

Y M C A NEWS

SWIMMING POOL FOR SOLDIERS IS PLANNED

K. C. at Camp Greene Is to Provide Pool for Soldiers. Other Activities.

Ever since the wave of camp improvements has come upon Camp Greene the various welfare workers have followed and even surpassed army activities by pushing the beautifying of their buildings and grounds. Within the past week the Knights of Columbus secretaries have succeeded in completing a beautiful tennis court at the K. of C. headquarters building and immediately the soldiers and many others took to it with great delight. Besides the tennis court, a volleyball court, basket ball court, hand ball court have all been completed for play and without question the new field of athletics for the camp has been centered in and around Camp No. 1, within the boundaries of the Knights of Columbus headquarters building.

Director of Athletics Herzfeld of Y. M. C. A. 105, and Director Donahue of the K. of C. have joined in a work of grading and fitting a large field within easy distance of the Y. and the K. of C. for a baseball diamond, and it is due to the tireless efforts of Director Donahue, ably advised by Director Herzfeld, that the available space around Camp No. 1 is being utilized for athletic purposes and that such a showing has been made. Too much credit cannot be given Director Donahue for his zealous work thus far, also for his future plans.

And this week, in keeping with the work of Mr. Donahue, John C. Manion, general secretary of K. of C. activities announced that he has obtained permission from Major Greene to construct a huge swimming pool in the heart of the athletic center of the camp. On Thursday morning surveyors from Major Greene's office took possession of the work on the new swimming pool and it is expected to have the excavating completed within a week.

The tank will be 100 feet in length and 50 feet wide, with bath houses and showers along the side to be fully equipped with up-to-date bathing improvements. The item of expenditures has not entered into the erection of this pool since the K. of C. committee on war activities and the K. of C. secretaries realize the geographical location of the camp being miles from any bathing resort and it is the aim of the secretaries to provide a swimming pool of first-class type in order that the soldiers at Camp Greene may enjoy the sweltering days and cool evenings of free time swimming in fresh water. The tank is to be constructed according to the best sanitary methods now on hand and provisions have been made to have a continual flow of fresh water into the tank and a large outlet for the impure water.

Director of Athletics Donahue will be in charge of all athletic activities at Camp Greene and will announce within the next week rules governing the use of the tank and the various courts on the grounds. It is the intention though of the director to have certain set rules for those desiring to use the swimming pool, as the necessity of a shower before entering the tank, in order to maintain the proper standard in the athletic work of the camp. Though no restrictions will be made on those desiring to enter into the spirit of the athletic work it is desired that proper regard and care be taken so that it will not be necessary to enforce any stringent rules regarding the use of the tank.

Thus far no camp in the United States has been reported to those interested as having a swimming pool and because of this fact extraordinary efforts are being made by the general secretary, Mr. Manion, and Mr. Donahue to rush completion of the new K. of C. tank. (It is also requested by those in charge that the word "tank" be not confused with other uses of the word, being synonymous just now

with so many objects.) A new life of gaiety, at once refreshing and wholesome has taken a firm grip on the minds and hearts of all interested in the work of athletics and it is to be hoped that each and every fellow welfare worker takes a deep interest in the work of the K. of C. secretaries. General Secretary Manion cordially invites members of the "Y." and the Jewish Welfare association to enter into the spirit of the good work and offer constructive suggestions by way of improving the work at the camp.

BLUE DEVILS GIVEN CORDIAL RECEPTION

Famous French Soldiers Entertained in City and at Camp Greene.

The French "Blue Devils," who were Charlotte and Camp Greene visitors the past week, were entertained at the camp on Tuesday afternoon by the two regiments of Motor Mechanics stationed at the camp, also by the officers and Red Cross nurses at the base hospital.

In the afternoon an open air entertainment was given in an arena which has recently been built near the Fourth Motor Mechanics. This arena is located in a spot that furnishes almost an ideal amphitheater. The program, which consisted of several very interesting boxing and wrestling matches, was arranged by Maj. M. Stone, athletic director of the Motor Mechanics, and his assistant, Lieut. J. R. Kearns. The French soldiers were the honest guests, and the audience was greatly augmented by the Camp Greene officers, their wives, and a large number of soldiers.

Charlotte did itself proud in the entertainment of these famous and picturesque fighters. A parade was held in their honor, followed by a large meeting in the Soldiers' club, which gave the people an opportunity to express their appreciation of the visit.

CHESS PLAYERS WANTED TO JOIN CLUB NOW ORGANIZING

In their desire to promote their favorite game and interest a large number of soldiers, the chess players of Camp Greene are organizing a club. Corporal Grapp of the Seventeenth company, Third Motor Mechanics, has active charge of the work of organization. At present it is desired that all players let themselves be known, and that those who would like to learn the game report for instruction. Later on it is expected that chess and checker tournament will be held. Several Charlotte citizens are interested in the formation of the club and are helping to promote it. It is expected that the tournament games will be played in the soldiers' club in Charlotte.

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(Drawn especially for Camp Greene Trench and Camp by "W. J.")



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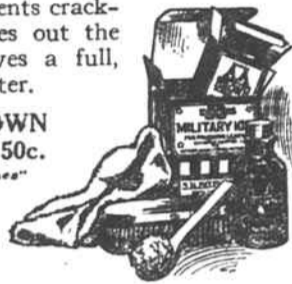
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