

**ACTIVITIES OF
Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.**
(By DOROTHY GARBUTT)

Dead on the line we opened the hut at four o'clock—or sixteen hours—Sunday afternoon. There was a line-up waiting to get in when I went downstairs to unlock the door. It's grand having everyone back again and they all seem to be pleased with the decorations after the first gasp at the yellow ceiling. There is certainly a great deal more room in the main recreation hall. The flowered curtains in the powder room have made quite a hit too.

We have a number of new books in the library, praise be. Agatha Christie, Oppenheim, Mark Twain, Sinclair Lewis and others. The library is now upstairs in the Quiet Room and the system of lending books is still that of the "honor" plan—that is the boys and girls do their own signing in and out. It works remarkably well. There is now a music room too with a fine collection of good records. You do have to sign in at the desk for these however.

Mr. Black and I went to a very nice American dance at the Camp Elliott barracks Saturday night. Although we were the chaperones we were actually danced with and, as I for one enjoy dancing, I really appreciated that. We met boys and men from Texas and California and Alabama and "Ah dechah to goodness, honey chile, ah never did heah such an amusin' line o' talk as you-all Southern genteel men have... why ah almost fell foah it, really ah did!" There, you see, they've got me a-talkin their a-way! Anyhow it was fun and I liked them.

Who's coming out to the Old Time Dance at the Empress tonight? You get your tickets from your own Y man. It's great fun but don't come if you mean to jitterbug all the time. Those who do that can come Wednesday nights. Monday is strictly old time squares, waltzes, two steps and one steps. You'd soon raise a fuss if someone tried to horn in with a square dance on your Wednesday night jive session wouldn't you? Well then, turn about's fair play!

Tuesday night is another Ack-Ack unit dance and I hope you girls will support it as well as you did the one a fortnight ago. These boys have not had a dance in their own quarters for several months so be sure to turn out.

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