupils of the Semple School for the benefit of the "Boys Over There," yielded a most substantial amount. The proceeds, over \$300, will, through the guild of the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women, provide an ambulance and trailer, or ambulance kitchen, for the immediate comfort of the wounded soldiers.

JUNIOR PLATTSBURG. The present enrollment of the Junior Plattsburg shows a representation from 170 different educational institutions. These young men will meet together for a summer of military work come from college and secondary schools situated in every quarter of the Union. The result will be much the same as we are finding in our National Army. Shoulder to shoulder are men from hundreds of miles apart. The Clason Point cadets had been asked to give an exhibition drill, and they came forward in full dress uniform. They never looked better nor drilled with more precision. The veterans loudly expressed their admiration for the boys, and as a tribute to the courage of the cadets and their perfect drilling presented the lads with a very beautiful silver cup.

CLASON POINT ACADEMY. The city high schools that have military training as a part of their educational system were invited by the Spanish War Veterans to a public competition in drilling and marching. Stuyvesant, De Witt Clinton, De la Salle, Xavier and Cathedral schools accepted the invitation and appeared in the Twelfth Regiment Army on Thursday night to contest for the honors. All did so well that every one felt there is no time wasted in the formation of these future officers in our American army. When the judges made their announcement De la Salle was first, Xavier second and Stuyvesant third.

Not only is the military training at the Ethan Allen Camp the most excellent that can be devised, but also the vocational features absolutely cannot be surpassed. Robert J. Delahanty of the Worcester Academy, one of the best known physical training directors in New England, will supervise the games, sports and physical training in general. The food, quarters and sanitary arrangements are also of the best. A lady whose two sons spent last summer at this camp, and one of whom is now an officer in the United States Aviation Corps, wrote upon enrolling her son as the first cadet for the coming season, that instead of abbreviating Ethan Allen Training Camp, E. A. T. Camp, it should be called the E. A. T. Camp. This compliment was all the more appreciated because the lady had passed the entire summer at North

What Is Going On Within Academic Walls

THE girls of Rosemary Hall, Greenwich, Conn., were the winners of the track meet in which they competed against Oakmere on the Rosemary grounds. The score was 65 to 16. Wysham Rose girls, who usually take part in the meet, which is an annual event, were unable to do so this year. Helen Havensmyer, winning the baseball throw, broke her own previous record for the school. She threw the ball 105 feet 11 1/2 inches. The previous record was 101 feet.

ARBOR DAY was celebrated at Rosemary Wednesday afternoon when each form planned an apple tree with appropriate songs and recitations. In the evening the girls gave a musical.

ON BEING PREPARED. "Preparedness" is the watchword of the young woman of today. Miss Theodora Ursula Irvine, teacher of dramatic art, with a number of her pupils attended a recent presentation of "The Servant in the House" by Miss Edith Wynne Mathewson. A well known speaker was scheduled to arouse the audience to the claims of the Liberty Loan by an appeal between the acts. He failed to appear and Miss Florence Weeks, a pupil of Miss Irvine, came to the rescue with a stirring recitation of "The Star Spangled Banner." The response was enthusiastic.

INTERLUDE. The tabulation of the Horace Mann School's subscriptions to the Liberty Loan shows a total of \$455,300. Besides this the Boy Scout troop subscribed \$125,000. This New York city school has been organized for a Red Cross drive. Each boy will make an individual contribution. The school will be 100 per cent. Red Cross.

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