

# FLAG RAISING EXERCISES AT CAMP PEARSON

The feeling of patriotism ran high at Camp Pearson at Parr, Wednesday when appropriate ceremonies marked the raising of "Old Glory" and the flying of the pennant.

Throngs of visitors from all parts of the state joined the boys in a celebration to make this an historic day for the camp. After being welcomed by the camp commander, Capt. W. L. Blanton, infantry, they were conducted through the camp by guides and shown the interesting features of the camp and the work projects being done.

At 3:30 p. m. all assembled in the mess and recreational hall where the first exercises were conducted.

With Captain Blanton presiding, the program was opened by the singing of "America," lead by Lieut. J. E. Penaway, Jr., after which the invocation was given by Capt. L. C.

LaMotte, district chaplain. Miss

Kathleen Lemmon of Winnsboro, S.

gave an appropriate reading.

This was followed by a vocal solo,

"Trees," beautifully sung by Mrs.

Charlie Powers of Parr, with Mrs.

"Pat" Williams of Parr at the piano.

In a few well chosen remarks, Cap-

tain Blanton welcomed the visitors

and introduced the various officials

of the camp and forestry service and

other notable guests. The nature of

the work being done by the forestry

service in the area was described by

J. T. McAlister, forestry superintendent

at the camp. Then followed a

ringing address by Harry M. Arthur

of the Union, past commander of the

department of the American

Legion. Mr. Arthur was introduced

by Otis Livingston of Columbia, com-

mander of the Richland post of the American Legion. During his address, Mr. Arthur made a ringing appeal for everyone to do his part in helping to win the war of 1933; a war as real as the one that sprayed its bullets through the Argonne forest; a constructive war rather than a destructive war; a war to bring our country to its proper place that peace and prosperity may abound.

At the conclusion of Mr. Arthur's address the flag raising ceremony was conducted on the company parade ground. The company formed in four ranks facing the flag pole while one platoon moved forward without commands and executed the movements necessary to form a square around the flag pole on each of three sides, with the color guard formed on the fourth side. W. P. Blackwell, secretary of state, then entrusted the flag to the care of 41st Company C. C. C., and Miss Lois Chappell of Columbia presented

to the camp for the D. A. R. a pennant bearing the words "Camp Pearson." Gary Paschal of Columbia spoke on the past glories of the American flag, and the future glories that lay in store for the flag.

After the ceremony retreat was held, the bugler for the occasion being furnished by the 116th F. A. Florida National Guard, in training at Camp Jackson. Immediately after retreat refreshments were served from tables in a grove near the camp.

From 8 p. m. to 12:30 a. m. to the tunes furnished by the Brooks orchestra from Columbia, young folks and old danced in the recreational hall which was decorated with flags and red, white and blue streamers, and illuminated softly by colored lights. Lemonade was served during the dance, and ice cream and cake were served during the intermission.

The flag now waves proudly each

day over Camp Pearson while underneath, the blue pennant floats just as proudly, and in the minds and hearts of the boys there is a deeper feeling of patriotism, a truer realization of the duties of good citizenship and a stronger determination to uphold the honor of Old Glory with worthy deeds as well as with such expressions of allegiance as were given on that memorable flag-raising day at Camp Pearson.

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