

# The Shady Trails News

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SHADY TRAILS CAMP, NORTHPORT, MICH.

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## Shady Trails Camp Opens Ninth Season On June 24, 1940

Operates In Cooperation With  
University of Michigan  
Speech Clinic

ENROLLMENT LIMITED  
TO THIRTY-TWO BOYS

Shady Trails, the National Speech Improvement Camp, will open its ninth season on June 24, 1940.

The camp, located two miles south of Northport, Michigan, will continue as a unit operating in cooperation with the Speech Clinic of the University of Michigan.

The faculty will include all of last year's members. Since September, four staff meetings have been held and several other meetings will be called during the year for the purpose of planning activities for the nine weeks of the coming season.

Several old campers and a number of new ones have already made reservations for the coming year. Enrollments will again be limited to 32 boys.

As in many seasons past, considerable aid will be forthcoming from the Camp's Supporting Fund.

In the near future, a new camp bulletin will be ready for distribution.

## Faculty Attend Speech Meetings

### Bilto To Give Illustrated Talk At National Speech Convention

Several members of the camp faculty have been attending speech correction conventions in various parts of the country.

At the National Speech Convention to be held in Chicago December 27, 28 and 29, Mr. E. William Bilto will give an illustrated talk on "A Program of Physical Education for Speech Handicapped Children."

Dr. Harlan Bloomer and Mr. John Clancy are also planning to attend.

On November 18, a meeting for the speech correctionists of Michigan was held in East Lansing. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John N. Clancy, Dr. Harlan Bloomer, Miss Hildred Gross, Mr. William Bilto, Mr. Raymond Cromer and Miss Florence Michlinski.

Dr. Harold Westlake and Mr. Dick Morley participated in the Harrisburg Convention for the speech correctionists of Pennsylvania.

### THE "NEWS"

Inasmuch as the camp newspaper will become an all-camp paper, starting next summer, with the staff including representatives from each camp group, the name has been changed from "The Snooper's Paradise" to "Shady Trails News."

The "News" promises to be a bigger and better paper offering the latest facts concerning camp activities.



## Tintinnabulation of Bell-Winged Snipe

Tinkle, tinkle, little bird,  
Bell-winged snipe whose notes  
are heard,  
Tinkling with each flap of wing,  
Hear the happy snipie sing—

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Hunting season now is past,  
Bags and flashlights gone at last,  
Little snipie wends its way,  
Fearlessly it comes to say—

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

—Doctors of Brainless  
Surgery and the Drama

The above Bell-winged Snipe is the latest prize discovery of enthusiastic snipe hunters. The Doctors of research in Snipology inform us that this bird makes its appearance, strangely enough, during the Christmas holiday season. Doctor Sherlock (Bob Schneider) Holmes reports reading recently that scientists from all over the world were amazed when a very rare bird, the Headless Snipe, had been found in the Kingsbury Run District of Cleveland, Ohio.

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## Scheifley First Camper Enrolled

When Shady Trails Camp opened for the first time during the summer of 1932, Ralph Scheifley, of Alma, Michigan, was the first boy to enroll.

During the early days of camp, he and Stan Eldred, Ned Parsons, Ben Bryant and Dick Scammon were the first ones to blaze trails through the "80 acres" which inspired them to write "On the Shores of Big Grand Traverse."

Ralph spent four years at Alma College and, after working one year in his home town, he finally became a member of the office force in a furniture factory at Grand Rapids.

## YOUNG DAVID CROMER USES VOWEL SOUNDS

Latest reports state that David Cromer, four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cromer, is showing excellent use of all the vowel sounds. It is expected that, in a very short time, young David will have completed full development of the consonantal sounds.

Mr. Raymond Cromer will return to camp next year for his third year on the Shady Trails' faculty.

## McElroy Receives Citizenship Award

John McElroy, a camper at Shady Trails for six years, is now attending the University High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In June, he was the recipient of an honorary award for citizenship.

His latest accomplishment was getting into a "tux" for his first formal held on November 24. This was finally achieved with the assistance of Dr. Bloomer, Mr. Clancy and Martie Jones.

## MORLEY DESCRIBES NEW ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Dick Morley, recently made a member of the Speech Department at the University of Pennsylvania, informs us that Pennsylvania is a very interesting, historical place in which to live.

"This section of the country fairly reeks with history," Morley writes. "George Washington and Ben Franklin seem to have been everywhere. I've been to see a lovely country church once attended by Anthony Wayne. We plan to take in Valley Forge, Washington and several other places of interest."

## Campers Report Speech Progress Through Practice

Many Show Evident Success  
In Adjusting To School  
Situations

BOYS ATTEND SPEECH  
CORRECTION CLASSES

Many campers, old and new alike, have reported on their progress in various speech situations.

John Graves, at Harvard University, writes that, at first, he had difficulty in adjusting to speech problems in his French class; however, he now has the situation well under control.

Nick Tucker has successfully taken part in several assembly programs and played "Daru" in an Arabian play.

Teachers and friends of Marion Evans report great improvement in his speech. Marion is taking an active part in various speech situations.

According to Howard Thulean, he is gradually gaining more freedom in speaking and states that he and all those who have put any effort into speech training have benefited greatly.

John McElroy is taking an active part in classroom discussions and gaining prominent recognition in his school.

Charles Bard is continuing his speech work with Miss Lutz at Muskegon, Michigan.

Clifford McCartney is now working with Miss Mayer of Detroit, while Elwyn Hill is with Miss Holway, also of Detroit.

Tom Brenner is doing an excellent job in the Kalamazoo High School.

Miss Plumley of Niagara Falls reports much improvement in Bob Robinson, whom she recommended for camp last summer. She also sponsored Doug Wilson and Phil Bechtel, who are also mastering more difficult situations.

Howard Haskins showed enough improvement to be dismissed from his speech correction class in Detroit.

Doug Jacobson continues to find the weekly W. J. Cameron talks excellent material for speech practice.

Robert Wray is definitely improving, gaining more confidence and more willingness to participate in class activities.

John Daleski is gradually working into more difficult speech situations with success.

James Parshall is having less trouble with his speech as a result of continual practice.

Garner Merrick is attending speech classes at the University of Michigan Speech Clinic, while Ed Smith reports that he is working with Dr. Van Dusen at Michigan State College.

Dick Roeder writes that he has taken part in some form of speech

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## NOEL

Mr. and Mrs. John N. Clancy wish to extend their heartfelt greetings for a joyful holiday season and much happiness in the new year.

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## Staff

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## EDITORIALS

### Speech Comes First . . .

You recall, of course, that while at Shady Trails the number of speech contacts you were able to make seemed very important. So it is not unnatural that occasionally I meet an old camper who, though rid of his old difficulty, is reminded to berate himself for not still going out of his way to create speech contacts.

Personally, I feel that our daily lives away from Camp probably supply a sufficient variety of speech contacts. If you agree with me, then your effort should be in mastery of situations; in the use of smooth and flowing controls in those situations that you are called upon to meet.

There is a young man here at the University, a friend of mine too, who takes considerable pride in his abilities in essay writing—especially in his ability to create volume. He refers to them in terms of typewritten pages. But just between us, I think that his essays are living examples of "cheap goods in large packages."

When it comes to a choice between Quality and Quantity give me Quality every time, whether it be essays or speech.

—J. N. Clancy.

### New Year's Resolutions . . .

Are you one of those who, each year, faithfully resolve to abide by a new set of resolutions but fail to remember them after the brilliance of the holiday season is gone and forgotten?

New Year's resolutions are for the weak—for those who were not sufficiently strong of will to perform certain tasks regularly. These are the people who cannot do things for themselves, who are helpless unless a willing hand comes to the rescue.

We, who have dwelled in the atmosphere of Shady Trails, where work and play alike are planned with one objective in mind, mainly speech consciousness, should certainly have developed a strong foundation for perseverance.

When school books are placed aside for the summer vacation, it is difficult to return to those books before the new semester begins. Similarly, when camp is over and you no longer have to "eat, drink and sleep speech," it may be quite a task to continue practicing the fundamentals necessary for good speech control. This is particularly so for those who are concerned only with what may be called "speech on display." They are excellent speakers when there is an opportunity to "show off," but, when they ask you to "pass the bread" or "what time is it," all training is neglected. Soon it is difficult to succeed even when there is a chance to "show off." The daily practice periods are forgotten for seemingly more important things. What could be more important than speech? Is there a day that goes by when you are not required to speak dozens of times?

The weak are those who resolve to do better at such times as New Year's, but who soon fall back into old habits.

Why not retain those daily habits stressed so emphatically at camp. Make them become an inseparable part of you and you'll find you will not have to make New Year's resolutions where your speech is concerned.

### "Good Will Toward Men" . . .

In these troubled times, the phrase, "Peace on Earth" sounds somewhat ironical; however, the rest of that well-known saying has more personal significance to us. We can all exhibit "Good Will Toward Men."

Too often, when we do not excell in some performance, we resent others who do. Instead of holding the success of others as a goal toward which we may strive, we sometimes do nothing, and, even more serious than that, we may make our achievement of that aim more unattainable.

The Christmas spirit, which should be so prevalent all over the earth at this time, is a spirit of good will, of respect and tolerance of others.

If our speech is not what we would like it to be, if John or Dick speaks more fluently than we do, let's not "hold it against them," but accredit them with their ability and do all in our power to improve our weakness, thus climbing higher and higher toward our goal.

Perhaps we can do nothing to impress belligerent nations with the significance of "Good Will," but we can keep our country more free from oppression by being tolerant of our neighbor and so spread "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

### The Last We Heard . . .

Kirby Hunter attended Culver Summer Camp.

Frank Hornik was building a boat.

Bill Hecker was at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. So was Bill Roddis.

Wesley Hayes was going to Ferris Institute at Big Rapids.

Daniel Ginsberg was attending Roosevelt High School in Detroit.

James Geyer had established a chicken farm near Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Don Stackman wished us a "Merry Christmas."

Emmet Sheeran was telling us "fish" stories when he visited us at camp the day before the end of the season.

Maurice Seiple went to a Boy Scout Camp for two weeks.

George Reutter had not written us for a "heap long time."

James Parshall had moved to Clawson, Michigan, and is now in the ninth grade.

Shalmie Oden was working with Miss Lutz in Muskegon.

Bill McKeighan was planning to drive to California.

Jack Lyons was employed as a garage mechanic.

Carl Andreson was going to the University of Arkansas and has been tentatively signed for the pitching staff of the New York Yankees.

### FAMOUS SAYINGS

Are there any announcements? What is this, a girls' camp or a cattle car?

We all had a bath! All those who are finished may be excused!

I found . . . ! This is a TRUE story!

Take three bites of everything! Happy Birthday, dear Nya, Nya!

(Sunday special) Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Break your bread and then butter it!

Don't do as I do, do as I say! If you think iodine stings . . . !

### Do You Remember When—

Robert Verplank walked into class before he woke up?

Martin Trachtenberg accepted the Blow Hard Trophy? This was the same trophy given to Professor Mase several seasons before.

Jimmy Smith decided that you could really have a good time and do something for your speech at the same time?

Joe Sloan demonstrated a snipe trap?

Charles Postel told a very true story about a mountain lion?

George LeBlanc was Indian Joe? Jack Robinson broadcast from Station STC?

George MacNider cleaned up his room?

Al Anderson got that bristly haircut?

Bill Babcock was the Tall Man in the Parkum and Roostum Circus?

Joe Anderson went on a Snipe Hunt?

Bobby Mellinger lost part of his pajamas during setting-up exercises?

Jack Boehm received an Indian haircut from Dr. Westlake?

### CHRISTMAS MAIL

Mrs. John N. Clancy states that the best part of the early Christmas season was receiving letters from old-time campers. These were more valued than any gifts Santa Claus could bring.

### We Wonder IF . . . .

Bryant Farnsworth still has slack in his pants.

Stan Eldred wears shoes, size 12.

James Eddington still talks in his sleep.

James Dunlap is at West Point.

Jack Dorie has a girl friend.

Dick Davis still calls, "Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!"

John Daleski is still posing for a handmade portrait.

Junior Crutchfield has that Clark Gable smile.

Bud Cavanaugh has a pair of bright yellow shorts.

Bob Carruth is a champion swimmer.

Lockwood Butler is still telling the ladies how beautiful they are.

Ben Bryant is still asking for bread and butter.

Jack Boehm wears a sombrero.

Phil Bechtel will be president of Houghton College.

Ed Barlow will play tennis in the Olympics.

Charles Bard still plays "Knock, Knock."

George Kimball still hunts for hawks.

Jamele Joseph is still at Empire.

Burton Heist is hunting a skunk.

Billy Fisher has as big an imagination as before.

Joe Stanich is a mad man.

Bill Rusk will be pulling all our teeth.

Jack Neville can still listen to "A Tisket A Tasket."

Bill Leeper would like to join an early morning swim club.

Bill Amon has caught a fish with his hands.

Mrs. Mann still cooks as well as she did.

Kenny Stern is playing tricks on anyone.

Vance Van Alstyne has learned any new dance steps.

Butch Joyner still wants his roommate.

Fred Densmore knows any True Stories.

Rob Robinson has gained any more weight.

Bozo Barringer is showing the South how to play baseball.

Chuck Anderson is still taking pictures.

John Wortley is smashing tin cans or beating the drums.

George Dunlap is still called the "Colonel."

Paul Klein is still finding lost articles.

Bob Bichan still remembers those baseball victories over Northport.

Phil Kilchenman is doing any "pioneering."

Tom Dickinson still gets excited.

Bill Richardson has been hunting.

### CROSS WORD Puzzle

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#### Horizontal

1. What do crayfish do?
2. What do dogs do?
3. What do snakes do?
4. What do cats do?

#### Vertical

1. Insects
2. What you see with girls.
3. What little boys do to little
4. Leisure

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## Many Shady Trailers Gain Recognition For Successes In Numerous Activities

### Campers Continue With Higher Education At Various Schools and Colleges

#### SEVERAL ACHIEVE SCHOLASTIC HONORS

In all parts of the country, Shady Trailers have been gaining recognition for outstanding successes. Many are continuing with higher education.

Doug Jacobson was chosen as one of ten students at his college to qualify for civil aeronautics instructions.

John Graves received a scholarship to Harvard University.

Martin Jones will receive both his Bachelor's Degree and Master of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Finance from the University of Chicago in 1940 after four years of college.

Robert L. Leverick won first prize for his celery at a community fair. He also received honorable mention at the Michigan Muck Show. Robert expects to attend Michigan State College next year, after completing his high school work.

John Daleski was graduated with "cum laude" from Alpena High School in 1938. He is now taking a course in radio television and sound engineering.

Bud Cavanagh has enrolled for a business course in Detroit.

Charles Bard has been attending school both summer and winter and is now a senior at Muskegon High School.

Leif Jensen is attending Baylor Military Academy in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he is still singing "Rose Marie," which he claims is still being accepted with loud applause.

Tom Cooley has been appointed business manager of the East Palestine High School basketball team.

In September, Bob Schneider entered the 110-mile Century Ride and won a silver medal.

Gladys Hanthorn, camp secretary during the summer of 1939, is now attending the Lewis-Chapin Secretarial School in Traverse City.

Bill Hecker is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Bill Rusk is in Dental School at Ohio State University.

### CARL ANDRESON GAINS SUCCESS AT BASEBALL

The boys of the season of '38 will recall the good pitcher that "Shady Trails" had on its team that year. Last spring, while attending the University of Vermont at Burlington, Carl played baseball under the watchful eye of Larry Gardner. The team won eight games, including Dartmouth and Army.

Carl has signed to play with the "Neosha" Missouri, a Yankee farm club, next summer.

He writes that he has gone in for several activities such as being an active reporter on the "Vermont Cynic" and usher for the "Champlain Valley Exposition" at Burlington. He took an extensive trip through Canada, going as far west as Minnesota. At present he is attending the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

They say that Carl now looks like a truck. . . . He has grown three inches taller and gained 31 pounds.

For the speech column Carl writes: "My speech has been very good, not much of anything the matter that I can see. Of course there are times, you know, when it is best to keep one's mouth shut."

### Faculty Employed In Michigan Towns

#### Bloomer Manager of U. of M. Speech Clinic; Hildred Gross Detroit Supervisor

In response to queries from campers as to where certain faculty members are and what they are doing, the following list gives this information:

Dr. Harlan Bloomer is now Manager of the University of Michigan Speech Clinic, Institute for Human Adjustment, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

Miss Hildred Gross was appointed Supervisor of all speech correctionists in the Detroit City Schools.

Miss Janet Bracket was married this August to Reno Koivunen. They are now living in Calumet, Michigan.

John N. Clancy was made admitting officer and clinician in the University of Michigan Speech Clinic.

William Bilto and Florence Michlinski are both working as research assistants and clinicians at the University of Michigan Speech Clinic.

Ray Cromer is teaching speech correction in the Detroit schools.

Fred Densmore is teaching speech in the Port Huron High School and Junior College.

Elwyn Latham is teaching accounting in the Central High School at Flint, Michigan.

Dave Russell has been the recreational supervisor for the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan. He plans to leave soon for Chicago, where he will take up osteopathic training.

Leslie Seppala has been attending Wayne University.

Ed Howard is teaching English at the Washington High School, Washington, Michigan.

Al Anderson is teaching shop and athletics in Lakeview, Michigan.

Mrs. Clancy is keeping busy with washing, ironing and baking in the Clancy household.

### HERE AND THERE

Bill Mayberry's father stopped at camp this summer and gave us the latest news on Bill's progress. Bill is attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and is doing work that certainly merits recognition.

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Phil Bechtel writes: "Experience has taught me not to disregard regular and intensified practice. He is now taking a public speaking class."

Last spring, Phil went in for track at Houghton College and won fourth place in a seven-lap race, making it in five and one-quarter minutes.

The Bechtel family spent part of the summer on Beaver Lake in Canada.

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Elwyn Hill is now in the sixth grade. He spent part of last summer at Long Lake. He reports that he is doing a lot of reading and speech practice at home. Art seems to be his great interest and, from the work he sent into the camp office, it is reported that he will become an outstanding artist in the near future.

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Roy Bentley reports that his speech has improved in the last two years. He also states that he has been hunting for the Wood Daddle Snipe.

### TO THE DOGS

Lassie, the camp dog acquired during 1939, recently suffered injury, having been hit by an automobile. She recovered after a three-week convalescent period.

Some time ago, Lassie ran away for 48 hours during which time she spent great effort hunting for Shady Trails. Her search was fruitless and so she has returned to stay with the Clancys in Ann Arbor.

### OUTSTANDING PERSONS VISIT SHADY TRAILS

Among the many visitors who came to Shady Trails this past summer were included the following: Mr. Yoakum, Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Michigan, and Mrs. Yoakum; G. E. Densmore, head of the Speech Department of Michigan, and Mrs. Densmore; Dr. Harlan Bloomer; Miss Hildred Gross; Miss Rankin, psychologist at the Traverse City State Hospital; Drs. Rennell and Thomson of Traverse City; Dr. Flood of Northport; Mr. Raymond Manchester, Dean of Men at Kent University, Kent, Ohio, and Mrs. Manchester; Mr. Courtney Osborne, of the Wichita Municipal University Clinic; Miss Whitaker, professor of speech reading at the University of Michigan; Prof. Ruth Boughner, of Michigan State Normal College.

### THE SPIRIT OF INDIAN JOE

The wind is in the trees. Squirrels build their nests in the old pine which overtops the lodge. Rabbits leave tracks on the board walk. Quiet ice encircles the reeds at the water front. The frogs sleep. The snakes slumber. The Ski-footed Whee bird rests. The baseball field lies under a white blanket of snow. A shadow moves noiselessly behind the pump house. All is quiet. Smoke rises from the chimney of the lodge. We go to see who stirs the summer's embers to flame. No fire—no ashes—just as in the summer of '37 at the Indian Camp Grounds. A wierd voice comes down the chimney. We look up into the chimney—we go outside to see who is on the roof—no one there to make such a sound—just as in the summer of '36. We hear a creaking and goaning on the ice of Grand Traverse Bay. The ice is scarred by smooth, long strokes of phantom skates. The skater heads for Gull Island. We know only from the fact that he leaves the marks on the ice—just as in '35. The Spirit of Indian Joe lives on! All is quiet, except the wind.

### FORMER CAMPERS ENTER MATRIMONY

The year of 1937 saw two former campers starting down the long trail of matrimony. Dick Davis and Roy Bentley are both settled in homes of their own. Dick is on the editorial staff of the Appleton Post Crescent, Wisconsin, Roy Bentley is working for the Wolverine Brass Works of Grand Rapids. The camp staff wants to take this opportunity to wish both of these boys (men) success and happiness in their new careers.

### CAMP NURSE

Mrs. Connell, camp nurse during the 1935, 1936 and 1937 seasons, is now doing private nursing in Detroit, Michigan.

## Campers Employed At Various Jobs All Over Country

### LIST INCLUDES MANY SALESMANSHIP JOBS

A great variety of occupations are represented among the positions held by Shady Trails campers. Dick Davis is on the Editorial Staff of the "Appleton Post Crescent."

Bill Roddis gained a great number of speech contacts selling magazines when he stayed out of school a semester. He is now at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

During the past three years, Howard Thulean has been working for the Lawson Furniture House as a salesman.

Doug Wilson, whose "big moment" was during the summer of 1938 when he played the part of the lion in "Trakey's" playlet, is now working for the American Sales Book Company.

In Newport News, Virginia, Ned Parsons is a naval architect for the government.

Martin Trachtenberg is an orchestra leader in New York City.

Jim Eckhouse is a chemist for the Pure Oil Company.

Jim Eddington has taken up decorating.

Jack Dorie is employed by the J. C. Penny Company.

Jim Geyer is interested in chicken farming near Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Clifford McCartney is selling the Saturday Evening Post and the Ladies' Home Journal.

Robert Beshoar is employed in a paper mill in Joliet, Illinois.

## Travels Related By Many Campers

Stricken with wander-lust, many campers write of their traveling experiences.

The New York World's Fair attracted John Graves, Robert Wray and Howard Haskins. John also spent some time in Massachusetts. Robert and Howard both made separate trips to the Adirondacks.

Garner Merrick spent some time at his father's cottage in Oscoda after camp closed. In November, the Merricks returned to Oscoda for the deer hunting season but, according to Garner, they were usually in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Tom Cooley had an interesting trip through northern Ontario.

The Joyners made a trip to Greenfield Village, where Russell received some new ideas for "chalk talks."

In September, Clifford McCartney took a trip through Canada, spending some time in Goodrich, Ontario.

Nick Tucker visited his cousin in Cooperstown, has been sailboating in Essex and fishing in Canada.

Bert Evans made trips to Higgen Lake and to Owosso.

Marion Evans made a trip to Omaha, Nebraska.

Howard Thulean and Charles Bard each have made trips to Chicago. Charles has also been to Detroit.

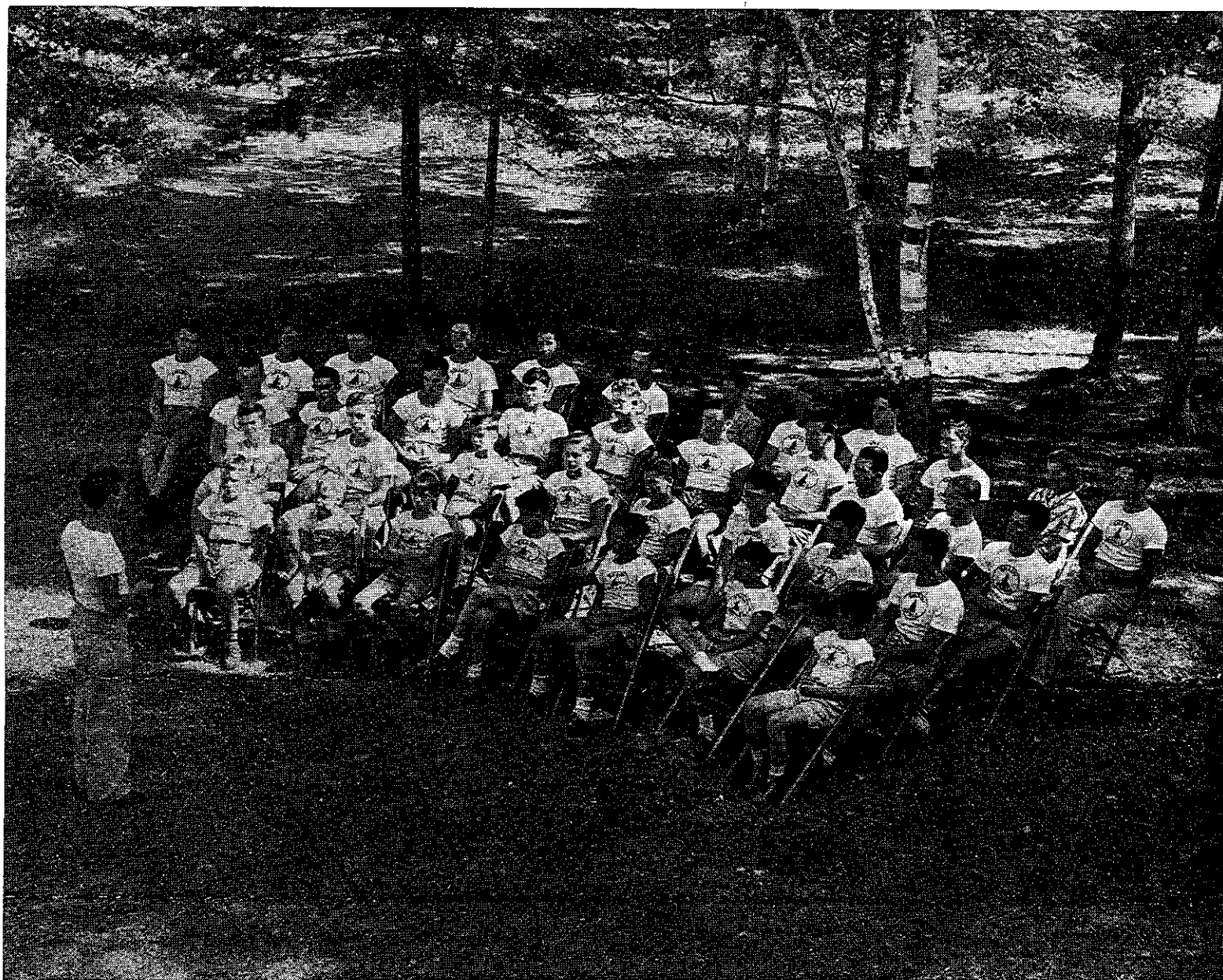
Bud Cavanagh spent a day in Ann Arbor with the Clancys at which time he exhibited unusual skill in speech and ping-pong.

## Campers Report

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work every year since he left camp in 1935.

Tom Cooley, Russell Joyner, Bob Schneider, John Wortley, Bert Evans, Robert Beshoar, Martin Jones and Bud Fitch all report continued speech practice.

# SHADY TRAILERS---1939



## “D.B.S. & D” History Finally Revealed

### Organization Developed To Present Status Through Years of Experience

In the summer of 1936, the Order of the Doctors of Brainless Surgery and the Drama was organized when Drs. Westlake and Bloomer provided dramatic sound effects while Dr. Bilto administered first aid.

In a short period of time, the activities of the Triumvirate began to widen in scope placing added emphasis on “the Drama.” With this change, a new form of dramatic art was born, mainly “miffing.”

One definition of “miffing” is the creating of a playlet of the campers, by the Doctors, and for the campers. There is a definite ceremonial “brainstorm” evident in these productions.

Some of the famous “miffers” include: “The Miffing Mystery of the Missing Broom,” “The Snipe Opera,” “The Wilhelm Tell Opera,” “Indian Joe,” “The Trial of Ringem Yelto,” “Kupon - Kupenny Wedding,” and “Roostum and Parkum Circus.”

The Order gradually increased its membership until this year, when all faculty members were included. For the first time in the history of the organization, a formal initiation was held, preceded by an informal one.

The informal initiation consisted

## Stork Visits Home Of Dr. Westlake

During September the stork visited the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Westlake, former staff members of Shady Trails Camp.

The daughter was named Mary Jane.

Dr. Westlake is now teaching speech correction at Penn State College.

of a “miffler” produced by the Doctors called “Dogpatchers Meller-daze.”

The following night, in the presence of the entire camp, the formal initiation was held with Dr. Bilto officiating in his ceremonial robes. Assisting were Drs. John N. and Grace Clancy and Dr. Cromer.

The initiates, Morley, Densmore, Michlinski, Howard and Anderson, were made to exhibit unexcelled skill in dramatic art. Their stamina was strengthened through the stimulating stings of birch wood. The drinking of ceremonial waters inspired them to greater deeds. Finally they were wedded into the Order upon receiving the “mercurochrome” ring.

In all camp activities, the Doctors played an active part. Through years of experience, the Order was founded and developed and it is definitely here to stay. Since September, the Doctors have accomplished quite a bit of “miffing” which should result in novel and fascinating events during the coming year.

## Bell-Winged Snipe

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There have been only thirteen birds of this kind caught and they have all been found in this same district. The bird is called the Headless Snipe because it doesn't have a head. Strange coincidence has it that all these snipe have been found dead. Scientists were further amazed when Dr. Holmes advocated that the reason the snipe were dead was because they did not have heads. He came to this conclusion after several months of study and research. The latest news is that a group of scientists from the state of Michigan are working on this theory.

According to Marion Evans, of Columbus, Nebraska, snipe have not been thriving very successfully in his state.

In Washington, Michigan, Ed Howard states that that part of the state was recently over-run with the basket-faced snipe but the town officials declared open season on them with the result that these birds are practically extinct. Howard also informs us that Snipus Saxaphomius is unusually rare in Washington.

Bert Evans discovered a very treacherous bird, the Bomber Snipe, so-called because it drops its eggs on the heads of snipe hunters. He immediately wired a warning to Dave Roth in Dearborn, Michigan.

On his way to Harvard University, John Graves took some time out to record findings of a Kangaroo-like Snipe. He will disclose further information after he consults with the Doctors of Snipology at Harvard.

## MRS. CHURCH PLANS TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Mary Church, who may be remembered as the one who bought ice cream for the whole camp each time she visited camp during the past few years, is spending the winter in California where she is visiting her daughter.

She will also spend some time with her son in Hawaii.

## ANSWER TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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The famous Tomio Cooley was the first to capture the Snipus Footballius. This particular snipe was exceedingly prolific between September and November but was almost completely wiped out by December 1.

Bud Fitch traced some shavings which led to the discovery of the Saw Nosed Snipe. He also reports that the Goggle Eyed Snipe which lives near Grosse Pointe Farms is quite a spectacle to behold.

There have been rumors to the effect that Dave Roth is about to edit “The Sniper's Paradise” which will keep snipe hunters posted on the latest findings.