

Mr. POMEROY. Well, at the Schenck camp, there were boys receiving instruction in welding, in the uses of tools in cabinetmaking. They were making some cabinets.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Excuse my breaking in.

When they took this type of course, were they just looking for a background course as fundamental knowledge, or, for example, were the boys who took the welding courses intended to be qualified to hold jobs as welders when they came out, and the boys taking courses in carpentry being prepared to—

Mr. POMEROY. It is my understanding that they had a choice of instruction, and being prepared to do this work when they got out.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Having chosen a field, they were supposedly to be proficient in that field, but do you have any statistics, sir, as to how many of these boys were placed or not placed—again, I suspect that from your prior answer—

Mr. POMEROY. 152 had been placed in the last year. I have a note someplace, but that is just a recollection.

Mr. DELLENBACK. But you don't know what percentage that is, or how long they kept their jobs, or whether they used the skill for which they had been trained?

Mr. POMEROY. I could not give you information in the overall context.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Were any of these boys being trained for occupations that had to do with the woods. Were they being trained as workers in the forests?

Mr. POMEROY. I would say their training was in the phase of learning by doing. Some of them might not continue afterward, but I don't think that was the specific purpose of it.

Mr. DELLENBACK. These boys came from urban backgrounds, didn't they?

Mr. POMEROY. Those I spoke with did.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Again, I regret the fact we are not able to follow it through, because the question would be in my mind, did most of them go back to their urban backgrounds, or did this time in the camp lead them into forestry. This again we don't know.

Mr. POMEROY. No.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Thank you very much for being here. I appreciate this chance of talking with you.

Chairman PERKINS. I likewise appreciate your being here, Mr. Pomeroy, and I would like to ask you a couple of questions, sir.

First, let me ask you, have you been down in Kentucky, as a ranger and a foreman?

Mr. POMEROY. I was the assistant supervisor with headquarters at Winchester, and I worked in the forest program in the timber production. As a part of this, I visited all the sawmills and lumber camps in the States.

Chairman PERKINS. That was when?

Mr. POMEROY. Back in World War II. In the 40's. Drew Evans was one of the gentleman I called on.

Chairman PERKINS. I was through there last weekend. I noted the conservation corps working there, the trails and the picnic areas, and the roads leading to the picnic areas, and they were making new tables and carpentry work and masonry work, and rebuilt and renovated