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(Kis-Lyn tour-continued)



What were some of the activities that the boys took part in?

Art Teel---"I think that the inter-cottages sports was a very thoughtful decision."

What impressed you most inside the cottages?

Joe Fierro---"The cleanliness of the rooms and the little light that they had."

What were some interesting things that you found out from the boys when you were talking to them?

Max Mehalick---"Some told me that the sport facilities were inadequate. They also liked the present superintendent better than the previous one because he's so friendly."

What surprised you the most in the cottages?

Mike Blass---"The leather 'sneakers'. They were like soles of a shoe and were hanging ay the door. The boys said if they fooled with their work they'd get hit with it."

What did you think when you first saw the boys?

Bette Dinos---"I didn't think that such small boys could ever do anything bad."

Were you amazed to see the boys walking alone or riding around on bicycles?

Tony Scaran---"No, I wasn't. I expected to see them because I think it helps to build up their confidence and forget why they're there."

Do the boys ever enter fairs and contests with their liv stock?

Bob MacKinder---"Yes, they have won hundreds of ribbons, medals and trophies for their livestock, poultry, and produce."

Would you make a general comment on the visit?

Miss Dossenbach---"Kis-Lyn is a reform school where the boys can receive some intelligent help, which they need in changing for the better. I think this trip is extremely worthwhile because we gain a clearer understanding of delinquents."

These answers touch on the most interesting parts of our visit, although many of the students wanted to say much more. In conclusion I'd like to mention that the boys do their own barbering, sewing, cleaning, farming and milking. They go to school and have to study from 6 to 7 A.M. every night except Friday, when they go to Boy Scouts.

We all agree that the trip was worthwhile, and that our impressions of it will remain with us for a long time.

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SURPRISE !!

This morning we awoke to find the ground covered with a layer of pure, white snow. It seems like those winter days again. Everybody dug out their boots, scarfs, gloves, and earmuffs, which they had so joyously tucked away for the summer. But, remember, this is March and anything can and will happen. It came in like a lamb, and it looks like it will go out like a lion. So, be prepared!!