

VANPORT NEWS

By Chas. L. Emerson

A BLOODY NOSE is now not the only reward for a right lad in Vanport's sparing ring. Our boxing committee went into weekly huddle Monday p. m. and came up with invigorating pronouncement anent trophies. They, says Dr. Wendell Van Loan, committee chairman, are to be five cups, one in each ring weight. On a cup shall be engraved the name of that weight champion; the cup to remain in Vanport for additions in future years. Any contender may receive permanent possession of the coveted MARTIN T. PRATT SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY, provided he convinces the committee that he has during the year shown best sportsmanship and contributed most to the manly art in Vanport. All smokers in our city henceforth are pointing to the last January and the two February bouts, the first two being eliminations and last being championship. This announcement should stimulate contenders to wrest from our local champs their hard-earned crowns. Thus far, no luck in getting matches for Jim Bush, Alex Schipp, or Curley Delorne for the tonight's mingle in our community gym number one at eight chimes. Referee Ralph Gruman must have something to handle besides his own shadow. The committee, says Dr. Van Loan, is on the w. k. horns of a dilemma: McLoughlin Heights hospitably invites us over to participate in their ring rough-house Tuesday, December 19th; but none of their chesty lads will match with our boys. Our sheriff's band goes over the river to do its best blaring at the festivities, still no soap.

WALTER GRAVEN, Vanport sheriff's deputy, is accepted by the committee as assistant boxing trainer. Walter comes to us with enviable experience behind him as an officially recognized boxing instructor in the state of Washington.

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bies. We'd rather have our pipe and chair and a good book. But our lethargic spirit is audibly stirred by Helen Warga and Henrietta Wilson, two Omaha, Nebraska, girls. They wanted to work their way through Portland's Reed College in sociology and psychology respectively. They had a yen for contribution to the war effort. So they put together the want and the yen, and behold! they have both solved. When not pouring over their tomes, they're instructing our hobby-minded in wood and other crafts. Over at Force Lake boat house, some fifty eager hobbyists are turning out expertly fashioned shelves, ice wagon wheels and ducks on wheels, wooden initial lapel pins, toys, scrap book covers, and checker boards, as well as art and useful objects of plaster-of-Paris and of serpentine. Helen and Henrietta are a shot in the arm for the badgered and bandied coming generations. To them our highest citation.

CHORAL SOCIETY of Vanport was featured at Zion A. M. E. Church in Portland last Sunday when Portland's Mayor Earl Riley spoke on occasion of mortgage-burning by the congregation. Society's 35 members rendered Seventh Mass, Hymn of Thanksgiving, and The Holy City with Charles Blakeney the soloist. With congratulations to the congregation for their enterprise, Mayor Riley expressed warm appreciation for the Society's musicianship. This cultural group is presented in concert Christmas Eve at seven o'clock in Community Center 2 gym. No charge.

GRAY Y CLUBS, nine in number and totalling about 150 members 5th to 8th graders, are under tutelage of Paul Campbell as

swimming instructor at Central YMCA, Portland, each first Thursday afternoon. Last week some 24 lads of Thunderbolt, Black Widow, and Spitfire Gray Y Clubs, ducked and dived in Central's fine pool. Boys wanting to get in on the fun and instruction may see Leaders Glenn Burch and J. W. Winders, intermediate school one; R. E. Stowman, intermediate school two; O. H. Eengel, community center one; Katie Holt, Jean Heely, or Owen Mossbarger, Community Center 2. COME ON IN, FELLERS—THE SWIMMING'S FINE.

COME WHAT MAY, Boy Scouts are fully prepared under Commissioner Adrian Douglas who points with no little pride to four Boy Scout Troops and two Cub Scout Dens. The four troops, totalling about 140 boys, with leaders, places and days of meeting: No. 365, sponsored by Fr. Karl Wachter, Community Center 1, Fridays; No. 366, Harold Madison, school 2, Fridays; 367, Lew Peters, school 2, Wednesdays; 368, Adrian Douglas, school 1, Fridays; Cub Scouts, Dens 566 and 567, have Dr. Ray Hawk for leader, Mrs. Hawk for den mother. Nothing occurs to us better than YMCA and Boy Scouts championships to aid home training in development of our younger citizens.

SOMETHING HAS BEEN ADDED to staff at Community Center 5: Jack Abrams, with wide experience in coaching basketball, baseball, and boxing, now organizes both boys' and girls' basket ball teams, believing he can beat the snappy Center seven Buzz-Bombs. Now, that will be worth seeing.

JUBILEE Dance Band squeeze a merry fiddle to five-string guitar and banjo accompaniment in a regular hoe-down of an Old Time

Dance at Center Four, 9 to 12 on Friday, December 15th. Who they are is a mystery to us too—we'll all find out Friday night.

SEWING CIRCLE at Center 4, which meets each Thursday, had a well-attended meeting last Thursday, was served a tasty luncheon and discussed plans for the season. A new sewing machine recently acquired is available to people of the community. First business meeting of the new year will be Thursday, January 4th. Of interest to all are classes in sewing, crocheting, and junior cooking planned for schedule.

A CHRISTMAS TRUANT is the play being rehearsed by Vanport Luther League for presentation in Center 2 at 7:30 p. m. on Sunday, Christmas Eve. The cast: Laila Tongen as Mrs. Allen, Estelle Nordgren as Betty, Jane Leiseth as the daughter; Dale Huffaker, the son; Verne Pearson, the nephew; Hazel Davis as Donna, the cousin; Adele Olson, the maid; and Leon Grotjahn as the orphan. The cast is working faithfully on what promises to be a pleasant surprise for the audience.

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Heavy attendance is reported from the community centers in the Vanport areas. Community building No. 1 reported 22,069 attendance for November. No. 2 building, 5,797; No. 4, 2,234; No. 5 Center, 5,870; No. 7 Center, 6,157; East Vanport, 12,608. St. Johns Woods had a turnover of 9,763 recreation seekers; University Homes, 11,901; Fessenden, 2,160. Gona street, in the Guilds Lake area, reported attendance of 6,137; the 3300 N. W. Guilds Center, 4,398; Guam street, 6,109; 3500 N. W. 35th, 3,032. The Civic Recreation Center,

YWCA To Elect Officers in January

The Central Branch of the YWCA will hold election of officers at their regular January meeting it was announced this week. At present there is but one Negro woman on the Executive Board. She is Mrs. Marie Smith of 714 N. E. Sumner Street in Portland. Mrs. Smith has been asked to serve again.

As a member of the Executive Board Mrs. Smith votes on all matters pertaining to the "Y." In addition she heads committees, some of her duties are Chairman of the World Fellowship Committee, Associate Editor of the Guiding Star, a publication of the YWCA and a really active interest in the young women of today.

Mrs. Smith has agreed to serve another term on the Board.

1139 S. W. 13th Ave., reported 10,769 persons checked in at the building in November. With regular programming for personnel of a number of clubs and other groups the facilities of this community center are much in use. Among the larger groups using the building on regular nights are the 29th U. S. Army Engineers and employees of the Bonneville Power Administration in this area. Much use is made of the recreational facilities at the Arleta center, opened in October. It had an attendance of 11,409 last month. Montaville Neighborhood House, Centenary-Wilbur, Peninsula and Sellwood centers all reported attendance of better than 2000 each. The supplementary program at Roosevelt high participation of 3456 students; Jefferson high students numbered 2000.

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