

CONCRETE FOR 'Y' NOW PROGRESSING

Work on Third Story Will Begin This Week; Building Offers Features

Work on the new YMCA building is progressing rapidly, and the concrete has been filled in the walls up to the third floor. When the building is completed, with stucco finish outside, and with red tile roof, it will add considerably to the beauty of Salem.

The inside will be one of the best arranged YMCA homes in the country. There are two main entrances, both on Court street, and one is to be used for the men and one for the boys. The place is arranged quite similarly to a twin building.

At the men's entrance there is a men's lobby, and at the boys' entrance there is a boys' lobby. All the offices are arranged through the center of the building on the first floor, where the

space can be most conveniently spared. The boys' secretary has his office on the boys' side, and next to his office, facing the men's entrance, is the office of the general secretary.

The general office extends clear across the center of the building, just to the rear of the secretaries' offices. A convenient checking room is to be so arranged that it will be handy to both men and boys from each side of the building.

To the rear of the general office, and overlooking the gymnasium, is the office of the physical director. Glass windows, protected by wire netting, will protect his office from the gym, and he will have a full view of the gym while the men or boys are in play without leaving his office. There will be room provided for spectators between the physical director's office and the gym.

The gymnasium will have a fine playing floor of maple, built over a floor of reinforced concrete. Along the north wall windows will be placed in order to leave plenty of wall space for hand ball courts.

A remarkable feature of the new buildings is the lightness it will have because of the windows. The windows are oval at the top

are large, and are close enough together so that a maximum amount of light will flood into the building, while the building will still be protected against the weather.

A balcony is to extend three fourths of the way around the gymnasium, with seats to allow spectators to view basketball games and gymnasium work of all sorts.

In the basement the locker rooms will be built on the twin plan carried out on the first floor. The men's lockers will be on the west side, and the boys' on the east side. Each division will have its own set of showers.

The Kansas City system is to be used for locker space. Although there will be several lockers in each locker room, each man will have a wicker basket in which to store his clothes and place with the man in charge. A drying room will be developed in which sweaty clothes will be placed to dry before the men wish to don them again.

The swimming pool will be the regulation YMCA size, 60 feet by 20 feet, and will be floored with non-slip, non-skid tile. The floor surrounding the pool, and the floors, walls and ceilings of the shower rooms will also be finished in tile. Two 56 inch filters have been purchased, and are to be installed to insure a tank full of clean water at all times.

Ample assurance has been made for hot water. A huge storage tank will be covered with asbestos blocks one inch thick, covered with duck and painted. It will be heated by direct steam from two Birchfield boilers. An iron fireman is to be installed to stoke the boilers.

The second floor will be partitioned off into class rooms, separated by accordion doors, and dormitory rooms. The third floor will be occupied entirely by dormitory rooms.

C. A. Kells, general secretary for the Salem YMCA, has expressed the hope that the roof will be on the building before the

NIGHT OPERATOR GUARDIAN OF NIGHT

The Girl at Central as Much So as the Policeman or Fireman

The night operator at the Salem central, as well as at every other city central everywhere, isn't the girl who sits at the telephone switchboard during the early evening hours after business hours have shut their doors and the busy world has closed shop and is ready for play and neighborliness. The girl who answers the myriad of calls made them might be termed the patron saint of sociability, but the night operator—

She is the girl who is on duty when the world, or most of it, is tired of play and has gone to sleep, when the theatres have emptied their gay crowds into the streets and become darkened, when the lights are no longer burning in the various homes throughout the city or town, when even the corner drug stores have closed their doors and served their last customers. Then it is that the night telephone operator is on duty, ready for whatever emergency may occur, prepared always to serve and to give what help she can in times of stress or urgent need.

Then it is that telephone traffic is at its lowest ebb. The calls that come during the wee small hours are few, but they are none the less important. Among the most common of those that flash on the night operator's board are the calls for doctors and hospitals. Then, also, are those for the police for crime likes to hide under the rainy season sets in it earnest, for otherwise, work on construction would have to be suspended temporarily.

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cover of darkness. Fires have a habit of breaking out at night, and death, too, often makes its tragic visit during those hours. Besides, there are those whose working hours are at night and to whom the telephone is even a greater aid and comfort than it is to the daylight workers.

Indeed, the night operator experiences many a thrill and at times her part becomes a heroic one. Often her calm voice and her assurance that she will summon aid have served to restore confidence to some terror-stricken individual while her resourcefulness and initiative have led to the saving of a great many lives. Truly, the girl on duty at the switchboard is as much a guardian of the night as is the policeman or the fireman.

MY HUSBAND'S LOVE

ADELE GARRISON'S NEW PHASE — OF — REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER F120
The Questions That Troubled Made as She Closely Watched Katherine

MY first impulse upon hearing that low, bitter wail from Katherine's lips was to spring out of bed and go to her. Then I realized that she believed me to be fast asleep, or she never would have so lost control of herself as to give utterance to the whispered words which I had just heard:

"Oh, God! My empty arms!" To my excited imagination the sorrowful plaint seemed to echo and re-echo in the silence, calling to me for aid and sympathy. But although I instinctively felt that sometime she would voluntarily give me the key to her sorrow, yet I also knew that to betray my knowledge of her cry now would be an unpardonable intrusion.

Madge Simulate Sleep.

So I lay motionless, simulating sleep, as I had done ever since, at her command, I had lain down in Mother Graham's bed while she kept vigil beside my sick child. Katherine had arranged that we should watch Junior in three-hour shifts, and she had said determinedly that she would count her three hours from my actual going to sleep. I knew that she would carry out her word to the letter, so that I had a double motive for remaining with closed eyes and regular breathing.

But my brain and my memory were busy, ranging over the years of the past and my knowledge of both Katherine and her husband, Jack Bickett, my brother-cousin, the only close kin, besides my father, whom I possessed. They had met in war-racked France, where each—Katherine as a nurse, Jack as an engineer in charge of construction—was playing an important part in the greatest of all world tragedies. They had fallen in love with each other promptly, had been separated by the inexorable conditions of war, and when Katherine next saw him he was wounded unto death and lying in a hospital ward to the charge of which she had been assigned.

After a long convalescence and their return to America they had been married—how well I remembered their wedding day in Lilian's wonderful white-and-crimson living-room in the artistic apartment in which she had then lived! Life had seemed full of promise for both of them, although Jack had not yet fully recovered from his wounds.

But though his physical health had responded to Katherine's loving nursing, and I knew that now he was restored to the full

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