



PARTICIPATE IN CHINESE STUDY CAMP—Taking part in a craft session at the Chinese Study camp at the Glen Eyrle Farm near Delavan are, clockwise around the table from the left, front: Gregg Buzzell, Sue Lovejoy, Dewitt Cheng, Chosen Cheng, Mrs. Yao-Wen Li, Dr. Frank Cheng, Laura Chen (seated), Mrs. Jenine Chen, Tien-Hwa Li (seated), Eileen Hsu (standing), Marietta Cheng (seated) and Mrs. Helen Cheng. The group participated in a specially organized two-week camp to teach the Chinese-American youngsters a little of the ancient Chinese culture.

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CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP

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Acting on the thoughtful suggestions of Dr. Peter Tchen and Dr. John Toheng, the Midwest CSAS sponsored the Chinese Children's Camp this year from August 10 to August 24 at Glen Eyrle Farm Camp, Lake Delavan, Wisconsin. Although parents of prospective campers were polled beforehand, camper enrollment fell way short of the anticipation based on the poll-expressed interest. In fact, there were only seven campers present, including three children of sub-camper age. And yet a camp director (Mrs. Wen-lan Chen) and three counsellors (Mrs. Tsu-ching Li, my wife and myself) had to be engaged beforehand by the CSAS. We all donated our services for a good cause. Hence, it seemed like a matter of "many chiefs and few Indians", so to speak, with each camper receiving the full benefit of individual attention. In this regard let me cite the fact that two adult counsellors accompanied Eileen Hsu, a camper, some three miles away from the camp, for nearly two hours during her venture of horseback riding. For her safety's sake, one of the counsellors even held the reins voluntarily and ran with the horse for quite some distance! Eileen also was the only pupil in her class on Chinese lessons ---- private lessons, indeed!

Despite the small enrollment, we all had much clean fun and a very good time. Our small number made it necessary for our group to be integrated with the 30-odd American campers then on the Glen Eyrle Farm (owned and operated by the Edgar Buzzella) using the same daily schedule except for the time of our Chinese lessons. In fact, three American children attended our separate Chinese classes of their own volition all through the two-week period, and did their assignments, too. Our daily extra-curricular activities included flag-raising, morning exercises, room-checking, animal feeding, vegetable and fruit picking in the morning, afternoon nap, instructed swimming classes, fishing, pony riding, singing, ball playing, and group games in the afternoon and evening. On week-ends and special occasions, there were also group dancing, stunts, cook-outs, picnics, horseback riding, steamboat cruising around Lake Delavan, and even birthday parties. In a word, it was a valuable experience for the children to work, play, and share things together and there were plenty of activities and facilities to keep us all busy. Indeed, all of us became better adjusted to group living and nearly every one of us, among other things, became a better swimmer.

While the amount of Chinese learned still fell short of our expectation, Eileen Hsu, B Li, and my two boys Chosen and De Witt all learned more than 110 new words in meaning, in pronunciation, and even in writing, plus studying through the camp-prepared Chinese text. In addition to counting numbers up to 10,000, naming the week-days and twelve months, they also learned to sing a couple of Chinese songs and say a few Chinese sentences in daily conversation. The three sub-age children, Laura and Milton Chen and my daughter Marietta, all studied through a good portion of the fine camp-text. The Janesville Times, the Beloit Daily, and the Delavan Republican, all newspapers in the adjacent area, carried lengthy reports and photos of the Chinese Children's Camp activities.

To me, however, the most important thing is not so much the amount of Chinese learned in two weeks, but rather, the visible change in the children's attitudes toward China and things Chinese. For example, my children, seeing the long distance we travelled (550 miles one way) in taking them to the camp, and the stress we placed on their learning some Chinese, have, during and after the camp period, accepted the Chinese lessons as a matter of fact, instead of with the previous distaste and grumbling. Furthermore, through their contact with other Chinese at camp and later in Chicago, they seem to have come to appreciate their Chinese heritage much more than before. This certainly is a most worthwhile experience for them, not to mention the many friendships they formed at the camp.

I urge greater response from prospective campers and their parents if such a camp is to be more successfully held in the future whether at the same location or some other more centrally located place. Dr. and Mrs. Francis Hsu of Evanston have indeed shown enthusiasm in this project in not only sending their daughter to the camp, but also by driving the long distance to visit the camp three times in two weeks.



GLEN EYRLE CAMPERS
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THE MIDWEST CSAS Executive Committee has commended Mrs. Jeanne Chen and her staff for the excellent work they did during the initial year of the camp. They have also invited Mrs. Chen to continue as Chairman of a Committee to explore the possibilities of continuing the camp in 1959 at a more centrally located camp site where families could accompany their children and where Chinese could be a more commonly used medium of communication for the general camp activities. What suggestions do you have? Correspondence is invited! Mrs. Chen's address is: 10119 So. Indiana Avenue, Chicago 28, Illinois.

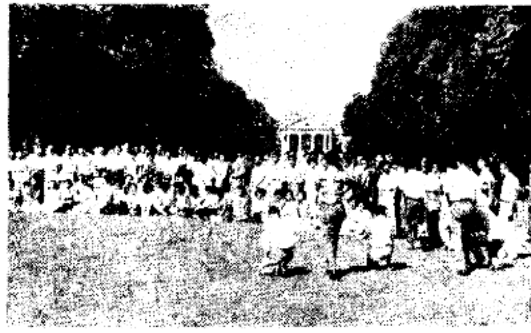
WE COMMEND TO YOU
the fine Oriental program at the Art Institute of Chicago commemorating the opening of the new galleries, and especially:
Friday, October 24 at 6:30 - Eastern Art in the West, by Sherman E. Lee, Director of the Cleveland Museum of Art, and one of America's Great Orientalists.
Tuesday, November 4 at 12:15 - "Ancient China and the Modern Artists", a painting demonstration by Kwok Wai Lau.

暑 期 活 動



楊振寧博士在夏令會講演

Dr. Yang Chen-Ning giving a lecture at a CSAS Camp gathering



中西部中國同學會夏令會在“滿都生”的留影

Photos from the Midwest CSAS Camp in Madison



暑天在綠林中野餐

In the Summer, we have a picnic in the green woods



露營中的主日崇拜
Camp's Sunday Prayer



中秋節的寫真——七十六歲的山老先生繪
Observational drawing of a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration drawn by a 76 year old man



Midwest CSAS weekend camping



中西部中國同學會週末露營——笑容滿面的服務小姐們



Chinese families outdoor picnic



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