Although not certain as yet Hi Y Grads club are still hoping that the matter of a playground which they have been working on now for the past several months will yet become a certainty. Grads willing to look after the management have already waited upon the Provincial Government and City Council seeking a grant for the project and now are marking time until the return to the city of His Worship Mayor Holman when they will again wait upon the city fathers.

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While the playground would not be in operation this year nevertheless should things turn out satisfactorily from the financial angle involved it would certainly be a boon to the city and would go a long way in starting a comeback for track and field athletics which certainly have been a dead issue for the past good many years.

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The playground which would be situated in Victoria Park would combine a quarter mile track, baseball and football fields, jumping pits, etc., and in addition a children's playground would also be in operation at another part of the field.

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The program is an ambitious one but it is also one deserving of all possible support. Such a playground would benefit the youth of the city considerably and it is to be hoped that the Grads will realize their aim.

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In the American League to date form has been as uncertain as the weather. Competition in the circuit has been on a rather dead level. What with early rationing of clinker balls, there has been little to choose among the entries, all being well below standard in one respect or another.

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A magnificent development has been the way all of the teams have been forced into a lot of extra-inning games. The Tigers, for instance, played five overtime engagements in a row recently. It indicates that no one outfit yet shows clear superiority over the field. Even the better considered teams can be forced into corners and made to fight for all they can get.

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Some of the high riders of 1942 may play twice the number of extra inning games as formerly and probably will be saddled with a 20 percent increase in the number of doubleheaders as Sundays are now looming more largely as the only salvation. The customers seem to have too many more important things to do to turn out on week days.

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As a result a strain will be felt by the pitching staffs. Many of last year's prominent starters have already learned that it is difficult to maintain an uninterrupted winning pace because they lack the former slick infield support behind them and the old time slugging to pull them through in the late innings.

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With so many of the recognized aces of the past in the armed services, a gap is created and some of the better pitchers are feeling it most of all.

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A season of fine opportunities for relief pitchers may develop as a result. Johnny Murphy, the Yankee fireman, is an instance of this and, as many observers point out, the Yanks would not have started on their first invasion of the eastern end of the circuit in first place had it not been for the excellence of his relief work.

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Then, too, there is Roger Wolff of the Athletics. He's toiled in more games than any other pitcher in the league and, as a relief artist has been of invaluable aid to his team.

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It may have been that doubleheader they blew to the Phillies yesterday, or perhaps the Chicago Cubs looked at the standing and discovered they had won only 7 of 26 games—but something has changed their position on the Lou Novikoff problem.

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Lou, the Mad Russian who was one of the Cubs' two 300 hitters last season, is about to be welcomed back into the Wrigley menagerie. He has been ignored for two months by Manager Jimmy Gallagher because he returned an offer of $6,500 and asked for $10,000.

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In those two months Novikoff has been playing semi-pro ball and so have the Cubs. Lou has been earning almost as much at his warplant job as Gallagher offered. Any mention of Novikoff brought the rejoinder that the Slav outfielder wasn't needed: that he lost about as many games by his weird fielding as he won with his bludgeon.

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Gallagher said no National League club would do business with the Cubs on a Novikoff trade because the Chicago team wanted a right-handed hitting outfield. Novikoff, who bats right-handed, took another look at the Chicago batting averages. He noted that none of the outfielders was hitting .300; that only infielders Stan Hack and Ed Stanky were up that high.

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While Novikoff was holding out he got his suspension notice—for failure to report 10 days after the season started. Somebody told him he wasn't allowed to play semi-pro ball while under suspension, so he gave it up and coached his team from the bench.

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Maybe the Cubs don't need the colorful Lou. Admittedly, he isn't a Tris Speaker. But he occasionally gets hold of a ball and drives it on a line to distant parts. If somebody doesn't start doing that soon the Cubs may clinch last place in mid-season.

Thirty-one years ago today, Jockey J Wilson rode Hearts of Oak to victory in the 55th running of the King's Plate at Toronto Woodbine. Hearts of Oak was bred and owned by Harry Giddings. The Giddings Stables are still breeding thoroughbreds heard from on the racetracks of the continent.

SPORTING NEWS

Novikoff And Wilson Meeting Shy On Ceremony

CHICAGO, May 25 —(AP)—Cub Manager Jimmy Wilson, sitting in the empty stands at Wrigley Field, met his long-errant, ex-holdout fly chaser, Lou Novikoff, today in an encounter short on ceremony and equally shy on words.

"Are you in shape, Lou?" he asked.

Novikoff patted his streamlined stomach affirmatively, then hesitated. "Maybe need a little batting practice," he grunted.

"You heard about Lonnie Frey of Cincinnati, didn't you?" Wilson demanded gruffly. "Got hit in the wrist during spring practice, couldn't lift a bat for days. But he's been leading the league, or darned close to it, all spring, hasn't he?" Novikoff's face gleamed in a wide smile. He grabbed his glove, raced onto the field and began a ferocious throwing drill with Clyde McCullough. Wilson grinned.

"He'll be in a left field against the Giants tomorrow," he said. "What's more, one of these days our hitters will start to hit and the same day our pitchers are pitching. We just haven't knot ourselves together as ball club yet. I'm not alibiing, understand, but look at how the flu hit our pitchers early in the season. We'll get rolling one of these days. This is a good outfit."

Pinky Higgins Would Stay At Hot Corner

CHICAGO, May 25 (AP)—Pinky Higgins has been patrolling third base in the majors for 11 seasons, but there was a time this spring when the board of strategy of the Detroit Tigers seriously considered sending him to the outfield.

The move was thought up as a means of making more pleasant the baseball life of Mr. Higgins, who habitually complained of sore feet come summer months.

But "Pinky" had a hankering to stay at the hot corner—hot feet or not—and today he and Vern Stephens, the St. Louis Browns shortstop, were the only infielders among the 10 leading hitters in the American League.

Higgins has become simply ferocious at the plate. He collected seven blows in his last 15 trips to boost his year's average to .358.

Stephens, who sprained his left kneecap May 16 and has been unable to play since, still held the lead with a .368 on the basis of having been at bat 60 or more times.

Slugging Charley Keller of the Yankees claimed two important batting honors, leading in triples with three and home runs with five.

Jim Bloodworth of Detroit and Washington's Ellis Clary had punched nine doubles apiece; and Bloodworth also was tied with two other Senators, Stan Spence and Bob Jackson, with 18 runs batted in. Jo-Jo White had the most hits, 35, and George Case of Washington had filched the most bases, five.

The Senators also boasted the leading pitcher, Alex Carrasquel, who had won four with no losses.

Billy Herman Has Chance To Top Past Honors

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP)—In his 12 years in the National League a lot of recognition has come to William Jennings (Billy) Herman, but this season the star infielder of the Brooklyn Dodgers has a chance to top all his previous honors.

He is leading the league in batting with a .356 average, in runs batted in with 23, seven more than his closest rival, and in doubles with 12. Besides this spectacular batting he has done a great defensive job at third base, a new position for him, and is one of the principal reasons the Dodgers are in first place.

Musial of the Cardinals leads in total hits with 41, in triples with 5 and is tied with Dolph Camilli of Brooklyn for the most runs scored, 22.

Three players, Mel Ott and Buster Maynard of the New York Giants and Danny Litwhiler of the Phillies, are tied for home run honors, with four. The Giants as a team have hit 17 round-trippers to lead both leagues.

The leading pitchers among hurlers with three or more decisions are Johnny Allen, who has won three without a defeat, and Bobo Newsom, who has won five and lost one. Both are Dodgers.

Expects Hottest American League Race In Years

By JACK SMITH
Associated Press Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA, May 25 (AP)—The hottest American League race in years—one of the good old-fashioned kind with close games, underdog upsets and a finish drive calculated to make the hair tingle and the spine stand on end—was forecast today by baseball's most reluctant prognosticator.

Connie Mack, who among all the moguls is least inclined to get himself out on a limb, concluded that even his Athletics have clambered out of their decade-long doldurms and now have a pennant chance. He said:

"It looks like anybody's race to me. The teams are all pretty evenly matched and I would say that this will be the closest campaign we've had in years. Any club can win, or finish last.

"I myself am more hopeful and optimistic for the Athletics than I have been in several years. It's been so many years that I felt we didn't have a chance against certain teams. Now I feel we can win against any team in the league."

The sage of the league, who won the last of his nine pennants in 1931, emphasized that he wasn't saying he expected to collect another this year. "I'm just saying that anything can happen," he smiled.

Softball League Starts On Thursday

The City Softball League will get underway at the Park Diamond on Thursday evening next at 7 o'clock, it was definitely decided at a meeting of team representatives held in the Y.M.C.A. last night.

Only a small amount of business came up before the meeting, concerning for the most part the drawing up of another schedule when the Monarchs one of the five original teams entered withdrew due to loss of players. This cuts the league membership down to four teams composed of Army, Navy, Air Force and Y. The new schedule will be completed this week, it was announced.

The opening game on Thursday night promises to be a battle from start tofinish with both squads, Army and Navy rapidly rounding into shape after several stiff workouts the past few evenings.

Pressure On Price Ceiling To Be Greater

Meat cases made up the majority of 41 prosecutions across Canada for contraventions of price regulations during the week of May 15 to 21, the weekly summary of the Enforcement Administration of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board reveals. Altogether 89 prosecutions under the Board regulations were carried out during the week.

Besides meat, other foods found to be sold at excessive prices in one or more cases during the week included butter, smoked salmon, potatoes, pickling spices, tea, honey and tomato juice.

Fifteen landlords' agents were prosecuted for alleged breaches of wartime leasehold regulations; 24 retailers and consumers were convicted for infractions of the Board's food regulations; offenses against gasoline rationing regulations resulted in convictions of 21 persons; five abbatoir operators in Quebec were found guilty of slaughtering hogs in excess of quotas set by the Bacon Board and fines ranged from $100 to payment of court costs only.

PICTOU, May 24 (CP)—Robert A. Ferguson, 38, general manager of the Pictou Marine Railway (Shipbuilding Division) died in Montreal late today, it was learned here. He went to Montreal to conduct business and died there suddenly.

Fight Postponed

PITTSBURGH, May 25 —(AP)—The 10-round Forbes Field fight between Frizzie Zivic, the former Welter King, and Jake Lamotta of New York, originally scheduled for last night, was postponed again on account of weather today, this time until June 10.

Ralston Under Fire In Commons

OTTAWA, May 29 (CP)—Defence Minister Ralston told the House of Commons today that last fall he had discussed sending a division of Canadian troops to North Africa but he had been given "good and sufficient reasons by those best qualified to know" to show why the suggestion could not be accepted.

The minister made his statement during a fiery exchange with Hon. Dr. H. A. Bruce (Prog Con. Toronto Parkdale) who said Canadian troops overseas should have been given some battle experience.

Dr. Bruce said that after nearly four years of war Canadian battle honors were represented by "two tragic failures, Hong Kong and Dieppe." They were not failures to fight to the death on the part of the officers and men engaged, but they were due "to incompetent leadership in the high command."

Col. Ralston said the statement was unworthy of Dr. Bruce and "some of these days those words will choke in his throat."

Dr. Bruce said the minister was a clever lawyer "accustomed to browbeating witnesses in the witness box, but I resent him trying to browbeat me."

Col. Ralston replied the operations had been approved by the highest military authorities and Dr. Bruce knew they were not tragic failures.

The exchange between Dr. Bruce and the Defence Minister came in continued debate on the $3,890,000,000 war appropriation resolution.

The House also had brisk debate on the suggestion that Canadian draftees be sent to Alaska to relieve United States troops there, but the Defence Minister left unanswered a question as to whether men called for compulsory home defence service might be sent to the distant Aleutian islands for service alongside Americans.

Manpower Plebiscite

The manpower plebiscite last year was "a scandalous and immoral violation of the fundamental workings of the British parliamentary system of government" Dr. Bruce declared.

He said that last week in Nova Scotia coal mining areas 37 miners were taken from the mines by recruiting officers for army service, while Selective Service Officers were busy obtaining release from the army of 11 experienced miners.

In a year of food rationing farmers were abandoning their farms and selling their herds. There was a confession of failure in the disclosure that of every 100 prospects called under the compulsory military training regulations only 11 men were obtained.

Compulsory selective service would have assigned every capable person to the task where he belonged.

"The disorganization on the farms and the confusion in the coal mines has resulted in a serious setback to the production of food and fuel in this country and is due to the manpower policy of the government, which can only be described as organized hypocrisy."

THE MAJOR-GENERAL THROWS A MEAN CURVE

Three hurlers compare notes on the merits of the softball as against the baseball and decide that the softball is not so "soft." Photo shows Major-General E. J. Renaud, District Officer Commanding Military District No 4, with the two opening hurlers in the National Defence Softball League in Ottawa. At left is Sgt. Chuck Bradley of the R. C. A. F. and at right, Ordinary Seaman Steve Temesy. General Renaud, formerly Deputy Quartermaster General at National Defence Headquarters, planted one right over the plate, when he tossed the opening ball. Navy won the 7-6. He recalls the time when Andy Naismith of Calgary knocked out the umpire in a softball match at the Newata Park Armories. (Canadian Army Photo).

Active Year For

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Clark, and unanimously carried by the meeting.

Mr. MacLeod fittingly acknowledged this tribute and attributed the progress of the institution to the loyalty of those who worked with him, and also to Miss Mair, superintendent, Miss Harris, secretary and the members of the medical staff.

Dr. J. P. Lantz and others also commended the new chairman, Mr. Pickard on his excellent management during the past year. Dr. Lantz called attention to the lowering of the operating cost per patient per day to $3.05.

A report of the Property Committee was submitted by Dr. J. A. Clark which showed the building to be in first class condition. Blackout facilities have been installed. New X-ray equipment to the value of $10,500 will be installed before fall, his report indicated. The adoption of this report was seconded by Mr. J. E. Harris and unanimousy carried.

Other Reports

Mr. H. H. Horne, chairman of the Cundall Home, stated that apart from the overtaxed capacity of the building, everything was in a satisfactory condition. Thirty-five in all occupied the home so that it was necessary for some undergraduates to sleep at the hospital and for one to sleep at her home in the city. Apart from this hendicap the nurses were satisfied and happy, and took pride in the beautification and improvement of the home. He had warm words of praise for the house mother, Mrs. George Miller.

The report of the Finance Committee, submitted by Mr. Walter S. Grant, showed the finances of the institution to be in a healthy state. The building has reached almost the peak of occupancy, he stated. The number of patients has practically doubled in the past ten years. It will not be long he predicted, before the trustees will be faced with the problem of increased accommodation. "I doubt," Mr. Grant said, "if the public in any other province has given so generously to the capital provision of a hospital, thus relieving the provincial government and municipality of a great load."

Ladies Aid

A comprehensive report of the reorganized Ladies' Aid was received with great satisfaction by the meeting. This report was by Mrs. J. Pope Clarke and showed encouraging progress under the presidency of Mrs. (Dr.) J. W. MacKenzie assisted by a willing band of ladies. A successful tag day and generous contributions to the League of Mercy display were features of this report. Mrs. H. L. Sear submitted an encouraging report of the financial standing of the Aid.

On motion of Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Houston, Mr. Putnam was named auditor for the coming year with Mr. Robert Cotton as assistant.

Mr. A. Pickard presided at the meeting which was opened with prayer by Dr. J. A. Clark. Miss Ada E. Harris was secretary.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

"While the war has taken and continues to take central place in everyone's attention, it is gratifying to know that the work of the Hospital is carried on, giving the same efficient service to all patients," reported Mr. Alfred Pickard, chairman of the board of Trustees.

"The year has been one of progress. This year 2,961 patients were treated against 2,539 patients in the previous year. The daily average was 78, the maximum number was 104 on May 9, 1942 and the minimum 54 on December 20, 1942. Due to the demand for accomodation in the hospital it was found necessary to purchase a number of beds, mattresses and chairs. The operating cost per patient per day has decreased from $3.19 to $3.05. Two hundred and nineteen Free Patients were treated at a cost of $13,115.00 to the Hospital. Medical attention is given free by the members of the Medical Staff to all these patients and I would like to record here the sincere appreciation of this Board for the professional services rendered to the Hospital by the members of the Medical Staff who continue to add to the reputation of this Institution by their achievements in the field of medicine and surgery.

"Last November at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was proved by Dr. Houston and the Medical Staff, that while the present X-ray equipment is giving satisfaction a modern machine would give a clearer and better picture and would greatly assist the Doctors in locating trouble. The Trustees felt justified in ordering this new equipment which will cost about $10,500. Payment will be made by the amount placed in reserve for this purpose a year ago plus the amount collected by Mr. S. A. McLeod and Mr. Robert Cotton from generous friends of the Hospital.

"Two changes considered necessary in case of an emergency have been made, these are, the installation of an Auxiliary Lighting Plant and the removal of the hand elevator to a place on the main floor. A new Gas Machine costing $396.27 was also purchased.

"The Trustees considered it necessary to place $300,000 War Risk Insurance on the Hospital at a cost of $450.00 per year.

"We wish to express our appreciation for the work done by the Ladies Aid and to thank the retiring President, Mrs. R. R. Hurst, for her leadership during the past term. We welcome the new President Mrs. Dr. Wendall MacKenzie and her officers, and ask that all women interested in the Hospital give their support to this Society.

"The Annual Collection in the City which was held the first week in October was taken charge of by the Ladies Aid, and the collection in the country was looked after by a number of faithful friends of the Hospital. The Trustees are grateful to all collectors and also to Mr. John F. Whear for his kindness in receiving and reporting the amount.

"The wonderful display of gifts shown by the League of Mercy at the Cundall Home on Wednesday last shows the keen interest and good work of this Society, and we ask them to accept our hearty thanks. The Wohelo Club as usual centered their interest on the Maternity Department and we are most grateful to them for all their help. Another gift received this year for this Department, a set of stirrups for the case room table, was generously donated by Dr. H. H. Pierce, and we are very thankful to him for this donation.

"The following legacies have been received during the year: Estate of the late W. H. Prowse—$100, this completes a payment of a $200 Bequest.

Estate of the late Miss E. Blanche Haviland—$500; Estate of the late Mrs. Ada M. Palmer — $50; Estate of the late James R. Arnett—$200. These amounts have all been placed in our Endowment Fund which now totals $124,196.86.

PERSONNEL

"The hospital has been fortunate in maintaining its staff this year. There have been a few changes. Mrs. Vernon MacQuarrie resigned as dietitian and the position was filled by Miss Anna Hughes, a capable dietition of Fredericton, N.B. Miss Annie McEachern was married and her position of Operating Room Supervisor was filled by Miss Evelyn McEachern, Miss Belle Nicholson, instrument nurse, joined the Military Service and her place has been taken by Miss Lena Gillis. Dr. I. Rachmel was appointed Anaesthetist, and was admitted as a member of the Medical Staff. Dr. H. E. Yeo has also been admitted to the Medical Staff.

Owing to an increase of work in the Laboratory Department Miss Katherine Paton has been added to the staff. In the Business Department extra help was also needed and Miss Moira Archer was hired as assistant secretary.

The following eight nurses graduated from the Nursing School this year: Miss Lena Gillis, Glen Martin; Miss Olive Dewar, New Perth; Miss Beatice Keeping, Murray Harbor; Miss Gladys Trowsdale, Glen Martin; Miss Elizabeth MacGowan, Kilmuir; Miss Mary Fraser, Montague; Miss Claudia MacFarlane, Lower Montague; Miss Katherine MacPherson, Valleyfield East.

A large number of our graduate nurses are serving in the forces, they are: Miss Bessie McKenzie, Miss Hattie McLaine, Miss Anne Rodgerson, Miss Georgina Thompson, Miss Mae Heartz, Miss Helen Wood, Miss Doris McDonald, Miss Marian Bernard, Miss Katherine McKenzie, Miss Ruth Rogerson, Miss Blanche McRae, Miss Mary McNutt, R.R.C., Miss Margaret McEachern, Miss Belle Nicholson, Miss Margaret Leard, Miss Gladys Aitken, Miss Annie McDonald.

Serving in South Africa are: Miss Margorie Cox, Miss Leona Dockendorff, Miss Stella McLeod, Miss Hazel Wood, Miss Jean McPhee, Miss Norma Ayers.

Two members of the Medical Staff, Dr. Donald Campbell and Dr. Gilbert Houston are on Active Service in England.

We are proud to report that so many of our Nurses and Doctors have answered the call of our country.

"The Trustee Board lost one of its faithful members last June through the death of Mr. Frank Stewart. He was a member of the Board for many years and was especially active during the building of the present hospital. His place on the Board has been filled by his brother Mr. Milton Stewart.

"The resignation of Mr. S. A. McLeod has been accepted by the Board and the appointment of Mr. George J. Tweedy, K.C., has been made. Mr. McLeod served the Board well for seventeen years as Trustee and for two years as Chairman. He will be remembered for his leadership as chairman of the Building Committee of the New Hospital.

"Last summer a committee from the two Charlottetown Hospitals waited on the Government to request an increase in the Annual Grant. A letter from the chairman of the Summerside Hospital supporting this request had previously been received by the Premier. The Government agreed to increase the grant by $2000 making the annual amount $6000.

"The same committee waited on the City Council but as yet no word of an increase has been received.

"Last summer a representative of the American College of Surgeons inspected the hospital and at a later date we received a letter stating that our Hospital had met all the requirements of a Standardized Hospital.

"The retiring Trustees for this year are Dr. J. A. Clark and A. Pickard.

"The Trustees wish to thank the Ladies Aid, the Wohelo Club, the League of Mercy, the Trustees of the Cundall Home, the Auditors, Mr. A. G Putnam and Mr. R. L. Cotton, the Press, Saint Paul's Church and all others who have helped the hospital in any way."

ANNUAL MEETING

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showed that considerable expenditure was made on the building in order to comply with fire regulations. These improvements enabled the association to carry on their large scale program for the men in the armed services. This report was received with enthusiasm and plans were discussed for carrying on in a bigger and better way.

Mrs. A. M. Douglas, acting secretary, submitted a report of the year's activities the full text of which appears below.

The physical director, Mr. W. E. Scantlebury submitted a satisfactory report of gym classes for junior, intermediate and senior boys. Hockey, soccer, and softball are some of the competitive sports being taught Y members.

Miss Lois Creighton, girls' work secretary, also submitted an encouraging report of classes for junior, senior and intermediate girls. Gymnastics, apparatus, stunts, tumbling games and a limited amount of dancing are taught.

The chairman of the Girls' work committee, Mrs. Harry Cudmore, reported for that committee and outlined plans for the coming year.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the meeting:

"Whereas it would have been impossible for this Young Men's Christian Association, to have accomplished the amount of work as contained in the different reports as submitted, and to have contributed to the Christian life of this city, without the assistance and contribution of its many friends:

"Therefore be it resolved that the thanks of this Association in Annual Meeting assembled be extended to the following:

"The Ministers of this city, the Ladies Auxiliary, Y's Men's Club and Hi Y Grads, the Press, the Hobby Class Leaders, Mrs. MacLean and Mrs. Clawson, ladies of the different churches, the staff, Mr. Cyril Bell, Auditor, Girl's Work Committee, Mrs. Harry Cudmore, Campaign workers of September 1942, the Boy's Camp Committee, and all friends of the Association."

Mr. R. D. Quigley and Mr. H. L. Sear, joint chairmen of the Y.M.C.A. campaign were sincerely thanked for the successful campaign held last autumn.

A feature of the evening's program was the presentation of bowling awards to the different leagues.

Rev. I. J. Levy conducted the devotional part of the meeting and Rev. Lowell C. MacPherson closed the meeting with the benediction.

The following report was submitted by Mrs. Douglas, acting general secretary:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—My report will be a brief one, as Miss Creighton and Mr. Scantlebury will cover the gymnasium class activities in their reports. For the first part of the year there seems to be no attendance record of other class activities, therefore I can only cover the time as from the first of February, the date when my appointment as secretary began.

In September, 1942, a very successful local maintenance campaign was carried on jointly with the Salvation Army, when a total of over $11,000 was subscribed.

There has been a marked decrease in membership this year, owing to the fact that prior to February there were no boys' classes, as Mr. Morris was awaiting word with regard to entering war services, and therefore did not start classes, not knowing whether it would be possible to carry them through the year. The girls' and adult memberships for the year have been about on a par with previous years.

Many organizations have made use of the building during the year for meetings, such as the temperance federation, the Charlottetown male chorus, fire insurance underwriters, etc.

During the Red Cross campaign all gymnasium classes and groups were discontinued for three days, and the gymnasium turned over to the Red Cross campaign committee for suppers, which were in charge of the Charlottetown detachment of the Red Cross corps.

During the summer of 1942 the bowling alleys were repaired and renovated, and many favourable comments were received from the several bowling leagues using the alleys during the winter months.

Free membership privileges are still extended to the members of the armed forces. Any who wished received free showers, with towel and soap provided. They were also given special rates on all table games and bowling. Twice each week the navy have made use of the gymnasium for physical training and basketball, and frequently for boxing workouts. Many from all services avail themselves of the use of the reading and writing room which is maintained by the Y's Men's Club, with free stationery provided by the National War Services.

The Saturday night hostess house parties are greatly enjoyed. During the months from December to March the gymnasium was closed for this purpose by order of the City Council because of fires in Boston and St. John's, Nfld., with a great loss of life. During this time we carried on under difficulties, dancing in the social room, which of course would not accommodate very many. After the building of the new fire escape, as mentioned in the president's report, large crowds again enjoyed the Saturday night parties, when free lunches are prepared and served by a committee of willing women who give their time every Saturday evening. Each Saturday evening the table games and bowling alleys are kept free for the use of the men in uniform.

At Christmas the Y's Men's Club entertained eighty underprivileged children, under the leadership of Rev. A. LeDrew Gardner. The ladies auxiliary prepared and served the dinner to which all did justice, and each child was given fruit, candy and a new five-cent piece by Santa.

Other Activities

In February we held our annual father and son banquet, sponsored by the Y's Men's Club, with over two hundred in attendance—the largest father and son banquet ever held in the building. Much credit for the success of this gathering is due to the ladies auxiliary, who served a lovely banquet, which was greatly enjoyed by all, and to Mr. T. Roy Cudmore who so capably officiated as chairman, and provided a splendid programme. This banquet was held to bring together those interested in Y.M.C.A. gymnasium classes and to introduce Mr. W. E. Scantlebury as the new physical instructor. Three gymnasium classes were started the following week, with an enrollment of over fifty boys.

During the summer months the Y.M.C.A. had a team in the city softball league winning the city championship. In the winter we had a team in the city hockey league. This team reached the finals, losing to the Navy in a sudden-death game.

The business men's volley ball class was well attended all winter, meeting three times each week. There were also four badminton groups playing each week, and one basketball group, the Rockettes. This team had several games in our gymnasium with the Prince of Wales girls' basketball team. Since February the aggregate attendance in these groups was well over 350.

In February, Mr. T. Roy Cudmore attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Y.M.C.A's, as the Charlottetown delegate. This meeting was held in Toronto. Mr. Cudmore brought back a splendid report of activities carried on by th Y. M. C. A's, especial emphasis being placed on boys' work.

The Y's Men's Club has met weekly all winter, with a great increase in the number of members. They have held 33 meetings, with a total attendance of 1267. They have been capably catered to by the ladies auxiliary, with the different church vice-presidents in charge of each weekly supper, and the auxiliary as a whole in charge of special suppers such as the Christmas dinner, the dinner to under-privileged children, ladies nights and the father and son banquet. The Hi-Y Grads have also met weekly, although their number has been decreased to a large extent by the entering into the armed forces or war services of many of their members. This club held meetings with a steady attendance. They have been capably catered to by Mrs. Mary MacLean, assisted by Mrs. E. E. Clawson.

The ladies auxiliary has held monthly meetings, as also has the board of directors. The girls work committee was not functioning for the first part of the term, but has had monthly meetings since March.

During the summer of 1942 the Y's Men's club sponsored the boys camp which was held at Argyle shore for ten days. This camp was under the leadership of the secretary, Mr. Morris, and had an attendance of 26 boys.

They have also sponsored aeroplane and stamp clubs, which were conducted by Mr. Ernest Bell and Mr. Roland Taylor, and were well attended.

During the year we contributed the sum of $125.00 to the National Council, and the amount of $275.00 for world service. For the latter we received an award of merit certificate in recognition of our special co-operation during the year with Y.M.C.A. movements in foreign countries in emergency services to the youth of a world at war.

I wish to thank the president and the board of directors, the ladies auxiliary, the girls work committee, Miss Creighton, Miss Burns, Mr. Scantlebury, our janitor, Ivan Watters, the president and executive of the Y's Men's Club, the president and executive of the Hi-Y Grads, and all others who have contributed to making my work as secretary of the association a pleasure, and assisted in any degree of success we may have had.

Ladies Auxiliary

The following report was submitted by Mrs. T. Roy Cudmore:

I respectfully submit the following report of the past year's work of the ladies auxiliary of the Charlottetown Y. M. C. A.

The first fall meeting was held on October 8th, and plans for the coming year's work were made. The officers of the previous year had all been re-elected at the annual meeting in May as follows:

President, Mrs. T. Roy Cudmore
Vice-pres., Mrs. Ernest Anderson
2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Clifford MacDonald.
Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Brady
Treasurer, Mrs. B. Frank Tinney.

Mrs. Ivan McInnis and Mrs. Frank Dillon having resigned as representatives of their respective churches, Mrs. William Rix and Mrs. Windsor Campbell were appointed to take their places.

Activities for the past year included: Two suppers for the annual Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army campaign held on September 28, 29 and 30; two ladies night suppers Nov. 26 and March 11; a Christmas supper for ninety under-privileged children; a Christmas supper for the Y's Men's Club; a father and son banquet for 205 fathers and sons; and the regular weekly suppers which were looked after very capably by the representative members of the various churches.

In the past year new equipment for the Y.M.C.A. included, table cloths, unbleached covers for tables, new damask covers for the dining room, and the curtains all over the building were cleaned and refurbished. The kitchen was freshly painted, and cups and saucers, pitchers, nappies, salts and peppers, glasses, bowls as well as numerous other articles were purchased.

Early in February the auxiliary arranged for and saw that the whole building was thoroughly scrubbed and house cleaned.

The auxiliary donated the use of the kitchen and all its equipment for the Red Cross campaign suppers, for which we have been credited the donation of a generous amount as our contribution to the Red Cross campaign fund.

Mrs. Mary MacLean capably looked after the Hi-Y Grads suppers for the year. Mrs. E. E. Clawson and Mrs. Clifford MacDonald were of great assistance in this work.

Spitfires Ambush Nazis

LONDON, May 25 (CP)—R.A.F. Spitfires ambushed a flight of German Focke-Wulf 190's heading toward a southeast coast town at dusk tonight and smashed up the formation so effectively that most of the raiders were turned back from the English shore.

Four of the German planes were sent spinning into the sea and several others were believed to have been damaged.

Eyewitnesses said the Spitfires appeared to have been waiting for the enemy planes and swooped down on them while they were still at sea. As the R.A.F. fighters roared down, the Focke-Wulfs scattered in all directions. Some of them jettisoned their bombs, only one of which caused any damage. One casualty was reported.

Dogfights raged low over the water only a short distance from the coast. Those who saw the action called it an "amazing sight".

Thus for the second time in eight hours the Germans suffered heavily in attempts to take English coastal towns by surprise.

Shortly before noon, four other Focke-Wulf 190's were blasted out of the sky when 25 fighter-bombers and fighters raided a southcoast town.

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