

Y. W. C. A. Notes

A Home Away from Home

The joy of a home is cleanliness and an atmosphere of cheerfulness; these qualities may be found in the residence of the Young Women's Christian association; and, too, a companionship which radiates because the group knowing each other and living under a common roof. This is why at the Y. W. C. A. there is always a list of girls waiting their turn for a room in the association building. It is as nearly like "home" as any place girls from out of town have been able to find in Highland Park. Each evening will find a group of girls, numbering from four to eight or twelve gathered in the living room, where cherry lamps shed a light of sociability and the radio adds a touch of hospitality.

Nor is the Y. W. C. A. a home alone for those who have been fortunate enough to have obtained a room in the house. For girls who are doing domestic work about town and are without a place to entertain their friends, the living room and club rooms are always available and are constantly being used by these girls.

Occasionally a young girl without money is given a bed in the transient room for several days or a few weeks until she finds employment and in nine cases out of ten appreciation is shown by the return of the money advanced for such accommodation when the young woman is again earning her living.

The girls living in the association house may get their breakfast in the kitchen, which fact is, in a town like Highland Park, a very great help. They may also use the laundry in the basement of the building, which privilege is gladly welcomed by the majority. Many times during the day or evening someone is found slipping down the back steps with a bundle under her arm. She's saving a laundry bill and her clothes as well.

The rooms on the second and third floors are undergoing a wonderful transformation. Some of our furniture is old—probably given years ago to the Y by a kind friend—but the old bureaus and chests of drawers are taking on a new cheerfulness with a touch of paint to blend with the bright oil cloth dresser covers and chair cushions. Mrs. P. A. Danielson, who is an expert critic on interior decorating has gone through all the rooms at the Y. W. C. A., suggesting a change here or a change there and the color scheme to be carried out in each room. The single room at the end of the second floor corridor is a yellow room; it reminds one at once of sunshine. And a double room on the same floor is orchid; it makes one feel restful through a sense of harmony and fairy-like touch.

There are six single rooms at the Y. W. C. A., renting at \$5 and \$6 a week and three double rooms, renting at \$4 per girl a week. These rooms are always full. Besides these rooms there is a transient room with four beds at \$1 per night each, which is so full many times that girls spend-

ing one night have to make the best of couches on the first floor. The four screened-off corners in the assembly hall that are full all summer at \$4 a corner are greatly missed now that the fall activities have started and these improvised bedrooms have had to be put away.

House Chairman

Mrs. Alfred S. Burdick of Oakland avenue has for the past months been house committee chairman on the Y. W. C. A. board of Directors. Mrs. Burdick has been untiring in her effort to make the Y. W. C. A. the attractive home that it is today. She has given hours of her time working with her committee in making drapes, cushions, and lamp shades, which add so much to the warmth and color of the building. Everyone rejoices that the Y finally has a real set of dishes and enough of them. To Mrs. Burdick goes a great deal of credit for the carrying through of the house committee's program.

Room Registry

To supplement the rooms in the association building, the Y. W. C. A. is of service to both girls and the community in that it keeps a list of "outside" rooms to rent. These rooms are located all over Highland Park so one can usually be found conveniently situated for any girl. It is estimated that during a year's time the association places at least forty people in these rooms. All during the year inquiries are received at the office from people looking for rooms. In the summer when folks like to be near the Ravinia opera or working people like to get away from the city for a few days, there is the biggest demand. Additions are constantly being made to this list, as people who have rooms to rent are glad to have a place to list them. There is no charge for entering a room on the register at the Y. W. C. A. Simply call the office and give your name and address.

Mothers' Club

At the first fall meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Mothers' club on Tuesday evening, October 2. The officers of the club acted as hostesses. They are Mrs. Cora St. John, president; Mrs. Willis Gerken, vice-president; Mrs. A. J. Trapp, secretary; Mrs. Fred Lindstrom, recording secretary, and Mrs. William Hayward, treasurer. Bunco was played, the prizes being awarded to Miss Adele Everett, first prize; Mrs. Schwalbach, second prize, and Mrs. McCarthy, third prize.

The Mothers' club meets the first Tuesday of every month at the association building. It will welcome any mother who would like to become a member. Come to the November meeting or give your name to Mrs. Fred Lindstrom.

Girl Reserves

You can't keep a good thing down! On last Monday the Cubs Junior found their number present to be ten, while the Cubs Senior found theirs to be nineteen. If the present rate of growth in the Girl Reserve corps continues, we will soon be begging for more advisors and there will be little doubt, but that the influence of the

work accomplished by the Girl Reserve movement will be keenly felt in Highland Park.

For the coming year Naomi Saathoff has been elected president and Anna Repholz secretary of the Cubs Senior. The officers of the Cubs Junior group are Frances Schwery, president, and Vera McCreadie, secretary-treasurer.

Deerfield

The Deerfield Girl Reserves are becoming very impatient to get their club started. Before they could go ahead with their club an advisor had to be found for them. This has at last been done and in the person of Miss Lindberg, a teacher at the Deerfield Grammar school, we feel that the club has found a real treasure. Miss Lindberg has been a Girl Reserve herself and has worked with Girl Reserves as advisor before so we are sure that the club in Deerfield will soon be thoroughly organized.

Makio Club

The Makio club at Oak Terrace school had their meeting in Miss De Hartog's room on Friday, October 4, for election of officers. Dorothy Crist was chosen president of the Makio club; Mary Liske secretary, and Joan Christ treasurer. The chairman of the social committee is Faustina Cassidy, the service committee Rosalie Hardcastle, and the program committee Henrietta Bemus.

On Tuesday evening, October first, the Makio girls did a real bit of service for the mothers attending the P. T. A. at Oak Terrace. They cared for the babies and small children while the mothers attended the P. T. A. meeting.

Friendship Club

There were fourteen girls present at the first Friendship club meeting of this fall, held at the Y.W.C.A. on Thursday, October first. Eight of those present had been members last year and five more were voted into the club as members. Miss Esther Suomi, retiring secretary, presided at the meeting as last year's president, Miss Anna Suomi and vice-president, Miss Minnie Klettke have both had to resign their offices. The business of the evening was the election of officers for the coming year. Miss Evelyn Suomi is succeeding her sister as president of the Friendship club and the girls are sure she will fill the office in the same efficient way that Esther did. Miss Augusta Schriber was elected vice-president, Miss Ada Selk, secretary, and Miss Esther Suomi, treasurer.

After the business meeting was over Miss Anna Farrar and Miss Esther Suomi acted as hostesses during the social hour and serving of refreshments. The Friendship club's next meeting is on October 17. If you are a domestic employee in Highland Park join the club on that evening. The girls will gladly make you feel at home.

Teachers' Party

At about 11:30 P. M. on Friday, October 4, guests at the faculty party held in the Y. W. C. A. assembly hall were leaving the association building with aching sides and jaws and

not a few with aching feet. The automobile party started out with an autograph contest, which was won by Miss De Hartog. For this wonderful feat of obtaining 22 autographs Miss De Hartog was awarded a huge moon sucker, which should keep her in candy for many a moon.

The guests were divided into ten groups, each to tour to a different place and one number of each group was given a tin automobile on a string to represent its car. Group 6 and 9 tied for prizes when each group staged a charade to represent the name of its automobile. After drawing straws group nine was awarded a lovely lollypop for each member of that tour, Miss Lasswell, Miss O'pitz and Miss Brewer.

The last game and the one which brought forth great cheers and laughter was the automobile race. One person from each tour ran around a large circle three times, pulling his automobile along by its string while Mr. Nelson timed the race. Miss Hazel Dawson of group eight having courage enough to take off her shoes to avoid skidding on the waxed floor won by many seconds, finishing her race in nineteen. As a prize Miss Dawson was allowed to keep her winning automobile.

The high school orchestra furnished music for dancing while refreshments were served from the service station by girls dressed in service station cover-alls.

Mrs. W. A. Alexander and Miss Adele Everett were the Y. W. C. A. board hostesses at the party and were assisted with games by Mrs. Bruce Chandler.

Y.W.C.A. Pamphlet

The first of this week Mrs. Bruce Chandler, the Y. W. C. A. publicity chairman, mailed to the citizens of Highland Park a little pamphlet telling very definitely what the "Y" has been doing so far this year. If it is hoped everyone has read his copy and become a little better acquainted with the association.

In order to get out these 4,500 pamphlets, Mrs. Chandler mustered to her aid some of those women who are interested enough in the work the Y. W. C. A. is doing to give their time in helping to get these pamphlets into the mail. To the following women the "Y" extends many thanks. Mrs. L. B. Sinclair, Mrs. Ross Davis, Mrs. Robert S. Black, Mrs. T. S. Martin, Mrs. W. H. Alger, Jr., Mrs. Fred Clow, Mrs. T. A. Williams, Mrs. Thurman Campbell, Mrs. O. L. Olesen, Miss Betty Leonard, Miss Jennie Windham and Mrs. Martin of Roger Williams avenue.

Sunday Afternoon

On October sixth, being the first Sunday in the month, representatives from the United Evangelical church were Sunday afternoon hostesses at the Y. W. C. A. to the girls who dropped in. Tea was served throughout the afternoon by Mrs. Clinton Fritsch, Mrs. Fred Henning, Mrs. A. Zimmer, Miss Maechtle, Miss Leffert and Miss Fosbender. About twenty girls were entertained at this first of the series of church teas.