

So live, neighbor, that if a turtle bearing your initials on its shell is discovered 50 years from now, your name will be remembered by the WPA workers in 1986.

Would Militarize CCC.

Military training in Civilian Conservation Corps camps is advocated by James E. Van Zandt, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "Military discipline," he asserted at the Salem reunion, "would prevent the spread of despicable and dangerous Communistic ideas. Further, it would give the national government a real foundation force upon which to draw in time of war."

Of all government agents established in the program of recovery the CCC has been least vulnerable to criticism. Unemployed young men enrolled in the camps have been privileged to live active, healthful and stimulating lives in the outdoors and to do moderate work of value to this generation and to those not yet born. The program has been unusually successful and militarists have tried desperately to convert the hundreds of thousands of young men into soldiers. They would put the CCC camps on a plane with Hitler's militarized work-camps in Germany.

Young men working in the fields and forests and along the streams are not disposed to mull over "communistic ideas." The setting is not appropriate. If compelled to shoulder a rifle instead of an ax and spend their time on the drill field, rather than the athletic field, there might be a cause for grumbling that would breed the "despicable and dangerous" moods so greatly feared by Commander Van Zandt.