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CHARLOTTE MISSING THE BOYS FROM CAMP GREENE

Streets Appear as They Did Before Camp Came—Soldiers Expected Back Soon.

All Charlotte seems to be missing the soldiers. The streets have turned back to ante-bellum days when a man in khaki attracted the attention of the multitude. It seems hard to believe that a military camp is just outside the bounds of the city. The absence of the soldiers, of course, is noticeable most on the streets, in the stores and at the moving picture shows and theaters. But in the churches and in the homes things look different from what they did a few days ago.

Nowhere, perhaps, are the soldiers more conspicuous by their absence than at the city Y. M. C. A. That hospitable place has claimed the attention of thousands of the boys in khaki almost daily since Camp Greene was established, with the exception of the two weeks the building was closed during the spinal meningitis quarantine, and for the last few days a single soldier at the association building has been considered a rare specimen.

The soldiers have helped wonderfully to keep Charlotte tuned up to war conditions, and their absence makes it hard to realize that the country is at war, unless one turns his attention to the work of patriotic societies or keeps close watch on the papers. The absence of the soldiers also bring upon the citizens the realization that Charlotte too has given a majority of its young men to the service of the country. The streets are bare of young men when things are contrasted with those of a year ago.

Nevertheless, conditions in the last few days seem to indicate that business in Charlotte goes on at a continuous good rate even in the absence of the soldiers. With the exception of a few businesses, firms have reported activities in the business line as good. The city has not taken the dull appearance that many believed would have come about. But it is expected the soldiers will be back on the streets in the next few days, and soldier activities will begin to liven up, and Charlotte will be tuned up to the breaking point again.

While it is true there has no been at Camp Greene over 15,000 men at one time since the departure several months ago of the Fourth regular division, commanded by Major General George H. Cameron, there are several thousand soldiers now encamped there. Until the ban imposed by Colonel Kennon, camp commander, is lifted, these men will not be permitted to come to Charlotte except on urgent business. It was stated at the camp when the restrictive order was issued that the action was for disciplinary purposes, and to impress upon the officers and enlisted men alike the necessity of observing strictly the rules of military courtesy. The health situation of neither the city nor camp exerted any influence upon Colonel Kennon in the issuance of the order, it was understood.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

AT Y. M. C. A. HUT NO. 106
Wednesday evening the boys around Y. M. C. A. 106 were treated to a musical concert by a group of young people from Charlotte, supplemented by talent from among the soldiers. The program consisted of songs and recitations. Miss Lavinia Boyer gave several readings which were exceedingly bright and gave a fine opportunity for the reader to display her talent, which is of the first order. Miss Lucy Oliver, who is visiting with folks in Charlotte, gave the opening number of the program, which were two vocal solos.

Private Cates, of the base hospital, sang several solos. Private Cates is becoming well known as a singer both in camp and in Charlotte, and he is always received with rounds of applause. Dr. Grogan, Y. M. C. A. camp secretary, gave a rendition of several funny darkey stories which took greatly with the crowd.

AMERICA'S CONDITIONS FOR PEACE AS SET FORTH BY THE PRESIDENT

"These are the ends for which the associated peoples of the world are fighting, and which must be conceded them before there can be peace:

"I—The destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly, and of its single choice disturb the peace of the world; or, if it can not be presently destroyed, at the least its reduction to virtual impotence.

"II—The settlement of every question, whether of territory, of sovereignty, of economic arrangement, or of political relationship, upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned, and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery.

"III—The consent of all nations to be governed in their conduct towards each other by the same principles of honor and of respect for the common law of civilized society that govern the individual citizens of all modern states in their relations with one another; to the end that all promises and covenants may be sacredly observed, no private plots or conspiracies hatched, no selfish injuries wrought with impunity, and a mutual trust established upon the handsome foundation of a mutual respect for right.

"IV—The establishment of an organization of peace which shall make it certain that the combined power of free nations will check every invasion of right, and serve to make peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit and by which every international readjustment that can not be amicably agreed upon by the peoples directly concerned shall be sanctioned.

"These great objects can be put into a single sentence. What we seek is the reign of law, based upon the consent of the governed, and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind."

LIEUTENANT ARNDT.



The above picture is that of Lieutenant Arndt, commander of the Depot band, military aeronautics. The Depot band is well known, not alone for its playing in camp, but in Charlotte and many of the neighboring towns as well. For the last few Sunday afternoons members of this band have been giving concerts at the Y. W. C. A. hostess house, and these concerts have been said by many to have been the best ever. The musicians comprising the band are of attainment and there is an orchestra connected with the band that is most unique in its individuality.

The soldiers at camp and the civilians in the neighboring towns are certainly fortunate in having been able to have heard the playing of this group of musicians. One outstanding feature of the band is its willingness to render its services when they are asked.

OBSERVE BASTILLE DAY AT CAMP GREENE Y 106

About 20 Charlotte Women Attend and Participate in "Great" Musical Program.

In observance of Bastille day, the national holiday of France, corresponding to July 4 for Americans, about 20 Charlotte women attended and participated in what was described as "a great musical program" at Y. M. C. A. building No. 206, at Camp Greene, last night. The program was rendered in the open air, about 500 soldiers being present. One of the features of the evening was the group singing of "the old reliable" songs.

Miss Willie Mae McCorkle sang for the soldiers and Mrs. Ennis and Miss Marion Medlock gave readings. Miss Alva Earney brought a number of women to the building in her car and another party was brought out by Mrs. and Miss Parker. Three trombone selections by four members of the aviation section band, one of the selections being "The Marseillaise," were rendered.

Secretary Stephens, in charge of the services, delivered an informal talk on "The Knock-out Blow."

MUSIC AT "Y" 105

A short musical program was presented Wednesday evening at "Y" 105 before the regular movie show was given.

Miss Helen Daubenheyer, of Indiana, gave a violin recital that was greatly appreciated and consisted of: "Souvénia"—Dralda.

Minuet in G—Beethoven.

Last Rose of Summer.

and several encores.

Miss Daubenheyer is a young lady of marked musical ability and played with sympathy and expression that was not lost upon the large audience of soldiers and the small sprinkling of their lady friends.

Private J. D. MacDonald, Aero squadron, sang "The Perfect Day," which was well rendered and fully appreciated by those present.

Miss Katherine Hardin, of Hickory, N. C., gave a character recitation "At the Photographers," in which she introduced various characters and their mannerisms, having their photos taken, and was truly effective. Miss Hardin was obliged to give several encores before the audience was content to have her withdraw.

Private F. L. Saxton, Twenty-third aero squadron, sang "For You" in a very finished and delightful way.

Private Saxton has been singing at a number of the churches in Charlotte as well as the usual religious services at the "Y" and has a fine tenor voice.

Private R. B. Dunn, Twenty-third aero squadron, played accompaniments with skill and sympathy and aided greatly to the enjoyment.

The program was in charge of Mr. Sully, acting building secretary.

TRAINING MEN TO CARE FOR PIGEON MESSENGERS

Teaching Birds Their Great Part in War Communications Requires Skill and Patience.

At present other training activities may be on the wane at Camp Greene, but the pigeon detachment is getting in some good practice. Pigeon fanciers in the detachment feel that the training of the men in the care of pigeons and the developing along scientific lines of the homing instinct, or the in-born sense of direction of the birds, is the most interesting and the most important work in the government's plans for licking the Kaiser.

Whether or not this be true, "pigeon liaison," as this system of communication is known to the army, calls for rare patience and skill for the nature and organization of the sensible birds is almost as delicate and complex as that of a child. However, in spite of all the careful attention given to the feeding, flying, and conditioning, some of the birds occasionally lose their way and do not return for hours and often days.

In the last few weeks a few have failed to return to the camp loft from neighboring towns, including Belmont, Hoskins, Gastonia, Rock Hill, Lincolnton and points on the roads leading from Charlotte.

Any pigeons in this general section of the country found with U. S. A. numbers on their leg-bands should be enticed to cover, their numbers taken and the matter promptly reported to Lieut. Joseph H. Sands, camp signal supply officer, telephone Camp Greene No. 33. The birds should not be frightened or molested in any way until it is evident after a few hours wait, they do not intend to leave the vicinity.

It may not be generally known that there is a heavy penalty for molesting or killing government pigeons and that it is considered a serious offense to keep the birds without feeding them and giving prompt notice of finding them to the military authorities.

Rehabilitation of Our Wounded.

Perhaps none of the various uses to which the proceeds of the Liberty loan are to be devoted appeals more strongly to the American people than the rehabilitation and re-education of our wounded men. To teach these men, to train and fit them for useful and gainful occupations, when by reason of loss of sight or limbs or other injuries they are rendered unable to pursue ordinary vocations, is a work in which every American has a heart-felt interest.

Compensation will be allowed them and family allowances will be paid their families as if they were in actual service while they are taking the training, and every method known to science will be used to restore our wounded men to health and usefulness.

This work has been delegated by Congress to the Federal Board for Vocational Education. The board publishes at Washington a monthly bulletin, dealing with its work called The Vocational Summary, which will be sent free to anyone upon request.

QUOIT PLAYING BECOMES POPULAR AT CAMP GREENE

Not only has the game of quoits taken a strong hold upon the soldier at Camp Greene but it has become "the" game of the officers as well. A few teams have been organized thus far and much interest has been manifested in the match games played to date. Perhaps the most interesting match game of the week was that played between Dr. J. O. Grogan, camp secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Dr. T. Thompson as one team and Dr. R. E. Gaines with T. M. Mangum as the other. The latter team beat their opponents in a nip and tuck affair two games out of three.

