



## The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

### History Kit Inventory



**Mattock**, a common tool used by CCC members when clearing foliage and/or preparing land for new roads. A cutter mattock is used to chop out roots while loosening the soil and trenching through root choked soils.



**Wood mallet**, a common tool used in woodworking classes at CCC camps and on jobs around the camp. One component of the CCC program was to train young men for future work. Camps offered general education and “manual arts” classes in the evenings.



**CCC pennant**, a common souvenir from camp.



**Military-issue mess kit**, crews working off site ate noon meals from mess kits. The CCC provided three meals a day to its recruits. Many young CCC men came from families who struggled to get food on the tables and three meals a day provided much needed relief for recruits. Their families also benefited for having a son in the CCC meant one less person at home to feed.



**CCC cap**, late 1930s, formally known as an overseas garrison cap. All recruits were issued military-style uniforms: shirt, pants, tie, boots, and cap.



**Softball**, 1930s or 1940s, similar to ones used by CCC softball teams.

#### Photographs (reproduced):

1. Camp Perkinstown baseball team, mid-1930s. Taylor County Historical Society.
2. Bunk hall, Camp Perkinstown, mid-1930s. Taylor County Historical Society.
3. Typical personal belongings of a CCC enrollee, 1930s. Taylor County Historical Society.
4. Camp Durand, 1934. Durand Old Courthouse Museum.
5. Company 1694 at Camp Durand, 1934. Note the military style of the uniforms. Durand Old Courthouse Museum.
6. Trucks loaded with CCC work crews, Camp Perkinstown, mid-1930s. Taylor County Historical Society. Claude Van Hefty and the USDA Forest Service
7. Wisconsin CCC enrollees peeling potatoes while on kitchen duty, 1933. Claude Van Hefty and the USDA Forest Service
8. Lunch break for a CCC crew working in one of Wisconsin's National Forests, 1940. Claude Van Hefty and the USDA Forest Service.
9. CCC men preparing a new road, late 1930s. Some are using cutter mattocks like the one in this kit. USDA Forest Service
10. New CCC recruits, "rooks," in line for physical exams, 1938. Claude Van Hefty and the USDA Forest Service
11. CCC men enjoying some free time in the canteen at Camp Cavour, Forest County, 1937. Claude Van Hefty and the USDA Forest Service

#### Documents (reproduced):

1. Thanksgiving Dinner menu for Camp Perkinstown, 1938. Courtesy of Taylor County Historical Society.
2. Map showing distribution of CCC camps, 1933.
3. *Chequamegon Forester*, newsletter published by the Perkinstown CCC Camp, 1940. Taylor County Historical Society.
4. "Jump River CCC Days" newspaper reminiscence. Taylor County Historical Society.
5. CCC Camp Educational Report for Company No. 1692, Camp Perkinstown, 1940.
6. Camp Inspection Report, Company No. 1692, Camp Perkinstown, 1940.

#### Multimedia (2 CDs, 1 DVD, in binder):

1. CD: "Camp Perkinstown" Powerpoint slideshow (with many wonderful photographs and facts about CCC life)
2. CD: "CCC" Lesson Unit • "Surviving Hard Times" PowerPoint and Lesson Unit.
3. DVD: Interview with CCC alumnus Otto Becker. Becker enrolled at Camp Perkinstown in 1937, 45 minutes. Interview conducted by William Dallas, 2007. The last 15 minutes is more about his World War II military experiences.