

Familiar Personalities Aiding Y. M. C. A. Work and Achievements

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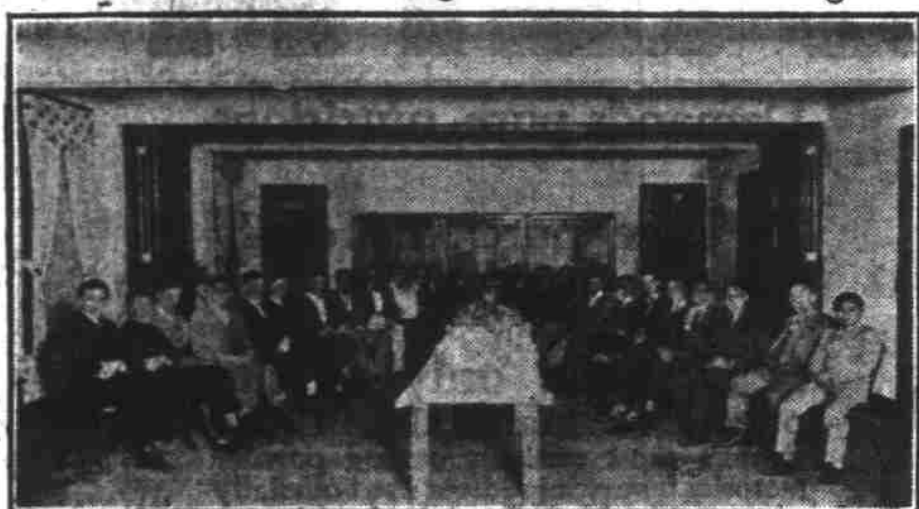
Mrs. Marjorie Marriott

Taking Training



Everett Lisle,
At Chicago Training School

Dormitory Men Gather



This picture, taken on Thursday evening, was the first get together of men living in the dormitory. Twenty-seven states or countries were represented by those present.

Ministerial Association Congratulates "Y" Record

Pastors Agree Association is Not Another Church, But Serves All Churches, Aiding in Advancement of Common Mission

By THOS. ACHESON, President Salem Ministerial Assn.

The ministers of Salem, probably as no other group, are interested in the 35th anniversary of the organization of the YMCA in this city, and wish to extend their congratulations and good wishes for the continued and enlarging usefulness of this institution.

From the minister's point of view this organization is not another church, but a servant of all the churches, doing a work which individually could not be done by any one or by all of them separately.

It is practically the only meeting place in our city for all the denominations, and for those of no definite church affiliation at all, and the contacts and reactions realized here are altogether wholesome. Furthermore it furnishes recreational facilities for all the churches, which are out of the question for any church single handed.

Besides being a great economy to the church people of Salem from the point of building recreational halls, this offer puts the organization at the services of many who otherwise could not afford it.

But doubtless the most valuable service of all rendered the churches, from the minister's standpoint, is the splendid leadership it furnishes for boys work. The operation of the Y through the local church takes the boy at the critical years of his life and furnishes him a wisely chosen leadership and training for these years.

The scope of these operations has been somewhat limited so far, due to poor housing facilities, and an inadequate staff, although in spite of this the results obtained thus far, where the program has been tried, are worthy the highest commendation. With the new modern plant, however, and the splendid staff of workers now in charge, the future of this institution in our city is bright with promise, and in increasing numbers the churches will avail themselves of the fine opportunities it is placing at their disposal.

More Than 8,000 Persons Find Work by "Y" Bureau

More than 8,000 people found employment this year, through the Salem Y. M. C. A. free employment bureau. Not merely found that there is work waiting for applicants in Salem; actually were placed on jobs and began to draw their wages.

That was almost enough of an army to build the Panama canal; enough men to build the entire road system of Oregon; enough men to sow, harvest and haul all the wheat of Oregon. And they didn't pay a cent of commission; there was no padrone waiting around on pay day to take five or ten per cent of their wages, for months or years, as long as they stay on the job.

If that isn't a practical service for a community, it would be hard to define service.

Some of these jobs are temporary; some might not last longer than one or two days, or weeks. But the difference between even one day's work and no pay at all, when one is jobless and hungry, is a great one. The Salem Y made up the difference.

Some of these men have passed on through Salem; they may be in every state, person in almost every county, in the nation. But wherever they are they will say:

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General Secretary



John R. Mott,

General Secretary of the National Y. M. C. A. and General Secretary of the World Committee

Mott Congratulates

October 5, 1926.

Dear Mr. Kells:—

On my return to New York this morning I find awaiting me your good letter of September 20th. I wish through you to convey to the members and friends of the Salem Young Men's Christian Association the most hearty greetings not only of myself personally but of the officers and staff of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States of America on the occasion of the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of your Association. We have learned with the most lively satisfaction for the splendid new building you have secured and recently opened, and have been deeply impressed by the wonderful manifestation of patriotic and Christian spirit on the part of the citizens of your community in thus safeguarding the young manhood and boyhood of the city. We wish you most hearty Godspeed in the carrying out of your forward-looking and vital program.

Very cordially yours,

—JOHN R. MOTT,

General Secretary of the World Committee,
Young Men's Christian Association.

C. A. Kells, Esq.,
Y. M. C. A. Building,
Salem, Oregon.

Local Staff of Experts Among Nation's Finest

The Salem Y has an interesting staff; a big, capable staff—both big in numbers and in quality because of the big job they have to do.

Claude A. Kells is a graduate of the Springfield International Y college. He has had years of experience in railroad and factory units. During the World War he did a magnificent job of organizing munitions and coal mining service in Canada; some generals did less for their countries. His five years of service in Salem speaks for itself. Friends tell him: "You're wasting your life in this little place!" He tells them: "But I like it here; there's more work to do here than any

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(By EVERETT CRAVEN)

Membership and Promotion Secretary Portland Y. M. C. A.

One of the leading problems facing the Young Men's Christian association today is that of the recruiting and training its personnel. Willamette University, in conjunction with the Salem Y. M. C. A., is doing its share in relieving this almost critical condition by enlisting college men in Y. M. C. A. service.

Willamette University is conducting the only Y. M. C. A. training class west of Chicago. Although lacking equipment and program of the larger Y. M. C. A. training classes at Springfield and Chicago, this class teaches just as efficiently the association history, methods, principal and technique which are of first importance to every "Y" secretary.

The Y. M. C. A. Secretaryship opens a wide field of service and endeavor to the college man. Today there are many new positions open for well trained men, well chosen. There is a bright future ahead for the Y. M. C. A. training class at Willamette.

First President Reviews Growth of Y. M. C. A. Here

H. S. Gile, in Intimate Story, Shows Three Chief Executives of Local Organization Span Entire Thirty-five Years Service.

By H. S. GILE

It is unfortunate that the Young Men's Christian association office records covering the organization and early years of its activities have been lost and that it becomes necessary to rely upon memory to some extent to put together facts subsequently set down.

It was not long after the writer of these lines came to Salem in the year 1890 that the association idea became agitated among a small group of the younger men. A Sunday afternoon men's meeting was the beginning. These inspirational meetings were well attended and soon led to the idea of a fully organized Young Men's Christian association for Salem. I believe the determination to launch a full fledged association was reached at a meeting held in the private offices of the State Insurance company, at that time located about where the room until recently used as a dressing room over the swimming pool of the association building just vacated. This must have been about 1893.

The first quarters occupied by the association were located in the Patton block. The new organization brought out a Salem Athletic club composed of a group of prominent Salem young men. I recall that some of the equipment which they owned could not be used by the YMCA, such as boxing gloves, fencing foils, etc., which were safely locked up. Most of their equipment however, was sufficiently religious to be useful even at that early day. In these small quarters the real work of the Salem YMCA began, but the Sunday afternoon men's meeting was still the center about which all else revolved. We did not occupy these premises long until it became evident that we had already outgrown our space and a search was made for a larger and better appointed place. The Grey building was selected on the southwest corner of State and Liberty streets. This was made to serve the purpose of YMCA headquarters for a time, but it was not long until it again became necessary to find much larger rooms. The third location was provided by persuading the owner of the building occupied by the J. C. Brown Hardware company at 120 North Commercial street to build the walls up to a sufficient height to make a good high ceiling over the J. C. Brown Hardware company's store, now the Salem Hardware company. These quarters when finished and furnished gave us rooms of which everybody at that time were justly proud. We had a real fireplace with a mantle and a lot of things that we had not possessed before. This was a real step forward. Here we had a much larger gymnasium floor and meeting room, and in these rooms many interesting events took place. However, it was not very long until the association requirements developed to such an extent that more room and better quarters were required, and on July 1, 1898, we again moved, this time to the new Hughes block, the second floor having been especially fitted for our purposes and here the work was carried on until December 24, 1901, when the final move was made to the property just vacated by this association, known as the State Insurance building. This building had been purchased from Mr. W. S. Ladd of Portland, it having passed into his hands after the failure of the insurance company at a very low price, and he in turn being deeply interested in YMCA work sold it to us at a low figure.

During these early days it was not an easy matter to raise money by public subscription for YMCA purposes, in fact the public had a very hazy understanding of just what the YMCA stood for.

I recall the names of a few of the men who became interested at the very beginning and who served on the board of directors in the early period as follows: E. B. McElroy, state superintendent of public instruction; Frank Hodkin, C. P.

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Salem Y Boys Take Hike



Local Group Seen Climbing Mount Jefferson



Scene at Summer Camp

Spirit of Giving Marks Development of Salem Y

Twenty Five Dollars Service Per Member Given for Only \$5, \$7, \$9, \$16 Fees, in Order That All May Join in Activities

The Salem Y expects about 1200 members; its budget is for \$30,000.

That's \$25 apiece for the coming year.

The small boys pay \$5 a year; a deficit of \$20 each has to be made up somewhere else.

The Junior High school pays \$7 per member; the deficit is only \$18 each—but it is cash.

The Seniors pay \$9 each; their deficit is \$16 a year.

The general membership is \$16; the deficit is \$9 in hard cash.

The business man's membership of \$25 just balances; he doesn't owe the Y anything on his own account when the year is gone.

Who pays this deficit?

Who is the real Y member and supporter?

It may be the boy whose \$5 is the widow's mite—all he has, given with a clean, white soul bent on saving others as well as himself. It may be any one else in the whole 1200, who is heartfully serving with the thought of making things better for someone else.

And then, it may be the man who gives, whether it is \$5 or \$500, to keep the Y open for those whose membership fees do not meet their proportion of the actual cost. "For the out-of-luck who can't pay his share," he says. "Wish it was more—maybe I can have more, next year."

He may be narrow-shouldered and broad of tummy; he may have a biceps like a string-bean, and an eye as accurate as a baby's when its little fists haven't yet learned to track—but he's a real Y member. The Y couldn't run without him; it might spare any particular athlete or physical model, but the man who pays for another is its heart and soul and its best excuse for living. He does not live to get, he lives to give.

This year, the Y expects to lay particular stress on the giving rather than the getting.

When the World War came, the nation stopped recruiting with fine pictures of soldiers in sports and in immaculate uniforms, enjoying themselves all over the world. It said: "Come and die! Come and serve like a man, and give your body to the bullet and the bayonet and starvation and disease and all that goes with war! You get nothing but the approval of your own souls, and what you can give to the unknowns who will live after you."

Did they go? They did. Manhood may desire loaves and fishes and raiment and enjoyment; but more than that the real joy of living is in the giving rather than in the getting. What a despicable American it would have been without the volunteer spirit that gives all and asks nothing in return!

The Y is the spirit of giving. It gives, gives priceless treasure without stint—\$25 service per member, for only \$5, or \$7, or \$9, or \$16, for the joy of service. But the Y can give physically only what is entrusted to it; if the community fails to put enough into its purse, it fails.

To give, rather than to get—there is a splendid appeal to the man who will accept that as his own obligation to the Y as almoner to the community.