

MODERNISATION PLANS FOR GOWER CAMP

Continental student visitors in Congregational Union experiment

PLANS for the modernisation of the St. Madoc Christian Youth Camp at Llanmadoc, Gower, and for visits from parties of Continental students, were outlined on Saturday when about 250 accepted the invitation of the trustees and management committee to an inspection.

After Mr. J. W. Burr, donor of the land and property, had extended a welcome and spoke briefly of the object of the gift, the developments and plans were explained by the new chairman, Mr. D. G. Richards, general secretary of the Swansea and district Sunday School Union, chairman of the South Wales Band of Hope Union, and a Ministry of Food executive at Swansea.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Mr. Richards said that by the deed of gift the chapel—a barn put into its present condition by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Burr—was to be the centre of the camp's activities. It was something more than a holiday camp; for it existed for the training of young people as leaders for Sunday schools, churches and clubs. The financial difficulties had been, by the support of friends, overcome, and accommodation and facilities had been improved at a cost of nearly £300.

FINANCIAL POSITION

They were fortunate in securing as wardens, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffreys. Mrs. Jeffreys, an experienced warden, was a few years ago the Welsh representative of the local Women's Institute at the Ministry of Food in London.

A balance sheet to March 31 showed they were solvent.

Schemes had been prepared by engineers for supplies of water and electricity, sanitation and a road and for these, to cost about £3,000, and to clear the bank overdraft at least £2,000 would be required.

This would be after taking into account a grant being sought from the Ministry of Education by the Director of Education following his approval in principle of the plans.

There were also plans for tennis, cricket and gardens, and they appealed to all friends for support for work that was abundantly worth while.

All last week there were nearly 100 people from Birmingham, who wished to come for a fortnight next year.

SWEDISH STUDENTS

A young Swedish student who had arrived was the advance-guard of a group of 30 Swedish students who would be staying in camp in August with 30 English students in the first experiment of its kind to be sponsored by the International Congregational Union.

The arrival was now expected of two young German and two Dutch students.

After tea the choir of Bryn Chapel, Llwynhendy, sang well-known English and Welsh hymns. Devotions were led by the Rev. D. Byron Evans, of Ebenezer, Dunvant.

Later the party visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burr.