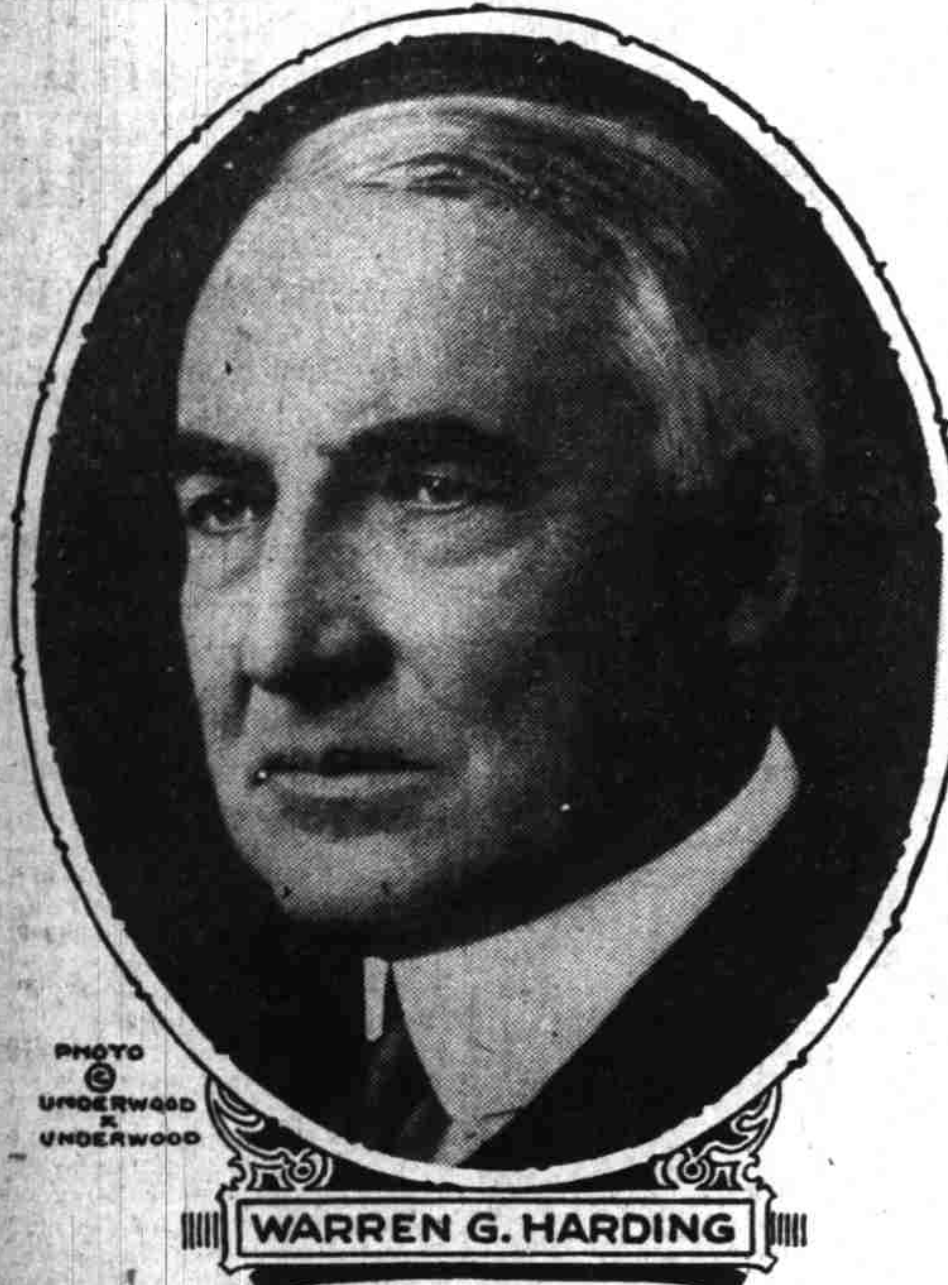


## The Y. M. C. A. As Seen By Local and National Citizens



WARREN G. HARDING

The White House, Washington, D.C.  
March 28, 1921

My Dear Mr. Morris:

I am very glad, indeed, to testify to my firm belief in the public service that the Young Men's Christian Association has long been doing, and is today doing in a greater measure, I believe, than ever before. It has been my long standing conviction that just such organizations serve a most useful purpose in dealing with young men at that period when they have somewhat outgrown elemental restraints of the home, and have not yet placed themselves definitely in the outside world of general affairs. I think that there are few establishments that any city could better afford to encourage and support than a properly conducted Young Men's Christian Association.

Yours Very Truly,  
(signed) Warren G. Harding

Mr. John A. Morris, Pres.,  
Y. M. C. A., Portsmouth, Va.



JUDGE HARRIS  
Associate Justice of Supreme Court, prominent member Local Y. M. C. A.

THE VALUE OF THE Y. M. C. A. TO THE YOUNG MAN

ROBERT C. PAULUS,  
Manager, Oregon Growers, Salem

To the young man, either in business or about to enter business, the Y. M. C. A. offers the opportunity for healthful recreation, which is so necessary to maintain the proper relation between his mental and physical self. It further offers the young man an opportunity for getting acquainted with a high type of men who use the facilities of the Y. M. C. A. and the associations so formed are likely to prove a strong guiding influence for life.

It used to be said that "a man is judged by the kind of cigars he smokes," but it has been more recently said that "a man is judged by the kind he gives away." It is more true that a man is judged in life by the kind of friends he associates with, and the kind of thoughts and acts that emanate from him toward others. Needless to say, the kind of friends made in the Y. M. C. A. generally reflect a high degree of business integrity and clean sportsmanship, and the thoughts and acts prompted by the atmosphere of the Y. M. C. A. cannot be other than the best, and to a young man about to enter on a career these characteristics are highly essential to his future standing and success.

One hour a day in the gym will make a man feel better, eat better, sleep better, and work better. It will "keep you fit." To join the "Y" is not an expense, it is buying health assurance.

## A Few Facts

### As to How the Community Was Benefited by Salem Young Men's Christian Association

1. Every boy in Salem, no matter how poor, may have a full membership without paying a membership fee. Nearly five hundred boys were members.
2. Regular gym classes for men and boys, twenty in number.
3. Regular classes for swimming and life saving instruction.
4. Conducted community swimming week, one hundred and thirteen boys and girls learned to swim.
5. Promoted swimming classes for high school girls.
6. Promoted gym classes for Y. W. C. A. girls.
7. Promoted Twilight Baseball league, Junior and senior, 12 teams.
8. Over 500 men and boys received employment through the Y. M. C. A. free employment bureau.
9. Many farmers depend on the "Y" for men to work.
10. Promoted thrift campaign in cooperation with nine other civic organizations.
11. Promoted Junior City Tennis Tournament. Forty-six boys took part.
12. Promoted Union Religious Meetings in Willson Park, during the months of July and August.
13. Helped to start and cooperated with the Salem playground.
14. Directed Daily Vacation Bible school. 528 children enrolled and 83 volunteer teachers.
15. Cooperated with all city clubs for the betterment of Salem.
16. Promoted Father and Son Week in cooperation with the church and civic clubs.
17. Promoted Sunday school Basket Ball leagues. Twelve teams participated.
18. Directed Y. M. C. A. course in Willamette University, also special training course of 26 Willamette students for practical leadership in boys' work at the Y. M. C. A. Building.

## Famous Writer Tells of Former Well Known Salem Boy

I have been asked to tell what I think of Albert Grilley. It would take two pages to give a part list of Albert's friends. I never attended a Y. M. C. A. conference that I do not feel Albert Grilley's influence. He had that rare gift of personal magnetism and charm of manner so that his coming into a group of men was like a breath of clean, fresh air and sometimes in an overcast sky there is a parting of the clouds and the whole scene is lit up by a

burst of sunshine. Albert was a Salem boy, but his influence was wider than Salem, or Oregon. Many men in many lands today are better for having known Albert Grilley. He still lives for good through the lives of those he has influenced for good. The sunshine of his presence will linger in the memory of all who knew him. He believed in the gospel of hard work, of good cheer and of service to his fellow man. May his example be an inspiration to others to live clean, better and more useful lives.

Albert Grilley spent his boyhood and young manhood in Salem. Salem could build no finer monument to his memory than the erection of a new Y. M. C. A. building, where the men and women of Salem could meet the boy life of one capital city and inspire men with higher ideals and help them to welcome worthy citizens of our famed city, state and nation.—Fred Lockley.

## GEORGE FORBES, KNOWN TO MANY SALEMITES SENDS MESSAGE

Mr. C. A. Kells,  
Y. M. C. A.,  
Salem, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Kells: Your letter came the morning of the 30th, too late for me to get a letter or communication to you in time for publication.

Some of the best friends I ever ere. Among others, the W. W. Hiet had lived there. Among others, I count Paul Wallace, Joe Albert.

Walter Staley, Tom Kay, Curtis Cross, Chas. Bishop, Walter Jenks the salt of the earth.

I had some hard days and some easy ones in Salem but they were good days. I hope they are going to invite me to come up when they open the new building.

Yours sincerely,  
—Geo. A. Forbes,  
General Secretary.

It is a great satisfaction to be the secretary of the Salem Y. M. C. A. In over 15 years of service I have never been any place

where a better spirit prevails among members, directors, and employed staff than here. There is abundant evidence that the community believes in its Young Men's Christian Association. I can speak for Bob Boardman, Mead Elliott, and Sam Phillips and myself. That we will do our very best in the "Y" and in the community to fully justify the confidence of the people of Salem who are loyally supporting our work.

—C. A. Kells,  
Secretary Salem Y. M. C. A.

## TO THE PEOPLE OF SALEM:

The Salem Young Men's Christian Association is one of the strongest character building forces for good among men and boys in the capital city.

The local association has in the last year been a prominent factor in helping the community in numberless ways. There are many men in Salem today who will give credit to the Y. M. C. A. of this city in training their lives into channels of greater usefulness.

We are proud to ask the citizens to rally to the support of the association whose sole object is the upbuilding of boys and young men of the community into a virile Christian citizenship.

I ask the citizens of Salem to give some of their time and a little money in helping this splendid agency whose good works are lauded on every hand.

GEORGE HALVORSEN, Mayor.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are pleased with the measure of success that we have had during the past year. We have undertaken many new things, and made real progress. Elsewhere in this issue may be seen a partial list of the Association's activities for the year. We feel that the Y. M. C. A. has filled a big place in the life of the youth and young manhood of Salem.

The citizens of Salem have proven that they believe in the Y. M. C. A. and we have tried to justify their confidence.

We enter into the new year with a feeling of assurance. Our Board of Directors are unanimous in the Association policy which has been carefully worked out.

We have a thoroughly experienced and united staff. The Salem ministers, in a recent conference, went on record as heartily approving our program. Three of our friends, by their generous contributions, made it possible for us to employ a special boys' work secretary to give his whole time to the Service Membership boys.

Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., we will begin the campaign for memberships and subscriptions to finance the work for this year. Our Directors have no hesitation to ask the people of Salem to support this work generously, as they have in the past. The Y. M. C. A. is not an expense, but a great community asset, and as such, every public spirited citizen in Salem should contribute to its support, according to their means.

The Finance Committee will have a number of assistants to call on the friends of the Association to get their subscriptions, but if you want to help, do not wait for someone to come, but just mail it to the secretary. Subscriptions may be made payable any time during the year.

I can say with confidence that this Association has yet in the future, its greatest achievements and most glorious victories. May we have wisdom to guide the course to that end.

Faithfully yours,  
W. I. STALEY,  
President, Salem Y. M. C. A.



W. I. STALEY  
President Salem Young Men's Christian Association.

## SALEM NEEDS NEW Y.M.C.A.

Harry Stond, Secretary of Portland Association, Offers Comment

For 27 years I have known intimately the Salem Y. M. C. A. When we came to this section in 1896 there were only four city Y. M. C. A.'s in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Salem was one of the four. At that time it was carrying on a limited work, without a secretary, in rented rooms on State street.

During the last 25 years every city in these three Northwestern states, and in British Columbia, with a population of 10,000 or over, has provided itself with a modern Y. M. C. A. building, except Salem. Many cities of less than 10,000 population have fine modern equipments.

Salem has as strong and well-working a board of directors as any association I have ever known. It has always done a good quality of work; has been conservatively and well managed, but has worked with the handicap of poor equipment.

The Salem Association has turned out many strong workers for the church and the association movement. Today the Salem Association has all the elements of success; a loyal membership, a strong board of directors, an exceptionally capable staff of employees, and the confidence of the city. The one factor needed now is adequate equipment. With this, Salem could take its rightful place of leadership among the Northwest cities in modern Y. M. C. A. work.

H. W. STONE,  
Secretary Portland Y. M. C. A.,  
Portland, Oregon

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT LOCAL Y. M. C. A.

Last year the "Y" conducted a class in Salesmanship with thirty-five men enrolled as students, for a period of eighteen lessons. This coming year the plan to have a course in Public Speaking, Foremanship, Sales Practice and "Own Your Own Home." These are standard high grade courses, conducted for service. The only charge made is to cover actual cost of text books and instructors' salaries. The "Y" maintains a reading room, with thirty-five of the best current magazines and all the local and Portland newspapers.



PAUL B. WALLACE  
Chairman Finance Committee  
The community of Salem has been directly benefited by the local Young Men's Christian Association in the last year in many ways.

There is no agency in the city that is doing so much to help develop our boys and young men, morally as well as physically, and for future citizenship.

This next week we raise our annual budget. Every citizen of Salem has an interest in this good work and a share of the budget. We must all help to the limit of our ability.

(signed)  
PAUL B. WALLACE



W. PARKER  
Secretary International Kiwanis, former Y. M. C. A. Secretary, 28 years in Chicago Y. M. C. A. as business manager.

## SAILORS HAVE Y BENEFITS IN CHINA WATERS

"I have always been a believer in the Y. M. C. A., but never so much as since I left America this time to visit the Orient and have seen with my own eyes the magnificent work that the organization is doing for the American sailors in foreign waters. I saw this in Honolulu, and in Japan; and now in China I see that you are rendering this which seems to me a paramount patriotic service. I speak for the American navy when I express my appreciation." — Secretary of U. S. Navy, Charles Denby.

"The Young Men's Christian Association has been of the greatest possible assistance and benefit to the United States Naval Forces Operating in European Waters."

(Signed) WM. S. SIMS,  
Admiral U. S. N. Commanding U. S. Naval Forces Operating in European Waters,  
February, 17, 1919.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JUNIOR  
Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Roosevelt, prominent Y. M. C. A. worker in France in her "Y" uniform.

Writing of the Soldier in Co-bien, Dr. Crane says, in the New York Globe:  
The leisure of the soldiers and all their recreation is taken care of by the Y. M. C. A., which works in perfect harmony with the officers of the army. The Y. M. C. A. runs all the canteens, manages the games and sports, and otherwise sees to the soldier's recreation. None of them swear at it. There is no other welfare organization except the Salvation Army and the Red Cross.  
The American Army in the occupied territory is the finest army in the world in point of discipline, morale and intelligence. Although there is no prohibition in this territory there is little or no drunkenness. No native is allowed to sell brandy or other strong liquors to the soldier, and if he does so his place is closed up. Most of the soldiers frequent the Y. M. C. A. canteens, where no alcoholic liquors are dispensed.  
Frank Crane is a national figure. He occupies his pulpit every day. His sermons are read by 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 people daily.