



Y. W. C. A. Notes



Luncheon for Ministers

Visions, long held in the minds of many of the Y. W. C. A. board of directors, of an earnest active co-operation between the association and the church of Highland Park seemed about to materialize into actualities when representatives of the board of directors met with the ministers and their wives, representing the churches of Highland Park, at a luncheon in the Y. W. C. A. assembly hall on Thursday, September twenty-sixth.

It was a dreary day but the hall radiated cheerfulness with the gay banquet table down the middle, decorated with a large center piece of fall flowers. The newly finished and waxed floor shown under the light of the little side lamps and the fire, crackling good will from the large fireplace. In every nook and corner was a touch of fall coloring. There is little wonder that spirits rose and the 27 persons around the table were soon conversing like old friends though many had only been introduced a few minutes before.

Among the guests were: Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Siemsen of the Bethany Evangelical church, Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Johnson, of the Evangelical Bungalow church of Deerfield, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Unangst, of the United Evangelical church, Rev. F. D. Hopkins, Mrs. Robt. S. Black, and Mrs. Julius Leageler of the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Hedlund of the Zion Lutheran church, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Suhr, of the Redeemer Lutheran church, Rev. Taylor, a substitute for the pulpit, Rev. Frank Fitt of the Presbyterian church, Mrs. E. L. Easton and Mrs. Bruce C. Chandler of the Trinity Episcopal church, Mrs. S. W. Flint representing the St. Johns Evangelical church and Mrs. M. C. Rybolt.

The representatives of the Y.W.C.A. board of directors were: Mrs. O. L. Olesen, president; Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey, vice-president; Miss Adele Everett, master of ceremonies; Mrs. F. C. Norenberg, Mrs. R. Arthur Wood, Mrs. T. M. Marks, and Mrs. Lydia Hutton.

Although not attending the luncheon, Mrs. Charles Benson of the board of directors, deserves to be mentioned as among those present, for it was she who prepared the lovely feast and served it with the help of volunteers from the Friendship club.

The Blessing was asked by Rev. Taylor, following which Miss Everett, introduced Mrs. Olesen who in turn gave a short welcome to the guests around the table. Then, as a means of being sure everyone knew who everyone else was, each person in turn, rose and gave his or her name and told from which church he came.

Mrs. Murfey extended in behalf of the Y. W. C. A. an invitation to all the churches to use the assembly hall or some room in the association building at least once during the year for some meeting or function as guests of the "Y."

Mrs. Hutton, the general secretary gave a general survey of the work

the Y.W.C.A. has done in Highland Park within the past year. It was a surprise to many of those present to hear how many girls had used the "Y" during these last twelve months and what a demand there is for the institution among the girls of this town and those coming to it for short periods of time.

After a general discussion some co-operation between the Y.W.C.A. and the churches. Rev. Suhr and Rev. Siemsen were appointed a committee to see that there is a conspicuous church bulletin board in the association lobby upon which they will place a welcome to the churches and a list of Highland Park's churches and their addresses. On this bulletin board each church will post its time and kind of services, guild meetings, socials, and various activities.

The secretary at the "Y" will send to each minister the names of those girls staying in the association building, belonging to his church. In this way the church may reach the girl of its belief and offer her the hospitality of its people.

It was decided that on the first Sunday afternoon of each month with the third Sunday afternoon, too, in January and February, each church will take a turn in sending representatives to meet, in an informal "get-together," the girls who drop in at the "Y" on Sunday afternoons. The ministers will arrange for these afternoons as follows: Rev. Unangst, October; Rev. Hopkins, November; Rev. Suhr, December; Rev. Fitt, first Sunday in January; Rev. Hedlund, April; and Rev. Johnson, March.

We are sorry that we could not have had more of the people of Highland Park at this inspirational gathering. We feel that it is one of the most worth while movements that have been attempted in a long while and we are glad that the Y. W. C. A. has at last begun to know the churches and the churches to know the Y. W. C. A.

Industrial and Business Girls Department

Some of us are not as well acquainted with industrial and business groups at our Y. W. C. A. as we might be. The best way to become acquainted is by happening around in the club room when the Business Girls' club meets on Tuesday evenings or when the Friendship club meets on Thursday evenings.

Highland Park is not a factory city. We do not find the same type of working girls in a residential town as would be found in Chicago of Waukegan. So our association finds its girls in the offices about town, the stores, and the homes, and offers them the forms of social recreation and growth that it is able to do.

B. Y's

The B. Y's, as the Business girls call themselves, have had two meetings already this fall. Besides their two regular meetings on September 10 and 24 the program committee met on September 19th to begin plans for the fall program.

Friendship Club

A number of girls in Highland Park are employed in homes as maids or governesses. These girls come on Thursday afternoons to the "Y" to meet their friends and enjoy their afternoon "off." Every other Thursday they meet in the evening as the "Friendship club."

For ten or more years there has been a Friendship club at the Y.W.C.A. The girls in the club have enjoyed parties and picnics of all kinds and yet they never fail to think of some new form of amusement for their Thursday evening programs.

For the past two years Miss Anne Suomi has been president of the Friendship club and has carried it through with flying colors because all of the girls were back of her. But this year Miss Suomi is at home in Eveleth, Minn., recuperating after a long illness and breakdown. The club will miss her and the pep she brought with her.

The Friendship club is to have its first meeting, with Mrs. Bruce Chandler as adviser, this fall on October 3, and is hoping to have all the old girls back and to welcome many new ones.

Most of the girls working as maids in the homes of Highland Park are from out of town—Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri and Minnesota. Those girls away from home will find a happy, friendly welcome awaiting them at the Friendship club on Thursday evening, October 3rd, at 8:30 o'clock. Come and join the club and bring your friends.

Miss Esther Suomi, secretary of the club, is trying to get in touch with the old members by phone and is mailing an invitation to as many new girls of whom she hears who might like to join the club. But don't wait for a phone call or an invitation. Come anyway! The club is anxious to have as many members present as possible at this first meeting as officers for the coming year will be elected. The club dues are fixed nominally per meeting or a stipulated sum each year.

Teachers Party

On Friday, October 4, at 8:00 p. m. the Y. W. C. A. is giving a novelty party to the Highland Park, Deerfield and Highwood teachers. Invitations were mailed on September 27 to all teachers and boards of education and a great number have registered at the various school offices as accepting the invitation. The party is to be in the form of make-believe automobile tours to various points of interest in America.

If the games are told now, some of the teachers will read the Press and know all about the many surprises in store for them so I shall not even whisper to you about them until next week and the party is over. I will tell you, though, that "Gas is free, you bring your own hot air, spare tires are furnished," and the guide posts are to be carefully marked. There will also be music for dancing. This is going to be a good time, get-together party and the Y. W. C. A. guarantees plenty

of laughter and action. We hope every teacher will be able to come.

A Few Kinds of Y.W.C.A. Service

Where is the Methodist church? How large is Highland Park? Do you think wages are going to come down? How do you spell ———? Where is the best place to buy clothes? When does the library close? When is the next train to Chicago? What is ——— telephone number? Can you get in touch with Mr. ——— and have him fix my radio? How do you get news into the paper? Who is the best dentist? When does the post office close? Can you find some one to stay with my children this afternoon? How much shall I pay my maid? Who is president of ——— Women's club? What time do you close?

What's all this about, you wonder. It's just a sample of the different kinds of questions which are asked of the association office during the course of a day. When it comes to variety of inquiries the Y. W. C. A. folks think they have a place at the top of the list. They are glad to give out any information they can, however, and try to find out the things asked by visitors. Sometimes some amusing questions are asked, and sometimes some hard ones, but it doesn't make any difference; the required information is given, if it is possible to get it.

Membership Cards

Mrs. A. Arthur Wood, chairman of the membership committee again asks those who have received the pink membership card to sign it as soon as possible and return it to her in the stamped, addressed envelop that is enclosed with the card.

Girl Reserves

Eighteen Makio Girl Reserves of Oak Terrace school met at the Y.W.C.A. on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p. m. From there they proceeded to Central beach for their first wienie roast of the season. Around the camp fire, there was a "sing song" and plans were discussed for their fall program. Their next meeting will be held in Miss De Hartog's room at the school, where they will hold their election of officers. There is a great deal of interest and curiosity as to just who will be elected to these important offices, but there is a place for every girl to serve as the Girl Reserves clubs are divided into various committees of programs, service, and social.

The Cubs Junior, have been organized for children from seven to 10. While these girls are too young to be true Girl Reserves, they may be taught the meaning of service and the importance of health. Health charts are kept, helping them to make habits. Their service work will be the making of scrap books for the children's ward of a hospital. Any child or mother interested may phone or attend a meeting. While the weather is pleasant there will be various out-door activities. This week a treasure hunt has been planned.