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HOSTESS HOUSE STARTS SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETS

Regular Program Bids Fair to Become Highly Interesting Event for Soldiers.

In keeping with its purpose to be of the maximum service to the soldiers of Camp Greene, their visiting relatives and friends, and the other camp visitors, the Y. W. C. A. hostess house inaugurated on Sunday afternoon a program that bids fair to become a popular feature of camp life. This program took on the nature of an informal "sing;" an affair in which all of the men took part and greatly enjoyed.

It is the purpose of the Y. W. C. A. hostesses to secure musical talent from Charlotte and other points for these programs, and announcement will be made from time to time of such appointments as can be made. Care is taken, however, to preserve the informal nature of the affair, so that the men will feel perfectly at home and at ease. Such tunes as are popular with the men will be sung.

The management of this building is desirous of having the soldiers make large use of the splendid equipment which they have. Men who are contemplating a visit from any of their friends or relatives should feel free to make arrangements to receive them at the hostess house. The beautifully appointed rooms, "homey" atmosphere and the presence in the house of cordial hostesses will insure a most pleasant visit. It should be kept in mind, too, that the Y. W. C. A. operates a cafeteria that gives splendid service. Most appetizing luncheons and suppers are served there. Already a number of men have availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for entertaining their camp visitors.

BASE HOSPITAL BREVITIES.

The base hospital's show of green in honor of St Patrick on last Monday was largely confined to the mess kitchen, where Acting Mess Sergeant Lake and the other kitchen attaches, who bear names of an equal Celtic ring, had their caps bound around with the bright color expressive of Emerald Isle devotion.

A new plan at the hospital is for all enlisted men to eat at the detachment mess hall. The system causes some congestion at the long tables but so far has caused no real calamities. With the new innovation comes the greater blessing of syrup and bread trays on the table.

Private Helsabeck has returned from the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he has been undergoing intensive training for several weeks.

Because of dependent relatives, Private Morrow has been discharged from service. He has been a member of the medical detachment since December 5.

Special classes for ambulance drivers and litter bearers are being conducted by Captain Crewe with a view to preparing a number of men for a later call for duty at the front.

NEWS OF COMPANY B, 14TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION

Some say that the number 13 is unlucky. The thirteenth squad here seems to be lucky. They have all kinds of talent. Warren McCabe is "there" for playing as a lieutenant. He dresses the squad before he goes to bed, and then passes review, and it sure is comic. He goes through all kinds of motions, then comes.

Olues, the Frenchman from New Orleans, must have been the lady catcher. He sure is there on the love stuff on paper, and has about 10 sweethearts.

Then comes Flemming, the great fighter from start to finish, and he sure is there with the goods. Then we have Wilcox, a great mule skinner. He sure can ride, but it sure is fun to see him get thrown off them.

Company B sure will make some baseball team. Take notice of them when they start by playing Company C team Sunday March 24.

WHAT DR. CLAXTON THINKS OF CAMP GREENE.

Trench and Camp asked Dr. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, to write for its readers a brief statement of his impressions of Camp Greene. Doctor Claxton, who was in Charlotte for an important educational conference, visited the camp on Saturday afternoon and in the evening made an address to a group of soldiers in one of the Y. M. C. A. buildings. His statement follows:

"My Dear Mr. Partrick:

"I have this afternoon been over a portion of Camp Greene, by the Y. M. C. A. huts, the base hospital, and the headquarters of the general in command. In this tour over the grounds I have seen many of the men, and I am much pleased with what I have seen; the arrangement of the camp, the cleanliness of the buildings and tents, and the general appearance of the men whom I have met.

"I wish to congratulate the men of the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus on the work that they are doing for the entertainment and social life of the men in camp. I have heard interesting reports of the educational work, but I have not as yet had opportunity of seeing any of this work.

Yours sincerely,

"P. P. CLAXTON,

"United States Commissioner of Education."

CAMP CHRONICLE IS THE NAME OF GASTONIA CAMP

Selected From List of Heroes of Revolutionary Battle at Kings Mountain.

Gastonia, March 22.—General Babbitt, in charge of the artillery range here, issued an official order this morning designating the name of the camp as Camp Chronicle in honor of Major William Chronicle, one of the outstanding figures among the American forces in the famous revolutionary battle of Kings Mountain which was fought almost within a stone's throw of where the artillerymen are now practicing. The name is most appropriate.

In reply to a request from General Babbitt for the names of some of the North Carolina heroes of the battle of Kings' Mountain, for some one of whom the camp might be named, Secretary Fred M. Allen, of the chamber of commerce, yesterday addressed a communication to the general, suggesting the names of Major William Chronicle, Colonel William Graham of Virginia, and Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Hambridge of this section. Major Chronicle was a native of this county, which was then Lincoln county, and played a large part in the battle of Kings Mountain. Gastonians are pleased that General Babbitt selected the name Chronicle.

At present the Sixteenth, Thirteenth and Seventy-seventh field artillery are having target practice there.

As usual, the Y. M. C. A. was on the spot simultaneously with the occupation of the camp by the troops. Headquarters have been established there, from which the various religious, physical and educational activities will be directed. An attempt will be made to give good service to the men who are there.

COMPANY C, EIGHTH SIGNAL BATTALION NOTES

On Saturday we had our company picture taken. Every one tried to look his best, and it turned out as well as could be expected, for the day was a cloudy one. Nearly every one took one or more and sent one to the folks at home.

St. Patrick's day was celebrated with its usual colors. Our able cook (Rocagh) prepared us a lovely St. Patrick's pudding flavored with wintergreen. Our mess sergeant, Overton, must be complimented on his ability.

The company bath house and laundry have the honor of being marked excellent for every day of the past week on the general sanitary report.

We commenced on a new schedule of drills the past week ending March 23. The most interesting was the gas mask drill. It is a question of how many would be dead, as the time given to get them on is six seconds, at the end of which if they are not on we are pronounced "dead." (Of course, this is figurative in drills, but only too true in a region pervaded by the poisonous gases used "over there.") Let us snap out of it, and show old "Fritz" that we are very much alive when we get there.

BRIG. GEN. IRONS HAS BEEN RELIEVED

Recently in Command of Brigade at Camp Greene—Resumes Rank of Colonel.

Washington, March 24.—Brig. Gen. James A. Irons, until recently commanding a brigade at Camp Greene, North Carolina, has been relieved, the war department announced today, following the report of a medical board that he was physically disqualified for active service abroad. General Irons resumes his rank of colonel of infantry and has been assigned to the 45th regiment.

Another regular army officer, withdrawn from the national army, is Brig. Gen. Charles L. Phillips, who has been relieved of the command of field artillery at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, and ordered to Puget Sound to take a coast artillery command with his regular rank of colonel.

SNAPPY BOUTS MARK HOSPITAL ATHLETIC NIGHT

So stirring were the bouts of the first athletic night at the base hospital Y. M. C. A. that the institution has come to stay with the pill rollers. Three snappy boxing rounds and a scientific wrestling bout made up the introductory program.

Privates Warner and Townsden put on the feature glove contest of the evening. At the end of three whirlwind rounds there were none present who would have ventured a decision for either of the pair, so well did they mate blows. The other tilts were between Privates Trello and Eilts and Privates Dradi and Bailey.

Private Antoniovitez, of Company D, Eighth machine gun battalion, failed to throw Secretary Bergman, camp physical director, in twenty minutes of clever mat work. Both men weighed in at 140 pounds. Science and skill marked every phase of the fast battle.

BASEBALL KING.

Baseball is king of sports at the base hospital. Three rousing games as starters for the barracks league have brought nearly every man in the detachment to the field of action at one or the other of the three events in which the national game has been in full swing.

Barracks No. 6 is away in the lead, with two more victories to its credit. The men of that "shack" drubbed the nine from Barracks No. 3 by a score of 4 to 3, and humbled the No. 2 men by a 5 to 2 score. Barracks No. 7 easily beat the No. 2 players, by 7 to 1. Three barracks league games are scheduled for this week.

Preparation is being made to pick the men to represent the base hospital in the camp league. In a practice game with the 47th regiment more than 20 men will be used by the medics in an effort to select the fastest material for the contests later on.

Barracks No. 5 won four games out of five in an exciting volley ball tournement on last Wednesday evening.

SERIES OF LECTURES TO SOLDIERS IS CONCLUDED

Officers and Men at Camp Told of "The Story Behind the War."

With an ovation that constituted a rather remarkable demonstration of the enthusiastic way in which the men have received the lectures, a large audience at Y. M. C. A. building No. 104, greeted Dr. Roulac Hamilton in his concluding lecture on Friday night. Dr. Hamilton was one of a group of three speakers, whose services had been enlisted by the educational department of the Y. M. C. A. of Camp Greene. The subject of the series of lectures was "The Story Behind the War: What Is It All About?" There were six lectures in the series, all of them illustrated and delivered in a masterly manner.

The securing of three men of statewide reputation to deliver lectures on questions of vital moment to the men in camp was a master stroke on the part of the educational department. For the week beginning February 11, the addresses were delivered by Mr. R. D. W. Connor, his subject being "The Warring Countries and Their Geography." For the week beginning February 18, Mr. Connor spoke to the men in the different Y. M. C. A. buildings on "The Growth of Germany and of German Ambitions." Mr. Connor was eminently qualified for this service, as he is widely recognized as one of the state's leading historians. He is secretary of the historical association of North Carolina.

The second series of lectures were delivered by Dr. Pierson, of the University of North Carolina faculty. The subject for the week beginning February 25 was "The French Republic and What It Stands For." For the week beginning March 4, the addresses were on the topic "The British Empire and What It Stands For." Dr. Pierson proved his mastery of the subjects discussed, giving his audience an admirable working idea of the historical background of the gigantic world war.

Dr. Roulac Hamilton, also a member of the University of North Carolina faculty, delivered the concluding lectures. For the week beginning March 11, the subject of his address was "How the War Came About and How It Developed." During the past week he spoke on "The American Democracy and the War." Dr. Hamilton as student, teacher and author has gained a wide reputation as an historian. The close attention which all of his audiences gave him bespoke the fine impression which his addresses made.

Mr. Oliver, who as camp educational secretary had the arrangements for this series of lectures in charge, tells The Trench and Camp man that nothing save possibly the English classes for the foreign-born men has been of more benefit to the men than the hearing of these lectures. That they have been so well received is also a source of gratification to those who visioned the opportunity and provided for it. Thousands of men heard the lectures, all of them getting a larger and fuller idea of world relations and the forces which have been at play in the bringing about of the war.

After Dr. Hamilton had concluded his lecture on Friday night at building 104 his large audience gave expression to its appreciation of the whole series. A vote was taken, the men asking unanimously that the lectures be continued. That this will be done has been promised them. Announcement of future plans in regard to the continuance of the lectures will be announced as they are formulated.

The fact that the series of lectures recently delivered in camp by the scholarly historians imported by the Y. M. C. A. was so well received by the men occasions no particular surprise. Still it is cause for congratulation. The men are anxious to acquaint themselves with the world situation and will listen to the learned doctors, even though there are counter attractions.