

VARIETY OF SOCIAL SERVICE PERFORMED BY SALEM Y. W. C. A.

HISTORY OF YW IS INTERESTING

Old Knight House Was Home of First Organization in This City

While the community is thinking along the lines of historic buildings, it may not be amiss to make reference to an old tenement which stands on the alley just back of the Electric apartments on Liberty street. This is known as the "Knight House."

This might be called the "mother house" for hebe the present Y.W.C.A. was born.

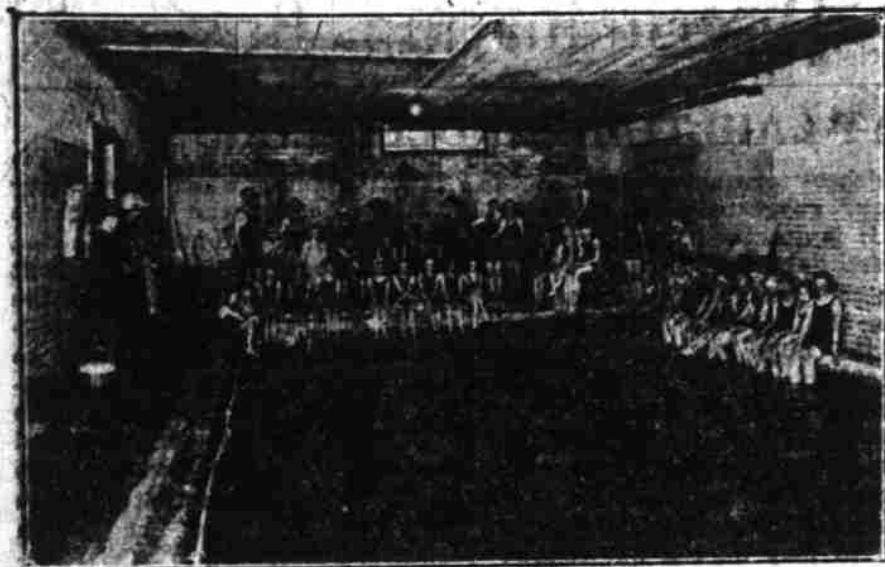
Something near akin to this organization had its inception many years earlier perhaps in 1894, and was christened "The Woman's Auxiliary to the Y.M.C.A." This was before the women of Salem had been granted the suffrage, and before they had become co-workers with their fellow-men, so they modestly sheltered themselves behind the mantles of their fathers and brothers. This auxiliary concerned itself exclusively with the needs of men and boys, and had to do chiefly with their stomachs. With the passing of the years the Y.M.C.A. so increased

"Knight House" mentioned above was secured for the purpose. It was successful from the outset, and was for a time a truly home for all who came within its influence.

However, the growth of the community industrially and educationally combined with the enlarged vision of the needs and possibilities of young women and girls, impressed upon the leaders in this work the need for trained leadership and adequate housing facilities, which needs could not be met in the rooms then occupied. As a result of all this, the present home at 128 Liberty street was secured and the Salem Y.W.C.A. organized, according to the standards of the national Y.W.C.A.

It was fortunate that this organization preceded the opening of the world war. It tended to unification of purpose during that most unsettling period. The association has kept shoulder to shoulder with the public demand. Classes in Biblical history, English, French, and so on, were organized. Also in three branches of Home Economics, dressmaking, millinery, and cooking. When our people became an actual participant in the war, classes in first aid and nursing were organized. When these had fulfilled their mission, the war mercifully being at an end, new demands were promptly met. The Girl Reserve work is the outstanding objective at the present time. No movement of

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YW day at the YMCA Pool

in stature and strength as to outgrow the needs for this helper, so it ceased to function. For several years prior to 1914, the need for a room had impressed itself upon the members of the Salem Woman's Club. There was no resting place within the business limits of Salem for women and their little families who came to the shopping district for the day or for a few hours. After much consultation, and hesitation and trepidation, the

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LOCAL SUPPORT NECESSARY TO GIRLS' RESERVE CONFERENCE

On account of a drastic cut in the Y. W. C. A. National Board Budget, made necessary because of the great expenses the National Board has incurred, Miss Helen Price, girl reserve member of the National Traveling staff has written the high school girls that it will be impossible to finance the Oregon state summer conference of girl reserve. Last summer this conference was held at Gearhart, Portland's summer camp, and 14 girls with Miss Jeannette Kletzing, Miss Jennelle Vanderwort and Miss Marian Wyman as chaperones and conference leaders. The meeting of representatives of all clubs of the state has helped the girls of Oregon so much that they are loathe to give it up. During the Y. W. C. A. conference which was held last week in Portland, representatives of the board and secretaries from Astoria, Medford, Portland, The Dalles and Salem agreed that this conference was very necessary and that they would do all in their power to bring it about by local means. It will be a special issue at the mid-winter conference in March, which is to be held in Salem.

the second affair of its kind in Oregon, the first one being in Portland last year. The location of Salem makes it a better center for a state conference, and about 125 girls and advisers are expected. The Girl Reserves of Stayton and Woodburn and probably of Chemawa will assist Salem girls as hostesses. The dates of March 6-7-8 are set. Miss Elizabeth Fairchild president of the high school club has not yet named her committees.

Although the student Y.W.C.A. at Willamette university is organized apart from the Salem association there have been many opportunities for cooperation. Thirty university women attended the fall training course for Girl Reserve advisers given in October. Of this class some were unable to take active leadership during the school year, but are planning for service in their home towns during the summer months and in the high schools in which they will teach after graduation. Ten of the members of the training course, under the chairmanship of Edna Shreiber have organized four clubs of Girl Reserves at the girls training school. These clubs meet on Saturday afternoons. Six other college girls are leading clubs in junior high schools. The Salem Y.W.C.A. very much appreciates the cooperation of the university association in its work with younger girls. Miss Adelia White chairman of the Social Service committee, has made much of the work possible.

Mr. Henry Millie, Miss Marie Corner and Miss Margaret Purvine are new advisers this winter for the high school Girl Reserve work. Miss Lina Heirst, chief adviser has been connected with the club for two years.

CREED FOR INDUSTRIAL GIRLS OF YWCA IN THESE PARAGRAPHS

The A.B.C.'s of what the Y.W.C.A. would have the Industrial girls at home and abroad stand for is:

- 1. I believe in God. God is 'he great and powerful loving person with whom we may have relationship. The life and teachings of Jesus Christ help us understand what God is like.
- 2. I believe in myself.

My First Visit To The YWCA Cafeteria

"Eating Under the Blue Triangle"

The first time I went to the rooms was in the nature of an experiment. Two hours were to be filled before starting another lap of the journey home. If I yielded to the blandishments of the restaurant windows—and lunched behind them—what would be done with the ninety minutes, more or less, which would remain after the modest meal had been eaten. If, however, I climbed the spotless steps leading to the sand-wiches and cookies left from yesterday's lunch—thus reducing the expense. And, chief inducement, there would also be a sympathetic ear willing to listen to the story of my recent woes. Then the ninety minutes, more or less, would be filled to overflowing with the homelike chatter, the music of piano and victrola, the new magazines and papers, the whole permeated to the indescrib-

able atmosphere of friendliness and cheer, found only in the YWCA outside of one's own home. I went the second time for the above mentioned atmosphere and the chicken soup. Now I live in Salem and I go each day for the combination of comforts—I belong now—and have been supplied with some interesting facts and figures which I shall pass on to you. For the soup and the atmosphere you must come in person—also to see our cook who in addition to her culinary gifts, is really very beautiful. These are the figures she gave me: Number of meals served during the year, 23,327, at an average cost of 21.7 cents.

I remember the little blond woman with her baby of six months who came to Salem to be near her husband who was in the state penitentiary for manslaughter. He was brought to Salem six months before the coming of

- 1. I owe it to myself to be all I can be.
- 2. I believe in my job.
- 3. It is my chance to share in the work of the world to be of service to other people. My work should be characterized by honesty, punctuality and loyalty.
- 4. I believe in my employer. To help him in every way possible. I believe he will do right by me if I do the same by him.
- 5. I believe in the other worker.
- 6. I owe it to the other worker to be cheerful and helpful at all times possible. It is my responsibility to join with other workers to help improve conditions.
- 7. I believe in my home. In the changed conditions of life, there is need for real homes. I should do all I can to be a proper homemaker myself.
- 8. I believe in my community. It is my responsibility to know all about my community and to do all I can to better it.
- 9. I believe in my nation. I owe it to my nation to have the right spirit of patriotism, thought of loyalty and self-sacrifice in the times of peace as well as war. It is my duty to help make real the ideals of brotherhood and democracy for which our nation was founded.
- 10. I believe in the world. I believe, America will be most truly great when she helps to spread brotherhood among all nations.

considered in the light of a stepping stone it would not be a step in the wrong direction, but with many girls it is a start on a round of aimless "steppings." People who have studied the problems of employment know at once that a choice is not possible every time, but girls who have found themselves in their work know that sometime the opportunity comes for the work which the toiler most desires, and such an opportunity must always be grasped. Many women who have applied to the YWCA bureau this winter because their husbands are out of work and they must help by working by the day or week. A number of Salem women have provided a day of work each week and have in this way kept families from the necessity of asking for charity.

During 1923 three hundred and twenty full time positions were filled, and about two hundred temporary or piece jobs were filled.

YWCA REGISTER TALE OF EVENTS

Hundreds of Women and Girls From United States and Canada Visit

During 1923, 400 women and girls from 17 states and three provinces of Canada and two women from foreign countries have registered in the big black book on



State Girl Reserve Conference at Gearhart, 1923.

MANY SEEKING FOR EMPLOYMENT

Special Bureau of YWCA Attracts Large Numbers of Women and Girls

The large number of girls and women who are seeking employment in Salem this winter has brought about some deep thought on the part of organizations and individuals who are interested in the women of Salem. During January nearly fifty special cases came to the YWCA employment bureau. Most of these were girls and married women who had had no special training in any line, but have spent their summers working in the orchards or canneries of Salem and vicinity and their winters in looking for work or taking places they found by chance.

"Lack of training and education and lack of careful consideration of vocation have made wanderers and job-tramps of many girls and brought wrinkles and the lines of age to many young women. Girls seeking their first job follow the "help wanted" ads, which are aimed at finding the right girl for the right place, but follow the call regardless of their fitness for the position. If the first job were

the Y. W. C. A. office desk. This list is not a regular hotel guest list—it is a true record of human events. There is the girl whose family is under quarantine and who needs a temporary home. There is the dear old lady whose husband is spending his last days in a hospital, and who stays loyally by him in the last few weeks as she has stayed for 50 years. There is the high school girl whose parents are in California for the winter. There is the girl just arrived from Sweden, sent to the Salem Y. W. C. A. by a secretary at Ellis Island. She is to meet her sturdy Adolph here, marry him and live with him in the new Paradise of America. There is the girl who has missed the last stage past her suburban home, and must phone to her family and spend the night in town. Besides these there are many transient friends of the Y. W. C. A. who are total strangers, staying a day or two in Salem before going on to a more or less definite destination. Many of these come with the words, "I have stayed at Y. W. C. A. rooms all along the way." or "The Y. W. C. A. has helped me in several towns to find a room and some work. Do you do that for girls?"

The Salem Y. W. C. A. quarters provide 11 rooms and six cots for transient and permanent rental. The cots and two rooms are kept for the traveler, but a choice group of girls live in the Y. W. C. A. permanently, and have their meals together. Besides providing

rooms in the association quarters, many girls are placed in homes in Salem, filling furnished rooms and apartments and incidentally helping to fill the pocketbooks of keepers of large houses. During 1923 about 70 rooms were listed in the Y. W. C. A. rooms registry and about half of these were filled.

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Salem Junior High School Girl Reserves at Taylor's Grove, Mehama.

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BETTER CAMP NOW NEEDED

More Permanent Provision YWCA Girl Excursionists Is Seen

The one week camp for junior high school girls which was held last July by the local Y. W. C. A. only emphasized the need of a more permanent set-up for a girls camp for Salem. The limit was set at 30 girls, and 30 very happy campers appeared for the week's outing, which was held in Taylor's Grove at Mehama. Beds of fir and brake fern are very comfortable indeed when you are 13, and the blue sky by day and the stars and moon at night are a glorious canopy at any age—in fair weather. Two tents, for supplies and dressing were provided, but life was carried on out-of-doors. Miss Marian Wyman, general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. was in charge of the camp, with Jennelle Vanderwort, Mary Erickson and LaVinia Beurgy as able assistants.

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BUDGET OF YWCA FOR 1924

Table with columns for Disbursements 1924, Receipts 1924, and Budget Difference. Disbursements include Rent, Salaries, Telephone, Light, National Quota, Conference, Printing, Office Supplies, House, Running Expenses, Replacements, Cafeteria, Salaries, Running Expenses, Replacements. Receipts include Cafeteria, Rooms, G. R. & Miscellaneous, Swimming. Budget Difference is \$5,000.00.

HAS DONE GREAT HOOD RIVER WORK

Rev. Body in Salem Tonight, Built Fine Church From Starving Churches

Rev. W. H. Boddy, of Hood River, who preaches for Dr. W. C. Kantner, of the First Congregational church tonight, is pastor of a church that is without question the most successful community experiment in that line in the state, if not on the Pacific coast.

Dr. Boddy was formerly on the faculty of Reed college, but broke down from overwork and went to the Hood River valley to recuperate. While there he transformed a rundown neighborhood church into a modern institution. At this time there were fragments of several churches in Hood River, none of which was able to carry on a self-supporting work. Business men of Hood River who had seen Dr. Boddy's work in the valley united in asking him to come down to Hood River and to make one good church grow where several were starving to death. After more than three years of effort the community was so well pleased with the experiment that nothing would persuade them to go back to the former expensive divided plan.

Dr. Boddy's experiment in Hood River has proved that men of different religious training and of different views can work and worship together for the interests of the community of which they are a part. He is reported to be a speaker of more than usual ability.

SHAW

SHAW, Or., Feb. 9.—J. W. Fieber and family moved to Toledo, Or., where he is employed in the sawmill.

M. Etzel and son Ignatus were in Salem Tuesday.

V. J. Peterson, George Amort and son Walter, Andrew Wonder and John Burgermeister were Salem visitors Thursday.

Mrs. George Etzel spent a few days visiting her sister near Sublimity.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Thatcher and son and Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Wells and son Irvine Dudley spent Thursday evening with C. L. McAllister.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kunkle of Portland spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. Schmitz.

Miss Christiana Salfeld of Portland purchased a half acre of orchard from F. Masser. August Moorman has the contract to build a residence for Miss Salfeld.

Mrs. J. C. Wageman of Woodburn spent a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lendiken.

B. D. Wells made a business trip to Salem Thursday.

Anthony Fieber returned to Toledo Tuesday, where he is employed in the mill, after spending a week at home.

Rev. F. H. Scherbring went to Portland Tuesday, returning Wednesday, accompanied by Rev. Father Kelly of Portland.

NEW CORPORATIONS

The Bine Lake Logging company, with offices in Portland and capitalized at \$600,000, filed articles of incorporation Saturday in the offices of the state corporation department. The incorporators are L. L. Gilstrap, E. Troppfenbaum and Jay Bowerman.

Other articles filed were: Ancher Sales company, Inc., of Portland; incorporators, A. Moleworth, H. R. Salisbury, L. A. Means; capitalization, \$1,000.

Cummings Tire company, Inc., Portland; incorporators, Edward H. Cummings, Mildred T. Cummings, Walter C. Mason; capitalization, \$18,000.

Supplementary articles were filed by the Ernest E. Johnson company of Portland, changing the name to Wallen & Co., Inc. Notice of an increase in capitalization from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

800 was filed by the Coos Bay Logging company. Under the blue sky act a permit was issued to Reed M. Chambers, Inc., of Portland, to sell stock in the sum of \$300,000, and to the Western Dialectic company, of Portland, to sell stock in the sum of \$86,000.

NEW BOOKS AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

"The Soul of Ann Rutledge," Babcock; "The River Trail," Erskine; "Old Forever," Ollivant; "31 Stories by 31 Authors," Ryan & Scott; "Beyond the Sunset," Smith; "A Son at the Front," Wharton; "The Exile of the Lariat," Willis; "Men, Women, and God," Gray; "Chemistry of Food and Nutrition," Sherman; "The Rose in America," McFarland; "Under the Big Top," Cooper; "For the children," Merrimack; Bowen; "Captain January," Richards; "Fairy Tales Every Child Should Know," Mabe; "Animal Stories from Eskimo Land," Riggs.

BIG PLANS MADE FOR POLK COUNTY

Dallas Chamber of Commerce Members Decide to Put Over Projects

Enthusiasm by the wonderful earnestness of H. B. Pier, financial secretary of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, the directors of the Dallas Commercial club Tuesday evening decided upon a tentative program that may mean the wonderful advancement of Polk county.

While the directors agreed to forward the details of the plan was left to the budget committee consisting of E. J. Craven, Tracy Staats and Newton L. Guy. The plan includes the raising of sufficient money put on a program that will mean the building of roads, the paving of streets, and even a decided individual interest in the personality of county officials to be elected, particularly as to members of the county court.

Mr. Pier recently came from California, and he told of what has been accomplished down there by community effort, and so impressed the 20 business and professional men present that it was decided to emulate the example from the south and proceed to build a more prosperous, a bigger, and better community. Incidentally Mr. Pier insisted that true prosperity will only come to the territory when the growers, the business men and the bankers get behind the cooperative handling of the fruit.

Among the immediate projects to be undertaken, this being favored at the instance of B. L. Krosson, was the paving of the road from Dallas to Orr's corner, and the paving of the road from Dallas to the market road leading from Monmouth to Pedee. More and more paved streets in Dallas were urged by Mr. Pier and other speakers, and a quickening of civic pride and energy asked. All answered affirmatively to the contention of Mr. Pier that Polk county has all the potential possibilities of prosperity possessed by any California community; and can be made into a live, progressive entity.

An instance of the many arguments used by Mr. Pier to arouse this enthusiasm, was that the population of Oregon will next year increase 100,000, or 12 1/2 per cent, and that Polk county can get even more than its share by showing it is preparing for this increase. Withal, it was the most remarkable and beneficial meeting under the auspices of the Commercial club during the past five years. It proved that once aroused the business men and citizens generally are ready to adopt a program that will bring to Dallas the prominence that its huge pay-roll and the advantages of its location warrants. As always, The Observer will do more than its full share in favoring and pushing every move for the material advancement of Polk county. J. C. Tracy was elected to a vacancy on the board.—Polk County Observer.