

# Y. W. C. A. Notes

## Convention Speakers

Bishop Francis J. McConnell of New York and Paul Douglas, economist of the University of Chicago are to be among the speakers at the Y.W.C.A. convention to be held in Detroit, it was announced yesterday. Bishop McConnell of the Methodist Episcopal church, widely known as the president of the Federal Council of Churches, is closely in touch with social and religious problems of the day. At Ohio Wesleyan university he was a classmate of the late Miss Mabel Cratty, who for over 20 years was general secretary of the National board of the Y.W.C.A.

Mr. Douglas, as professor of economics, is well-known as a speaker and author. Miss Anna V. Rice, who succeeded the late Miss Cratty as general secretary, will deliver a series of addresses. Her topic and the other speakers will be announced later.

## Girl Reserves

The Swastika club gave another Chilli supper on Thursday, March 13 serving 38 plates. The club is making money to put toward a fund to pay the expenses of one of the club members who will be selected to attend the Girl Reserve summer conference at Saugatuck, Michigan.

The Girl Reserve mother-daughter banquet has had to be postponed to the evening of April 4 at 6:30 o'clock. All of the clubs are now working out their table decorations and the stunt they will contribute to the program following the banquet.

## Come Out of the Kitchen

An ally of the immigrant mother that backs her up in her family life with her Americanized husband and children who fast grow away from her in America, is the International Institute of the Y. W. C. A. From 51 centers in the United States the Institute worker goes into the transplanted home in 51 cities to help and to train this neglected member of the recently arrived family. Speaking her language, the worker invites her to join classes, recreations and above all gives her a chance to learn the strange new language her husband and children speak.

Thus the immigrant mother learns about the public schools that her children attend, how to market, use a gas meter and the other thousand and one new devices of her new home. Requests to bring in her old world peasant costumes and hand-crafts for exhibition are received with great pride.

Those who have watched thousands of such mothers blossom forth say that her newly created self-prestige aid in handling her family and in regaining the place of authority that was slipping from her in the household.

Mrs. Edith T. Bremer of New York, as national secretary of the immigration and foreign communities work of the national board of the Y.W.C.A. heads the international institutes as well as other phases of a wide program for girls of foreign birth.

## Friendship Club Meeting

Of course, the business part of the

Friendship club meeting on the evening of Thursday, March 20 was almost entirely devoted to the preparation of plans for the Spring Style show to be given March 27 at 8:15, but as a great deal of preparation is being done in committees it was not long before the meeting was turned over to Miss Helen Burback.

Miss Helen Burback of the Powder Puff Beauty Shop in Lake Forest and Highland Park, came down to give a talk and demonstration to the Friendship club upon the care of the finger nails. The girls drew lots to see who would have the demonstration manure and the lucky number was pulled by Miss Flora Mulligan who proudly displayed her nails to her friends for days afterward. Miss Burback was most generous in answering the many questions the girls asked as she gave her talk and demonstration. The questions finally went outside the field of the care of the hands and into the realms of face and hair. Interest was so keen and Miss Burback so lovely that she will continue her talk on charm and at a late date tell the girls all she can about other plans of beauty culture which can be so easily practiced at home if a girl knows how to do it.

## Poster Making Class

Every so often a group of girls at the Y.W.C.A. have run up against the problem of poster making when they have to make the posters themselves or pay to have them printed. Right at present the Friendship club is struggling with posters for the Style Show and soon the B. Y's will be thinking about posters for their spring dance. So Miss Cora Hendee, who is now a member of the Business and Industrial Girls' committee, will hold a class in poster making and letter shading each Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Y. W. C. A. This class will be open to the public as long as there is a demand for it and the only cost involved will be the price of the pen and poster paper used, this can be purchased at the "Y".

## B. Y's Meet

The B.Y's club of business girls held their regular meeting at the Y. W. C. A. on Tuesday, March 11. The club discussed plans for a public dance to be given under its auspices in the Y. W. C. A. assembly hall on Wednesday, April 13. The dance committee appointed, consists of Miss Alvin Schneider, chairman; Miss Grace Newmeyer, and Mrs. Vera Whitcomb.

## Business and Industrial

Mrs. Myron C. Rybolt is losing no time in building up her Business and Industrial Girls committee. With Mrs. E. J. Ginter, her co-chairman from the Y.W. board of directors, she has already enlisted the Misses Cora Hendee, Elizabeth Wyant, Alvina Schneider, Ethel Creigh, and Dorothy Lidgwood as members of her committee which she expects to enlarge even more within the next few weeks. The committee met for the first time at the association building on March 11. Projects in the field of business and industrial girls in Highland Park were discussed. The assistance the

committee will give to the Friendship club in the staging of its Style Show was definitely planned and the date set for a complimentary dinner for the getting-together of a group of young business girls in Highland Park and Deerfield. 26 invitations have already been extended to this dinner and it is hoped that the girls will find it possible to attend and discover what the Y has to offer to the business girls of its community.

## Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Y. W. C. A. board of directors was held at the association house on Tuesday, March 11. Mrs. Wilson Kline 1st vice-president presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey. The general business of the day and reports of the various committee chairman were speedily dispensed. The board voted upon the purchase of 150 new folding chairs for the assembly hall in Girl Reserve blue color. The house committee will see that the chairs are purchased immediately so that every time the hall is used the Y.W.C.A. will not have to rent chairs to supplement the 50 now on hand. However,

as the board makes this purchase, it does not forget the consideration H. F. Kelley, undertaker, has given the Y when renting chairs from him in the past, and appreciate the favor.

Miss Alice Brookman, of the National Finance department of the Y. W. C. A., talked to the board, following the business part of the meeting. She stressed the benefits derived from the national and international character of the organization because of its national capacity for working-together and accomplishing more than is possible in a purely local organization. The power of public opinion exercised by our Y. W. C. A. organization assists in the changing economic life of women both at home and in employment all over the country and the world. Miss Brookman urged upon the board the importance of sending many delegates along with our own voting delegates to the convention to be held in Detroit, April 25 to May 1, because at this convention the local associations help the Y. W. C. A. think through the stand it shall take toward demands of industry upon a girl and other national problems.

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