

DEDICATED BUILDING

RED CROSS STRUCTURE GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT.

The Red Cross building at the base hospital was formerly dedicated and turned over to government use in exercises which lasted throughout the afternoon Thursday and which terminated in a dance at night. Several hundred citizens of Charlotte attended the formal ceremonies in the afternoon.

Colonel J. M. Phelps, Southwestern Director of the American Red Cross, represented the Red Cross organization and officially turned the structure over to government use. Colonel A. C. Macomb accepted the building in behalf of the army and in turn delivered the use of the structure into the hands of Lieutenant-Colonel George A. Renn, commanding officer of the U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Greene.

During the afternoon the visitors from the city were conducted through the building. Everywhere there were expressions of delight from those who explored the appointments of the neat structure. Light refreshments were served.

The dance in the evening was one of the most pleasant of the year at the hospital. Music for the event was furnished by the Headquarters orchestra, which was formerly connected with the Fourth Recruit camp.

FITTING ADDRESS.

Colonel Phelps briefly outlined the mission of the Red Cross in his address. He talked on the uses for which the building was erected and the delight that it should be destined to bring to the convalescent patients of the hospital.

He told how the Red Cross houses had been erected at the larger hospitals throughout the country at the suggestion to the Surgeon General of the Army with the purpose of nullifying the monotonous influences of constant association in the wards and with the view of giving them more homelike surroundings in which to pass their leisure hours. In conclusion he formally turned the building over to Col A. C. Macomb, the camp commander.

"The life of the organized Red Cross is one of the finest of the new things

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

It has long been our custom to turn in the autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. This year we have special and moving cause to be grateful and to rejoice. God has in His good pleasure given us peace. It has not come as a mere cessation of arms, a mere relief from the strain and tragedy of war. It has come as a great triumph of right. Complete victory has brought us, not peace alone, but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigue among the nations. Our gallant armies have participated in a triumph which is not marred or stained by any purpose of selfish aggression. In a righteous cause they have won immortal glory and have nobly served their nation in serving mankind. God has indeed been gracious. We have cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our national history. A new day shines about us, in which our hearts take new courage and look forward with new hope to new and greater duties.

While we render thanks for these things, let us not forget to seek the divine guidance in the performance of those duties, and divine mercy and forgiveness for all errors of act or purpose, and pray that in all we do we shall strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual respect upon which we must assist to build the new structure of peace and good will among the nations.

Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several home and places of worship to render thanks to God, the ruler of nations.

that have come into warfare" said Colonel Macomb in his talk. "In olden days men were left to die upon the battle field. Now a hand of mercy is extended to them and that wonderful hand goes out even among the falling shells."

Colonel Macomb spoke of the beauty of the new structure and the value of such an institution to the government.

In a brief but well constructed speech Lieut-Colonel Renn accepted the building for the hospital use. He paid a tribute to the service which the Red Cross have rendered to the Camp Green hospital in times of stress in the past. He told of the work now being carried on and expressed his willingness to co-operate with the organization when ever possible.

MAY GO ACROSS.

At the regular conference of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries Saturday morning in Camp Greene, Camp General Secretary J. T. Mangum announced that he had received word that assured him that he would be able to get passports for overseas duty by the first of the year. Secretary Mangum is state recruiting officer for North Carolina as well as camp general secretary at Camp Greene and has done a magnificent work for the Y. M. C. A. in both branches. He is an untiring worker, a man of broad experience, both in this country and abroad, and a speaker of extraordinary ability and the addition of his efforts to the staff abroad will be of great assistance to the work of the Y. M. C. A. as well as a loss in the home work.—Trench and Camp.

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