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Special Prosecutor Named in Tent-Gate Refugees explore options

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio, January 11, 2002 4:39 AM (Reuters) as reported in the last issue of the Birds Notes, Tent 12 has been torn down. The following are samples of Emails which shot across cyber space in January.

From: John R. Ballengee

To: :ywillson@bright.net Camp Willson Subject: Tent 12

Anne - - - - Thanks for the Bird Notes. I note therein that "Cabin 12 has been shipped to W. Va. and is gone from camp."

Question: Come Aug. "02, where can Gaal, Lee and Father, Weil, Madison, and Zickafoose, expect to be quartered??? Just here and there, is an unacceptable reply. We are an exclusive group. We are to be treated as such!

Our Committee awaits your reply which may or may not be acceptable either yet.

Zickafoose, Chairman - Addd Hawk

From: Anne Brienza

To: Men's Camp Subject: Tent 12

Gentlemen, (and Ralph)

I recently received a note (see above) from Tent 12. As you might have read in the last Bird's Notes, we have demolished/destroyed Tent 12. (We are mailing it to WV by US mail in small packages that don't exceed \$5 per package.

We forgot that Men's Campers actually live in that cabin.

I need help! Is there anyone able to take in this group of homeless men for the coming camp? I know that they can be a difficult group, but homeless is homeless and we all need to be Godly people and give our friends a helping hand? Inquiries/acts of kindness can be directed to me. I will act as the intermediary between Zickafoos and any kind souls (that way I can politely separate out anyone that Zick doesn't want to live with.) Snorers need not apply.

Anne Brienza

Executive Director, & Self Appointed Intermediary

From: Craig Barr

To: Men's Camp Subject: Tent 12

Anne and "Gentlemen"

As I sat in front of my computer on this chilly Saturday morning and pondered the dilemma brought before us, I felt a little something just pulling at my heartstrings. I realized that I needed to do something. And then, while eating my Lucky Charms, it dawned on me. The answer is already at Camp. The Lake Cabin would be perfect.

Most of you have probably not seen this. One of my first duties as a Work Squad rookie was to hide and camouflage this fine structure every August before Men's Camp. Anne always thought that it was too good for any of the guys. BUT, I am here to say that I beg to differ. I am sure, that with enough support by all of you, she will consider and, eventually, give in to allowing

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our homeless friends the privilege of this new home. Luckily, I just happen to have to have one of the few pictures of the Lake Cabin (please see picture). It was taken a few years ago without Anne's permission (she can't fire me now). At the time it was north of Cross Beach and I believe it still does. One more thing. I propose that each and every one of us have Lucky Charms each morning at Camp. That way we all may have the wisdom and foresight that has graced my home this morning. Humbly and hospitably yours,

From: Larry Hurtubise

To: Mens Camp Subject: Tent 12

Craig

I would be willing to make a motion to allow the refugees from Tent 12 into Tent 9 at a special Tent 9 Parliament meeting. Anne, do you know anything about getting temporary visas to allow this type of immigration? We have got to work out all the details for this type of thing.

Herbicides II

From: "John R. Ballengee"

Subject: Tent 12 To: Larry Hurtubise

Prior offers for discussion originated with 2nd and 3rd class campers. None worthy of further investigation by those who formerly

reposed in the historic structure known as Tent 12.

Our gathering would inquire of the exact location of the proposed parliamentary gathering. Our group requests four places at table, such places to be 1 foot above other places at the same table. We would also request that each of the favored four would have a pretty maiden to fan us and meet our every need. And the parley shall begin with all standing to hear a recitation. It will be known reverently as "An ode to the memory of Olde Tent 12". We shall then begin to parley.

As to our question of the exact location of the said Tent 9: Does it come just that much closer to the noisy and cluttered racket from the so called offices where the 'wrecking ball decisions are made in dark and devious secrecy"". No notice to those who will suffer. Why bother to give notice? Who cares??"

But, let us heal and move on. Forget the past. And so, Mr. Herbicides II, we thank you for inviting us to meet on a high plane with you, the peacemaker. And therefore, we promise from our high place to show up with "our hearts filled to overflowing with the milk of human kindness". We will rise up from the ashes, - -the dust - - - the bitterness that has been our plight.

With Servitude - - - Zickafoos I

From: Larry Hurtubise

Subject: Tent 12

It shall be done just as you say assuming we can find four pretty maidens. The steering committee of the Tent 9 Parliament has but one request. We must fly the flag of the dear old alma mater, The Sam Huston Institute of Technology, above the Tent 9.

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From: "John R. Ballengee"

To: Larry Hurtubise

Our people note that no mention was made of the EXACT location of Tent 9. Please reply in detail.. Only then can our people take up the Sam Houston I. T. flag question. In Your Service

Zickafoooos -, Capt. Tent 12

From: Larry Hurtubise

Subject: Tent 12

Sir, this is entirely my fault. I kind of got caught up in the "Rise up from the ashes, heal and move on, milk of human kindness" stuff. However, yes, tent 9 is closer to "WHERE THE 'WRECKING BALL DECISIONS ARE MADE IN DARK AND DEVIOUS SECRECY. Please forgive my grievous error.

Yours Truly Herbicides II

In the wake of this scandal Alan Berliner has been named the Special Investigator with far reaching powers and complete authority. A spokes person for Anne Brienza, Camp Director and Dave Burks Men's Camp President says that the camp community is hoping for a speedy and equitable resolution to this matter. A French Figure Skating Judger will be the chief arbiter.

Do you have an email address? Let us know at camp! ywillson@bright.net. In an effort to reduce our ever-rising postage costs, we would like to email Men's Camp information rather than use the mail. This gets material to you faster and reduces our expenses.

Many thanks to all who made donations to Willson's "Kid's to Camp Campaign"! Your donations are much appreciated. It's not too late, if you would still like to contribute!

Spring Reunion Details

When: Saturday, March 9, 2002 3:00 Happy Hour, & Card playing

4:00 Dinner Cash bar available Cost: \$13.00

Meal Choices (choose one):

• Spaghetti Feast

- 15 Layer Lasagna (Vegetarian or meat)
- Fettuccine Alfredo
- Baked Penne Pasta

All meals include house salad, bread and non-alcoholic beverage.

Where: Spaghetti Warehouse

397 W. Broad Street

Call camp at 800-423-0427 for reservations.

Registration deadline: March 6.

Other Important Dates

Spring Camp is April 26-28, 2002 at Camp. Cost: \$70 for Sat breakfast-Sunday breakfast. No lunch will be served. The Bird's dinner will be in town on Friday night, 7:00 pm, organized by those coming. There will not be an organized Bird's Dinner.

Fall Camp: August 23-30, 2002 Mark your calendar, bring a friend and plan on attending!

In Memoriam

Guy Rostofer, camp caretaker from 1929-1986 passed away on January 15 at the age of 93. His wife Dottie is doing well and still lives at home in Huntsville.

Others who have passed since the last Birds Notes are **Dick Hank** and **Bob Galbraith**

Additional information was not available as we prepared the Birds Notes.

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In Memoriam

Bob Scully was a friend to all of us. Joining us with a spirit of fellowship but (to me) remaining a little above some of it appropriately for his calling. I remember him joining in to minister to us, playing softball and tennis going on walks and being a true friend. Bob fought the good fight. All honor to his name.

Below is an excerpt from his obituary:

The Rev. Scully died at 6:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001 at The Heritage. He was born Jan. 10, 1918 in Cincinnati to Richard E. and Inez (Gardiner) Scully. He married Eleanor Susan Davis, and she survives.

The Rev. Scully retired as a United Methodist minister after serving for 50 years in Ohio and Massachusetts. He was senior pastor of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church from 1969-74; and served Salem United Methodist Church, Cass Township, from 1985-1991.

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He was a member emeritus of Findlay Rotary Club. He had served on the boards of directors for Cleveland Church Federation, Goodwill Industries, Middletown Rotary Club and YMCA. He had been president of Clark County

Ministerial Fellowship and Council of Churches; and trustee and president of Church Association of Epworth Assembly. He was dean or director of 14 District Youth Institutes and camps, and a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in England.

He was a 1936 graduate of Western Hills High School, Cincinnati; and a 1940 graduate of DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., where he was captain of its tennis team and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He received a master of divinity degree in 1943 from Boston University School of Theology, and an honorary doctor of divinity in 1968 from Ohio Northern University, Ada.

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