

THE
EMMA FARM ASSOCIATION
PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Emma Kaufmann Camp

DEVOTED TO BUILDING HAPPIER HEALTHIER CITIZENS

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Dear Friends:

The Emma Kaufmann Camp during 1954 enjoyed one of its longest seasons in the history of the camp. Camp was used for conferences, picnics, camping for boys and girls and a ten day trip for aged citizens. The community has expressed its satisfaction in being a part of the program. Unfortunately, many persons were not able to make use of the camp because of late registrations and trips being filled. Many parents of campers requested additional trips but could only receive one because of the demand for the program. It is our hope that sometime in the future additional facilities will handle the demands of the community.

The Emma Farm Association Board of Trustees and Camp Staff, the Community Chest, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and many others are to be commended for their efforts in making this year's camp season a good one. The camp has played an important role in the life of the community.

As President of the Emma Farm Association I would like to convey my thanks to all who have been part of this year's camp season.

Respectfully,

Henry D. Goldman
Henry D. Goldman, President
Emma Farm Association

SIDNEY J. LINDBERGH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REPORTING



INTRODUCTION

In 1954 Emma Kaufmann Camp served 682 boys and girls, giving each of them fourteen days of fun and wholesome living. It also gave 78 "oldsters" between the ages of 60 and 80, ten days of camping. Picnics and conferences of a wide variety of groups on the camp site, offered service to over a thousand other youth and adults.

The following material covering comparisons of fees and income for a five-year period, represents an additional interesting sidelight.

Average Fees Paid By Campers

<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
\$31.07	\$35.49	\$38.18	\$43.96	\$46.24

Camper Fee Income

<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
\$20,146.54	\$22,941.81	\$24,915.00	\$29,059.20	\$31,460.65

All of this, of course, means that year by year we are in need of less of a Community Chest subsidy. In 1948 we had to get a Chest subsidy of \$25,546.23. Each year thereafter this subsidy grew smaller so that in 1954, we received \$15,286.00, and based on 1954 experience we have requested a Chest subsidy of only \$11,782.00 for 1955.

The only dark cloud in our Camp picture continues to be a need for a larger camp site. We do a good job on 27 acres, but would do a much better one on a site four to five times the size. During the summer we looked at a site that would be much more adequate, and it is hoped that money eventually may be forthcoming to purchase and equip either this site or some other site more suitable than the present Emma Kaufmann Camp grounds.

The successful 1954 season was due to the teamwork of Board and Staff. We offer thanks to all of them, with a special word of gratitude to Henry D. Goldman, Camp President, for his very real interest and sincere devotion to Emma Kaufmann Camp.

We hope you will read this excellent report prepared by Morris Kotovsky, the Camp's Resident Director, who deserves, along with Ruth Schwartz, Program Director, a special word of commendation for an excellent job in 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney J. Lindenberg
Supervising Director
Emma Farm Association



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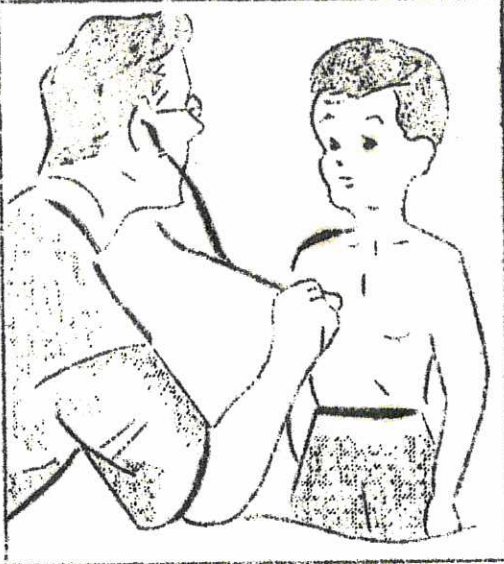
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HEALTH STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DR. SIDNEY SAUL,

REPORTING

HEALTH STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Emma Kaufmann Camp season of 1954 enjoyed one of its healthiest summers. Some of the highlights indicated in the summer health reports show that no campers were sent home because of illness contacted at camp, there were eight visits made to the camp doctor and twelve campers were seen by him on these visits. Dr. Stewart made one visit to camp during the season seeing one camper on this visit. These facts are an indication of the care received by the campers from the camp nurse and the camp staff in general. Medical examinations previous to camp have played a major role in spotting campers who may be too ill for camp.

This year campers were charged fifty cents for medical examinations. The Board found this action necessary because of difficulty involved in getting doctors to serve at medicals. The doctors were paid \$10.00 each for their services at the medical examination. This policy proved valuable in that the doctors were at each medical, and examinations were carried on without any delays.

The following is a list of Health Objectives of the Camp Nurse and the Camp Health Program:

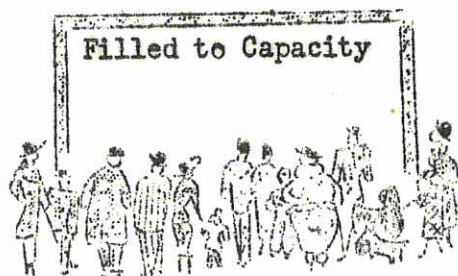
1. To protect and promote the health of the entire camp. This means the nurse must not only give prompt adequate care to various conditions as they may arise, but she also must practice and teach preventive health measures to the counselors and the children.
2. To give proper health instruction to the counselors during institute. This is of the greatest importance. Unless the counselors are given adequate instruction to be able to cooperate fully with the nurse, she is defeating her own purpose. During trip evaluation meetings, it may sometimes be necessary to remind the counselors of their responsibilities in the matter of observing the campers for early signs and symptoms of illness and the importance of reporting these immediately. This is also a good opportunity for the counselors to discuss any health problems they may have encountered during the previous trip.
3. To obtain medical advice when a situation arises which the nurse is not prepared to handle.
4. To notify parents in the event of an illness which requires sending the child home. It is duty of the nurse to give reassurance to parents whose children have minor illness during their stay at camp.
5. To assist with the pre-camp medical examinations. The nurse examines the scalp and feet of the children.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMP NURSE AND THE HEALTH PROGRAM

6. To keep a daily record of the visits to Rest Cottage. The complaint of the patient and the treatment given are recorded. The daily log is helpful to the nurse as a reference as well as being a health record for the camp.
7. To complete accident reports for any accident which might develop complications in the future. This is also necessary when x-rays are required. Regardless of the medical attention given, all accidents with possible complications must be reported within 24 hours.
8. To decide whether a particular activity is advisable or not, depending on the weather. Sometimes this decision is not approved of by the entire staff, but it must be remembered that the health of the children is of prime importance.

The Summary of Statistics for the Season:

A - Total visits to Rest Cottage.....	1,301
B - Total staff visits.....	167
C - Total camper visits.....	1,134
D - Total visits to Dr. Stewart.....	8
E - Number seen on these visits.....	12
F - Staff.....	8
G - Campers.....	4
H - Total Visits from Dr. Stewart.....	1
I - Number of staff in Rest Cottage over night.....	3
J - Number of campers in Rest Cottage over night.....	17
K - Sent home because of illness.....	0



INTAKE COMMITTEE

JOHN WOLF,

REPORTING

The Emma Kaufmann Camp for the 1954 season again had an overwhelming response for service from the community. With the four campers trips being filled to capacity, many persons wanting service were denied the opportunity. In order to meet this growing demand for camping at the Emma Kaufmann Camp, the Board initiated the policy three years ago of allowing each camper one trip to camp. This policy to a major degree did alleviate the problem of not being able to give more service to more persons. But, there have been requests for more service. Parents are asking for two trips to camp for their children. The Board recognizes these problems and is examining methods by which we can be of more service to the Community.

This year as in the past, old campers were given an opportunity to register their children during the first week of registration on a first come first served basis. New campers were registered the second and third week of registration. This year, 175 campers were registered for each trip, allowing for 15 drop-outs which is the average for each trip. This year, the average amount of drop-outs anticipated did not materialize and the camp trips carried 164 to 172 campers for each trip.

The following is a statistical summary of the number of campers taken each trip:

	TRIP I	TRIP II	TRIP III	TRIP IV	TOTALS
BOYS	84	89	86	84	343
GIRLS	87	85	84	83	339
Grand Total					682

It is our fondest hope that through Community support and cooperation the Emma Farm Association can undertake the problems of being able to give better camping service to the Jewish Community.

CONFERENCE WEEK ENDS

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION UNITED JEWISH FUND

The 8th Annual Week-end Conference conducted at Emma Kaufmann Camp this season was most popular. Attendance during the week-end attained new heights. The camp was filled to capacity.

Educational films and discussions were presented as well as social activities that rounded out a fine week-end at camp.

ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

This was the 5th Annual Zionist Youth Conference held at Emma Kaufmann Camp. The Conference Committee were well pleased with the use of camp and have already applied for a conference week-end for the 1955 season.

B' NAI B'RITH

This was the first conference held by the B'Nai B'Rith at Emma Kaufmann Camp. The number of conference participants was few, but many favorable comments were heard concerning the week-end. The food was excellent, the speakers were the best and the social activities made for a very complete conference.

The 1954
Camping trip
for the Aged
was again a
wonderful ex-
perience for

CAMPING FOR THE AGED

BEA MILLER, REPORTING

our Senior Citizens. Camping Activities consisted of swimming, hikes, boating, tournaments, arts and crafts, dramatics, campfires and a variety of others. There were 79 Campers in the program this year. Staff consisted of workers from the Irene Kaufmann Settlement and Centers, Council Lounge, Y.M.&W.H.A. and the Emma Kaufmann Camp.

The Arts & Crafts program found the campers busy making craft articles for gifts to Israel. The campers made yumelkies, handkerchiefs, table doilies and and other small gifts.

For one evening activities, a group of women volunteers were "turned loose" in the camp kitchen to prepare any kind of baking delicacy they wanted. The results of the baking yielded such delicacies as German Strudel, fruit cakes, lucious pies, fancy cookies and brownies. The bakers served this treat with the final award night program. This treat was accepted by the campers with enthusiasm.

The dramatic group wrote and performed their own original play. This production had the campers busy making costumes, scenery, and rehearsing for this "broadway extravaganza". The play was very well received by the audience who were spell bound by the whole affair. Some of the "camp critics" said that this play was the best ever.

The Mr. & Mrs. Emma Kaufmann Camp Atlantic City bathing beauty contest, this year was again a tremendous success. The ladies dressed in their beach best, paraded before the judges as did the men with the winners receiving certificate awards for their performance. Water games and contests were also highlights of the Gala Water Carnival.

Each year the campers express the feeling that the time allotted to camping for the aged is not long enough. Their comments are well taken and it is hoped that some time in the future, the season will last longer than the 10 day period.





CAMP SITE COMMITTEE STANLEY ROGALINER, REPORTING

The Camp Site Committee along with the Board recognizes the need for an additional camp site to

help meet the needs of the community in camping.

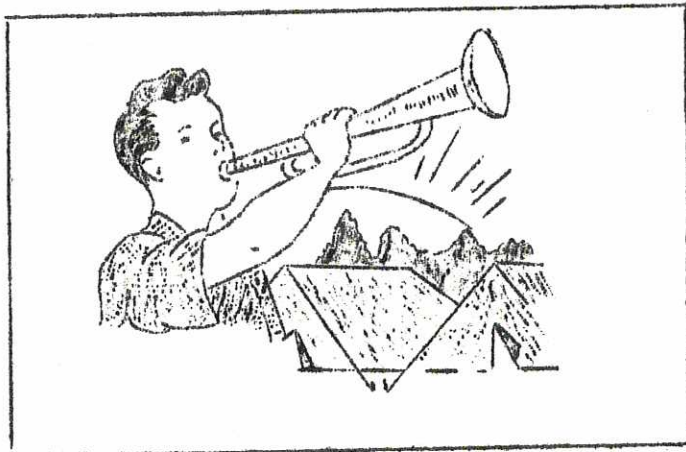
The Committee has investigated a few camp sites and has found one site which is being examined at the present time. This summer a committee consisting of Mr. Stanley Rogaliner, Mr. John Wolf, Mr. Henry Goldman, Dr. I. A. Lasday, Mr. S. J. Lindenberg and Mr. Moe Kotovksy, investigated a tract of land comprised of 130 acres, near Bear Mountain, between Donegal & Somerset. This land had been used previously as a camp site by the McKeesport Y.M.C.A. Scouts. In examining the land, the committee found a good stream on the property with a good dam allowing for swimming. The local community uses the dammed up area at present for swimming. The depth of the water was about four and a half feet. There was level land that is usable for Ball fields and a central area which could include a dining hall, central recreation hall, infirmary, and headquarters. The higher terrain could be used for units.

After checking with the McKeesport Y.M.C.A., we found that the fresh water supply was adequate to handle the needs of a camp.

The price of this land has not been determined, but further investigation will fill us in on the details.

Another site was examined this past summer that is located one mile from the present camp site. This tract of land has many possibilities, but was found to be too expensive and did not have a running stream with possibilities of a lake. There were fresh water springs on the land, but lacked the possibility of a boating and swimming program unless a pool were built.

The committee recognize the need for additional facilities to meet the growing demand for camping in the Jewish Community of Allegheny. With this in mind, the committee is active and interested in securing an additional site to handle the needs of the community.





BUILDING & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

HENRY D. GOLDMAN, REPORTING

The Emma Kaufmann Camp for the 1954 season was in fine physical condition. In the spring of the year, work was done on clearing shrubbery and trimming trees along the paths of camp. This season, the flower bed in front of the dining hall, which is usually planted with potted plants, was planted with zinnia seeds and gladiola bulbs. A few potted plants were used for the center design. All in all, this flower bed added beauty and color to cottage grounds throughout the summer.

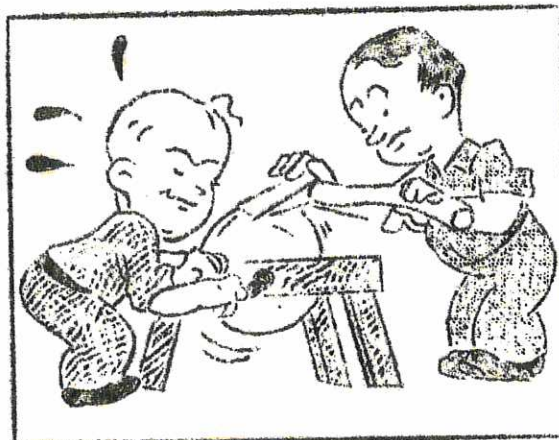
Each year at Camp an attempt is made to concrete the porches of the various cottages to avoid the continuous repairs necessary in wooden porches. This season, the dining hall porch was cemented. Minor repairs were made on other porches that needed it and these porches will eventually be concreted.

The walk leading from cottage grounds down to the Playhouse was covered with a tar solution to make the walk skid-proof and safer.

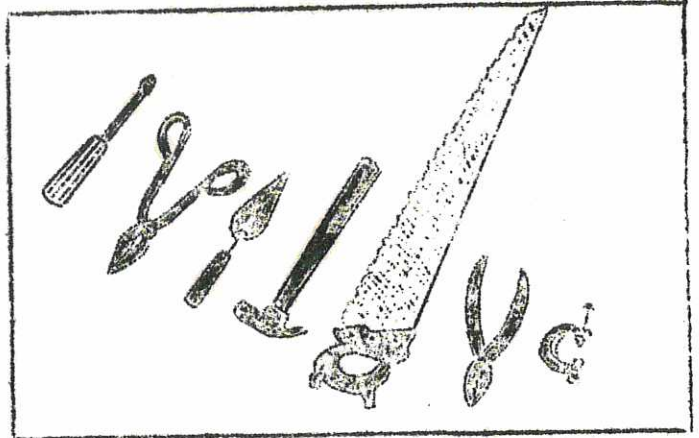
The bathrooms and cabin batons were painted previous to the seasons opening, as well as the front porch of the playhouse.

All of the camp roofs were completely replaced with green asphalt shingles. This included the dining hall, headquarters, rest cottage, the playhouse and all of the camper cabins. The counselors cabins and shower houses will be completed at the close of the season.

The pool again this year gave outstanding service. Previous to the season opening, the pool was scrubbed and painted with green rubber base paint. The railings which surround the pool were painted with aluminum paint.



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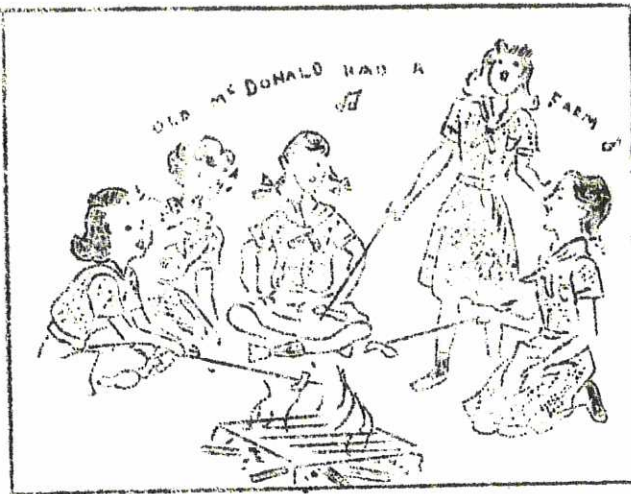


The water throughout the season was crystal clear and sanitary at all times. With the additional water heater in the shower house, there was sufficient hot water to meet all of the camper shower needs.

With the addition of new kitchen equipment over the years, it was found that the electrical equipment would not carry the demand. The West Penn Power Company investigated the matter upon request and suggested a major electrical change. This was followed up and the work was completed by a registered electrician.

Work was completed on the new kitchen, boys cabin and this was put to good use during the summer. This plan of using former campers too old to come to camp, as kitchen boys worked out very well this season. The boys were under the close supervision of the dietitian and were steady workers throughout the season.

The camp as it is today is being well maintained and no major repairs are anticipated except for painting of the camper cabins for next season.



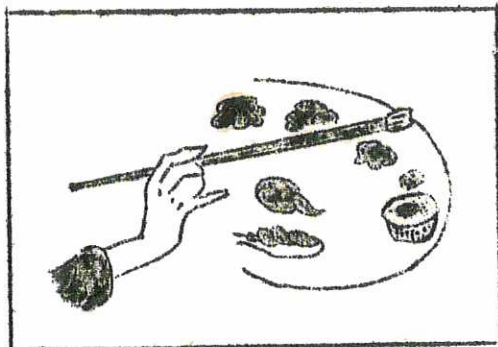
PROGRAM & LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE ARTHUR LASSMAN, REPORTING

Each season we often wonder what more can be added to the camp program to make it more satisfying for our campers and each season we find new staff, new campers, new ideas seasoned with the old to flavor the camp program just right for our campers. This season again found the old campers as well as the new finding many of the satisfactions that living together, working together and playing together can bring.

This season saw a return of 19 "old" staff members on the 1954 staff. This proved to be a good nucleus for training new staff. Many of the new staff members came to camp with previous group experience which proved valuable in the program.

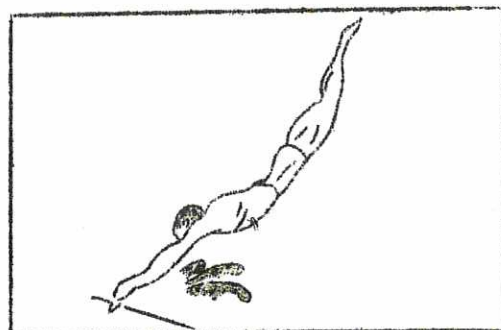
Staff training institute this year focused on many of the skills in working with groups and understanding children. Sociodrama was used during institute as a means of helping staff understand some of the problems which they may encounter during the season. Meetings were held with the nurse to discuss and plan preventive health measures at camp. Program skills were covered by the specialists with emphasis on what the activity can do for the group and the campers in the group. Camp institute helped staff prepare for the campers arrival.





Arts & Crafts was one of the activities enjoyed by many of the campers during the season. Campers made many articles in leather, wood, plastics and articles from natural materials that they found during their hikes. The units used many of the craft materials for making costumes that fitted in with the theme of their programs. Many of the campers made craft articles as presents for their parents. The craft shop was a bee hive of activity throughout the summer.

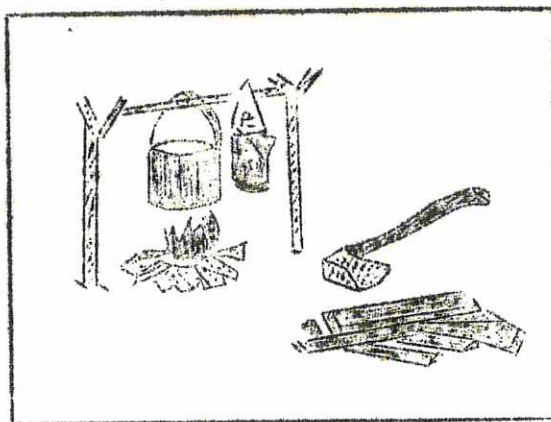
Swimming at camp proved to be an important activity in the camp program. Many children learned to swim while others improved their swimming skills. This year, special attention was given to those campers who were reluctant to learn to swim. Through various methods of encouragement, many of these campers overcame their fear of water. We found that an ability to progress at the water front often helped in the campers adjustment in other activities.



The evening co-educational swims were particularly popular with novelty games and contests. The greased water melon game was one of the more popular activities.

Red Cross Test passing was conducted at the end of each trip and campers received cards according to the tests which they passed. The following is a summary of the Red Cross Cards given out during the season:

	TRIP I	TRIP II	TRIP III	TRIP IV	TOTALS
BEGINNERS	20	24	27	17	88
INTERMEDIATE	10	8	12	8	38
SWIMMERS	12	13	7	14	46



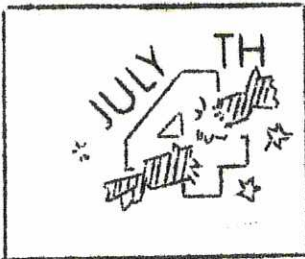
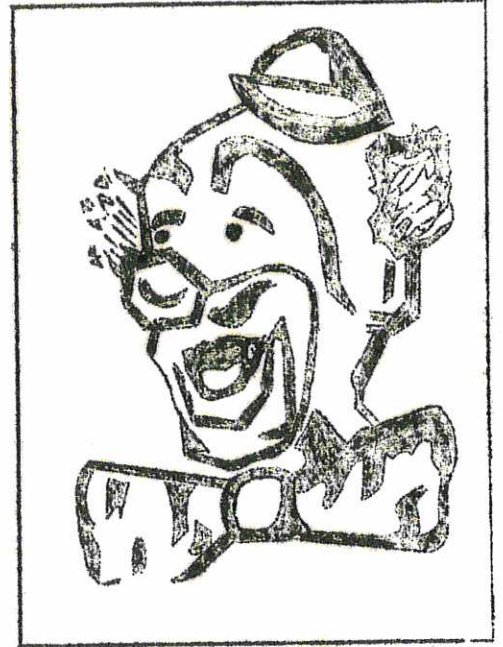
Life in nature and the out-of-doors played an important part of the camp program under the supervision of the camp nature specialist. Every camper enjoyed the thrills of an overnite hike and preparing meals over an open fire. Campers learned many of the skills necessary for outdoor living with emphasis on planning and working together with fellow campers. On nature hikes, the campers gathered materials from the woods which they used for craft projects. The campers made name pins from twigs and pine cones. The older boys built lean-to's and furniture that they used for their overnight hikes.

The camper groups learned many ways to cook out-of-doors. They learned to bake with a reflector fire, used aluminum foil for roasting hamburgers and roasted corn in clay pits. The general opinion is that food tastes much better prepared in the out-of-doors, where appetites are the heartiest.



The Circus, Do As You Please Day, Fourth of July and the Masquerade Festival were the four all camp programs held this year at the Emma Kaufmann Camp. These were exciting days for the campers. The circus was held at the Playhouse and lacked nothing in the way of decorations, music, side shows, costumes, parades and acts under the big top.

The Do As You Please Day was a treat for the campers. Campers were allowed to sleep in and were served breakfast in bed by the camp staff. Throughout the day routines were forgotten and campers participated in any activity of their choosing on an individual basis. The campers enjoyed this change of pace, especially the breakfast in bed.



Independence Day was celebrated at camp this year with all of the campers participating in dramatic presentations, parades and ended the day by each camper floating candles on the pool. This was a beautiful spectacle! All phases of the fight for independence and its meaning for the world today were portrayed and each camper had an opportunity to express his feelings concerning this celebration. A camp setting lends itself so well to the celebration of the Fourth of July in that each day every effort is made to help the campers realize the values of living and practicing democracy in a democratic society.



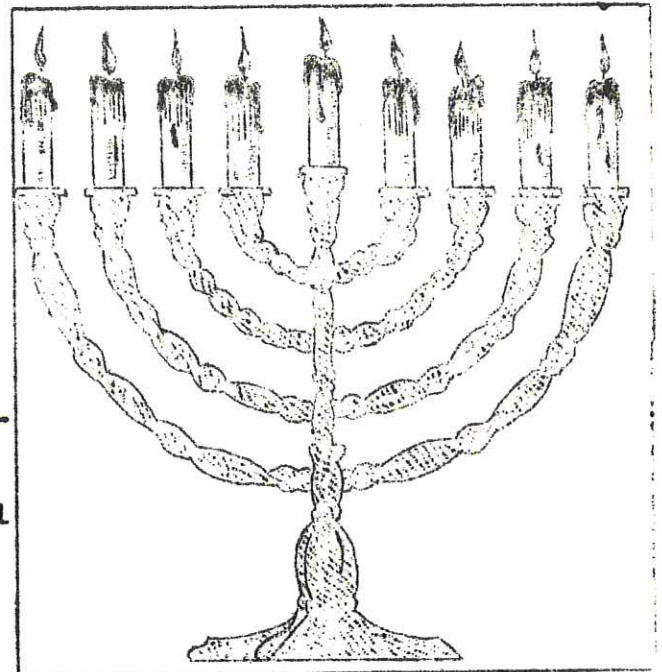
The Masquerade Ball included everything in the way of costuming, music and dancing, games and refreshments. Imaginations ran wild in planning costumes for the affair. Dancing to meet the tastes of all campers were used. Special refreshments in the form of a special punch, assorted doughnuts and candy were served to add to the excitement of the program. Staff was exhausted after the program while the campers wanted to continue dancing after their curfew time.

Campers look forward to mass program days. These programs have much to offer in the way of total camp planning and working together for a common goal and democratic living.

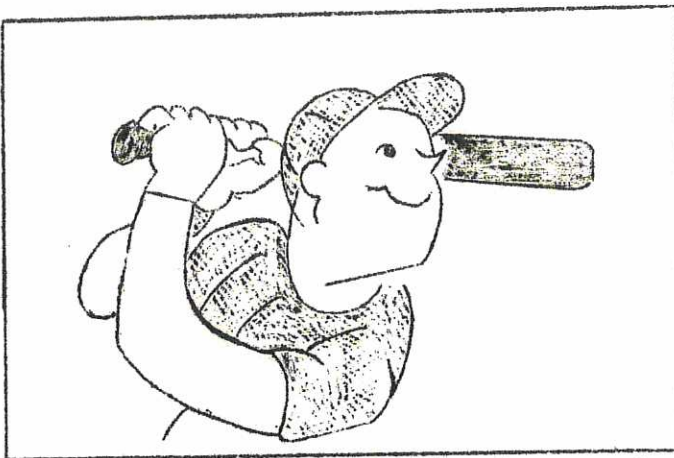
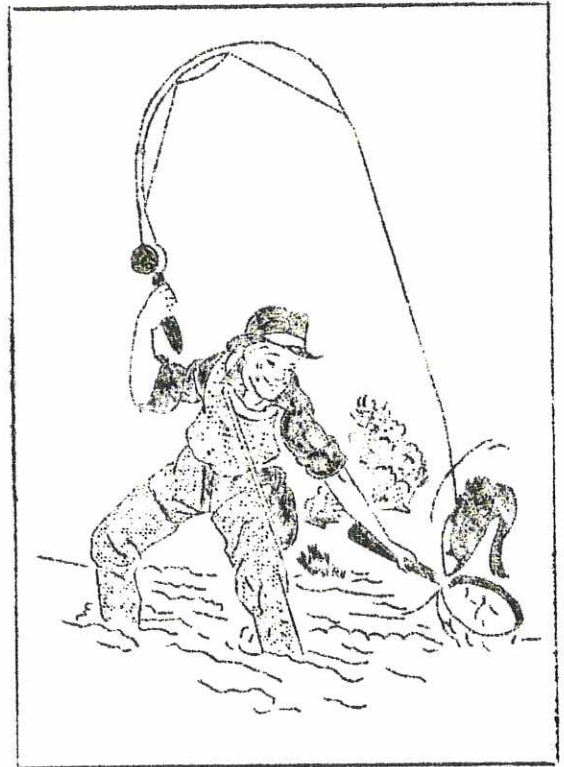
Sabbath services at camp were conducted each Friday evening with the traditional candle lighting, bread breaking and prayer over wine ceremonies. For the traditional Friday evening meal white table cloths were used and campers dressed up for the occasion. Service themes varied from dramatic presentations about biblical stories to subjects concerning ethical teachings. Singing played an important part in services. Campers sang Hebrew Songs as well as spirituals appropriate for the theme.

The Oneg Shabbat which followed services consisted of Palestinian Dancing, Biblical Quizzes, story telling charades and singing. This Happy Sabbath program gave the campers an opportunity to enjoy some of the cultural and ethical aspects of Judaism.

Sabbath Observances at camp were one of the programs that campers enjoyed and they looked forward to participating in them.



Fishing and Crabbing proved popular at camp this season. Campers found little use for their boots this summer because of good weather, but put them to good use on fishing and crabbing programs. The campers enjoyed seeing who could catch the largest crab; while in fishing groups they enjoyed seeing who could catch a fish.



Athletic Activities varied from small group games to the highly skilled games of basketball, softball and touch football. The younger groups enjoyed "capture the flag" and "dodge ball." For unit programs, campers had relay races in which there

was team competition. There was much excitement in these programs and the activity ended with a special refreshment treat.

The Emma Kaufmann Camp fleet was increased this year to 3 row boats and 2 canoes. With the increase of these boats, the nautical program operated in full swing with the boats getting continuous use through out the season. The Campers especially enjoyed the canoes. Special counselors who qualified in teaching were assigned to canoes and each camper as taught the special skills necessary for safe canoe handling.

Dock facilities were improved that made handling of canoes easy. The boating program is again in line with camp philosophy: "to offer as varied an experience as possible in the out-of-doors."





Camp Socials were popular not only with the older campers, but also with the Junior Unit. Dancing at camp was a planned program that involved decorations, refreshment planning and program planning. The Bunny Hop, Hokey Pokey and other mixer dances helped set the mood. Counselors were available to teach dancing and also to encourage the campers to dance. Dances were usually planned for the final night program. This was a good opportunity for the units to be together before departure for home.

Open House this past season boasted a record crowd. There were well over

a thousand persons who came to visit the camp. Many of the visitors were campers at Emma Kaufmann Camp who now send their children to camp. Picture albums were on display which helped some of the old campers reminisce about their experiences at camp. Refreshments were on sale at the playhouse and guided tours were led by camp staff. The camp staff were on deck to answer any and all questions that parents had, concerning camp. Many of the parents commented about the wonderful condition of the camp and wished that they could again come to camp as a camper.



The 1954 camp season had much to offer to the campers in the way of program. Our aim is that the camp will continue to offer the best in camping with the end result of healthier, happier campers.

SCHEDULED USE OF CAMP GROUNDS

<u>GROUPS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
United Jewish Fund Conference.....	May 29, 30, 31
Girl Scout Institute.....	June 1, 2, 3
C. M. Picnic.....	June 6
Reform Church Picnic.....	June 9
Zionist Youth Conference.....	June 11, 12, 13
Lutheran Reformed Church Picnic.....	June 16
B'Nai B'Rith Conference.....	June 18, 19, 20
St. Pauls Lutheran Church Picnic.....	June 21
Institute.....	June 22 to June 26
Open House at E. K. C.....	June 27
First Trip.....	June 28 to July 12
First Presbyterian Church.....	July 12
English Lutheran Church.....	July 13
Second Trip.....	July 14 to July 28
Eagles Auxiliary.....	July 28
United Presbyterian Church.....	July 29
Third Trip.....	July 30 to August 13
Universal Ladder Company Picnic.....	July 14
Fourth Trip.....	Aug. 15 to August 29
Eagles Picnic.....	August 29
Aged Trip.....	Aug. 31 to September 9
Lava Crucible Steel Company Picnic.....	September 11
Moose Picnic.....	September 12