

Salem Y. M. C. A. Soon to be Rededicated in Most Modern Building

Resume of Year's Work in Present Cramped Quarters Shows Possibilities of Field Opening With Occupancy of Structure Opposite Post Office Within Next Two Months—Ideal Equipment Gives Promise of Physical and Character Training on Scale Never Before Possible, While Dormitories and Lobbies Will Prove Center of Boys' and Young Men's Interest—New Plant Compares Favorably With Finest on Pacific Coast—Staff Includes Men of Superior Training and Vision—Formal Opening Will Inaugurate New Era of Service by local Y. M. C. A. Organization

By CHARLES J. LISLE

It has been a keen and costly disappointment that the Salem Y. M. C. A. could not move into its splendid new building with the first of the year. It has been like a penniless, hungry man standing outside a banquet door, hearing the sounds of the feast and sniffing the odors of roast geese, mince pie and at that being shut away by a scowling guard and an iron grating.

But soon the new "Y" will be opened; just as the job the hungry man is just going to get will bring him the price for the finest dinner ever cooked; and then there will be given the imitation of a man getting all the good that one man can possibly stand and live through it.

The year has been a hard one for the Salem "Y"; the new building has overshadowed everything else. It has taken the time of the working force; it has taken the even from the eager lads and men who have watched the laying of every brick with a jealous, appraising eye, wondering how soon it could be finished for use. How can a fellow play ball or swim or do anything, even study, when he has visions of this wonderful new palace of delight, this body-building hospital, this soul-satisfying source of high ambitions, this home of the gang where they gang together in the light for the better things of life? Answer is, he can't do anything at his best, until the new home is finished; which it will be, within the next two months.

Then the new Y program will go forward with a bang.

It's really a wonderful building. A Y building is much like a home; it must have a soul of understanding. It must meet the needs of a wide diversity of interests; it must be hotel, gymnasium, club house, home. It doesn't just grow; it has to be planned like a chronometer, to make it come out right.

They've planned this Salem Y according to the very last word of utility. National officers say that there is not anywhere in the United States its equal, size and community considered along with its careful utilization of its space. That's covering a lot of territory; indeed, that is the most active and important part of the Y. M. C. A. world.

The boys' and men's departments are practically twins in size and importance and appointments. Both will have yawning fireplaces where log fires will crackle and grow in cool or cold weather; though the building is steam heated throughout. One general office serves both departments.

Downstairs is the heating plant, the locker rooms, store rooms, and a boys' club room. This last has a fine cobblestone fireplace, and a buffet kitchen where small groups can be served—a wiener roast, a chafing-dish party, a mince-pie-and-coffee banquet, or any small group not exceeding about 30 members. If this is not one of the most popular nooks in the whole place, there's nothing in signs. This, however, is not exclusively boys' property; it may be opened to any group of Y friends, from a convention of governors down to a gang of newsboys. It promises to be a cross-section of the whole life of Oregon in its cosmopolitan hospital-ity.

Back of the main lobbies on the lower floor is the great pool. The word "Great" is advisedly used for it is one of the finest pools east or west. It will be tiled in corrugated, non-slip tiling, laid in attractive designs. A spectators' gallery will surround it, so that swimming can be as much a sport for the don't-go-near-the-water devotees as for the fish-like swimmer himself. The pool will be full standard size for racing, and records here will be authentic for national consideration.

The international Y board recommended that the local pool should have one 48-inch power filter; the home board looking into the future, bought and installed two 56-inch filters, with four times the capacity required. These filters will circulate 350,000 gallons of clean, pure water every day; and a bath there is better than in one's own tub at home—for the Y "knows" that it's absolutely pure and the home doesn't.

Locker and "Kansas City System" for clothing will be provided for 1500 persons; so that that many can be accommodated as regular house patrons. Any larger number of courses can be served by the pool, and there are adequate dressing rooms for a real army. An exceptional lot of showers will be provided, so that all can be served who do not wish to use the pool. The showers are set in fine tiled rooms, with separate departments for the juniors and the grown-ups.

The second floor has the lecture-dining room, and the main kitchen. The lecture room is supplied with three sets of folding doors, so that it can be made to any size from an audience room seating several hundred, to little alcoves for groups of a dozen or a score, and all can be reached by separate hall service from the

main kitchen. This kitchen is to have gas and electric and steam heat, and the cook who couldn't create a prize banquet there should be shot on sight—for it has everything that a good kitchen should have. The dining room, however, is never to be opened as a commercial proposition; its function is solely that of fraternity and fellowship, and its meals are favors and not business.

At the back of the main floor, opens the gymnasium, the pride of the whole institution. The floor is 50x80 feet, with 24-foot ceiling. It is to be maple-floored, and there is an upper gallery on three sides, that will seat several hundred spectators. Bob Boardman, physical director, has his office where he can look out over the floor at any moment and supervise all activities. The big room is wonderfully well lighted, from three sides; and the electric lighting service will be exceptionally good. The physical director has a well equipped office for physical examinations, where a careful study can be made of individual needs, especially for cases of arrested development or where corrective exercises must be prescribed.

There are 13 dormitory rooms on the second floor, and 27 on the top floor. Making a total of 40 rooms. These are light and airy, all with roomy clothes closets and there are showers and toilets on each floor. A home in one of these rooms will have almost everything but mother's cooking and clothes-patching and loving scold to make it seem like really home.

On the third floor is the auxiliary gymnasium and two closed, four-wall handball courts. The auxiliary gym contains two open courts, or can be used for any other sort of game or apparatus use that may be required such as boxing, wrestling and basketball practice, as well as a necessity, in order to accommodate so many special groups as the Salem Y serves.

For all the time the whole association has necessarily spent on the new building, the year's work had been full of good things for the present. A wonderful program of helpful activities has been carried on, for every class of Y patrons—men, women, children. The curtailment in the partial rebuilding of the old quarters has cramped even more than usual the Y facilities that for years have been taxed beyond their capacity, and yet the service goes on with a grin.

A men's boxing class has been especially well patronized this year. It is led by Bob Boardman. He knows a whole newspaper-full of the great athletes of the world; boxers like Georges Carpentier, football players like Jim Thorpe, against whom he used to play. Well, the Salem candidates for better bodies and faster-working brains flock to a magnet. Fred Whisen, president of the Rotary club; General White, head of the Oregon Guard; and judges and preachers and merchants and others, and real boxers like Fireman Bill Hunt, Shadow Gretz, and Phil Bayes. It's a cosmopolitan group, with one object—a good time, and better health. They get both, at their Tuesday and Thursday noon classes.

The public speaking class was carried on again this winter, and nowhere else in Oregon is there the general speaking ability in dinner clubs and in private groups that has been developed in Salem. These speaking classes have taken a host of the bashfullest, stammering the wall flowers, and made them into strong, self-reliant speakers who are about to think on their feet and tell a consecutive story without shaming themselves or their friends. Salem is doing better business in a hundred lines of business, because of these classes.

The business men's gym classes, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, have been well attended; better, perhaps, than ever before. Many have waited for the new gym; but the old place has gone right on building up better men without waiting for the maybe-so future. No man who has taken part in the classes this year, would trade what he has gained for any price. They've been better fathers, husbands, citizens, for all they have done in the Y.

The big boys camp at Neskowin was one of the outstanding juniors jobs of the year. 50 boys were in attendance. The summer is the dangerous time for boys, when there is no organized, supervised work or play; the Y camp takes the lads at this critical time, and gives them an ideal work-and-play outing just when they need it most. This year's camp was especially well attended and profitable.

It has not been possible to carry on the big commercial basketball league program this winter, because of the cramped quarters in the old building; and the new one will not be ready in time. This league has been a great hit of other years, and it is to be resumed in the new gym, with facilities to greatly extend its scope. With the auxiliary gym, it will be possible to run two series at any or all times, and make the building fit any kind of schedule.



ON THE MCKENZIE RIVER HIGHWAY

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This same organization will continue in the new building, with the addition of E. A. Beach as building superintendent. It's been a hard year; the financial campaign, the tearing up of the old quarters for rebuilding, even before the new quarters could be made ready; the anxiety and vast amount of supervisory work necessary to keep the new construction going, and to keep up interest under the diminishing facilities and space of the old location.

But it's almost over. The new Y will soon be finished; and the whole community will be able to see and judge how good is its investment in really adequate facilities for the best friend a boy ever had. Better boys, better men, happier women and children in the homes, less police need, safer property, cleaner morals—they all follow in the wake of the better Y. Salem has been one of the social wonders of the west, in its freedom from the flood of crime that has deluged the country. The old Y, with its appeal to men and boys to make and keep their city clean, is one of the big reasons. There is no place here to harbor crime and make it respectable; the Y must be credited with a first place in establishing this atmosphere. As such, it is a million-dollar investment—and it hasn't cost a tithe that much!

It's a tremendous bargain; like buying gold dollars for nickles, Stradivarius violins for the price of horse fiddles of Michelangelo painting for the price of barn-door daubs.

During the past summer, the Salem Y-federal employment bureau found jobs for 6,498 applicants—men, women, children. This work is done without a penny being paid in fees, by either worker or employer. Just how much good it does any jobless man to find a friend who will stake him to a job and do it with a smile and not charge him a heavy fee, only the jobless man can tell. Certainly these 6,498 workers have cause to think of the Y as their best friend. And as a public utility, it is above price; for it finds workers to save crops that would otherwise be lost, with no such labor exchange ready to serve. The work is to be continued though probably not in the new Y building; the shortage of funds made it impossible to put into even the big new building all the fine things that Y wanted. But the work will go on, serving more people every year.

The working corps for the Y consists of Claude A. Kells, general secretary; R. R. Boardman, physical director; J. B. Cray, boys' secretary; Mrs. Blanche Allen, cashier; and S. Phillips, employment director. Several Willamette university young men hold responsible department directorates, and are doing efficient work.

1926 BABY CHICK SEASON PROMISING

Fires in Mammoth Incubators Will Be Lighted Tomorrow at Hatchery

ACTIVITY for the baby chick season of 1926 is beginning at the big hatchery located two miles east of the state hospital on the Fruitland road and owned by Lloyd A. Lee. Fires will be started in the boiler January 2, 1926, and the two mammoth 47,000 egg incubators will begin their season's work of producing 200,000 baby chicks for the trade. Mr. Lee has so successfully established.

Production of baby chicks on a large scale is a scientific problem. Old time hit and miss incubation with its varying results of high and low percentages of hatches and good, bad, and indifferent chicks cannot be tolerated at a plant using over two tons of eggs per week.

The best equipment money can buy is to be found here. Two Mammoth Smith 47,000 egg capacity incubators are used in the production of baby chicks. They are the largest incubators

manufactured and sold for commercial use, and embody many exclusive features not found in any other incubator made. The Smith was the first incubator to use the principle of "room incubation" with the forced air draught. By this method an entire room 10 feet by 13 feet is heated and egg trays placed in tiers along the walls. The Lloyd A. Lee Hatchery and Poultry Farm, under which name Mr. Lee operates his business, is founded upon knowledge gained through several years practical experience upon the largest poultry farms in centers of production in California, Oregon and Washington.

Beginning his hatching operations in the spring of 1923 with a capacity of about 6,000 eggs every three weeks, Mr. Lee has developed his business by leaps and bounds. In 1924 he installed a Washbone incubator, then considered the height of perfection, thus increasing the plant capacity to about 13,000 eggs.

But advances in design having proved their success and superiority, in 1925 the first Smith

Mammoth Incubator was added to the equipment, bringing the total capacity to 60,000 eggs.

The increase in business which caused these corresponding increases in capacity has continued. The older types of incubators have been removed. Last week the installation of the second Smith incubator was completed, thus bringing the total egg capacity to 94,000 eggs every three weeks. More than 12,000 eggs will be used at a setting and there will be two settings per week during the season. This is now the largest hatching plant in the state excepting one and may truly be termed "Oregon's Most Modern Hatchery."

Mr. Lee specializes in the sale of day-old baby chicks and will this season be able to supply to his trade 16 varieties, such as Black Minorca, White Minorca, Jersey Black-Giants, Light Brahma, White Wyandotte, Ancona, Brown Leghorn, Black Leghorn, Buff Leghorn, White Rocks and many others including all of the more common varieties. Most of the chicks sold are White Leg-

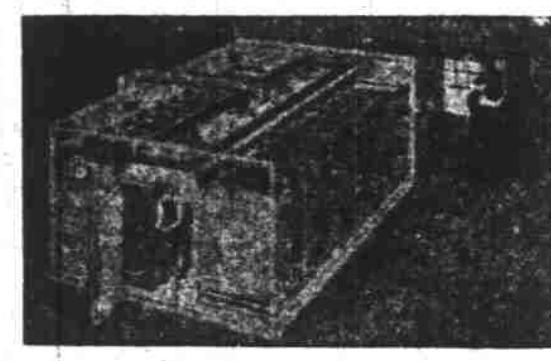
horns, Rhode Island Reds and Barred Rocks.

Last year Mr. Lee sold several thousand White Leghorn pullets and he is now receiving inquiries for 1926 pullets, some coming from as far as Honolulu, Hawaii.

Through custom hatching Mr. Lee has always made available to the public the advantages of his modern equipment. Many farmers and small poultrymen have realized the economy of custom hatching and discarded their own small incubator. They find that by this method they can secure the desired number of chicks from their own hens at one time without the worry attendant to incubating in less reliable machines.

Mr. Lee says the outlook for the coming season is brighter than ever, and that from present indications his plant will be taxed to its full capacity to keep up with the growing business.

Mike Steinbock wrecked the first car torn down in Salem, seven years ago. It was an old White Steamer, belonging to the Albert family.



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