



Visit state capitol

The fifth grade class at Lehman-Jackson visited Harrisburg on their class field trip. With the help of Lisa Baker and Senator Lemmond, the students were able to tour the Capitol building, visit the Treasury

Building and tour the State Museum. The students posed on the steps of the capitol with Senator Lemmond and Representative Hasay for a picture

CCC Boy

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camp for a shower, change of clothes and a hearty dinner.

It wasn't "make-work" - the CCC was responsible for reforesting thousands of acres of clear-cut woodlands and for stabilizing large areas of the midwestern "dust bowl," where soil had been eroded from decades of improper agricultural techniques.

"People thought that we were beggars," Gorto said. "We worked harder for what little we had than people do today. We were the 'lost generation' of the Depression - what did we have to look forward to?"

Former CCC work projects are still paying dividends today, Gorto said.

People are still using the roads, power lines, small reservoirs and state parks built by the CCC boys.

This reporter learned American history from grade-school class trips to the historical sites near Morristown, NJ, which Gorto and his comrades restored.

The CCC's dividends were also paid during World War II, when the military made use of the CCC boys' many skills: mapmaking, operation of heavy equipment, baking, cooking, driving trucks and working in military hospitals.

"When you were drafted, the recruiter asked the guys who had been in the CCC to step forward," Gorto said. "They got their stripes almost as soon as they got their uniforms. Lots of CCC guys went into the Seabees and the Army Engineers."

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CCC veteran

A firm believer in the lessons of respect for elders, teamwork and hard work, Gorto and other alumni of the camps believe that the CCC should be reactivated today to help inner-city youth.

A large contingent of CCC alumni plan to carry their cause to Washington, DC, July 16, in a march to publicize their request.

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In issues of *The Dallas Post* from 1933, several articles describe the "huge civilian army of able-bodied young men" working in the camps, one in Mehoopany.

A reporter interviewed a young boy out gathering firewood in the

pouring rain, who said, "We have been wetter and colder and hungrier than this tramping the city streets looking for work last winter."

In a time of widespread unemployment, suicide and homelessness, when people couldn't afford

to pay their property taxes and many lost their homes, the CCC put a generation of young men to work learning at least the basics of a trade.

More important, it gave them hope where none had existed before.

Men who were part of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) or the WPA during the Depression willing to share their memories of that time are requested to call Grace Dove at The Dallas Post at 675-5211.

We would also appreciate any information on CCC or WPA projects which were done in the area.

Early deadline for July 7 issue

The office of *The Dallas Post* will be closed all day Monday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday. Deadline for all advertising and news copy for the July 7 issue will be 4 p.m., Friday, July 2.

BMT Kiwanis to meet July 10

The Back Mountain Kiwanis will hold their next meeting on July 10 at Friendly's Restaurant starting with breakfast at 8:15 a.m. and the meeting at 9 a.m. All members are asked to attend this meeting. Clem Norman, president, said that there will be no meeting July 3, due to the 4th of July weekend.

Inmates

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facilities at Frackville and Greene City, while low and medium-security inmates from Frackville and Coal Township will be moved in to replace them, Clymer said.

When prisons at Mahanoy City and Albion are completed, Dallas will probably send high-security prisoners there also, he added.

SCID has "more than its share" of high-security inmates, some of whom were transferred here after having been in trouble at Graterford and Pittsburgh, Clymer said.

Some high-security inmates have already been transferred, Clymer said.

The facility in the Chase section of Jackson Township has been the scene of several incidents of violence in the past year, including an attack on February 1 in which guard Howard Rice was beaten for 20 minutes by a con-

victed murderer who was housed in a dayroom while awaiting transfer to a restricted housing unit.

"This is terrific news!" said Pat Rusiloski of the SCID Citizens' Advisory Committee. "We would have liked to have seen it done sooner and faster. People don't seem to think about the prison until there's a problem."

Even with the construction of new prisons, Representative George Hasay still sees possible future prison problems.

"With the new mandatory sentencing laws, we'll have to build a prison a year to keep up," he said.

The prison was designed to house 1,454 inmates, with 392 corrections officers. While the number of inmates is now 50 percent higher than the designed capacity, the number of guards is about the same.

Teachers

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on the teachers' ages, a percentage of their present salaries and number of years' service.

"That's confidential employee information," he said.

Under the early retirement incentive, teachers also can have their health insurance benefits paid until they reach age 65, Wycallis said.

Wycallis couldn't give a time frame for the court to either up-

hold or dismiss the district's appeal of the teachers' retirement incentive payments, calling it "a very lengthy process."

In other business, the board voted to hire middle school librarian Ann Marie Rice to do a computerized inventory and bar-coding of books in the middle school library, at \$16.50 per hour, five hours per day, for 21 work days in July.

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