

Acton's Y.M.C.A. Stresses Variety in Year's Activities

Prayer Meetings in London Grow to International Y.M.C.A.

This is Y.M.C.A. Week. The "Y" was originally formed in London, England, in the year 1844 by a young man, George Williams, who had moved from a rural area to London. He found a job with Hitcock and Sons, who were drapers.

Williams, who was used to regular church attendance and church gatherings, missed these and formed a prayer meeting with a group of 12 young men. These meetings were held in his bedroom.

After a few weeks the number began to grow and they were forced to seek larger quarters. At this point they drew up a constitution and chose as their name, the Society for Promotion of Christianity among Young Men.

At the same time, a similar group under James Naismith was forming in Scotland, and soon the two groups joined forces. Naismith left shortly for North America and upon his arrival, formed the first Y.M.C.A. in North America on Montreal, November 25, 1851, at Saint Helen's St. Baptist church. This church still stands.

In 1852, John Nansmith, founder of the first Y in the USA in Boston, Mass. The Y.M.C.A. movement was also growing in Europe and in 1855 representatives of 28 associations met in Paris, France, for the World's Alliance and to adopt the name, Young Men's Christian Association as the formal title.

George Williams was knighted by Queen Victoria for his part in forming this association and at his death he was buried in Westminster Abbey beside Lord Nelson.

Harry Otterbein Club President

The Black Creek Model Railroad Club held their first annual meeting in their club room at the Y.M.C.A. on Friday.

The officers for the year are president, Harry Otterbein, secretary, John Fleming, treasurer, Earl Masales and dispatcher, Bob Buck.

Fred Wright of Bower Ave and Roy Dunk of Guelph St. were accepted as members of the club after a three month probationary period.

Two films were shown courtesy of the Canadian Pacific Railway. They were The Canadian and Shining Mountains. Refreshments were served after the films.

The members of the Black Creek Model Railroad Club are now in the process of building a 40 gauge railroad in the Y.M.C.A. and any adults interested in joining the club and sharing this interesting hobby are asked to contact John Fleming at 273 Queen St. or phone 44 after 6 p.m. Better still, come in and see them at the Y on Friday night after doing your shopping.



No Rock and Rollers In This Dancing Class

Dancing's easy when you know how. Instructress Mrs. Eileen Wensley has a regular group of students. From left to right are pictured Carol Lawrence, Ann Dantith, Carol Bradley, Bob Duby, Mrs. Wensley the instructress, Gordon Hufnagel, Pauline Marks, Susan Dedels and Peter Newton. The group is purposely kept small so more careful attention may be given to each individual pupil.

Y's Men Donate \$600 to Y Five New Members Inducted

Five new members joined the Y's Men's club at their regular meeting on Thursday of last week in the Y. President Harry Arbie presided. After a fine dinner and a brisk "fines" session, the stirring induction service took place. Lorne Doherty, Doug Mason, Clark Armstrong, Bill Toth and Ron Smith were admitted to club membership.

The induction team under the direction of deputy lieutenant-governor Pat McKenzie conducted the ceremony. Y's Man Bill Benson charged the new members and the old members too, to render the service they have pledged to acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right. He pointed out the success of the movement rested with new members such as they were, and too that they would not get out of Y's shoes and they put into it. No member could do less than his best, he said.

Final plans were made for the Father and Son banquet to be held in the Legion Hall in March.

Square Dances Latest Crowd-Getter in Gym

About 40 attended the popular square dance in the Y.M.C.A. last Friday evening. Sandy Sanford was caller for the evening with music from a six piece aggregation as provided for the event.

Square dances are a new attraction in the Y.

Newest Project

A new project in sports is attracting the attention of Y members. This is Dr. A. Buchanan's monthly book club. The club's first project just taken on his vacation in Europe last summer. They were very good and commanded the attention of the members and guests.

The regular business of the club followed and it was decided that for the Y a top reader and penny reading machine in the lobby.



Grand Chain All At Y Square Dance

Newest activity at the Y.M.C.A. is the Friday evening square dance. Snapped in the middle of a set at one end of the gym is one of the eightsores. Sandy Sanford of Toronto is the regular caller while local musicians set the pace.

599 Active

There are currently about 600 members of Acton Y.M.C.A. Even more impressive is the fact that secretary Bob Brayshaw could this week recall only one of those who is not active in one of the Y's present organizations.

Mrs. Joyce Carpenter To Direct Girls' Choir

A girls' choir will be formed at the Y.M.C.A. shortly. Making arrangements to direct the group of girls 12 to 18 is Mrs. Joyce Carpenter.

The choir will be practicing Wednesday evenings.

Badminton Tourney Victory for Juniors

Interested spectators watched a seniors faced juniors in a badminton tournament at the Y.M.C.A. Saturday evening. The junior club was declared winner after the series of matches in the 2500. Losers served refreshments.



Heave-Ho Biceps Grow

Muscles are developed by a small but keenly interested group of body builders at the Y. Pictured in action with bars and bells are Maynard Schump, Bill McKinnon and Maurice Van Hemmen.



Y Chess Club Quiet Concentration

Activity is mostly in the head when the chess club meets every week in the Y.M.C.A. A group of regular players of varied ages is pictured poring over the next moves in this specialists' game. Young lads match schemes with older men and often win, too.

Serves Locality For 22 Years Team of Five Drops 34-47

Acton is still the smallest town in the world to have its own Y.M.C.A. building. Established in 1935, the Acton Y has now served the community 22 years.

This is Y.M.C.A. week across the continent. Here in Acton, a typical evening finds every room in the Y with its complement of members of all ages. The variety of activities which is encompassed in the building is almost endless.

The hub of all the activity is in the small office, where the present evening planning, secretary, Bob Brayshaw, directs the many activities. One of his aims when he came to Acton from Kingston in

worked minimum line-up of five players took on alternate lines of players there.

Acton midgets were downed by the Walkerton high school juniors 34-47 for their first loss of the series.

All of Acton's five players were busy, with Frank Marisek leading the attack with 17 points. He was followed by John Tripp with 10, Dave Fleming with four, Don Price with two and Bill Shannon with one.

In previous games, Acton won in Walkerton, 23-24 and here 62-15.

The Murray Memorial Y.M.C.A. joins associations in almost every corner of the world in displaying the red triangle which symbolizes the association's three concerns—spirit, mind and body.

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