

## BIG RELAY RACE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Two Big Events Scheduled to  
Occur on Turkey Day for  
the Soldiers.

Thanksgiving two big relay races are scheduled under the direction of Melvil W. Sheppard, athletic director and sprinter of national note. Under memorandum 880 Colonel Macomb has issued an order which is quoted verbatim as follows:

Headquarters, Camp Greene.  
Charlotte, Nov. 5, 1918.  
Memorandum No. 380:

1. Thanksgiving Day, November 28, being a national holiday, all routine duties, except the necessary guard and fatigue will be suspended for the day.

2. At 11 and 11:30 a. m., there will be held two relay races starting at camp headquarters and finishing at city hall, Charlotte, N. C., one for the white and one for the colored units.

3. Teams shall consist of five men, each man to run 880 yards or one-half mile, all men must be from the same company or corresponding unit. No limit to teams representing a company or corresponding unit. Organization commanders shall make every effort to see that as many teams as entered as possible, but must have at least one team from each company or corresponding unit. Entries can be made to the (clerk of course) morning of race at starting point.

4. Regulation uniform, service shirt, breeches and shoes must be worn by all contestants, and teams will report to (clerk of course) 10:30 morning of race. Contestants wishing instructions on training for this race may get same by reporting to Melvil W. Sheppard, camp athletic director, Berryhill mansion, Monday and Friday evenings.

5. Prizes will be gold, silver, and bronze medals, to first, second and third teams to finish in each race.

By order of Colonel Macomb:  
T. A. BAUMEISTER,  
Major, A. G. D., Adjutant.  
Official: Copies to all organizations.

### CAMP GREENE LIBRARY

Though some folks are grouchy, the camp librarians isn't kicking about the quarantine; the circulation figures for the library building jumped from 366 for September to 1,485 for the month of October. The reading habit usually becomes chronic once a man gets the germ.

Mr. C. M. Baker, camp librarian, and his assistant, Mr. W. H. Blumenthal, have been busy outside the building as well as within. New collections of books have been placed in all the Ys and the old books removed. The K. of C. buildings will receive new collections too. Over 1,900 fresh books were thus placed in the library's branches.

The biggest job of the month was that of moving the books of the base hospital branch to the new Red Cross building. New titles were added so now there are over 2,800 fresh, clean books in the Red Cross library. This collection is in charge of Miss Marie P. Waite, a trained librarian.

The camp library will furnish cards with general orders printed thereon to officers who have new men. Please state the number needed.

Remember that though the camp library is a little off the main road it is well worth visiting. Men who come once usually call again. There one can find novels, technical books, textbooks, current magazines, and The New York Times.

Come and get books to amuse you. Come and get books that will help you fill your job in the army or that will prepare you for a position when peace shall come.

The camp library is a little north of tank No. 1 and is open week days and Sundays from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Books may be taken to your tent. Free to the camp.

Secretary James A. DeHaven in charge of building No. 1, which in the future will be known as the Athletic building, has already started the ball rolling. This building can be used for any kind of indoor sports and it is hoped that the boys in this camp will take advantage of the opportunity afforded them. As stated before it will be mainly used for the basketball tournament. Secretary DeHaven announces the following schedule: Basketball two times a week; motion pictures two times; dancing once a week and for the sixth night some good stunt. This schedule will go into effect as soon as the quarantine can be lifted. To regular patrons of our buildings and friends remember the Knights of Columbus slogan: Everybody welcome. Watch the bulletin boards in our buildings for full list of what a number of years and can be had all coming events. Carry on, boys, carry on.

### RECRUIT CAMP NO. 5.

First Lieut. J. M. Jeffries of Kentucky has returned from the base hospital after a severe attack of influenza.

First Lieut. Albert L. Amick has been added to the personnel of the medical detachment. Lieutenant Amick will be remembered as the expert on Pasteur work, having been at the head of that department at the pasteur laboratories of the state of Maryland for three years. He was also resident physician at the West Virginia miners' hospital for two years.

Among the other medical officers who have been added to the medical detachment of Recruit Camp 5, are Capt. Donald McDonald of Taunton, Mass., and Lieut. J. A. Hunter of Cleveland, Ohio, and Capt. Harry D. Purdum of Baltimore, Maryland.

Capt. Russell W. Lowe, who has been with this medical detachment for the past four weeks, has been transferred to Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.

Sgt. E. J. Bartels has been returned to duty after an attack of influenza. He was at the base hospital for 19 days.

#### 2nd Co. of Recruit Camp No. 5.

Came to Camp Greene October 17, 1918, with the goods. We have men from Tennessee, Pennsylvania and from the good old state of Virginia and what they can do there is no use of talking about it. "Sing," I should say so; dancers just from Danville; musicians who put M in music, and with all this we have a man the world knows. He is William C. Webb in camp but on the stage he is known as Boston Webb. If you have not seen him work you will in a few days as he has the best of goods and knows his stuff.

Our quartet is just off the stage singing all the latest songs. When it comes to eating they brought that to this world.

Some of the boys had not been eating but one or two meals a day for they would sleep all day to keep from eating and stay up all night to keep from sleeping.

We are well pleased with the camp life no bills to pay, no clothes to buy and no house rent to pay. We have our Uncle Sam. The boys are just wild to get over to town to look the browns over before they go over.

#### CAPTAIN HARRY V. MEISSNER

Commander of Recruit Camp No. 5.

Among the officers who are doing things in Camp Greene is Captain Harry V. Meissner. Captain Meissner is a military man and when it comes to the point of discipline he has that part of military work down to a science. He comes from Milwaukee, Wis., and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in the class of 1912 with the A. B. degree. Two years later he received his degree L. B. from the law school. He practiced his profession in Milwaukee, Wis., until April, 1917, when he enrolled as a candidate at the first officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He was commissioned a captain in the infantry, August 15, 1917. He was then made an instructor at the second officers' training school at Fort Sheridan, Ill., which he held until November 27, 1917. He was then attached to the Motor Mechanics regiment for organization work on December 23, 1917. On April 15, 1918, he received orders to proceed to Camp Greene where he was attached to the Casual camp. He was made commander of this camp on June 22, 1918, and continued until July 5. On July 15 he was the commanding officer of the No. 1 and No. 2 Development Battalions and remained in this important position until October 11, 1918, when he was placed in command of Recruit Camp No. 5.

The work of Captain Meissner since he has taken command has been very noticeable. He is efficient and painstaking, never thinking of asking an officer under his command to undertake any part of the work that he would not cheerfully do himself. The work of his officers and enlisted men has that quick, snappy method that is so necessary for a well trained soldier to have. As an organizer Captain Meissner has demonstrated by his work as commanding officer of Recruit Camp No. 5 that he has few superiors. His officers work in perfect harmony and are busy all the time getting the greatest amount of work and efficiency out of the men under their command. Having had a long experience in military work from the four years coast corps work in the University of Wisconsin institution, an instructor of military science and tactics, two years with the rank of major, Captain Meissner is well fitted for the work that he is undertaking in whipping the raw recruits into efficient and well trained soldiers. Camp Greene is fortunate indeed to have this able and well trained officer among its personnel.

On July 18, 1918, he was married to Miss Anna L. Blumenthal of Chicago, Ill. He is a man who merits the respect of all who come in contact with him.

### ARMY CONSERVATION

The department of conservation and reclamation in the army camps is a feature that the general public hears little of, yet it is doing wonders in every camp and saving millions of dollars.

This department of Trench and Camp is conducted by the publicity bureau of the conservation division of the office of the camp quartermaster in the interests of food conservation and general economic practice on behalf of soldiers of Camp Greene. It is the desire and purpose of the conservation division to impress upon every soldier here and those who shall come here in the future, the great truth that it is just as important and just as vital to the success of the country's arms that they save and economize in every possible way as it is important that they attain speedy perfection in military knowledge and science.

When a perfectly equipped army, such as our United States army is, going to war the needs of the man are numbered by the millions; uniforms, shoes, hats, revolvers, rifles, heavy field pieces, blankets, slickers, in fact the government issues 129 distinct articles to our soldiers; this varies with the particular branch of service he is in, and in addition there are horses, mules, wagons, autos, and hundreds of other articles used by the army both in active service and behind the lines, that must be supplied.

So, with all these millions of articles needed, there naturally is to be some waste, and ordinary wear, and the brains of the army decided that every article, every ounce of so-called garbage, every pound of rags and metal must be reclaimed as far as possible, and the tremendous job fell on the shoulders of the officers of the salvage division, a branch which was formerly known as the conservation and declamation department.

For instance, during the month of September, the camps, cantonments and posts throughout the United States repaired 163,318 articles of clothing; laundered 4,188,757 pieces; collected 18,702,796 pounds of so-called garbage; repaired 136,256 cots, and tents repaired totaled 17,776, etc.

The salvage division certainly deserves great credit for their excellent work. But by far the most important part of this work is reclaiming of articles, as this not only saves labor, time and money, but conserves our stock of raw material and in these critical times, save is word that should never be out of our thoughts. Think, decide, act, save!

The salvage division, under the command of Capt. D. B. Darnell, at Camp Greene, is doing wonderful work and getting excellent results in this branch, and every man in the service should do his "bit" by saving all possible. Don't let up, keep on saving!

ROBERT H. SHARP,  
Salvage Division.

#### BASE HOSPITAL 147.

All our boys were delighted to have their Quartermaster Lieut. John J. Doyle, who has undergone a severe attack of pneumonia, back with them.

The company progressed nicely under the temporary Commanding Officer Lieut. A. A. J. Simpson in the absence of Captain Robert R. Armstrong, who visited his home in Passaic, N. J., for the past week.

Our adjutant, Lieut. Samuel M. Burbank, is on a flying trip to New York; we would suggest matrimonial affairs.

Various complaints are heard from our boys of the late breakfast we are having due to our cook, John A. Fries, spending nights in Charlotte, with his wife.

We regret very much the loss of Corporal Allen Maratta to the medical detachment, Recruit Camp No. 5, as he was one of the company's most favorite lance corporals.

Private Charles E. McDonald says he has been in the army five months and has never smelled powder yet and the only way he has of getting wounded is to drop a typewriter on his head so he has decided if he can't get over he will spend his entire salary in W. S. S., having sent an order for \$30 worth to W. M. Holder, of Valdosta, Ga.

Privates Augustus Mixon and Tom McDonald were called home last week on account of illness in their homes.

#### JUST A LITTLE JOKE.

The boys in the Fourth Recruit camp are telling a good one on one of their men who had to be reprimanded by the commanding officer of his company. It is said that he was ordered to scrub the fire hydrant at the head of the company street without talking to anyone, using a toothbrush and water until further notice. When the information came to the editor of this paper he had put in one day at the job.

#### EASTERN STAR TO ENTERTAIN.

Plans have been perfected whereby the ladies of the Eastern Star of Charlotte will give a big reception in the near future to all Masons of Camp Greene who are in the service as well as to Charlotte Masons. The event will be one of the biggest affairs of the season and it is expected the date will be within the next two weeks.



Captain Harry V. Meissner.

### MAJOR HATFIELD IS NOW IN CAMP GREENE

Has Been Twice Governor of  
West Virginia — Assigned to  
Base Hospital.

Major Henry D. Hatfield, twice governor of West Virginia and chief executive of that state during the last miner's uprising in Kanawha county, reported for duty at the U. S. army base hospital, Camp Greene, last week. He is assistant to the chief of the surgical service of the hospital.

Major Hatfield has been in military service since August, 1917. He has acted as medical examiner for the medical reserve men of West Virginia and his work carried him all over the state. Camp Greene is the first military camp at which the major has been stationed.

The Henry D. Hatfield of past times was lieutenant governor of West Virginia from 1909 to 1913. He was elected governor on a progressive republican ticket in 1913 and served two terms, until March 4, 1917.

#### COOKS AND BAKERS

##### PLAY BASEBALL

Friday evening, a thrilling game of basketball was staged between Young's "Tartars" of the outer office and Perry's "Roughnecks" of the inner office. The score was even throughout, the Tartars finally winning out in the last few minutes of play on a wonderful back-arc shot by Brick McClay. Final score 8 to 6. Clark starred for the Roughnecks scoring two of the three field goals. It was a red hot "bout" and was enjoyed by all present. A regular team is being organized to represent the school and all challenges should be phoned in to the school office. Game was played at Y. M. C. A. No. 105.

Score as follows:	Positions	Tartars
Roughnecks	Clark	Furlong
Clark	Forward	McClay
Jantzen	Forward	Barnes
E. Smith	Center	Barnum
B. Smith	Guard	Hardin
Perry	Guard	Crim
Goals from field—Clark 2, McClay 1, Barnes 2, Smith 1, Harding 1.		
Referee, Neuman. Time of halves, 10 minutes.		

#### RESERVE LABOR BATTALION

##### HOLDS BANQUET

A banquet in the latest style, with Companies C and D of the 423rd Reserve Labor Battalion, entertaining was given Friday night in their mess hall. They have organized a patriotic club and had programs printed in the national colors with the menu and toasts and the affair was put over in regular style. Just to get an idea of what was done the program is published below. The companies are made up of colored men and some mighty good material was discovered in the speaking line.

Program.  
Opening by club, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."  
Toastmaster, Corporal Roland A. Barnes.  
Welcome address, Corporal George Thomas Rouson.  
Response, First Lieut. James S. McKown.  
Address, Corporal Ernest H. Copeland.  
Introduction of camp commandant, speaker of the evening.  
Selection by club, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

A PACIFIER BY PROFESSION.  
Camp Hdq. Co., Personnel Div.,  
October 31, 1918.

To the Editor Trench and Camp:  
One of the interviewers in the Personnel division learned of a new profession practiced in civil life in a rooky in Camp 5.  
"Yes sah," he said upon interrogation, "I'm a pacifier in an ice cream factory. I pacifies (pasteurize) all the milk and cream."  
Som' racists! He want "to tote a gun?"  
4st Kaiser man!