

# The Charleston Echo

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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY

One year ago this month (Oct. 30, 1934 to be exact), the first issue of the Palisades Echo was printed for Company 627.

Although the paper has always been small, the staff has always made an earnest effort to make it a well balanced sheet centered around a purpose to resound in print the thoughts, words, and acts of the men in camp.

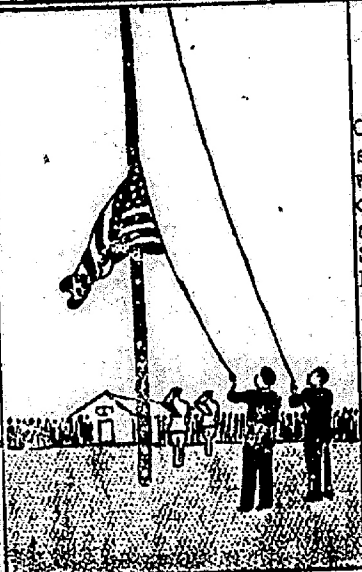
Originally the camp paper was published by a local Print Shop but since last April the staff has not only taken full responsibility for the reporting and editing of the paper, but in addition has assumed the task of the entire preparation and printing of the paper in camp.

The paper has been supported throughout the year by local merchants who found satisfaction as well as results by putting their ads in our paper.

Every issue of the paper has been sent to the University of Illinois Extension Library and the Sixth Corps Area Headquarters for future reference.

Since the camp's arrival in Charleston, the name has been changed to the Charleston Echo and has continued to be a most valuable instrument for the whole company.

It is the wish of the staff that the second year will be as successful as the first and that the men in camp will use their paper as a means for expression and a source for information and entertainment



## CAMP DEDICATION

Camp Charleston was officially and impressively dedicated Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 2 with ceremonies in which the Charleston community as well as the entire company participated.

The dedication ceremonies opened with a short concert by the Charleston H. S. Band. "Assembly" was heard and the company filed out on the camp parade grounds. The band played the National Hymn while the flag was raised for the first time in Camp Charleston.

Capt. C. W. Bellis, announced "Open House" and with a guide the several hundred visitors in attendance were taken through the new camp buildings and explained life in the CCC.

A vaudeville troupe which had previously traveled to various CCC Camps throughout the country, closed the dedication ceremonies with an hour's entertainment of music, jokes, and several stunts.

## DIST. COMMANDER & AIDES VISIT CAMP

Colonel Short, Dist. Commander of the Jefferson Barracks CCC Dist. was a visitor at our camp Tuesday October 8 along with Lt. Colonel Smith and also Major FitzGibbon and Lt. Johnson of Sub-District Headquarters.

Colonel Short was greatly pleased with the appearance and condition of the camp and expressed his delight especially with our Recreation hall, Mess hall, and Bath house which he said were the best in the whole district.

He was also favorably impressed with many of our innovations and has since recommended inspection of our camp to many officers of other camps.

## GROUPS VISIT CAMP

The Sociology Class from Charleston High School made an inspection tour of the camp Tuesday morning, October 15.

The Federation of Women Voters of Charleston made a similar camp inspection tour Wednesday afternoon Oct. 16.

The groups first met in the Reading Room where the origin, purposes, development, and accomplishments of the CCC organization were explained to them by O. E. Baxter, Camp Educational Adviser.

They were then conducted on an inspection tour of all the camp buildings by Capt. C. J. Bellis, Company Commander, who answered any inquiries they had concerning CCC life in general.