

# Soldiers Use Scrap to Build Own Center

## Neighbors of Cheviot Hills Station Pitch In to Help and Staff Canteen

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One hundred soldiers in Battery D stationed at Cheviot Hills owe their new recreation hall on Overland Ave. to their own ingenuity and skill, coupled with the generosity of the neighborhood. They have erected the main portion of a recreation building from scrap material, using huge crates in which airplane wings are shipped, old telephone poles and railroad ties.

They have built in a snack bar, sink and drainboard and plumbing facilities.

Red Cross and neighbors provided furniture, including two pianos. Mrs. Charles Hawthorne, 3200 Overland Ave., senior woman air-raid warden of the area, assisted by Mrs. Harry Gast, made curtains for the hall's 36 windows and completed the task in time for a dedicatory dance. A dance is held every Thursday night, with Mrs. Jean Harmon of Westwood Hills in charge of the junior hostess group.

Mrs. Hawthorne has perfected a plan for staffing the canteen from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. daily.

Chairmen for the various districts who alternate in taking charge of the canteen include Mmes. Hawthorne, Robert Maxfield, Evelyn Thompson, D. A. Mahan, Willis E. Kissinger, Walter Hall, W. H. Dale, Nelson M. Saunders, Raymon Johnson, James S. Webster, Horace G. Barton and Harry Eckstein.

Three women's organizations in the Cheviot Hills district also help staff the canteen and serve as senior hostesses two evenings a month. They include the Cheviot Hills Women's Club, under Mrs. Arthur R. Lloy, president; the American Legion, headed by Mrs. R. B. Borland, and the Cheviot Hills-Monte Mar Vista Garden Club, with Mrs. Ralph W. Smith in charge. Among Mrs. Smith's most active helpers are Mrs. John Oslin Craw-

ford, president of the Garden Club, Mmes. Harry J. Wade and Joseph Vickers. Mrs. Walter Gill and Mrs. Frank A. Zastrow are among the faithful volunteers from the Cheviot Women's Club.

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## Delta Gammas Initiate Five

Delta Gammas at the University of California, Los Angeles campus, initiated five girls into the active chapter yesterday, then celebrated at a banquet at the Miramar Hotel.

Active pins were given Jean Smart and Pat Tenny of Rancho Santa Fe, Edwina Bailey of Sacramento, Phyllis Kaiser of Bel-Air and Lolla Schubert of Beverly Hills.

## Beverly W.E.C. Tells Extent of Service

Approximately 2500 turkeys, 500 gallons of milk, 42,000 cups of coffee, 74,000 doughnuts, 14,200 pies and 11,400 cakes have been consumed by more than 30,000 servicemen at the canteen operated by the Women's Emergency Corps of Beverly Hills, 409 N. Canon Drive, since January, 1942.

An average of 600 boys visit the hospitality house every week.