

Y. W. C. A. Notes

Makio G. R.'s

The Makio Girl Reserves are starting a new kind of service work project in the history of the Highland Park Y. W. C. A. These girls are not dressing dolls or filling stockings as a means of playing Santa Claus for others at Christmas time. They are playing Santa Claus in a different way and a way that will endure after Christmas has gone. The Makio girls are starting a milk fund which will supply some family, where the children do not get milk to drink because the parents are financially unable to buy it, with milk for the coming year.

New Oak Terrace Group

Miss Hermina de Hartog, the Makio adviser, discovered that there was a group of girls at Oak Terrace school anxious to become Girl Reserves who were not in her group nor old enough to be in it. She reported the fact to Mrs. Wilson Kline, the Girl Reserve committee chairman, and Mrs. Kline straightway went about organizing that group of girls into a Girl Reserve club. Miss Marjory Drager consented to become the club adviser, so she and Mrs. Kline met with the new girls on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18 to tell them about the Girl Reserves program. There were 28 fifth and sixth grade girls at this first meeting and both Mrs. Kline and Miss Drager feel that all of the girls will join the club and become real Girl Reserves. The Makio group has done such splendid work and made their influence so much felt in the school, the homes, and the community that the new Oak Terrace group is anxious to become just as strong and helpful as the Makio club has been.

Girls House Party

"Didn't we have fun though?" asked one the next morning.

"And how!" said another. "My aches still ache from laughing."

It was the Y. W. C. A. house party. And by house party is meant one to which all the girls living in the house come if they can. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, the house party was a Christmas dinner and it lasted from 7:30 until 10:30. That seems a long time to eat but when one guest insists upon eating three salads what else can be expected?

But the truth of the matter was,

that between the courses of a perfect turkey dinner the twenty girls around a beautifully decorated Christmas table let the joy of the season fill them with laughter and good cheer. And when dinner was over, Santa Claus appeared with his sack full of gifts which he distributed by the large Christmas tree. There was a gift for each one, no matter from whence she came. Perhaps it would interest you to know where the house girls are from. There is one from Omaha, one from Huntington, W. V., Madison; Palmer, Michigan; Kansas, Ill.; Philip, S. Dak.; Pawtucket, R. I.; Denver, Colo.; Cumberland, Wis.; Washington, D. C.; Rockport, Ill.; Norway, Austria, Amherst, Wis.; Mattoon, Ill.; Deerfield, Highland Park, and two from Hibbing, Minn.

The girls who did not have a part in the plans and preparations of the dinner party, feel greatly indebted to those who put so much time and effort into making it the success that it was. They take off their hats to Miss Dora Hansen, who spent hours over the turkey, the bigger part of the feast, and to Miss Jennie Olesen, (she can surely make good cranberry jelly) and to Miss Betty Leonard (she is a good Santa Claus, as well as a poetess). And some were in the wings before dinner, Miss Jane Anderson, Miss Marguerite Noerenberg, and Mrs. Muriel Mason were making themselves invaluable in getting the table ready.

Here's the welcome Miss Leonard wrote to the girls who were there, and read by Mrs. Ada Gullikson.

"Dear girls, welcome to our Christmas party!

I'm glad you all could come.

You know it's our first get-together

So let's have a lot of fun.

Let's make it a time we'll remember

Even after we've moved away.

And I hope on December 25th

You'll have a most glorious day."

Notice to Y Members

In the issues of the Highland Park papers of December 19th and 20th the following notice was published. "The members of the Highland Park Y. W. C. A. are hereby notified that at the annual meeting on January 6 the constitution and by-laws, which have been

redrafted due to the change in the membership basis will be read and acted upon." It is necessary that this notice be published three times, once in each issue of the papers for three successive weeks. This is the second publication and it is hoped that all members will read it and attend the meeting to act upon it.

Cubs Senior

The Cubs Senior, not having made anything to give to others as a club project this month, each brought a toy to the club meeting on Monday, Dec. 23 to be given to some poor child for Christmas. Having thus thought of some one besides themselves, the girls were able to enjoy more thoroughly the party they had planned for that afternoon, before going caroling. The Cubs Senior have another Christmas party in store for them when on the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 30 they will have the honor of being guests at the Y. W. C. A. of the Elm Place Girl Scouts.

Christmas Caroling

On Monday afternoon, Dec. 23, all Girl Reserves who could be at the Y. W. C. A. by four o'clock went out to sing Christmas carols and bring cheer to the hearts of those who heard them. Mrs. Wilson Kline, Mrs. G. Q. Grady, Mrs. Bruce Chandler and Mrs. Lydia Hutton packed the girls into their cars and went first to Railroad Men's Home where in the little auditorium they sang for the aged and disabled men. Here the girls staged the angel scene used in the Tableau on December 15th while they sang, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The carollers then proceeded to the Highland Park hospital where they sang all the favorite Christmas songs from the ground of each wing of the building while nurses raised the windows so all the folks in the hospital could hear.

Deerfield G. R. Party

The Deerfield Girl Reserves had planned to have their Christmas party at the Y. W. C. A. on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 18. But the weather seems to be against the Deerfield girls. Twice in the fall, rain caused them to postpone a hike and a weenie roast and this time it was a blizzard. The roads were so icy and the snow so persistent in its efforts to give us a white Christmas that the girls could not get over to the Y. and their Christmas party had to be called off. Perhaps they will have more success with a skating or sleigh-riding party in January.

Friendship Club—B. Y.'s

The Friendship club and the B. Y.'s held a joint Christmas party on Thursday evening, Dec. 19 and despite the blizzard, snow-drifts, and zero wave about twenty-four of the thirty girls who had registered to be there arrived by nine-thirty. That was quite a fashionable hour to start a party but it didn't leave very much time for the program, which the B. Y.'s had planned as their share in the party. It being Friendship girls day off many of them had to go to Chicago to do their Christmas shopping and some had been two and three hours on the cars trying to get home, while many of the B. Y.'s had to work until nine o'clock. But regardless of the

late start the girls had a beautiful party, helping to trim the large tree in the assembly hall, playing games, and enjoying the feast of sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, fruit cake and home-made candy which was the Friendship club's contribution to the success of the party. It was a weary group of girls that started home by mid-night and they had learned that in the future the Christmas party had better be held the week after Christmas than the week before when everyone is so busy.

Mothers' Club

Last week there seemed to be a series of one party after another at the Y. W. C. A. And surely all the clubs deserved their share of fun and merriment after the splendid amount of service work they have been preparing all fall to others happy at Christmas time.

The Mothers' club party on the afternoon of December 21, was, of course, one for the children of the mothers belonging to that group, which was an event from which they derived as much pleasure as did the children. Each mother brought a small inexpensive gift for each child and put it into Santa's pack. After the games Santa Claus appeared and beside the Christmas tree handed out the gifts and boxes of candy to the anxious children. They had enjoyed the games, but we may be sure that it was with divided attention, as all of them were waiting for the time when Santa Claus would arrive. Mrs. Louis Schemmel made a delightful Santa Claus and enjoyed her part even more than the children did their gifts.

The games were directed by Mrs. Bruce Chandler with the assistance of Miss Katie Waugman and Miss Marjory Kendall, who in turn were assisted by Anna Repoltz and Marion Hayward.

The Freshman Girl Reserves with Mrs. Lydia Hutton went down to Laird House in Chicago on Monday morning, December 21, to take the many gifts the Girl Reserves had made for the little children at the settlement house. The girls directed a party they had planned for the children, at which they played games, sang songs and distributed their gifts. The refreshments for the party were furnished by the Dorcas society of Highland Park Presbyterian church.

The girls were very much impressed by the contact with these poor, but for the moment happy youngsters, and were grateful that they could do something to bring that bit of happiness into their lives. They came away feeling very fortunate in having the many blessings of a home and prosperity which young girls so often fail to realize is theirs.

The Freshman Girl Reserves have named their club Swastika, which is the Indian word meaning "Good Luck." So from now on they will be mentioned in the paper as the Swastika club and it is hoped that it really proves to be a good luck club.

The bride may not know much about the other details of housekeeping, but she's usually a canny cook.

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