

BAKER DECIDES USE TO BE MADE OF CAMP GREENE

Will Be Used as Aviation Concentration Camp.

BASE HOSPITAL TO REMAIN

Remount Station to Be Discontinued—At Least 15,000 Men to Be Stationed Here.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Washington, June 1—Secretary Baker decided today that Camp Greene shall be used as an aviation concentration camp where squadrons will be assembled, organized and equipped. General Kennerly, who is now in Louisiana, may stop in Charlotte on his way home and look the ground over with a view to carrying out the plans of the secretary of war.

The board of officers which visited Charlotte several weeks ago made three recommendations as to the future of Camp Greene as follows:

1. That the camp be abandoned as a divisional camp.
2. That the remount station be discontinued, and
3. That the camp be used only for hospital purposes.

Secretary Baker approved the first two recommendations, but overruled the third.

Secretary Baker said that Camp Greene would be used by at least 15,000 men and perhaps 25,000 at times.

To Improve Base Hospital.

The base hospital will be continued and improved from time to time. A number of reasons are given for the report of the board of officers. The original objection to the winter time mud is one. The artillery practice ground is too far away and the drilling grounds are not satisfactory.

Secretary Baker's opinion of Charlotte as a center of good moral influence helped him to stand by the camp today when Generals Gorgas, Chamberlain and Black had recommended its abandonment for everything except a hospital.

Soon plans for carrying out the secretary's program for the camp will be made.

General Gorgas has intimated repeatedly that he would like to make of Camp Greene a large and modern army hospital. The base hospital there now will care for 1,500 men.

The elements of aviation will be taught at Camp Greene. The first stages of the training for that service will be carried out there.

Camp Question Settled.

It is believed that this settles Camp Greene for some time to come. The aviation branch of the service is most important now, and will become more so as the war progresses. Many young men were sent to France for training last year, but the plan now seems to be to train them here. The present program does not contemplate flying at Charlotte.

Brigadier General Lyman W. V. Kennon, who has been stationed at Camp Grant, Ill., has been assigned to the command at Camp Greene. This announcement was made public today. General Kennon is very popular at Camp Grant. It is not stated whether or not he will continue at Camp Greene after it gets its full quota of aviation men.

BRIG. GENERAL KENNON ARRIVES IN CHARLOTTE

Brig. Gen. L. M. Kennon arrived in Charlotte about midnight last night from Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and today formally will assume the command of Camp Greene. General Kennon is accompanied by Mrs. Kennon. Several days ago The Observer obtained information that General Kennon had been assigned to command this camp, but it was not known then when he would arrive. At present Col. Archie Miller, aviation section, is in command of the camp.

SERVICES IN CAMP

On the evening of the decoration day, as in town, Dr. Ralsin held a memorial service in the clubroom in camp, in addition to the previous regular Friday night service, the subject of his sermon being the "Star Spangled Banner."

Dr. Ralsin will hold services every Friday night during his stay in Camp Greene as Resident Rabbi and he sincerely hopes that the men will take advantage of his presence in camp and be present every Friday night, at 8 o'clock.

SECOND MOTOR MECHANIC TO DROWN RECENTLY

Another death by drowning among the motor mechanics occurred on Sunday of the past week, when Corporal John White, of the Third regiment lost his life while in bathing in the South Fork at Spencer mountain, near Gastonia. Corporal White was in swimming with two companions, with whom he was taking a week-end hike. The three camped on Saturday night near Spencer mountain, and about 10 o'clock Sunday morning went above the dam, where the water is deep, to take a plunge. White, it is stated, told his companions that he could swim, but as he proceeded to get into the water they thought he was joking. The body was recovered after a search of about 15 minutes by an employee of the Spencer Mountain Mills. The coroner was notified, and held an inquest.

There were several mill boys in swimming at the same time who witnessed the tragedy, and their testimony, together with that of White's two companions, established the fact to the satisfaction of the coroner that the drowning was purely accidental.

K. OF C. SOLDIERS' CLUB TO BE OPENED WEDNESDAY

The Knights of Columbus Soldiers' club, in the old postoffice building on South Tryon street, formally will be opened Wednesday evening, when an interesting program will be rendered. High army officers from Camp Greene and leading citizens of Charlotte will deliver brief addresses. Several musical numbers also will be rendered. A reception will be tendered the soldiers from 7 until 10 o'clock.

At this club, the soldiers will have the privileges of reading and writing rooms, a billiard and poolroom, shower baths, and a canteen, where various delicacies may be purchased. Other features of interest to the soldiers will be added later, it was said.

COMBINED BANDS TO GIVE CONCERT FOR OFFICERS

A concert for the officers of the Fourth Motor Mechanics regiment and their wives and friends will be given Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock by the Third Motor Mechanics band and Shrine band combined, after which luncheon will be served in the mess hall of the Nineteenth company, Fourth regiment, and a dance held.

The concert will continue from 7:30 until 9 o'clock. After the dance, which will be concluded at 10:30 o'clock, the guests will go to the Liberty theater, near the Fourth regiment, where boxing and wrestling matches and other events will be held by the members of the Shrine and the Fourth Motor Mechanics.

The Shrine patrol also will attend the affair.

SERVICES IN TOWN.

Decoration day, Thursday, May 30, the day proclaimed by President Wilson as the day for prayer and fasting. Dr. Ralsin held a memorial service in the Synagogue in town. In his sermon, he emphasized the fact that although we all want peace, we all want liberty more than peace. The congregation was very appreciative of Dr. Ralsin coming to town for this service and upon request, he will again hold services in town, the coming Saturday, June 8 at 11 o'clock to which all are cordially invited to attend.

RAILWAY FARES AND SCHEDULES FOR TROOPS

Following fares including war tax in effect from Charlotte, N. C.:

Fares.
Boston, \$22.14; New York, \$16.47; Buffalo, \$21.70; Pittsburgh, \$17.86; Washington, \$10.37; Richmond, Va., \$7.67; Atlanta, Ga., \$7.24; Chattanooga, \$10.37; Cincinnati, \$14.89; Chicago, \$22.24; St. Louis, \$21.68; New Orleans, \$21.68; Birmingham, \$11.77; Jacksonville, \$11.77; Syracuse, N. Y., \$20.29.

Schedules.
From Boston, New York Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Washington and all points north and east—leave 4:35 a. m., 6:55 a. m., 9:45 a. m., 10:20 a. m., 8:45 p. m., 11:00 p. m.

To above points leave, 4:25 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 7:30 p. m., 9:15 p. m., 12:20 a. m.
From Spartanburg, Greenville, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans, and all points south, leave, 9:25 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 5:45 p. m., 9:10 p. m., 12:10 a. m.

To above points, leave, 4:45 a. m., 9:55 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 8:50 p. m., 11:15 p. m.

From Rock Hill, Columbia, Augusta, and Jacksonville, leave, 7:20 a. m., 9:35 a. m., 12:35 p. m., 8:25 p. m.

To above points, leave, 5:00 a. m., 7:05 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 4:55 p. m.

From Asheville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, leave, 9:25 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 12:15 p. m., 5:45 p. m., 8:55 p. m., 9:10 p. m., 12:10 a. m.

To above points, leave, 4:45 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 9:55 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m., 8:50 p. m., 11:15 p. m.



Thursday evening, May 23, the reorganization of the Charlotte branch of the Jewish Welfare board was effected with great success and the election of the new officers was with a unanimous vote by all present at this meeting. As ever, Mr. Nabow, who is well known to the men in camp for his very earnest endeavors to entertain them while in town, was present and acted as temporary chairman until the election of the new officers which resulted as follows: Mr. Will Weill, chairman; Mr. Kirschanbaum, vice president; Mr. Nabow, secretary; Mr. Eugene Cohen, assistant secretary; Mr. M. B. Smith, treasurer; Dr. Levy, religious committee; Mr. Grief and Mr. Charles Hefetz, publicity committee; Mrs. Weill Mrs. Kantor and Mrs. Grief, entertainment committee; Mrs. Malever, hostess; Miss Carolyn Nathan, hospital committee; Mrs. Kantor, finance committee.

These new officers have entered into this work with great enthusiasm and the prospects are very bright for to have a most delightful evening, on the men, when they visit Charlotte, every occasion that the board plans.

This new board will go into effect the coming Wednesday, June 5, and a gala affair will be held at the clubroom in town in the form of a dance on that night. All men are welcome and cordially invited to attend this dance and the other programs in town, to be held in the future, and are requested to attend, without regard to race or creed.

OPEN AIR DANCING AT CLUBROOM IN TOWN.

At a very early date, operations will be started upon the construction of a summer garden which will solve the problem of this extremely warm weather. This pavilion will be approximately 75 feet square and this, together with the cooling and refreshing delicacies which are served, will make the clubroom in town a wonderfully delightful place of recreation and a splendid manner in which to spend the evening. This will be open at all times and the men will be able to write letters, play games throughout the day and enjoy the cool breezes.

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