

Y. W. C. A. Notes

Girl Reserve Builders

It is at this time of the year, especially that all of the Girl Reserves are thinking and acting and thinking with a new energy and freshness. Summer with its happy memories of camp and conference, fall with its hikes, games, and parties, and December with its full program of service work, carols, and Christmas plans are over. The Girl Reserve year of 1929 has been written in the history of the Y. W. C. A. through its activities and achievements. As they go busily forward this year they will not lose sight of the fact that they are building up the Highland Park Y. W. C. A. and that all members of our big Y family are striving especially hard to build upward this year. They will hold fast to those ideals and memories which can indeed be inspirations to us and to all Girl Reserve club members so that they may build stronger, more useful, and more truly purposeful Girl Reserve clubs this year. They will remember the ceremonial fire at camp last summer and the ideals which the logs of which it was built stood for to them. The first or basic log was Love—Love which believes firmly in the task at hand; and then there was the log of the spirit of Adventure, the willingness to venture out into "unpathed waters, undreamed shores; and there was the third log of the spirit of Work—of the willingness to work, the ability to stick by their dreams even when they seem hopeless of fulfillment; and last of all there was the log of Faith—Faith which will enable them to carry their ideals into their daily living, and into their little world of school and home.

If the Girl Reserves can think of these things as they go about the many and varied activities of their Girl Reserves life, they will indeed be builders.

"If you be expert of unskilled, it matters little if you build and if in building you are true, it will make an expert out of you. Waste little time in tearing down. Destruction wins no lasting crown. The souls that win the sweetest cup are builders! Builders! Builders up."

This week all Girl Reserve clubs are assembling to work out programs for the coming months. The older groups—the Cubs Senior, Cubs Junior, Makios, Deerfield G. R.'s and Swastika girls—and the newer groups the Oak Terrace G. R.'s and Elm Place girls—are meeting with a new enthusiasm characteristic of wide awake clubs, entering upon the threshold of a new year.

Mrs. Gladys Larsen Bierwirth of Ravinia who was herself a Highland Park Girl Reserve is to become adviser for the Elm Place club. She is meeting with these girls for the first time on Friday, Jan. 11th at 4 o'clock and with Mrs. Wilson Kline, Girl Reserve chairman, will organize the group into a working club.

Girl Reserve Reunion

On Thursday, January 2, nineteen Girl Reserves met for a reunion at a dinner party in the Y. W. C. A. assembly hall. Among those present

were the Misses Alvinia Schneider, Edna Schneider, Eleanor Erickson, Esther Drake, Ruth Drake, Iris Gaudin, Grace Numeyer, Ruth Numeyer, Katherine Croke, Josephine Snyder, Florence Glader, Edna Winters, Lorraine Zimmer, Lois Larson, Laura Lee Monohan, Lulu Lasswell, Ruth Green, Elizabeth Richards, Mrs. Gladys Larson Bierwirth and Mrs. Lydia Hutton. The girls told of the various occupations and interest which have been absorbing them since they left the Girl Reserves and after dinner tested their memories on Girl Reserve songs led by Miss Alvinia Schneider.

Friendship Club

The Friendship club welcomed two new members on Thursday evening, January 2. They were the Misses Mary and Helen Keller from Glencoe and the club is happy that it can bring companionship and joy to girls who do not even live in Highland Park. The club now has four girls from Glencoe, two from Lake Forest, and one from Winnetka on its list of members. The Misses Evelyn and Esther Soomi, president and treasurer of the club, made a trip, many times postponed, to Milwaukee on the second to visit relatives. Their absence was greatly felt at the club meeting, although Miss Augusta Schriefer, vice-president, despite a wretched cold came to the Y to take the presidents place that evening. The most important business was the paying of half of the club's fifty dollar pledge to the association. It left the treasury in a rather depleted state, the building up of which will be the main interest of the club during the coming weeks.

National Convention

The Y. W. C. A. of America will hold its eleventh national convention in Detroit, Mich., April 25th to May 1st, 1930. The convention will open on Friday afternoon, April 25, at two o'clock in the Masonic temple. This is a meeting of the accredited representatives of all the Young Women's Christian associations in the United States which sends delegates. Highland Park is entitled to one voting delegate for every unit of one hundred voting members, so if our voting membership rises to three hundred by April we may send three voting delegates to the convention, which it is hoped will be the case. Any member of our local association may be entitled to a seat in the convention as a visiting delegate. As Detroit is so close to us, plan to attend this convention if you are a member of the local Y. W. C. A.

Coasting Party

The Friendship club is planning a coasting party on the evening of January 16 if we have any snow at that time. If we do not have snow and the night is pretty the girls will go for a moonlight hike, providing enough of them have the pep for such a jaunt. In either case they will return to the Y for refreshments. If neither plan can be carried out, the program chairman will have ready a program of games that will be of

interest to all types and ages. All Friendship club members or young women in domestic employment be at the Y by 8:30 p. m. January 16 for a big time.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Highland Park Young Women's Christian Association was held at 8:00 p. m. Monday, Jan. 6.

In the absence of Mrs. O. L. Olsen, president, Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey, first vice-president, presided with that ease and poise so characteristic of her in the handling of situations in which she is vitally interested.

The reports of the various committee chairmen upon the activities of the year of 1929 were both interesting and enlightening to all of those present and show a remarkable growth and expansion in the association during the past year.

The treasurer's report made by Mrs. Raymond Stevens, showed careful and wise handling of the money used to maintain the local Y. W. C. A. and to her and Mrs. Wilson Kline should go vast credit for the perfect condition of the books as found by Mr. T. C. Barnes, who has just completed his audit of them.

Mrs. Burdick's house report gave a clear picture of the running and the use of the association house. The Y. W. C. A. is something like a New York subway train, there's always room for more. In August, for instance, forty-seven transients were accommodated besides the usual permanent girls numbering around twenty.

The Girl Reserve report by Mrs. Wilson Kline, was one of remarkable

revelation. From three groups of girls with a total number of thirty-three members, the Girl Reserve corps has grown to six groups numbering one hundred and forty-two members. Their activities and camp program far surpassed those of any former years.

The report of Miss Adele Everett, on the social functions of the association gave some idea of the broadening of contacts between the Y and the people of Highland Park. The Sunday afternoon social hour has grown beyond any dreams of members of the social committee. Last Sunday alone found thirty young women and also men in the Y. W. C. A. living room enjoying the chatter, songs, and music over cups of tea.

The statistical report read by Mrs. B. F. Reike showed that with the total club attendance, attendance at gatherings, renting the hall and at other functions during 1929, a total number of 10,044 persons used the Y. W. C. A. Could anything inspire one to be back of the Y more than figures alone?

The report of Mrs. Lydia Hutton, general secretary, was a concise and unusually complete resume of the Y. W. C. A. year of 1929 from all angles. She was given a rising vote of thanks for the work which the assembling of such a report had meant and for her big share in the good that the association has been able to accomplish in Highland Park during the past months.

The re-drafted constitution and by-laws placing the local Y. W. C. A. upon the personal pledge basis was presented by Mrs. E. S. Hall and after (Continued on page 29)

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