

FATHER FOLEY CAMP BUGLE
April - 1944

Hi, there Pals!

We told you we would see the Camp before writing you again. We did not think at that time that this letter would be delayed so long. But just about when we planned to set out, Old Man Winter came around and said he had some things to do - we both could not do things at the same time - so here we are about three weeks late.

We got there. The lake is in the same place. It just could not move as it is tied down with about two feet of really good ice. The trees are all there too, the wind and lumberman did not invite them to move. And the buildings! well, the campers had trained them so well to obey orders that they insist on staying just where they were put.

Some times cars, the best of them, get lazy. We do not mind that so much, as all things that move under their own power, do get that way at times. What we do object to, is that some cars do not consider the plans and feelings of their owners. And when they decide to hold a conference with an imaginary neighbor on the other side of a ditch, or something else just as unethical, we do have objections to their whims. And when that conference makes an innocent person wait about three hours we readily admit we get almost mad. However, arriving at camp when the next day was fairly young and finding our cabin just as cold as one would expect after being exposed to the winter frosts within and without for the past five months we took it philosophically and decided that "all was going according to plan" We were still in a mood to meet friends friendly, when foraging fuel for the gracious old fire place to change the atmosphere of the place, we were unaware that some ice had parked itself right in our path. When one's feet try to speed "up" and his head and hips insist on staying closer to the ground, complacency is a forgotten virtue. However, when a fellow comes through it all with only injured dignity, he must conclude he is still young.

Well, things have been happening since our last conference. Uncle Sam's Selective Service Board sent out orders that all Seminarians must continue their studies the year around. So our fine staff of Seminarians will not be with us this summer. That decision put us on the alert for other worthy young men to take their places. We have been quite fortunate so far in building up a staff from other sources. If you know of any young men who have been released from the army, or otherwise at leisure, and are qualified for this essential war work, tell them to contact Father Foley at Faribault and he will confer with them.

We have quite an unusual number of inquiries to date and more registrations than customary at this time of the year.

We had planned on enclosing applications forms with this letter; but decided to put it off till our next letter which will follow soon.

While at camp Father Foley met the carpenters and arranged for those planned improvements this spring. Lumber and other material are not plentiful, but we will manage to go through with our plans.

We want you campers to send in more names of boys who are interested in camping. Several have sent in their quota, but something tells us that a few of our old campers have forgotten.

So hoping you all had a happy Easter vacation and wishing you all the best of luck, we'll be seeing you at camp

FATHER FOLEY CAMP BUGLE
October - 1944

Well campers we are all resting under the happy conviction that you arrived home safely. We have received no tires from anxious parents to the contrary; so all is well. No doubt you have been narrating with flourishes the many wonderful things you did and the many experiences of camp.

And what a summer it was -- for some. Those who were responsible for the safety of those many bundles of human energy felt they had something on their hands, and they must have had something on the ball too; otherwise we would not have come through so gloriously. Congratulations campers for sticking to the rules of safety so well; and also congratulations must go to the counsellors for guaranteeing that safety was the first law of the camp. It is better to be called a "sissy" than to have your friends say "he was such a manly boy"

You have received the Camp Roster. Keep that in a safe place. It will be useful in many ways. You may perchance be touring through their town. Perhaps you would like to say "hello" You will be better acquainted after that experience.

" Busy since the camp closed " Yes, yes, yes. Among our many other duties we have been busy attending to your business. Packing and addressing parcels to many of you. We had to do much of that work before camp closed and have sent out about sixty more parcels during the past weeks. Oh, you forgetful boys, careless boys, such indifference! We never saw such a wasteful bunch of boys! (We heard these remarks after you left camp) but we think it will be all forgotten by next season. Here is something the grapevine brought us. Father Foley was up to camp recently, and believe it or not, he left his rain coat up there, and it was raining too when he left. Who is careless, reckless, indifferent now? And we never heard him say a word about this. Won't he be embarrassed when he reads this. Facts are stranger than fiction.

Well, after that aside for which we will likely have to pay later on, let us get back to work. We have mailed most of the which had the owners name; but for the one mailed there are dozens unnamed. They are still at camp. But knowing the value of shoes these war days we brought them to headquarters, hoping we may be able to locate the owners.

Here is a list of the shoes: We shall try to describe them and if they belong to you just write the Father Foley Camp, Fairbault, Minnesota and they will be mailed to you without any comment.

- 1 pr. black canvass 2 1/2, 1 pr. black canvass 5, 1 pr. bl. canvass 6
- 1 pr boy's tan shoes, rubber heels, 1 pr. tan rubber soles.
- 1 pr shoes (tan) leather soles, All worn considerably
- 1 pr tan leather shoes, about 5, lifts on the soles.
- 1 pr tan shoes, new, black rubber soles # 7
- 1 Pr moccasins about #5
- 1 pr bed room maroon ~~####~~ felt slippers
- 1 gym brown canvass shoe about #7
- 1 white canvass, black rubber sole about #7
- 1 tan shoe, black rubber sole about #7
- 1 tan shoe, black rubber sole about #5
- 1 black leather shoe about #6

Here's hoping you will do better next season