

# News of the Y. M. C. A.

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**FRANK J. KNAPP, BUILDING SECRETARY, UNIT NO. 92.**

Mr. Frank J. Knapp, Building Secretary of Army Y. M. C. A. Unit No. 92, at Camp Wadsworth, was born in Kingston, N. Y. He received his education in public schools and later at St. Stevens College, going later on to the General Theological Seminary, where he graduated as an Episcopal Minister. He was up to the time he was called into Y. M. C. A. work, Rector of the Episcopal Church in Utica, N. Y., having served successfully in pastorates at Saratoga Springs, Albany, and Auburn, N. Y., before going to Utica. He has always been a Y. M. C. A. enthusiast along with his church work, being closely related to the Y. M. C. A. work in the city of Utica for the past seven years he has been there.

Mr. Knapp came to Camp Wadsworth as Religious Work Secretary and was later made Building Secretary. His particular work at the present time is not only the regular work at Building No. 92, but he is, in addition to this, especially assigned to work at the Base Hospital.

## Y. M. C. A. PERSONALS.

Robert E. Clark, who has been acting as Camp Musical Director of the Y. M. C. A., has been granted a six weeks' leave of absence to help Dr. Alexander in an evangelistic campaign in West Virginia. Mr. Clark left for his new field on Wednesday. During his absence Dr. W. G. Woolsey, Fosdick representative, has kindly volunteered to act in his place.

W. J. Davison, Camp General Secretary, has left on a two weeks' furlough for his home in Albany, N. Y. During his absence Ernest W. Leslie, Camp Social Director, is designated as Acting Camp General Secretary.

## STRONG SPEAKERS HERE.

Nothing is so interesting as personality. One reads a life story with greater fascination than a novel. Two men are coming to Camp Wadsworth from January 14th to 19th, who will tell the story of their life and nothing more. They have had a long hard fight with drink and other evils against which many a man has batted his head.

One was a college man and the other only a man of the street. Both are real men. Both have won. They are Ted Mercer and Tom Farmer, who will be heard on Tuesday at Y. M. C. A. building 95, Wednesday at 97, Thursday at 92 and 96 and Friday at 93.

A real celebrity will be heard in the various Y. M. C. A. buildings on the same nights of the following week. He is Melville Trotter, of Grand Rapids and Chicago, the only man whom Billy Sunday will let take his place in his Tabernacle when he is knocked out by a cold. Mel also has a story to tell. Everyone will want to hear these three men.

## UNIT No. 95.

We have had a busy week at No. 95 and our secretaries have been taxed to take care of the additional work which Christmas and New Year's brought to them.

Our meeting on Tuesday, which took the form of an old fashioned sing and a mighty fine address by Dr. Paul M. Strayer, was followed by a reel of movies and proved to be a winner. We hope to have more of these.

Corporal Carney O'Donnell, of the 106th Regiment, along with his company, gave a very good entertainment on Saturday, which was mighty well enjoyed. We hope Carney will come back and repeat soon.

## UNIT NO. 93.

This building has been so crowded practically every night for the past week or two that we wonder if sooner or later we are not going to be obliged to have an addition put on in order to take care of the men.

The Band Concert by the 106th Regiment Band Thursday night gave a great deal of credit to the men and the entertainment given to the men by the First Presbyterian Church ladies was also much appreciated. It is hoped we will have more of these parties.

Our Building Secretary, James A. Moore, promises us he will be back on duty some time this week and we will all be glad to receive him as we have missed him very sorely during his illness.

## UNIT NO. 96.

Our activities have moved about as usual the past week, but if such a thing is possible our crowds have been increased. The movie shows were especially good this week and were mighty well received by all who saw them.

We regretted the fact that Miss Dimon and Miss Moss were unable to come from Georgia and entertain us, as they were scheduled to do, but the breach was mighty well filled in by putting on a "Stunt Night" in which the men participated; it proved to be a hummer.

## UNIT NO. 92.

This unit has been busy with the usual activities during the past week, the big feat being the "Stunt Night" on Tuesday, which proved to be one of the best ever and the movie shows which were particularly good this week.

We are sorry to lose the services of our Social Secretary, Edward Richardson, who has been taken on Headquarters Staff looking after deliveries throughout the Camp.

Mr. R. G. Bell, who has been serving since his arrival at Camp Wadsworth at Unit No. 93, has been transferred to Unit No. 92 to take Mr. Richardson's place.

## UNIT NO. 97.

The observance of Christmas at the unit was complete in all phases. The movies and a little program on Christmas eve were attended by a large crowd.

It was in the religious side of the holiday that there were special events. Chaplain Fornes, of the 106th F. A. had three masses, at midnight, 7:40 and 9:40. Chaplain Shipman had two celebrations of the Holy Communion at 7:30 and 9:30 with the regimental service at 10:40. Father Fornes' midnight mass was especially beautiful owing to an ideal setting, music by band and male choir and the large attendance. During the day, December 24th, a detail of men under Lieut. Knight, of the 104th F. A. erected a large platform against the East wall of the building. They then erected a large bower of holly and evergreen and within this they placed the altar which was illuminated by many candles and by a large searchlight placed on a high pole back on the parade ground. Additional illumination for the band and choir was secured by strings of electric lights on either side of the platform. The bright moonlight which was then shining in all its Southern glory added the

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