

TRENCH AND CAMP

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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Every day is mothers' day.

Avaunt mud.
Avaunt cold weather.
Camp Greene forever!

With a half million Americans in France there ought to be a little more pep in the news dispatches pretty soon.

A newspaper article avers that the emperor of Germany is almost a raving maniac. Why not?

To get a half million of soldiers in France within a year's time after the declaration of war is no small undertaking, and yet Secretary Baker says it's so. Raise the bid to a million by the first of the year, Mr. Baker.

E Pluribus Unum! Died for their country somewhere in France: Girelino Viscusi, Stanislaw Itfanski, Martin Kruger, C. B. Knutson, E. J. O'Brien, F. J. Solt, Paul Boucher, Roderick McLean, Ambrose Xavier Ruyatte, Lloyd Morrill, G. R. Norsigan, S. J. Smith, Charles Beranek and C. Johnson.

How much hot air there is in these charges that the aircraft production has fallen down will be hard to determine, even by a congressional investigation committee. The fact remains, however, that we need more airplanes in France and need them badly. There are a good many experts who agree that victory is going to be won or lost in the air.

The mothers, God bless them, had their day in Camp Greene yesterday. Though absent in the body they were present in the minds and hearts of their soldier sons, who attended services held in their honor in different parts of the camp. These mothers deserve every thought and every consideration that was given them. They are standing back of their sons, are proud of them, and believe in their power to make a success of the job which they have undertaken.

The work that the Y. M. C. A. is doing for the soldiers in the American camps is appreciated, we believe, and occasionally this appreciation finds most striking expression. A young Greek came into one of the "Y" buildings the other day and showed the secretary a letter he was writing his people in Greece, telling them of all that the Y. M. C. A. means to him, and asking them to contribute to the association whenever they have an opportunity. Another Polish soldier grew enthusiastic in his praise of the "home" that was furnished him, and said that he was saving up for a contribution in the next campaign. A young man up at the base hospital "Y" wrote a letter to the pastor of his church "back home" telling about the Y. M. C. A. work. This letter was read to the congregation, and as a result a collection of \$5,000 was taken up. These things give satisfaction to the men who are trying to make the association function properly in the camps.

"The Camp Greene Columbian" is the name of a camp newspaper that is soon to make its appearance, according to an announcement from K. of C. headquarters. It will be a four-page paper, six columns, and will be edited by Mr. J. C. Kelley, the popular publicity man of the Camp Greene K. of C. Trench and Camp extends a welcome to this publication.

POPULAR CAMP PASTOR LEAVES AFTER STAY HERE

Dr. Arthur J. McClung, who has been located at Camp Greene for sometime in the capacity of camp pastor, left the past week for his home at Omaha, Neb. He was accompanied by Mrs. McClung, who has been living in Charlotte during her husband's stay here. Dr. McClung achieved quite a success in his work among the soldiers, and endeared himself to all the soldiers and welfare workers with whom he came in contact. He returns to Omaha to resume his work as pastor of a prominent Presbyterian church.

K. C. ACTIVITIES AT CAMP DURING WEEK

Festival Day Was Observed With Much Success—Athletic Director Busy Promoting Soldiers' Games.

Festival Day was inaugurated at K. of C. building No. 2 last Wednesday and some twenty women of Charlotte took complete possession of the building to entertain the soldiers for a few hours. Festival Day is to be held on Wednesday of each week and the various committees of St. Peter's Red Cross unit of Charlotte, together with other voluntary women workers of the town, will take up the time of the soldier lads by distributing some goodies and drink and having a general merry time.

This innovation among the various buildings of the camp is, needless to say, very much welcomed—since the important feature on the program is the passing of good things to eat. It was remarked that hereafter the mid-day meal of the Motor Mechanics will be a trifle light, and preparations will start quite early for the "eats" coming a little later in the day.

The scheme of decorating as carried out last Wednesday was particularly attractive. Large tables were distributed around the building, each table prettily bedecked with flowers. The committee of ladies, led by Mrs. Weddinfelt of Charlotte, stood by the tables and passed the cakes, candies and a light punch along the line of soldiers.

It is the opinion of many of our excellent critics that next Wednesday K. of C. building No. 2 will be the most popular resort in the camp. Everybody is invited and the secretaries in charge would welcome fellow welfare workers.

Director of Athletics Donahue of K. of C. building No. 1 announced on Friday that a completely equipped tennis court will be at the disposal of the soldiers within the next week or ten days. Mr. Donahue has become quite popular with the boys of the Motor Mechanics and has been asked to take charge of various outside athletic activities but in devoting all his time to the work proposed in a recent report made by him to Washington, Mr. Donahue feels that all his time will be well occupied. The athletic director will gladly interview the various organized baseball and sport-camp teams, and will distribute sporting equipment, including balls, to any of those teams making a request at building No. 1.

Supervisor Hall of K. of C. war activities visited the camp during the past week and made the following appointments to take effect immediately: John C. Manion, general secretary; James J. Cavanaugh, director of buildings and grounds; John A. Donahue, director of athletics; John C. Kelly, press representative; William Egan, secretary building No. 2.

PROMINENT CHARLOTTE PEOPLE VISIT "Y" 105

A program of much interest was given as an entertainment for the soldiers at Y. M. C. A. building No. 105 Tuesday night by a number of Charlotte people. The program, as given out by Physical Director Herzfeld, of that building, follows:

Song, W. C. Rankin; song, Miss Sallie Dixon; a short address by Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick; song, Mrs. H. N. Pharr; a short talk by Dr. C. A. Bland; song, A. Norwood; song, Mrs. H. N. Pharr; a short talk by Secretary E. N. Farris, of the Charlotte chamber of commerce.

This part of the program was enthusiastically received. After the Charlotte people had concluded, Eugene Wesley, of the Second company, Third Motor mechanics, rendered a violin solo, accompanied on the piano by Harold Woodruff, of the First company, of that regiment. John G. Freeman, of the Fifteenth company, Third Motor mechanics, as a cartoon artist, drew pictures of President Wilson, caricatures of the kaiser, and a cartoon on pay-day in camp. His last effort was to draw the coat of arms of the motor mechanics.

A wrestling match between "Cyclone" Moore, of the Second company, Fourth Motor mechanics, 145 pounds, and Lee Reuter, Eighteenth company, Third Motor mechanics, 165 pounds, which, after 15 minutes, was declared a draw. The program was ended by another violin solo by Wesley, accompanied by Woodruff.

"MOTHERS' DAY" OBSERVED AT K. OF C. BUILDING NO. 2

"Mothers' Day" was celebrated at K. of C. building number two on Sunday at 10:30 o'clock. Invitations were extended to the various headquarters and to the mothers of Charlotte. The ladies of Charlotte distributed flowers to the soldiers at his service. Chaplain Paul Bethel had charge of the service, and celebrated high mass on an altar erected on the outside of the building. The building was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Chaplain Strickland, of the Third motor mechanics, delivered an address.



The GREATEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

Stretching forth her hands to all in need; to Jew or Gentile, black or white; knowing no favorite, yet favoring all.

Ready and eager to comfort at a time when comfort is most needed. Helping the little home that's crushed beneath an iron hand by showing mercy in a healthy, human way; rebuilding it, in fact, with stone on stone; replenishing empty bins and empty cupboards; bringing warmth to hearts and hearths too long neglected.

Seeing all things with a mother's sixth sense that's blind to jealousy and meanness; seeing men in their

true light, as naughty children—snatching, biting, bitter—but with a hidden side that's quickest touched by mercy.

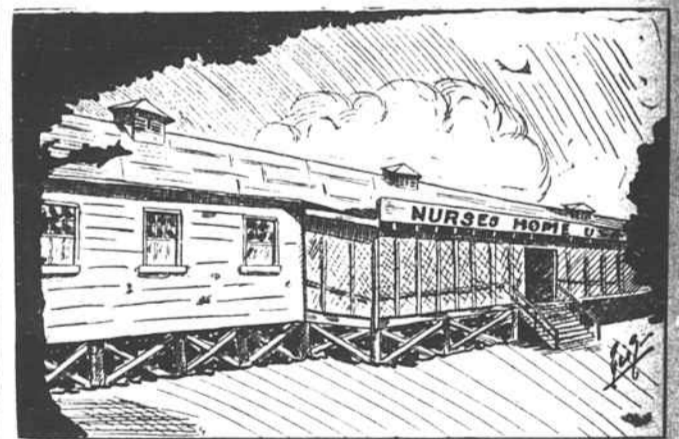
Reaching out her hands across the sea to No Man's Land; to cheer with warmer comforts thousands who must stand and wait in stench and crawling holes and water-soaked entrenchments where cold and wet bite deeper, so they write, than boche steel or lead.

She's warming thousands, feeding thousands, healing thousands from her store; the greatest mother in the world—the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross will again appeal to the generous American public for \$100,000,000 to continue its work of mercy, in its second nationwide war fund campaign, May 20 to 27, inclusive.

Every dollar of a Red Cross war fund goes to war relief.

NO MAN'S LAND AT CAMP GREENE.



SOLDIERS OF HOSPITAL HEAR THE "OLD SONGS"

An entertainment was given at the base hospital Y. M. C. A., Camp Greene, Tuesday night which the secretaries said "long would retain a place in the minds of the soldiers present as unique and original." A number of Charlotte women gave the program, consisting of songs and recitations of a kind not previously offered the soldiers at this building. The feature of the evening was the old folks songs, rendered by a number of Charlotte women dressed in quaint costumes of "yesterday" and whose songs were in keeping with the setting of other years.

Mrs. A. V. Bennett won long and enthusiastic applause, and at the end of the song she sang the stage at her feet was literally covered with flowers tossed there by appreciative soldiers, the secretaries of the building reported. "I would that my love," was sung by Mrs. A. M. Gray and Miss Blanche Orr. Miss Washburn gave as a reading "The Mourning Veil." Mrs. E. C. Register and others sang a group of "old songs," and they were followed by Mrs. Carl Leo, who gave a reading. Miss Blanche Austin sang "Little Irish Song," and was followed by a reading by Mrs. Z. V. Barnhardt. Miss Ella Moseley rendered a violin solo and Miss May

Law Gray sang "When I was a Baby," Mrs. Register and others sang another group of "old songs."

The Charlotte women who took the parts of "the old women" were named as Mrs. Z. V. Barnhardt, Mrs. John Geiger, Mrs. J. C. Crisp, Mrs. H. C. Holton, Mrs. P. S. McLauchlin, Mrs. Rosa Brown, Mrs. E. C. Register, Mrs. A. V. Bennett and Mrs. H. K. Boyer.

CAMP GREENE MAY GET NUMBER TEXAS AVIATORS

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.
Washington, D. C., May 2.—Recent news was reported here that all of the aviation forces in Texas camps would be moved to Charlotte. This report excited Texas congressmen and a delegation of them headed by Senator Sheppard called at the war department to protest. It was made plain to the Texans that Camp Greene is to be a signal corps replacement camp where men will be assembled, trained, equipped and sent to take the place of men who drop out for one cause or another at the front.

The war department has formally ordered that Camp Greene shall be the signal corps for the organization of 40,000 or more men. That order will not be changed. Charlotte may eventually become a headquarters for the aviation activities of the war department forces.