

any act of a self-governing people can be. No republican state, so far as we know, has been stupid enough to pass a law forbidding a professor in its state university to argue in favor of free trade, and no democratic state has enacted a prohibition against teaching the merits of protection. Doubtless there is a good deal of erroneous teaching in economics, political science, sociology, and history, as well as in biology and geology. How can a state protect itself? There is no way in which it can do so with absolute certainty. Human knowledge is always mixed with error, and even the wisest of us probably know some things that are not so. Probably the best way of promoting sound learning is to secure teachers and educational executives who have had the advantages of the best available training and give them freedom. Certainly the worst is to attempt to establish scientific truth by act of the state legislature.

—*The Christian Century.*

GIRLS' SUMMER CAMPS IN VIRGINIA

TO THE city person there comes a time when one grows tired of the great town; when visions of green fields, rolling hills, shady trees and swift-running streams take the place of crowded streets and the rush of the day, and one feels the need of free life in the open. Comes then the picture of a camp nestled at the foot of the hills or hidden under the shady trees near a clear stream. And then the heart quickens just with the thoughts of a week or perhaps more in the great out-of-doors.

We are beginning to feel more and more this vital need of places where people can spend their vacations, away from the crowds; and as a result we find dotted here and there—in the mountain, by the seashore, or back in a shady grove of trees—numerous summer camps. There are per-

manent camps for the year round, tourist camps, athletic camps, camps run on a strictly commercial basis, and camps that give opportunities for an enjoyable vacation at the lowest possible price. Some of the camps are directed by individuals and some by public organizations. The Young Woman's Christian Association is perhaps doing more for girl campers of Virginia than any other one organization.

With the purpose of finding out just what opportunities are given Virginia girls to experience camp life, a complete questionnaire was prepared. A copy was to be sent to each Camp Director.

Lacking a central agency in Virginia where such a list might be obtained, I undertook to locate existing camps by inquiring of a student body drawn from all parts of Virginia. I obtained the addresses of twelve camps. Eight of these were fostered by the Y. W. C. A.'s of the following cities: Danville, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Richmond, and Roanoke. A questionnaire was sent with a letter to the General Secretary of each Y. W. C. A. and every Secretary replied. The Petersburg Association, however, reported that it has been closed for over a year and has no camp now. And two Associations, Newport News and Portsmouth, have a camp together. That reduces the Y. W. C. A. camps to six. Questionnaires were sent for information concerning Camp Shenandoah of the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg and Camp Alkulana at Millboro Springs and satisfactory replies were received from both. Camp Alkulana is supported by the Baptist Settlement and is mainly for the girls of the Settlement House, House of Happiness, Richmond, Virginia. But as other girls are accommodated at a low fee and the same general plan of operation is carried on as in other camps, it should be included. Questionnaires were sent to Silver Maple Camp at Goshen and Camp Harrison, near Richmond, but no replies were received. That

leaves only a total of eight camps to base my results on. These tabulated results show the work done by those eight camps.

Every camp is located within easy reach of the city. There is also inexpensive bus or train service directly to the camping grounds.

Camp Oziya is about five miles from Danville. The camp site is in a lovely grove of beech trees on a well-drained hillside, at the foot of which a little brook ripples. The word Oziya is the Indian name for Place of Rest.

Camp Shenandoah is on the Shenandoah River, fourteen miles from Harrisonburg. There are beautiful woods all around the camp and the river gives splendid opportunities for swimming, rowing, and all water sports.

Camp Ruthers is located in Forest, Virginia, eleven miles from Lynchburg. Twelve acres of lovely woods and open fields are included in the camp property. This camp is not located on the water, but a large swimming pool has recently been constructed. From the folder sent out by the Lynchburg Y. W. C. A. comes this quotation which will explain the name of the camp: "If I had my ruthers, I'd rather live in the woods."

Camp Lingerhook is enjoyed by the campers from both Newport News and Portsmouth. It is on Chesapeake Bay, near Buckroe Beach, about twelve miles from Newport News. The Bay affords such pleasures as swimming, rowing, fishing, and crabbing, and a nearby lake is continually used for boating.

Camp Owaisa is located about ten miles from Norfolk on the beautiful sand dunes of Chesapeake Beach. A sentence or two from the attractive little folder they send out will best describe it: "With Chesapeake Bay at its front door and large lakes on either side, Owaisa offers the girl just the kind of water sports her heart desires. Fringing the lakes and the beach are woodlands where girls may become acquainted

with the friendly folk of the forest." Owaisa is the Indian name for Blue Bird or Happiness.

Camp Alkulana is in the Alleghany Mountains at Millboro. The mountains alone would be a drawing-card, but there are also cool, inviting woods and a creek nearby. Alkulana means "Bright Eyes."

Hedge Lawn Camp, which is twelve miles from Richmond at Centralia, Virginia, consists of two hundred thirty-five acres, mostly woodland. There is a spring and a creek convenient for bathing.

Tree Top Camp is on the Roanoke River, fourteen miles from Roanoke. With the recent building of a new and larger "shack" much was added to the comfort and convenience of the campers.

It is interesting to compare the number on each camp staff. The number ranges from two to twelve with an average of six. The two extremes are Hedge Lawn Camp of Richmond with only two and Camp Shenandoah of Harrisonburg with a staff of twelve. The duties of the staff of all the camps are about the same. Staff members act as either tent leaders or group leaders and in all camps they teach the Nature Study and Hand Craft classes. In four cases there is a nurse and in six cases a regular dietitian. Camp Shenandoah's staff of twelve includes, besides the regular councillors, a nurse, a doctor, and a dietitian. Such members included on a camp staff help a great deal in securing patronage.

In five cases out of the eight, tents are used. In every case a lodge or building of some kind is used as a dining hall and for indoor recreation.

The number of campers accommodated varies greatly. It ranges from twenty-two at Camp Oziya, Danville, to seventy-two at Camp Shenandoah, Harrisonburg. In every case except that of Camp Shenandoah there is no age limit. The first part of the summer is given over to younger girls, ages ranging from ten to eighteen. Later the

Table, Giving Data on Girls' Summer Camps in Virginia

Name of organization sponsoring Camp	Name of Camp	No. on staff	Type of Buildings	No. Accommodated	Age Limit	Price Daily	Length of one Camp Period	Camp Lore	Camp Paper	Religion	Competition with Rewards
YWCA Danville	Camp Oziya Indian for Place of Rest	4	Tents for Bungalow	22	12-18 and Business Women	\$1.25, 1.50	1 week or 2 weeks	Nature Study Hand Craft Swimming Bible Life Saving	No paper	Daily Morning and evening devotions	In recreation with weekly rewards
Rotary Club Harrisonburg	Camp Shenandoah	12	Tents + House	72	10-18	1.28, 1.00	2 weeks	Nature Study Hand Craft Swimming Bible Rowing Canoeing	Giggles and Wiggles Tab every 2 weeks by the girls	Daily morning and evening devotions	"
YWCA Lynchburg	Camp Rethers	4	"	37	No age limit	1.00, 7.00	1 week	Nature Study Hand Craft Swimming Bible	No paper	Morning devotions and Sunday Vespers	"
YWCA Newport News + Portsmouth	Camp Lingerbrook	6	House	40	12-18 and Business Women	1.00, 7.25	10 days	Nature Study Hand Craft Swimming Bible Rowing	Shells + Bobbles Tab weekly in newspaper by the girls	Daily Morning + Evening devotions Sunday School	"
YWCA Norfolk	Camp Owaia	6	Tents + Lodge	50	10-50 including Business women	1.00, 7.00	1 week or more	Nature Study Hand Craft Swimming Bible Life Saving Rowing	Band Fiddler Tab weekly by the girls	Daily Morning + Evening Devotions Sunday School	"
Baptist Settlement Richmond	Camp Allulana	6	Tents Tent House + Building	38	10-30	Graded Booked at 1.50 to 25.00	2 weeks	Nature Study Hand Craft Swimming Bible	No paper	Morning devotions + Twice on Sunday	"
YWCA Richmond	Camp Hedge Lawn	2	Bungalow + House	30	14-50	1.25, 6.00	2 weeks	Nature Study Hand Craft Swimming	No paper	Sunday morning	No Competition
YWCA Roanoke	Tree Top Camp	7	Dormitory and Dining Hall	60	10-18 and Business Women	17.00 1.00 for Club Girls	1 week	Nature Study Swimming Bible Life Saving	No paper	Morning Devotions and Sunday Vespers	In recreation with weekly rewards

age limit is lifted, and business women are given opportunities to camp. Because Camp Shenandoah is a boys' camp and is used by the girls only a small part of each summer, business women are not accommodated there.

At four camps the average length of one camp period is one week; three camps have two weeks for a camp period and one has ten days. The prices per day are comparatively the same, \$1.00 being the average. The prices per week average around \$7.00 or \$7.50—Richmond being lowest \$6.00 and Harrisonburg highest with \$9.00. Camp Alkulana has a graded board rate for the convenience of club members. It ranges from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per week.

At every camp an attempt is made to acquaint the girls with the natural surroundings of the camp. Hikes into the woods, through the mountains, or on the beaches; discussions of what has been seen, and regular Nature Study classes are held. Hand Craft classes are taught, using the things they find in the woods, weaving baskets and mats, making butterfly trays, bird charts, and other interesting things

ATHLETICS

Swimming, of course, has its important place in each camp's program. Regular instruction in life-saving is offered at only four camps and rowing and canoeing at only three. Original stunts have a prominent place every evening around the camp fire or in the recreation hall. Dramatics and group games are also included in the day's program. Camp Ruthers boasts of a tennis court and a garden and Camp Oziya has a baseball team. In most cases track meets and swimming meets are held at some time during each camp period. With no exception, all possible phases of athletics are greatly stressed.

At every camp except Hedge Lawn the girls are divided into groups and group competition is carried on in their recreation. Individuals are given honor points for winning various events and their points go to-

wards group honors. At the end of each week honors are counted up and the rewards are given. Camp Oziya girls win some special insignia for individual honors and the winning group for the week has charge of the flag exercises for the next week. The winning group of Camp Shenandoah proudly floats the camp banner over its tent for one week. At Camp Ruthers, special insignia are given campers who lead in honor points. Letters are awarded each member of the winning group at Camp Lingerhook and at Camp Owaisa individuals win letters while the group has the camp banner for a week. Camp Alkulana also awards letters to the individual campers and the camp banner to the winning group. At Tree Top Camp the group having the most 100% campers gets ribbons.

LITERATURE PUBLISHED

From every camp attractive folders are sent out at the beginning of the summer. These are published by the Y. W. C. A., and are full of information about the camp, telling location, price, summer schedule, daily schedule, camp personnel, what to take and where to apply for further information.

Only three of the camps publish a paper, written and organized by the girls. Camp Shenandoah has a little paper called *Giggles and Wiggles*. It is published once every two weeks and contains jokes, little stories, rhymes, news of interest about the girls, and many other items that delight the campers.

The Newport News newspaper prints a Camp Department called *Shells and Pebbles*, edited by the girls of Camp Lingerhook. It is full of camp fun, gives the names of the campers and all about their work and play at camp each week.

Camp Owaisa publishes weekly a mimeographed paper of three or four sheets—the *Sand Fiddler*. A very attractive cover design of a big sand fiddler was drawn by one of the girls and adds to the appearance of the paper.

RELIGION

The religious side of life is not neglected. Every camp has some time for thought of things other than just the pleasures of life. The most popular time seems to be in the morning when an assembly is held, sometimes led by the girls and sometimes by the councillors. Most of the camps also have an evening vesper service. At seven camps two services are held on Sunday. Some form of Bible instruction or Bible study is given at every camp except one. This is usually included at the assembly hour for morning devotions and on Sunday.

From the above tabulations I think it is safe to say that Virginia girls and young women are given just what they want and need in camp life, under the most wholesome surroundings and careful supervision. And every advantage should be taken of such an opportunity.

To breathe deeply of fresh air, to sleep under the stars, probably to wake up with the rain beating down on your face and have to hustle to shelter, to ramble through the woods, to know birds by their songs and calls, to work hard and sing a song while working, to feel that you are a part of a wonderful creation—that is to live and to grow.

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ENGLISH NOTES

LITERARY BOOTLEGGING

There lie before us two remarkable postal cards. They are advertisements, with signature and address, of two Illinois firms. The wares are offered to members of senior classes and to teachers of English, and are itemized as follows:

Address by Class President	25c
Class Prophecy	25c
Class History	25c
Class Will	25c
Class Grumbler	25c
A Valedictory	25c
A Salutatory	25c
Poem of Friendship	25c

The entire inspirational outfit may be had for one dollar. Think of a ready-to-deliver valedictory for just twenty-five cents, plus the insignificant item of a boy's honor, and of a poem on Friendship for a girl's integrity and a quarter of a dollar—the sure effect upon their notions of self-expression and honesty being thrown in free of charge.

And look into the future prospect: second-hand college themes and exercises; answers to examination questions tucked with foresight into the shoe instead of into the traditional bootleg; and, in the end, should the instructors be open-eyed and firm enough to see to it that graduation does not reward such practices, there is a chance that a bogus diploma may be bought.

We once knew a man who held such a diploma stamped with the seal of the University of Virginia, bought for twenty-five dollars in Chicago. The purchase price ought, for the sake of fitness, to have been paid in counterfeit money.

The only redeeming facts about his iniquitous history are that he was finally sent to the Texas penitentiary and that he did once show grace of shame at mention of the name Virginia.

EXCORIATING THE PEDDLER

To a sermon peddler who sells his wares by flooding the profession with circulars just as literary bootleggers send broadcast their advertisements, a minister in Louisville, Kentucky, reports that he sent the following letter: "I shall appreciate it if you will remove my name from your mailing list. I have not yet reached the state of imbecility or the disposition to plagiarize that would lead me to respond to your appeals to buy sermons. A company that caters to the needs of preachers should remember that there is a commandment still in the Bible which says, 'Thou shalt not steal.'"