

## BIG WEEK

## RED CROSS HOUSE JAMMED

**N**EVER in the history of the U. S. Army Base Hospital has there been such continued festivity and merrymaking as the program for the Red Cross building has furnished during the past week.

Sunday evening the building was crowded with people anxious to hear and see what the Sunday evening entertainment had to offer. The musical and vocal selections were such that they all agreed that the evening was well and profitably passed.

Tuesday evening the Christmas Eve dance was the predominating feature the happy and carefree dancers filling the hall with merry laughter until after 1 A. M. of Christmas day, returning to their cots tired but happy. At four o'clock the caroling party left the "home" to visit the wards.

Christmas day was the gala occasion of the entire week, the building being open to the public the entire day. In the evening the pretty ceremony of lighting the decorating lights was conducted, Mr. Webb, the camp electrician officiating. Colonel and Mrs. Macomb and Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Renn were among those present.

Sgt. Sellers made the presentation of several gifts, among them being a loving cup to the "house-mother" Mrs. Theodocia Baldwin, a silk umbrella to Miss Marie Fox Wait, the librarian, and a pair of gold cuff links to Mr. Webb on the behalf of the enlisted personnel of the hospital. The nurses also presented Mrs. Baldwin with a beautiful silver meat platter. She was deeply gratified to find that her work on their behalf had been so deeply appreciated and her voice trembled with emotion as she accepted the gifts from her "children" as she loves to call them. The token from the nurses bore this inscribed carefully: "May this little thought bring our house mother as much cheer as her hospitality has always brought to us—your nurses. Dancing followed until early in the morning.

The dance on New Year's Eve is to be a costume affair on the part of the ladies while the men are to wear hats of odd and grotesque shapes which will lend an air of novelty.

## THE CADUCEUS

## PLENTY TO EAT

There were four sets of big dinners served at the hospital on Christmas day. The officer's, nurses, patients and enlisted men's messes were fitted up in elaborate trimmings and the bounties delivered to the subjects were fit for a king.

The detachment mess hall was a bower of beauty when Sgt. First Class Laske and his men had finished a day of diligent labor in trimming the room on Tuesday. It was the most elaborate in its Christmas setting of any of the dining halls.

To prove that the hospital patients were not neglected at the yuletide the menu for their noon day meal is here given:

Christmas Menu, Patient's Mess.  
Iced Grapefruit

Oyster Soup	Crisp Crackers
Queen Olives	Celery
Roast Turkey	Potatoe Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce	Onions in Cream
Duchess Potatoes	a la Romaine
Mince Pie	Pumpkin Pie
Vanilla Ice Cream	Assorted Cakes
Bon-bons	Mixed Nuts
Saltine Crackers	Swiss Cheese
Cigars	Cigaretts

Coffee and Chocolate

## GAVEL FROM OVERSEAS

A dozen Allied airplanes, that had soared over the dunes of Flanders, the trenches of France, the snow-clad Alps, and the blue waters of the Mediterranean, contributed to form a gavel which was presented to Charlotte Commandery Knights Templar, on Wednesday night, Dec. 18.

The presentation of the gavel came as a climax to one of the largest and most enthusiastic Conclaves ever held by Knights Templar in this section. It was the gift of Sir George R. Lipe, who is now overseas, and who received his Templar Degrees while at Camp Greene.

The gavel was presented and received by Em. Sir W. N. Bacon on behalf of the Commandery, and the statement was made that it was constructed of wood from the propeller blades of twelve different makes of Allied airplanes that had borne their share in the great conflict.

Sir George R. Lips accompanied his gift with a toast to Charlotte Com-

mandery, and an expression of his lasting gratitude for the many courtesies shown him while in Charlotte.

## PRESENT FOR EVERY ONE

Every soldier, whether an officer or enlisted man, who is overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, will receive at least, one, and perhaps more Christmas package on Christmas day, according to a statement made by General March this week.

Over two million parcels have been sent across on six vessels so that every man whether he is in France, England or Italy will be remembered, and there will even be a surplus of 200,000 packages should any one be left out.



*A Happy  
and  
Most Prosperous  
New Year  
to each and every  
Soldier in  
Camp Greene  
is the wish of the  
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