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### GREAT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT CAMP BEGINS THIS EVENING

**Biggest Event of the Kind Ever Seen in the South to Be That Provided by Charlotte for the 30,000 Soldiers Tomorrow — All Urgently Invited to Participate—Ladies Committee to Meet at Observer Office Tuesday Afternoon—All Is in Readiness for the Big Holiday Event.**

Beginning at nightfall this evening, the celebration which the city of Charlotte has planned for the men of Camp Greene will get under way. This evening the program will be in the hands of the Red Cross. The lights will be turned on the Christmas tree for the first time, there will be Christmas carols sung by large companies of singers and after this presents from the children of Charlotte will be presented to the children of the camp.

**Christmas Day Celebration.**  
Tomorrow promises to witness the greatest Christmas celebration ever held in any city of the whole south.

For three weeks large committees of men and women have been working out the many details of the program and promptly at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon Charlotte's celebration for the soldiers of Camp Greene will commence with a half hour's concert by a named band made up of seven regimental bands.

**All Soldiers Expected.**  
There are close to thirty thousand officers and enlisted men at the camp and the local committee want it announced that they expect every man at the camp to be on hand for the afternoon celebration.

The whole purpose of the celebration is to make pleasant Christmas day to the men of the camp and ample arrangements have been made to provide for every man stationed there.

The afternoon program of sports and stunts participated in by soldiers will be worth going far to see, not to mention the musical end of the program, which will be a show within itself.

**Women to Meet at Observer.**  
Promptly at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the social and refreshment committee are expected at The Observer office where 25 army wagons are to be fittingly decorated and loaded down with fruits, candies, smokes, etc., for the soldiers. At 2 o'clock these wagons will leave The Observer building in charge of Major Cahill, who will be in charge of distribution, and on arrival after circling the celebration grounds, the wagons, in charge of different squads of women, will be stationed at convenient points along the quarter mile race course, where the soldiers may receive from them at will all the refreshments desired.

Great stocks of good things have been purchased for the occasion and between two and three hundred women are expected to take part on the ladies' committee in distributing the refreshments to the soldiers.

The officials and men of the camp have offered the heartiest co-operation since the plan for a general celebration to the soldiers was first announced, and hundreds of men and women of the city have also offered every aid in working up the plan. In fact, from the time the plan was first announced the people of the city have shown the quickest response and over four thousand dollars, the fund necessary to defray expenses, was raised before the expiration of the allotted time for receiving subscriptions.

**Scene of Celebration.**  
The celebration will be staged on the large drill grounds directly in front of the camp postoffice. It is here that the Christmas tree, hauled over 48 miles from Lincoln county, has

been raised, and it is here that a splendid quarter mile track for the afternoon sporting events has been made.

Parties from the city and out of town who wish to go out in automobiles will find provisions made to accommodate their cars, and everybody, soldier and civilian, is welcome to the celebration.

It will be the first opportunity Charlotte people have had to see all the soldiers now stationed at the camp, and the night will be worth watching for the attraction of a program whose rarity has not before been equaled in the whole south.

**Motive for Celebration.**

Realizing that Christmas was coming and that many thousands of men would spend their first Christmas in Charlotte, away from home and friends, lonely and blue, the idea was first conceived to show these men that although far removed from loved ones, they were, none the less, among loving friends. The Christmas celebration scheme, given by the whole city to the whole camp, was evolved, and when the plan was announced it met with instant favor and support.

The result is that Charlotte will have the distinction tomorrow of having arranged a celebration of a nature unique, and of a magnitude not before attempted by any camp city of the whole country.

It is for the men of the camp entirely, and for this reason each man located at Camp Greene is earnestly urged to be present promptly at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and remain for the entire afternoon's program.

The entries in the athletic contests are as follows:

1. Sack race; distance 50 yards.  
Rules: Sack to be tied around com-

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### A Christmas Message From Secretary Baker

Following is a message from Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, to all American soldiers and to their families. The message was sent through Trench and Camp because Secretary Baker realizes that this paper was the direct medium for reaching the soldiers, being, as President Wilson put it, "in a very special sense a soldiers' newspaper."

"None but lofty purposes and exalted motives could justify the keeping of hundreds of thousands of men from their homes and families at this time of Christmas, but the measure of that sacrifice will be the measure also of the triumphant achievement that will follow it.

"There is mighty comfort in the knowledge that the history of these days will make a record not unworthy of the proud traditions of our past when again there is peace on earth."

### REGIMENTAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

**Eight Team Circuit to Play Opening Games January 5, at Charlotte Y. M. C. A.**

At a meeting of regimental representatives, held last Monday evening at the Charlotte "Y," plans for an eight team basketball league to open January 5, were submitted and adopted.

The league is to be composed of the following teams: Thirtieth infantry, base hospital, First New Hampshire, First Vermont, First Connecticut, Fifth Massachusetts, Sixth Massachusetts and the Seventh infantry.

The games are to be played on Wednesday and Saturday nights at the Charlotte "Y," two games being scheduled each evening.

There will be keen rivalry between all the teams, for each regiment is out to win, and as nearly every part of the camp is represented, the winner of the league will be the official Camp Greene champion. Each team will of course have the support of the entire regiment, so it is expected that the downtown gym will be packed with enthusiastic rooters out to see their team in action.

Each team will have a captain and a line ahead of basketball is bound to be very exciting.

It was decided to charge an admission fee of 10 cents to enlisted men and civilians, and a special reserved section for officers and their families will be furnished at the rate of 25 cents a person. Ladies to be admitted free of charge.

The opening games will bring together the base hospital team versus First New Hampshire at 7:30 p. m., and the Fifth Massachusetts versus the First Vermont at 8:30 p. m.

The league schedule was arranged by Physical Director Taylor of the Camp Greene Y. M. C. A., in conjunction with other Camp Greene directors, and Physical Director Faulstich of the Charlotte "Y."

The officials who will handle the games are Messrs. Paul, Bagley, Alsworth and Taylor.

### HERE'S A GOOD ONE.

Budler H. Scher, of Battery C, Seventy-seventh United States Field artillery was seen blowing taps over a dead horse last Thursday morning at Gee, but he looked natural. All buglers of Seventy-seventh Field artillery take notice.

### CHRISTMAS DAY DANCE.

Christmas day, Mrs. Baker's studio at 302 North Tryon street will be kept open house. There will be dancing all day and evening, to which the soldiers are invited.



NEWTON D. BAKER, Secretary of War.

### TWELVE TEAMS IN CAMP MEET

**Many Soldiers to Compete in Christmas Athletics.**

**Names of Soldiers Composing Nine Organizations' Teams Are Published.**

Twelve organizations at Camp Greene late Sunday had entered teams in the athletic contests to be held on the parade ground near the camp postoffice the afternoon of Christmas day in connection with the great holiday celebration, according to information obtained at the office of Captain Ingalls, adjutant of the Eighth Massachusetts infantry, secretary of the contest committee.

The list of officials was announced, and also the names of the men composing the various teams. An additional feature of the afternoon, a field artillery (regular) will give an exhibition on the parade ground, and Sergeant Wearn, of this artillery, regular cavalry, will give an exhibition of horseback riding.

Lieutenant Farnum, of the Forty-seventh infantry, and Lieutenant North, of the Seventh-seventh field artillery, will assist Captain Ingalls in discharging his duties as secretary of the meet.

Names of the men composing nine of the military teams are published below, and in The Observer tomorrow morning will be published names of the men forming the teams selected last, reports of which were late in arriving at the office of Captain Ingalls.

The team of the First Connecticut infantry follows:

Sack race: Private Joseph Cronin; centipede race: Sergeant Edmund F. Brennan, Sergeant Donald E. Hagstrom, Sergeant Frank A. Ibbell, Sergeant Wilbur Voley, Sergeant William J. Booden, Private Walter P. Johnson (alternate), Sergeant Hugler McFarland, Corporal Arnold Abel, Private Hettlinger, Private Post Gibson, Private Kolinsky, Private Cronin; equipment race: Sergeant Doolittle; shoe race: Private William Hoyle; three-legged race: Sergeant Booden, Private Cronin; mile relay: Private Morton Crehore, Sergeant Booden, Sergeant Booden, Sergeant Mont-Abelville, Sergeant Hagstrom, Corporal Abel, Private Cronin, Private Foley, Private Hettlinger (alternate), Corporal Stager (alternate).

The team of the First Vermont infantry follows: Sack race: Private Antonio Bersaw; three-legged race: Mee, Clarence Wheelock, Corporal Norman Thompson; centipede race: Private George Taylor, Private Martin Barber, Bugler William Fabusak, Private Floyd Pisk, Charles Larson, A. A. Barlow, Bird, Mearns, Malcolm Locklin and Clarence Bartlett, Sergeants Clarence Curtis and James Dudy; shoe race: Private Bowen; one-mile relay race: Corporal J. Norman Thompson, Private Perham, Sergeants Lee, Ralph Gauthier, Privates Howard Farrell, Carrigan, Mee, Wheelock, Sergeant L. Denstom.

Entries of the First New Hampshire infantry follow: sack race: Victor Gray; centipede race: Martin Quimby, Bird, Kayce, P. Derush, J. McJolin, C. Hayes, Charles Benner, H. Surpole, G. Bearegard, H. Merrill, H. Jarvis, N. Sicard; equipment race: William McGrath; shoe race: E. L. Lecourneau; three-legged race: N. Bedard, C. McCurdy; one-mile relay: F. Thompson, J. Gelly, T. Davidson, W. Hundertmark, A. Lajarra, H. Provis, A. Vallancourt, F. Hamblett.

Those to represent the Fifteenth infantry in the various events are: one-mile relay: Sergeant Vassett, McJolin, Corporal McKenna, Runack, Mer-

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