

Y. M. C. A. LEADERS DISCUSS PLANS

Hold Special Southern War Conference at Blue Ridge.

War Fund Campaign, Training of Secretaries and Building Program to Be Considered.

Because of fast growing responsibilities of the army and navy Y. M. C. A. in the southeastern military department and sixth naval district, caused by the influx of drafted men and volunteers, Executive Secretary S. A. Ackley, commandant, has called a special mid-summer conference of camp executive secretaries from 30-odd training camps with Atlanta headquarters staff at Blue Ridge, N. C., commencing today and continuing through the week, it was announced here yesterday.

Thursday and Friday, Campaign Director R. H. King, who heads the \$112,000,000 Y. M. C. A.-Y. W. C. A. campaign organization in the seven states of the southeast, will meet there with members of the war fund campaign cabinet and state directors from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

This week-end the "officers' training school" for army and navy Y. M. C. A. workers at Blue Ridge, attended by about 200 of the southland's prominent business and professional men, members of clergy, volunteers and Red Triangle service, will terminate after three weeks of intensive training courses.

Summer training schools for civilian Y. M. C. A. work secretaries also are now in session at Blue Ridge association. Several hundred will graduate Friday. The courses, as follows, commenced July 5: City administration, railroad, industrial, county, boys' work, physical, student, Bible study and general advanced.

Special War Conference.
Today's conference at Blue Ridge will bring together the leaders of the Y. M. C. A. war work in the southeast for the first time in several months—a special mid-summer meeting inadequate to serve the soldiers most important since America entered the war and of vital interest to the southern public.

Crowding of the southern training camps, and the popularity of the "Y" huts with enlisted men and officers alike have made the present 150 building inadequate to serve the soldiers and sailors in this department. Buildings must be enlarged and those in the nine original national guard cantonments in the southeastern states will be improved for permanency. In addition, many new huts will be erected. The scope of this big building program will be settled at Blue Ridge.

Need Over 1,000 Workers.
Forces of the Red Triangle must be increased. By fall the present total of 700 Y. M. C. A. workers will be increased to approximately 1,000, it is estimated. Training these and hundreds of others to be recruited from the southeast for home camp and overseas service, necessitates monthly Y. M. C. A. "officers' training schools," not only during the summer months, as heretofore, but every month during the winter. Holding these schools by the year-round will require the remodeling of the famous Robert E. Lee hall at Blue Ridge association, together with numerous class hall and dormitories, and installation of heating apparatus.

Executive Secretary S. A. Ackley will preside at today's conference. Staff members who will be present include: R. H. King and B. G. Alexander, associate executive secretaries; Dr. W. W. Alexander, personnel secretary; C. R. Caldwell, business secretary; R. C. Cubbon, athletic director; Prof. A.

Max Souby, educational director; Marston Allen, entertainment director; E. S. Mowbray, motion picture director; A. K. Adams, chief of construction, and L. Porter Moore, publicity director.

Camp executive secretaries who will attend follow: F. W. Evans, Camp Gordon, Georgia; Dr. O. E. Brown, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; Charles E. Hawkins, Fort McPherson and Camp Jessup, Ga.; J. T. Malone, Southern Flying Field, Ga.; Charles W. Bush, Camp Wheeler, Ga.; R. A. Tracy, Camp Hancock, Ga.; L. E. Hamlet, Camp Screven, Ga.; George C. Booth, Camp Shelby, Miss.; J. K. Marshall, Payne Flying Field, Miss.; H. L. Ezell, Camp McClellan, Ala.; J. W. Bailey, Camp Sheridan, Ala.; W. T. Wertz, Fort Morgan and Fort Gaines, Ala.; F. V. McCaul, Carlstrom and Dorr Flying Fields, Fla.; J. P. Jackson, Key West Naval Air station, Fla.; E. F. Linkens, Fort Dade and Fort DeSota, Fla.; Dr. L. E. McNair, Camp Johnston, Fla.; E. L. Secrest, Pensacola Naval Air station, Fla.; R. C. Dobson, Miami Naval Air station, Fla.; L. R. Forsdick, Park Flying Field, Tenn.; C. R. Boucher, Fort Moultrie, S. C.; C. C. McNeill, Charleston Navy yard, S. C.; H. M. Johnston, Paris Island Marines training station, S. C.; E. W. Leslie, Camp Wadsworth, S. C.; E. D. Langley, Camp Sevier, S. C.; J. Herbert Wilson, Camp Jackson, S. C.; Dr. J. O. Grogan, Camp Greene, N. C.; Earl S. St. Clair, Convalescent hospital, Waynesville, N. C.; and A. R. Marwick, Fort Caswell, N. C.

BIG VAUDEVILLE ACTS AT K. OF C. BUILDING

Through the courtesy of Manager Schofield, of the Keith's theater, the entire show that played the last half of the week at Keith's appeared at the K. of C. building No. 1 Sunday afternoon in observance of Bastille day, which was celebrated at Camp Greene.

"Joe" Lanigan made quite a hit with his songs and stories of a quaint old New England farmer. He was well received by the crowd. Sergeant Nelson introduced a very good singing act. The hit of the bill was Montgomery sextet in vocal, instrumental and dancing numbers. Chick and Chicklet, in very funny saying, made a hit. Soldier "Billy" Cloonan introduced some new character songs and was well liked.

Sunday evening the boys witnessed some very good moving pictures and listened to a song review, which finished the days celebration.

Y. W. C. A. HOSTESS HOUSE

The Sunday afternoon entertainments that have been held on the grounds of the hostess house are certainly being appreciated by the soldiers as is shown by the constantly increasing attendance on successive Sunday afternoons. These entertainments have been mainly of a musical nature and of exceptionally good talent.

Last Sunday the jazz band of the depot band military aeronautics furnished entertainment. Newton Bruson and Wilfred Holack of the band rendered darkey songs which brought forth rounds of applause. Lieut. Craik of the camouflage squadron sang a most pleasing solo. Sergeant Gates of the base hospital sang two solos that took very well. Miss Withers of Charlotte sang, and Private Adams of the camouflage squadron played a violin solo.

The Motor Mechanics have built tables and benches which they have placed in the grove behind the hostess house.

The directors of the hostess wish to state that this grove may be used by the soldiers for picnics. Arrangements for the same can be arranged by calling 9113.

A striking and unique sign has been placed across the road from the hostess house and an old English swinging sign is soon to be hung over the gate, all of which tends to add considerable to the looks of the grounds which already are most attractive.

Patrons of the hostess house will be pleased to hear of the coming of Miss Helen Urie. Miss Urie comes here from Chestertown, Md., and is to have charge of the hostess house tea room during the month of July. Miss Urie is a certified dietitian and has had charge of the department of home economics in a private school in Aurora, N. Y.

The biggest delegation of Y. W. C. A. workers ever held south of the city of Baltimore is to be held at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, this month. It is expected that at this conference much that has a bearing on the Y. W. C. A. work for the soldiers will be discussed.

Some of those who will be present are:

Miss Winifred Robins, industrial secretary.
Mrs. Abbot, president.
Miss Elizabeth Jamieson, office secretary.
Miss Josephine Kelly, general secretary.

Mrs. Helen Butler Schuyler, special war worker for Charlotte.
Miss Evelyn Greene of the hostess house.

Miss Edith Gates, Miss Mildred Roe, and Miss Weir are holding forth at the hostess house during this time and are supervising the swimming at the Myers Park Country club.



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