

Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. Public Appeal

Helping the Young People

N. R. Association's Proud Record

Activities Extended - Income Less

To-morrow's public appeal for funds by the New Plymouth Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. is one deserving of particular consideration by citizens. Every man and woman in the community is interested in the welfare of youth for a physically and mentally fit youth is a national asset. The headquarters of the association is the centre from which a directing hand aims at all the factors of deterioration, and recreation, inspiration, friendship and service for others form part of a programme that is developed according to the tastes and needs of young people. Many of these privileges are extended publicly and are a direct charge, from which no recovery can be made, on the association, with are thus making their appeal on a businesslike basis. There is no question but that the lasting and beneficial influence of the lines of a young man or woman is a physical and intellectually rounded community which is the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. is incalculable in terms of money value.

However, even on this basis the appeal is justified. The Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. finds 75 per cent of its expenses from the subscriptions of its members and from internal revenue-raising efforts. The 25 per cent, which is being asked from the public, is entirely expended on activities directly for the benefit of the public, and not to the advantage of the association. Even this does not make a true balance-sheet, the public shares indirectly in the benefits from almost every activity of the amalgamated bodies. The position at present is that the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. while increasing its public activities, has had to face a diminished income, chiefly due to the sharing of the annual appeal last year. Also, during the time the present Community House was being added, no source of revenue was lost.

WORK OF Y.W.C.A.

MEMBERSHIP NEARLY 300.

MANY CLUB ACTIVITIES

Just how big a factor the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. is in the community life of New Plymouth can be judged from the fact that its membership now totals nearly 300, 180 in the senior clubs and 115 in the Girl Guides Club.

The activities of the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. are many. The association is divided into two main departments, the senior classes and the Girl Guides, with a host of subdivisions. The programme of the Girl Guides Department, which carries on for girls between the ages of 6 and 18, is fourfold. It includes, firstly, physical participation in team games and gymnastics; secondly, intellectual, discussion, debating and dramatization; social, various social activities; spiritual, sermons and community gatherings; and services are rendered. The groups in the Girl Guides movement are the Makereka, Makareka, Tuihū, Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. and Hae-timal.

Eight laws form the Girl Guides' code. They are the laws of Health, Self-Control, Self-Respect, Knowledge, Honour, Co-operation, Courage and Duty.

Camp Campello is the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. what camp Campello is to the Y. M. C. A. In the freedom of camp life girls are given the opportunity of taking part in various character-building activities. The programme at Camp Campello is an illustration of the ordinary work of the

Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. Two points in the running of the camp are worthy of note. Firstly, to the campers are given a complete programme which includes all phases of camp life, a brooch is given as recognition. The winner of the brooch is chosen by the girls themselves. The Camp Campello "Chronicle," a journal made up of contributions by the campers, is of particular interest.

The Senior Divisions. Work in the senior divisions of the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. is of a very wide appeal. Its activities include social, discussion, and social activities.

In the Huiaton Girls' Axiom, which has a membership of 40, is a form where debates, discussions and lectures take place. The forum is a new development, being formed only two years ago. It stands for culture, citizenship and character-building, and many prominent women in New Plymouth have become members. The president is Miss Margaret Bayliss.

The Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. believes that sport and recreation is a phase of life which should not remain unexplored in a movement dealing with the training of young people. Accordingly, healthy and vigorous games are carried elsewhere, finds a big place in its programme of activities.

Besides these activities for the younger members, the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. has a department for older women. General interest clubs include the Business and Professional Women's Round Table Club, Mothers' Club and an Auxiliary. The Round Table Club has lectures of an educational nature on such subjects as economics, citizenship, religion and international affairs. It is a popular club and has a strong membership.

The Mothers' Club holds monthly gatherings for educational lectures on child psychology. Its programme includes a study circle, arts and crafts classes and a bridge circle. The hotel also plays a very important part. It is in charge of Miss Jackson, has accommodation for 30 girls and is self-supporting. It contains all the amenities of home life including a new dining-room, a laundry and a big dining-room. Last year 250 girls passed through it.

YOUNG MEN'S BRANCH

ESTABLISHMENT TWO YEARS AGO.

WORK PROGRESSING RAPIDLY.

It has a little over two years and has the esteem of those prominent who have been the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. in an establishment with the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. and the immediate manager of the New Plymouth Rooms and Round Table Club for a three months' experience, the work has begun.

At the time both organizations were being the efficient staff with very modern equipment and accommodation. However, the experiment prospered so quickly that an appeal was made for funds to enlarge the building, to include a gymnasium, hall and club-rooms. Ground was broken in March, 1934, and in August of the same year Mrs. A. Alexander, president of the board of directors, officially opened the new community house. From that time the work of the Y. M. C. A. never looked back and today it has the whole-hearted support of the town.

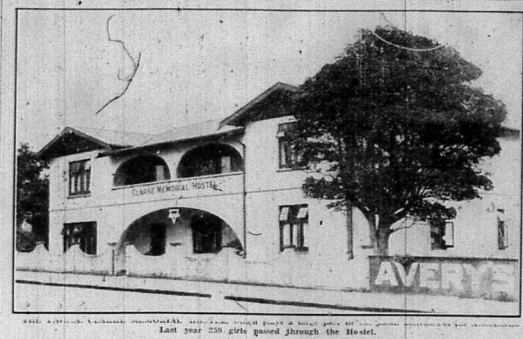
With the development in membership the Y. M. C. A. has been divided into clubs and groups along the lines of the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. movement.

There is the Primary School Club, which meets for twenty-two hours every Thursday for a programme of competition, the games, education, sports, public speaking and debating and hobbies, and for moral and social activities. There are 40 boys in this club.

The High V. Club of 25 members, one of the strongest in the Dominion, is made up of High School boys, and naturally is scheduled in a more advanced position. This club meets on Friday evenings and its programme includes education on organization and personal problems, debate and oratorical contests and social and cultural training.

The Senior Men's Social Hour follows gymnasium practice on Tuesday evenings and is a gathering of a social and educational nature are dealt with. A paper is usually presented, and subjects dealt with have included "Constitution and Self," "Morality and Environment," "Must Men Faith," and "Desertion Factors to Progress." The reading of papers is followed by open discussion and light refreshment.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the Y. M. C. A. is its Camp Akimā, where boys between the ages of 10 and 14 are given the opportunity of enjoying a vacation in which physical recreation and character-building are given special attention. Last Christmas a party of 40 boys were camped for four weeks and the appreciation of the parents and the commendation of the high character of the activities of the camp.



PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

WORK OF Y. W. - Y. M. C. A.

GYMNASIUM PRACTICE A FEATURE

The sporting and physical activities of the amalgamated Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. are highly organized, but always the organization is towards preventing idleness and interruption with activities, and never towards taking a particle of personal enjoyment and freedom away from the participants. Indeed, this is a feature of the association's work.

The gymnasium classes, participated in by both divisions of the association, are among the most efficiently organized in the Dominion. There are 18 classes weekly doing gymnasium work and the average weekly attendance is 350. Gymnasium work is graded according to the standard of the various classes taking part.

The beneficial effect of these classes has been particularly noticeable in the boys' groups. There have been great im-

PRESENT LEADER

WORK OF MRS. A. ALEXANDER.

PRESIDENT FOR NINE YEARS.

The activities of the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. are being the program have been greatly influenced and directed by the personality of the president of the board of directors, Mrs. A. Alexander. By members themselves Mrs. Alexander is regarded as an inspiration to the movement.

Improvements are also notable in the standard of play in the basketball and hockey teams. The Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. has two teams entered in the Taranaki basketball competitions. The hockey team was the second women's team to be formed in New Plymouth and though it has not met with much success it has given a great fillip to the competition in North Taranaki. The standard of play is improving every attendance to 350.

Of late the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. has rendered its privileges to many who cannot attend the fair for natural organizing. In other ways, too, it co-operates with local bodies in the relief of distress and the solution of unemployment problems.

FLOCK HOUSE TRAINING

EXTENSION ADVOCATED.

SONS OF UNEMPLOYED MEN.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

MASTERTON, Wednesday.

The following resolution was carried at the annual meeting of the Wairarapa Flock House Association to-day:

"That the meeting recommends members of the flock board to attend the annual meeting of Flock House trustees to urge that, where preference to re-employment is to be kept in the forefront, Flock House make arrangements if possible to extend the privileges of training to the sons of unemployed men at the expense of the funds of the Unemployment Board and thereby to order that many re-employments which are desirable to keep the institutions of a few years in anticipation of those boys being given the advantages of a course of training."

It was also decided that the whole matter of Flock House training be referred to the Farmers' Union and the Women's Division, seeking their cooperation.

PORTRAIT OF KING

PRESENT TO AUSTRALIA.

SOUTH AFRICAN MILLIONAIRE.

LONDON, June 4.

A South African millionaire, Mr. T. D. P. Davis, has made a presentation to the Australian Government of a full-length portrait of the King in naval uniform.

The presentation was made in memory of an old friend, Mr. Howard, who was killed in the war, and also in appreciation of the part taken by Australia in the war.



A PHASE OF THE Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. ACTIVITIES.—An indoor club scene showing members reading and at rest.

PHYSICAL SIDE OF Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. WORK.—A photograph of members of the basketball teams at practice in the Gymnasium.

COMBINED ACTIVITIES

SOME POPULAR FEATURES.

Some very popular features are included in the combined activities of the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. These include a Sunday forum, badminton, and rural work. At the Sunday forum men and women combine for the frank and fearless discussion of religious questions and other problems which vitally affect young men and young women to-day. The badminton club has an active membership of 50 and plays matches weekly.

On alternate Saturdays rural service is held at Okura. Here work on country life is undertaken. This activity is the only work of its kind done in the Dominion.

FRIENDLY SERVICE BUREAU

FINDING WORK FOR GIRLS.

Perhaps in no department has the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A. a better record of public service than in the Friendly Service Bureau which since its inception two years ago has found work for approximately 100 girls.

The bureau is the only one of its type in the town, and its statistics are regarded as official by local authorities. Recently it has been the finding of suitable positions for unemployed girls. It makes an effort to find both the girls and employers, where possible, equal employment as a help for the various types of girls who are forced. There have been few disappointments, either to employers or to the Y. W. - Y. M. C. A.

In the five months of the year which have already passed 27 girls have been found positions. Last year the total reached 207 and it was approximately the same in 1933. So it will be seen that the bureau has played a good part in solving a real problem in New Plymouth.

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