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ACTIVITIES OF THE Y. Y. C. A. DESCRIBED

The 10:30 services, as well as the afternoon and evening services. Aside from this, every Sunday many speakers are sent out from divisional headquarters to hold religious services at various points.

The educational work embraces publication and free distribution of educational pamphlets, the organization of classes in French, electricity, motor mechanics, drafting and various other studies, and of supplying text books and competent teachers for each study. Lectures are continually delivered on various subjects to groups of men whenever advisable.

The social work has to do with furnishing a place for the boys to write, stationary, tables, chairs, games, etc. Beyond that it furnishes entertainments, moving pictures, and musical instruments, not to mention costumes, and odds and ends of properties to help the boys while away their leisure hours.

The canteen is the one department that originally was not included in the Y program, but was taken over to be conducted to relieve the army of the many problems connected with its management.

To many soldiers the canteen is the Y, and the Y is the canteen, so much so, that when they want to know if the canteen is open they ask if the Y is open yet. The canteen is really an army institution. The supplies come through the army, are transported by the army regulations, and the price is fixed by the army. If there are plenty of supplies, it is to the credit of the army. If there is a shortage of supplies it is because the army is unable to supply that particular locality. All the Y has to do is to hand out what they happen to have on hand, and get from the boys the price that is put upon the article by the army.

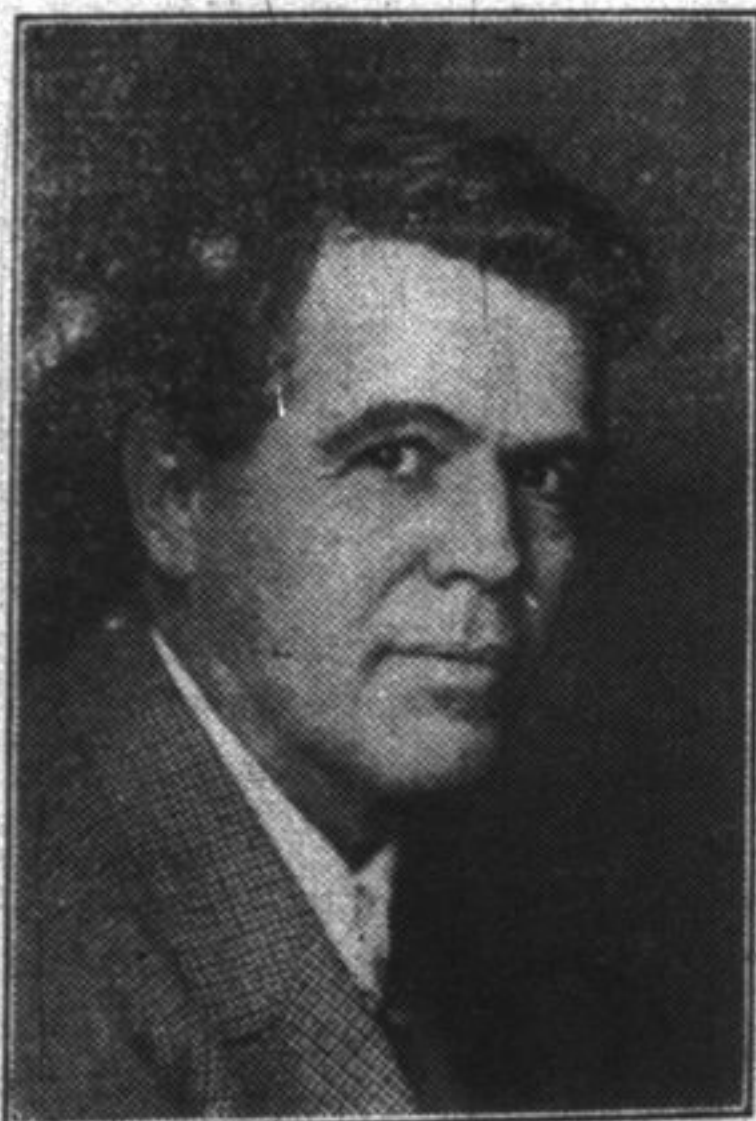
The athletic department is just what its name implies, and consists of supplies for sports and games of every description, all sorts of gloves, bats, balls, and other equipment being supplied to the boys free of charge.

Many great problems are met in connection with this department.

There is the construction of the huts, a place for the men to come in and sit by the fire in cold or rainy weather, and pass the time.

Organizing and engaging suitable talent for the entertainment of the men is another feature. In this matter some places are compelled to rely entirely upon themselves for their buildings and their entertainments, in case the construction and entertainment departments are unable to meet the demand.

And behind every department—religious, educational, athletic and canteen, the foundation stone upon which rests the whole structure is the transportation department.



MERRITT LEROY

With insufficient space allotted to the canteen department in the transports, it followed that there would be a shortage of supplies in the canteen. On top of that, given about fifty percent of the trucks required to deliver goods upon their arrival over here, the shortage was made still greater. When there was no writing paper, books, chocolate, cigarettes, or no motion pictures, quite often it was because there was no transportation. These are some of the problems that have to be met over here and by a personnel of men mostly over thirty-five years of age, whose vital force is not as great as it was. To those who have been actively engaged in the work and who know the situation, it is a wonder that so much has

already been accomplished in so short a time, and with such a personnel.

There is still a man's size job here for the Y. To keep the boys busy after the war is ceased, to provide entertainment, to provide base ball, boxing and wholesome diversions, to try to satisfy the enormous appetite for something to eat, for the months to come before he starts for home,—this is some job. The job is in fact so large, that we have no hopes that we will accomplish it satisfactorily. All we can hope to do is to do our best, and that will be very little compared to the size of the job.

Every secretary over here realizes that the job is beyond our ability but each one goes on doing his best, and leaving the results to come out as they may.

There has been criticism of the Y, and the Red Cross, and other organizations,—the larger they are, the more criticism. There has been and will be criticism in the army. The real fact is that the army and every organization over here in the A. E. F. has had problems to meet that were too large for the hastily made organizations to stand. It is the wonder of all the world that America has done as well as she has, in meeting the great problems of supplies, transportation, and distribution.

MERRITT LEROY

Mr. LeRoy appends a poem, written by John Pollard of Virginia and born of his experience while recruiting last summer for the Y. It is meant to show the kind of "Y" secretaries who were not needed in overseas work:

More Truth Than Poetry

"In our town, O sad to tell,
There is a merchant who cannot sell,
There is a teacher who cannot teach,
A preacher who doesn't know how
(to preach.
An editor who doesn't know how to
(write.
A soldier who doesn't know how to
(fight.
A sawyer who doesn't know how to
(saw.
A lawyer who cannot practice law;
A jeweler who cannot mend a clock,
A doctor who doesn't know how to
(doc."

Since none of these are busy bees,
Y.M.C.A. work across the seas
Is just the thing for which they're
(fit.

So let them go and do their bit,
And maybe then some friendly gun
Will make them victims of the Hun
And we will thank the Y.M.C.A.
And the Kaiser for the day
That rid our town of these old guys
And built them mansions in the
skies."

JOHN GARLAND POLLARD,
Richmond, Va.

TOWN PLANNING AND THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

responsibility that attaches to it is correspondingly great. It is one of the most important duties that confronts a city, and it should be undertaken in all seriousness, with an earnest desire to accomplish the best in the shortest time and in a way that will stand the test of time. If done in a desultory, unsystematic and slipshod manner, it will cause great waste and endless difficulties in years to come; but if carried out in a workmanlike manner with true foresight, it will be the most striking contribution that the citizens of today can make to the welfare of those tomorrow.

The above work would happily follow and aid our city in its new building law which we are told is about to become operative.

ARTHUR G. BROWN, A. I. A.

MRS. R. W. SEARS PAYS LARGE PERSONAL TAX

A check for \$83,362.83 was received Monday by Roy W. Bracher, treasurer of Lake county, from Mrs. Richard W. Sears, widow of the founder of Sears, Roebuck & Co., the amount being payment of her personal property tax for the year 1918.

Mrs. Sears' personal property tax is the largest in the county. In addition to this she also paid \$589.49 for real estate in Warren township. She also owns real estate in Avon and Fremont townships.

M. E. CHURCH

The regular weekly meetings will be held at the church next week. On Saturday evening there will be a St. Patrick's party for men in uniform held in the church parlors. A whistler well accustomed to large audiences will be the entertainer of the evening.

The politicians will soon settle the matter of the railway deficit with great credit to themselves by levying some kind of tax that the people won't know how they are paying.

INCOME TAX

Beware of Severe Penalties

YOUR INCOME TAX SCHEDULE, together with a payment of at least one-fourth of the amount of your tax, must reach the office of the Internal Revenue Collector of your district no later than Saturday, March 15th. Severe penalties are imposed for failure to comply with the provisions of law.

Blank forms for reports can be obtained from this bank, together with an interesting booklet containing not only a summary of the new Revenue Law, but also much information which must prove helpful in the preparation of the report.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Bible School will begin at 9:30 o'clock next Sunday morning. The regular morning service will begin at eleven o'clock.

The Session will meet at three. The minister's instruction class will meet at the manse at five o'clock.

On Monday the Dorcas Society will hold its regular meeting. The sewing will be for the Bohemian Mission.

On Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock the prayer-meeting will be held.

Dorcas Sale.
The Dorcas Society of the Presbyterian Church voted this year to replace the customary bi-ennial bazaar by a less wasteful method of raising money, with the understanding that contributors to the bazaar would be glad this year to be relieved of the necessity of making cakes and doughnuts, but that they would give money instead. Pledge cards for various amounts were prepared and distributed. The time for returning these cards has been extended to April 1. Supporters of the excellent work of the society are urged to fill in their cards and return them. If cards have been misplaced, or if none has been received, application for a card should be made to Mrs. Rex Jones. The money raised in this way is distributed as in former years to pay the pledges of the Dorcas Society to the Presbyterian Home, the Y. W. C. A., the Bohemian Settlement, and other institutions.

BIDINGER AND BUCK WIN IN WAUKEGAN

Two Highest Candidates to Oppose Each Other at the Elections in April

Seldom has Waukegan had a more exciting primary election than that of Tuesday when J. F. Bidinger received the largest number of votes for the mayoralty, winning by a plurality of nearly 300 votes over Fred Buck, his nearest opponent. The most interesting feature of the election was not the nomination of Mr. Bidinger, for that had been conceded, but was the phenomenal run made by Samuel Schwartz who ran Mr. Buck a neck and neck race for second place on the ballot. Mr. Schwartz was defeated by Mr. Buck by only 87 votes. Mr. Schwartz' showing was a most unusual one for

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while it had been reported generally that he would receive a heavy vote it was not conceded that he would obtain the vote he did.

Defeat Manager Plan.
A glance at the list of commissioner candidates who landed in the high eight, shows that only three of the candidates who were pledged to the manager form succeeded in getting on the ticket.

Following is the vote:

Mayor	
J. F. Bidinger	1690
Fred W. Buck	1399
Samuel Schwartz	1306
Commissioners	
W. Bilbarz	1558
W. Wandel	1320
C. Atterbery	1307
H. Strang	1228
J. V. Balz	1206
S. A. Hathorne	1147
E. V. Orris	1047
P. McDermott	1017
J. L. Paluska	942
Thomas McCann	861
M. J. Haney	751
L. P. Erakine	738
S. O'Farrell	685
R. S. Barnum	440
C. T. Heydecker	393
H. E. Yager	386
Chas. Payne	344
Geo. Cessar	150

What the returning soldier wants is not a seat on the platform while the town fathers declaim his achievements, but merely the old job back again.

H. P. WOMAN'S CLUB

March 18 at 2:30 p. m. is the next meeting at Witten Hall. Mrs. Alfred Martin will speak on the work being done for the blind at St. Dunstan's, England, and as practiced in this country.

The Tenth district meeting is on March 20 at the Winnetka Woman's Club building at ten thirty o'clock. Luncheon reservations should be sent to Mrs. Charles H. Coffin by March 16. Mrs. Arthur Dady and Mrs. Stewart Reed are our delegates for same.

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