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July 3, 1947

Dear Miss Thompson:-

Only today I found that Mrs. Roosevelt was kind enough to speak to the Roosevelt College officials about me. May I take this occasion to thank her through you for remembering me.

Whether Roosevelt College will lease the Auditorium Theatre to someone is now in the laps of the Gods. They have given a group 90 days in which to secure contributions which will effect the rehabilitation. But, I am doubtful if the group will succeed because two years ago twelve men (wealthy and important citizens) met in this city to "save the Auditorium". After many words one rose to say "The Only way to save the Auditorium is for each of we men to toss a check on the table for \$100,000.00". Do you know how many ^{public} spirited business men made the donation? You are positively right. Not one. And, while I hope for the best, I am of the opinion that the fund-raising group, will be disappointed at this time.

However, I stand ready to rehabilitate the theatre at a cost of \$100,000 myself if they will give me a lease that will compensate me for the invest^sment. Let's hope it happens.

And, so, again I want to thank you and, through you, Mrs. Roosevelt for her usual kindness and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Ralph T. Kettering



*10 years of
Achievement*





1937 - 1947

THE INSPIRING STORY OF A CAMP WITH A PURPOSE

**A DEMOCRATIC IDEAL 10 YEARS AGO . . .
TODAY A LIVING MONUMENT TO BROTHERHOOD**

You've seen them on the sidewalks in summer — boys hanging around, doing nothing, or playing ball in the streets or the corner lot. Somewhere, there were other kids, a bit more lucky, biking through the woods, diving in lake and ocean, having a swell time.

For years the idea of a free summer camp for less privileged boys of all races, colors and creeds was envisioned by a group of public-spirited men in Boston. Out of this vision, in 1938, was born Kiddie Kamp, one of the few of its kind in the country.

Without endowment or subsidies, Kiddie Kamp first opened in the Myles Standish State Forest near Plymouth on former CCC property made available by the United States Government.

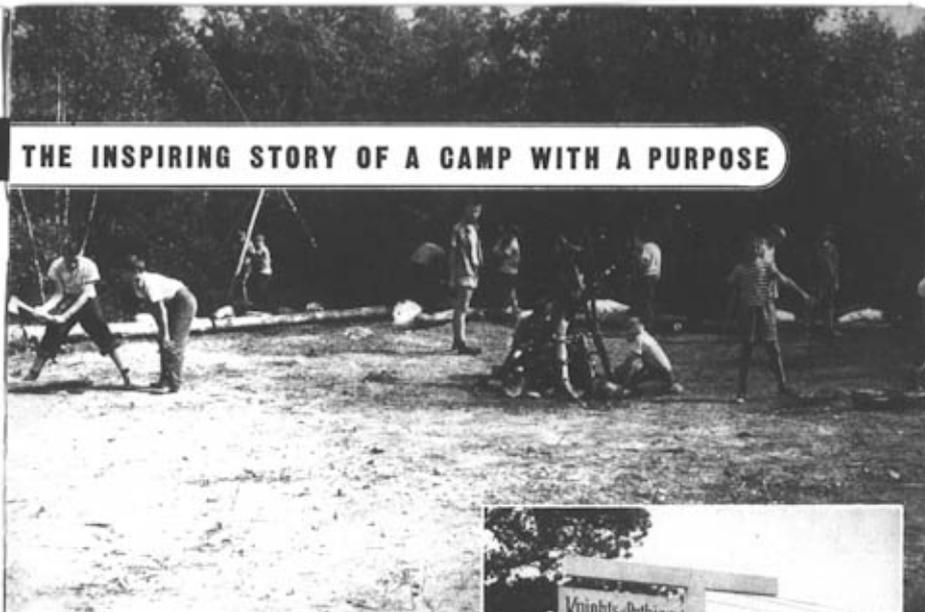
That first summer 247 boys, representatives of all races, colors and creeds, spent happy vacations in what has become known as the Workshop of Democracy. Playing together, working together, living together, they symbolized *democracy in action*, building trust, confidence and fellowship that would stay with them throughout their lives.

Since then Kiddie Kamp has taken over a beautiful 60 acre site at Lake Massapoag, Sharon. It accommodates 160 campers and staff, an increase of about one-third over its former capacity.

With eight fine sleeping cabins, each housing 20 boys and 2 staff members, four tent cabins, large Recreation Hall, and well-equipped dispensary and hospital with dental and eye clinics, Kiddie Kamp compares favorably with the finest summer camps in the country.

In addition to these facilities, Kiddie Kamp has a fine sandy beach, a large athletic field and playground, Arts and Crafts Hall, Nature Museum, Model Airplane Shop, Canteen, and a spacious main house.

To date more than 4,000 boys have enjoyed the benefits of Kiddie Kamp. A greater, more important role than ever looms for Kiddie Kamp in the years to come.



Building an Indian Council Ring.

**From the Sidewalks to the Campfires
AMERICANS IN THE MAKING**

Strangers yesterday — living on different streets and in different communities — today real pals. On Lake Massapoag in Sharon, called the "healthiest spot in the Commonwealth" by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Kiddie Kampers from 8½ to 14½ years of age take part in organized sports and activities under the guidance of trained counsellors. The fame of Kiddie Kamp as a workshop in democracy has spread to other states where camps constituted on the same principle have been formed.



What to name the camp mascot?



Roll call on starting the day's activities.



Having a swell time, thank you!



BUILDING

Bill — Pat — Abe — Carver — they deserve a break too. It's not their fault they have to spend the hot summer in the steaming city. They read about democracy in books. At Kiddie Kamp they actually live it. Teamplay, cooperation, lending the other fellow a helping hand, this builds bet-

ter citizens for a better America. This is *democracy's* answer to the problem of juvenile delinquency. Four separate groups of boys — 2 weeks' vacation for each group — participate in the summer season at Kiddie Kamp. From the large number of applicants, those considered most worthy are chosen after careful investigation. Expansion of facilities will take care of more each summer. Among the groups sponsoring boys for Kiddie Kamp are Pythian and Masonic Lodges, Pythian Sisters, Judge Baker Guidance Center, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston Dispensary, Hayden Foundation, South End House, Trinity House, Red Cross, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs and churches.

GOOD CITIZENS



Standing before neat, roomy cabins, young America looks happy, relaxed.



"Golly, I gained five pounds!"

SOUND MINDS



IN SOUND BODIES

The daily swimming lesson.



Left, lining up for candy 'n' stuff at the canteen; right, physical check-up at camp time.

Swimming in beautiful Lake Massapoag is fun when it's 90° hot in the city. Boys are taught by a Red Cross Life Guard and assistants. *Right*, baseball in the athletic field brings out rooters with the lung power of Ebbets Field fans. *Below*, all eyes on the ball during a big moment in a title contest. Every boy takes part in an organized sport, according to his physical abilities, and learns the meaning and value of concentration and cooperation.



Hobbies

FOR INDOOR FUN

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES THAT WILL
PAY RICH DIVIDENDS IN YEARS TO COME

Upper and Center: Kiddie Kamp Productions in a thrilling presentation of Dead Man's Gold, a juvenile box office hit. The boys are encouraged to take part in dramatics. Some have shown exceptional talent and have been aided in developing it. *Below,* the recreation hall, popular haven especially during rainy days.

Upper: Relics of Indian life in Massachusetts, pressed butterflies caught by nature enthusiasts, a collection of hundreds of insects of every description are scrutinized in the Nature Museum. *Center,* a class in handicrafts. Instruction is given in leather crafts, woodcarving, and sculpturing. *Below,* the library where Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn are favorites.





"Gosh! Do I have to wear glasses?"



A well-stocked kitchen makes well-fed boys.



"Easy, Doc!"

SAFEGUARDING PRECIOUS HEALTH

In addition to a registered nurse on duty at all times, Kiddie Kamp has well-equipped dental and eye clinics. Most of the boys attending the camp are in great need of these facilities. Services like these, given without charge, make Kiddie Kamp unique among the country's camps. Giving each boy the right start on the road to health, in addition to a happy purposeful vacation, is Kiddie Kamp's aim. Cooperating with it are the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Red Cross, Humane Society, Tufts Dental School and other public, charitable and community agencies.

GOOD FOOD . . . 'N PLENTY OF IT

Mealtime never comes too soon at Kiddie Kamp. There's always a mad dash for the dining room when the bugle blows. Some boys have gained as much as six pounds in their two weeks' stay. Even the boy considered a poor eater by his parents develops a hearty appetite, thanks to the bracing air and stimulating exercise.



"Mm . . . won't they go for this!"

PROGRESS THROUGH THE YEARS . . .

This year, the 10th anniversary year, Kiddie Kamp is looking forward to accommodating a record number of boys. Everything is being done to provide more living quarters and additional facilities to enable more deserving youngsters to get the healthful benefits of a summer vacation. Last year's record enrollment of 612 is expected to be topped this year.

It costs Kiddie Kamp \$18.50 per week to maintain a boy.

Functioning without subsidies or endowments, Kiddie Kamp's progress has been gratifying. The graph on this page tells the story. How far it will go in the future depends on the support it receives from community-minded men and women who plan now for a better tomorrow.



THE SPIRIT BEHIND

KIDDIE KAMP

Because Kiddie Kamp is a free camp, one of the few of its kind in the country, its success has been dependent upon public support. A large number of public spirited men and women, inspired by the ideals behind it, give freely of their time and effort to help the camp forge ahead each year.

A large portion of the funds necessary to keep the camp going is being raised through community tag days. An even greater share of the money is being collected by the Knights of Pythias and other organizations.

The Ladies' State Committee of Kiddie Kamp sponsors an annual Donors' Luncheon, which is becoming an ever increasing fund raising activity.

These activities, along with personal solicitations, will continue.

Our aim is to raise \$100,000 in 1947.

To all of us, Kiddie Kamp has become more than a camp for underprivileged boys. It symbolizes a re-affirmation of the America we are all striving for — an America where all, regardless of race, creed or color, can work together, play together, achieve together the blessings that true democracy can offer.

Generous and continuous public support is solicited. Bring or mail contributions to

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TELLING OTHERS
ABOUT THE GOOD WORK



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TO HELP MORE BOYS COME TO CAMP

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in Action*

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A boy who needs

the kind of breaks

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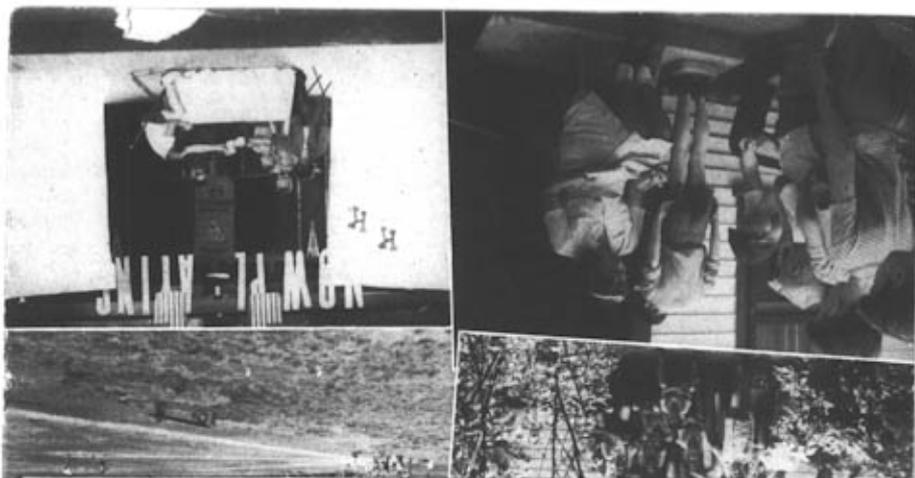
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A Symbol of Democracy in Action  "KIDDIE KAMP"

SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

The officers and members of this strictly non-sectarian charitable enterprise — Kiddie Kamp — extend to you a friendly invitation to share in a heart warming experience of true giving. Your help is solicited to make 1949 a happy memory in the too-often sad lives of our underprivileged splendid lads who otherwise would be deprived of a summer vacation.

Funds received through your kindness will be used to defray the expense of a free summer vacation for about 600 boys between the ages of 8½ and 14½ years, regardless of race, creed, or color, and to provide them with wholesome body building food, clean supervised play, swimming and life saving instruction, medical and dental care and experiences in true democracy.

If you feel you would like to have a neighborly part in making this summer a happy event for these worthy boys, please send your contribution, large or small, to Kiddie Kamp, 10 Milk Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Julius Stone

PRESIDENT



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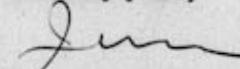
I wanted you to know that I am with the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons and that our offices are at present located at 147 West 42nd Street, Room 1004; the telephone number is Bryant 9-6937. It seems that thus far these headquarters are unknown and you might have inquiries which you may want to have referred to us.

It was very kind of you about the Liberty thing and I have not yet heard from them.

So far, this Committee does not seem to have formed any adequate liason with the United Nations and especially the newly formed IRO. I wonder if you can suggest any person or persons whom I could contact in order that I might become well informed concerning the IRO since it seems to me it is essential that any work of this Committee not conflict with the IRO.

Thank you very much and I hope to see you soon again.

Sincerely yours,



James M. Kieran

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