

## C. H. ADDITION ALMOST READY

Formal Opening May Be  
Celebrated Within Three  
Weeks, Report

### KITCHEN IS IN USE

Assembly Hall to Be Splen-  
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The new addition to Community House, which has been under construction since last March, is practically completed, and already partly in use, the kitchen having been put in operation about ten days ago.

It was hoped that the center room with the stage would be ready for the Christmas play, "The Chimes," presented by the Community Drama club last Saturday and Sunday, but this could not be accomplished.

The walls of the old kitchen were broken through a few days ago, and during the necessary decoration of the new hallway, the addition is separated from the older building by a canvas curtain.

#### Formal Opening Soon

Plans for the celebration of the opening are being made by the Board of Governors, and it is hoped that this event may take place within the next two to three weeks.

For the benefit of those who have not followed this development, there is illustrated elsewhere in this issue, a ground plan of the main floor, showing the different new rooms. The outstanding feature is the large center room, nearly as large as the present gymnasium, and having a stage with a 24-foot arch and ample depth to accommodate the largest dramatic or musical performances which the community may wish to give. The Community Drama club has raised funds for a curtain and other stage equipment.

#### Ideal Assembly Hall

The new room will seat over 400 people. It will be used for motion pictures, and a very complete booth has been constructed on the second floor at the west end for this purpose. This booth is entirely fire-proof, and in fact, the entire center room is surrounded by brick walls. Ample exits are provided in several directions, so that the building may be emptied rapidly. Substantial chairs are being purchased for this room. They have been ordered, with funds provided by the white elephant sale held in November.

Following the plan, from the western end where there is a 12-foot court between the neighborhood room and the addition, first comes the American Legion room, with its private office and cloak room, and separate exit to the east; the Triangle club's room; the Camp Fire Girls' room, with separate northern exit; and fire place with specially designed tiles, made by the girls themselves; the International room, where exhibits of

the handiwork of children and grown-ups of foreign lands are to be placed; and last, to the west, the Boy Scout room, which is receiving special treatment as to decorations and finish. The kitchen is on the northwest corner with greatly enlarged facilities for cooking and serving. Service may be directly into the old assembly room, or into the center room through the butler's pantry. The recent White Elephant sale has also provided for the additional kitchen equipment and fittings needed.

#### Large Entrance Hall

As interesting a feature of the new building as any, is the enlarged entrance hall, made possible by utilizing the whole kitchen. A particularly attractive fire place and high backed wooden settees lend a homelike touch.

On the second floor, in the space between the upper portion of the center room and the old building, a large study has been provided for the Director, Mr. Davies, and another club room has been arranged for.

Beneath the kitchen, is the central heating plant, which is operated by oil fuel, and heats the entire range of buildings, including the new and old portions of Community House and the Congregational church.

It was hoped that the building would be ready for occupancy the first of October when activities at Community House began for the season. Owing to unforeseen delays in securing building materials, and labor, however, the construction lagged much to the disappointment of the Governors and the staff of the building.

The added facilities are now ready for use, and will greatly relieve the congestion in the old building, and afford new and much more adequate quarters for many of the Community activities mentioned above.

Arthur S. Coffin is the architect of the new building and Charles Secord, the general contractor. The building committee of the Board of Governors in direct supervision of the work includes Director J. W. F. Davies, Edward P. Farwell and George D. Wolf. Ayres Boal is treasurer of the building fund.

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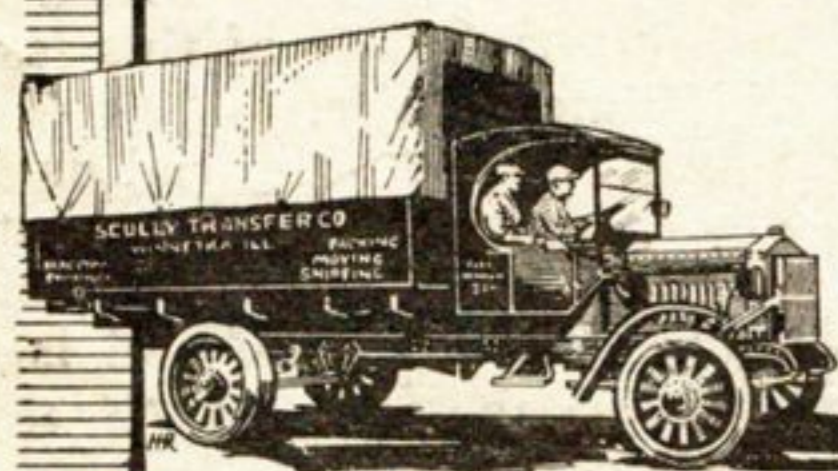
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