

Camp Waldport records, 1943-1945

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Civilian Public Service. Camp #56 (Waldport, Or.)
Title	Camp Waldport records
Dates	1943-1945 (inclusive) 1943 1945
Quantity	4.5 linear feet, (9 containers)
Collection Number	Bx 034
Summary	<p>Camp Waldport, or Civilian Public Service (CPS) Camp No. 56, was a conscientious objector camp in Oregon during WWII, and was home to the Fine Arts Group. Among Camp Waldport's interns were several poets and artists who are considered to have contributed to the Beat Movement and the "San Francisco Renaissance" of the 1950s and 60s, including Adrian Wilson, Kermit Sheets, painter Morris Graves, and poets William Everson and Glen Coffield. The camp's press, the Untide Press, published volumes of poetry by Glen Coffield, William Everson, Kenneth Patchen, Bill Shank, and Jacob Sloan. <i>The Illiterati</i>, a periodical published out of the nearby Cascade Locks CPS camp, published and supported the work of the Fine Arts Group at Waldport, along with the writing of Kenneth Patchen, Kenneth Rexroth, Henry Miller, and others.</p> <p>Included in the Camp Waldport collection are records and publication of the Untide Press, a camp project that published volumes of poetry by Glen Coffield, William Everson, Kenneth Patchen, Bill Shank, and Jacob Sloan. Also included are copies of <i>The Tide</i> (a Camp Waldport newsletter) and <i>The Illiterati</i> (a fine arts publication of the camp at Cascade Locks); letters; Brethren Public Service Committee bulletins and memos; copies of various publications from other C.P.S. Camps, such as the ones at Cascade Locks and Elkton; and miscellany.</p>
Repository	<p>University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives. UO Libraries--SPC, 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 Fax: 541-346-3485 spcarref@uoregon.edu</p>
Access Restrictions	<p>Collection is open to the public</p> <p>Collection must be used in Special Collections & University Archives Reading Room.</p>
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Camp Waldport, or Civilian Public Service (CPS) Camp No. 56, was one of three conscientious objector camps in Oregon during WWII. Home to the Fine Arts Group, it was established in 1942 and administered by the Civilian Public Service of the Mennonite Central Committee (most of the CPS camps were run by the "historic peace churches": Mennonite, Brethren, and Quaker). The main work of the Camp Waldport interns was the reforestation of Blodgett Peak Burn, a forest that had been heavily logged during the first World War and that had suffered devastating wildfires after the war. The work was often dangerous; five men died during the three years the camp was in operation (compared with a total of nineteen deaths throughout the entire camp system). Of all the camps in the system, Waldport was the only one located within the coastal zone blackout.

Among Camp Waldport's interns were several poets and artists who are widely considered to have contributed to the Beat Movement and the "San Francisco Renaissance" of the 1950s and 60s. Celebrated "campers" include Adrian Wilson, author of *The Design of Books*; Kermit Sheets, founder of the theater group Interplayers; painter Morris Graves; and poets William Everson and Glen Coffield. The camp's official newsletter was *The Tide*, but the interns founded their own press, the Untide Press, which published volumes of poetry by Glen Coffield, William Everson, Kenneth Patchen, Bill Shank, and Jacob Sloan. The Untide's first book was Everson's *X War Elegies* (additional material about the Untide Press resides in Special Collections Manuscripts, SFM 105). The *Illiterati*, a periodical published out of the Cascade Locks CPS camp, published and supported the work of the Fine Arts Group at Waldport, along with the writing of Kenneth Patchen, Kenneth Rexroth, Henry Miller, and others.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into series by subject.

Acquisition Information

Deposited at the University of Oregon in 1945.

Related Materials

Additional material about the Untide Press resides in manuscript collection SFM 105, Special Collections & University Archives, University of Oregon Libraries.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Inventory

Box1, Folder1

Records of Civilian Public Service Camp 56, Waldport, Oregon

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
1	2	Activities Coordinator Records (incomplete)
1	3	Education survey
1	4	Mobile Disaster Unit
1	5	Religious Life Secretary (incomplete)

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	6	"Bible"	
1	7	S.S.S. Directives (incomplete)	
1	8	Administrative Data: Camp Handbook (incomplete)	
1	9	Letters sent	1943
1	10	Letters received	
2	1	Letters	1944-1945
2	2	Education Director: Reports, correspondence, statistics	
2	3	Waldport "All-Camp Meeting" materials	
2	4	Constitution, minutes, rosters	
2	5	Education Committe minutes	
2	6	Manuscripts	
2	7	Waldport publications, programs, etc. (incomplete)	
2	8	Clippings, photographs	
2	9	Walkout information (incomplete)	
2	10	Co-op (incomplete)	
2	11	Conscientious objectors (incomplete)	
3	1	The Untide Press: Publications (incomplete)	
3	2	"The Tide" (incomplete)	
3	3	Publications: Untide, Co-op News, Press releases, letters	
3	4	"The Illiterati"	
3	5	Class records and enrollments and completions (incomplete)	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
3	6	Lincoln County Times	
3	7	CPS 21, Cascade Locks, Oregon: Publications (incomplete)	
3	8	CPS 59, Elkton, Oregon (incomplete)	
3	9	Other CPS camp publications (incomplete)	
3	10	Peacetime conscription	
4	1	Brethren Public Service Committee memorandums,	1943
4	2	"B.C.P.S. Bulletin"	1944-1945
4	3	Brethren Public Service Committee memorandums	July 1944- December 1944
4	4	Brethren Public Service Committee memorandums	January 1944- June 1944
4	5	Brethren Public Service Committee memorandums	1945
5	1	The Attendant (incomplete)	
5	2	Fellowship	
5	3	Conscription News (incomplete)	
5	4	Episcopal Pacifish Association	
5	5	Information Service	
5	6	Fellowship of Reconciliation Publications	
5	7	CPS Round Table	
5	8	F.O.R. Oregon Newsletter	
6	1	Friends Publications (incomplete)	
6	2	Human Events	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
6	3	Mennonite Publications	
6	4	Methodist Church and World Peace Commission	
6	5	Motive	
6	6	National Council for the Prevention of War	
6	7	The Reporter. NSBRO (National Service Board for Religious Objectors) (incomplete)	
6	8	Why?	
6	9	World Events, Interpreted by Scott Nearing	
6	10	War Resisters League	
6	11	National Service Board for Religious Objectors. Camp Directors Bulletin (incomplete)	
7	1	Co-operative Movements	
7	2	Labor Publications	
7	3	Devotional Booklets	
7	4	Peace Plans I	
7	5	Peace Plans II	
7	6	Pacifica Views	
7	7	Conscientious Objector	
8	1	B.C.P.S. Publications	
8	2	Peacetime Military Conscription I	
8	3	Peacetime Military Conscription II	
8	4	Peacetime Military Conscription III	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8 5	Race Relations	
9 1	Socialist publications	
9 2	The Compass (incomplete)	
9 3	Peace Plans III	
9 4	Untide Press. Waldport. Broadsides. (incomplete)	
9 5	"The Call." Socialism Paper	
9 6	Waldport C.P.S. 56, library records	

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Arts--Oregon--Waldport--Periodicals

World War, 1939-1945--Conscientious objectors--Oregon--Waldport

Personal Names :

Coffield, Glen, 1917-

Everson, William, 1912-1994

Graves, Morris, 1910-

Patchen, Kenneth, 1911-1972

Sheets, Kermit

Sloan, Jacob

Wilson, Adrian

Corporate Names :

Brethren Service Committee--Records and correspondence

Civilian Public Service

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Untide Press

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