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Jan. 6, 1945

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

We have just closed a very successful year in the work of the Y. M. C. A. throughout our District. As we start 1945 I am moved to give thanks for the time, energy, personality, and money that friends of youth throughout the District have put into this enterprise. Let me say that the time, energy, and personality are just as valuable as the money contributed.

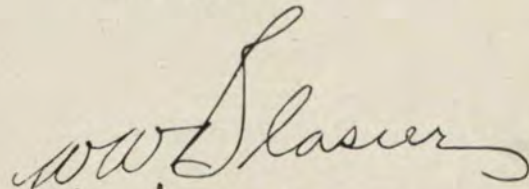
As chairman of the Committee of Management of the District I personally feel a great sense of appreciation. Ours is a cooperative effort and we have worked together under exceedingly difficult circumstances.

I want to especially stress the earnest cooperation of the school men in the different communities where the work of the Y. M. C. A. is organized. In several of our schools the shortage of teachers has multiplied the work many times of the superintendent and high school principal but they have seen to it that the program of the Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y, and of the younger boys has been maintained and in most instances on a higher level than before.

I believe 1945 will be our best year. Mr. Kirkpatrick, our Acting District Secretary, has agreed to remain with us until next summer. I sense a great spirit of loyalty on the part of all of our club leaders and of the young men and women of our high schools who are the officers of our various clubs.

To everyone who reads this message may I say that I join with you in the hope that through the gracious goodness of God, the year 1945 may carry us through to a victorious peace with all the joy and happiness that it will bring. Please read the other three pages of this letter. I did not prepare them but I feel that those who did have been very modest in their statements.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman, District Committee of Management



The 'Y' is a great constructive force in the lives of lads at mid-point between boyhood and full maturity and with more energy than they can often use on their own. It has shaped the ideals of many a boy who without its influence had no strong moorings. It has helped bring youth to manhood—strong, reliant and with trust in God and their fellow men. The work of the 'Y' will be increasingly important when the war draws to a close and the world returns to the ways of peace.—Justice William O. Douglas, Supreme Court of the United States.





### WAR PRISONERS AID OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Serves American Youth in the "Barbed Wire" War Prison Camps of Germany and Japan. The District Branch of the Y. M. C. A. is a part of the International Y. M. C. A. that makes this service possible. (The Y. M. C. A. War Prisoner Aid News will be mailed you monthly on request.)

Theatrical events staged at prison of war camps include light and gay entertainment as well as the more solemn observances. At many camps the best plays are saved for the Christmas

season to help round out the programs. In the past, camp restrictions have been lessened during the Yuletide, permitting the men to have more leeway in their activities. Current Broadway hits, Gilbert and Sullivan, and Shakespeare now vie with Hollywood movies in providing prison camp entertainment. It should be borne in mind that going to a theatre behind barbed wire is not exactly the same as doing it in your home town. The band in the orchestra pit (left, above) is at Stalag XVII B, while the play is at Stalag 383.

## The Horizons of Youth Must Not Be Blacked Out By The Chaos of War

The Waterloo District YMCA offers Youth Opportunity Through

### HI Y AND TRI HI Y CLUBS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Eight Hi Y clubs and six Tri Hi Y clubs in Cedar Falls, Jesup, Finchford, Orange Township, New Hartford, La Porte City and Hudson. The Hi Y clubs have an enrollment of 262 and the Tri Hi Y girls clubs of 204—a total of 466. Meetings are held every two weeks under the direction of 73 elected officers from the student bodies. 20 teachers, volunteer leaders, act as counselors. The purpose is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character. Parties are held, service projects are carried out speakers are provided for the entire high school student bodies. Delegates are sent to local and state conventions.

### TWO PIONEER OR JUNIOR HIGH CLUBS

Under a high type of leadership boys from ages 12 to 15 are organized in Junior Highs. Their program is developed along a four fold plan: Mental, Devotional, Physical, and Service. These clubs have a membership of 37 and hold regular meetings.

### Friendly Indian Clubs

Five Friendly Indian clubs, two in Cedar Falls and in Hudson, Finchford and Jesup have an enrollment this year of 148. The aim of the Friendly Indian club is to Play Square, Work Square, and Be Square.

Friendly Indian clubs may be organized as a Sunday School class, a group in school, of a neighborhood gang. Mr. Kirkpatrick will be glad to furnish additional information about this program.

Recreation Center—The Cedar Falls Committee is sponsoring this year the Miner Recreation Center with an enrollment of 55. Meetings held weekly in the Miner Building. 14 young people act as an advisory governing group together with teachers from the Miner school. Entertainment consists of gym classes, ping pong, dancing, movies, group games, and refreshments.

### MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The District Y Secretary acts as a leader at Morris Isle camp, cooperates with the Ministerial association in interchurch projects, and with Cedar Falls Recreation Commission, gives many addresses during the year, conducts hikes and swimming parties, assists in supervision of club members swimming hours at the Waterloo Y, conducts an annual fall officers training convention, takes delegations to state conventions, provides speakers for father and son and Mother and Daughter banquets, assists local committees in finance campaigns, helps in church services by Hi Y and Tri Hi Y members.

# 1945 - Getting Ready For A Better World - 1945



## No Matter What Happens, Youth Will Live

### A Bird's Eye View of Program Activities for 1945

When leaving New Hartford recently Mr. E. E. Cowan Supt. said "For eighteen years I have had remarkable help of the Y clubs in maintaining a high moral standard in our schools." Another Supt. said recently "In five years the Hi Y and Tri Hi Y have completed changed the moral tone of our school and city" Jas Lee Ellenwood New York City, at the close of a country wide tour of YMCAs pointed to the Waterloo city and District work as out-standing in the country. He especially stressed the cooperation given by Secy S. A. Cohagan and the Waterloo YMCA Board.

22 boys and girl clubs with 25 volunteer leaders holding regular meetings—102 men and women serving on local committees—two gymnasium assistants in Cedar Falls—8 Hi Y clubs enrolling 262 boys and six Tri Hi Y enrolling 204 High School Girls—5 Friendly Indian Clubs enrolling 148 braves—2 pioneer clubs with 37 boys—One recreation center with 55 members—miscellaneous groups with 62 members—806 Boys and Girls and Older Folks enrolled in clubs meetings at stated times and for a stated purpose—73 High school students officers of clubs—86 delegates at Fall conference at Waterloo and 14 delegates at State Hi Y assembly at Davenport Dec. 1944.

Many boys are on the regular membership roster to make use of the facilities of the fine "Y" building available at Waterloo;—men of the District hold similar memberships;—726 committee, club and group meetings were held with an attendance of over 23,000 boys, girls, men and women during the year;—the budget for 1944 was raised—all bills paid and a balance carried forward to 1945. Many of the club leaders are now in the service thus creating serious leadership problems—the District Committee and the Cedar Falls Committee meet monthly except July and August, and maintain a close interested supervision of the entire program.



Keeping fit. A group of American fliers is shown above playing volleyball at an Australian YMCA center located near Yankee airbase somewhere in New Guinea.

The Young Men's Christian Association enters into its second century with service in 67 countries through 10,000 local units.



Always a welcome to the District boys at the Waterloo Y



For Further information regarding the work of the District YMCA write

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Down through the years hundreds of boys and girls from Northeast Iowa have "had fun" and "found themselves" at the "Y" camp on beautiful Morris Isle. Plans are already underway for the 1945 camping season. Write for camp folder.



We get up in the morning



We learn to swim

*Life Goes The Way Youth Finally Takes* (Herbert Hoover)



## Membership Privileges in The YMCA Building At Waterloo

Contributors to the District Budget are allowed membership privileges in the Waterloo building as stipulated below. This is being used increasingly both by young men who desire to participate in basketball, handball, swimming and other sports, and by older men who are availing themselves of the facilities of the Individual Health Service.

The privilege of using a District subscription for a membership is extended only to those who live outside of the corporate limits of Waterloo. The subscription-membership are available as follows:

\$25.00 gives the subscriber a Business Men's membership entitling the holder to unlimited service, free towels, lockers, ultra-violet exposure, etc.

\$10.00 entitles one to the regular \$12.00 Senior membership privileges for those past 21.

\$7.50 entitles the donor to extend a membership to a young man, 18-21, with all the privileges of the regular \$10.00 membership.

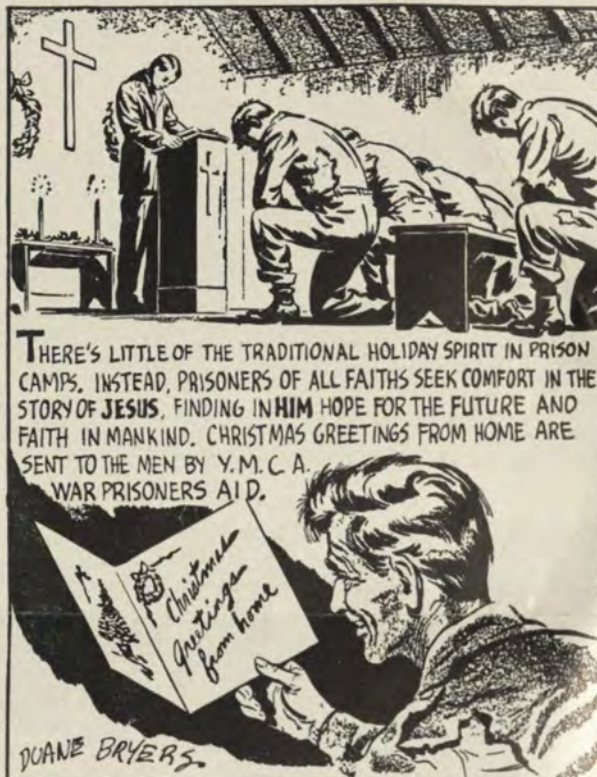
\$5.00 permits a man to designate his own son or somebody else's son, between the ages of 10 and 18, for a full membership in the Boys' Division of the YMCA.

All monies paid under this arrangement go into the Budget of the District Branch, this arrangement being provided by the Waterloo Association as an endorsement on its part of this program. All memberships dated as of February 1st.

At this time our thoughts are of millions of American boys who are away from our home fire-sides, serving our country in these days of her need. It is our home and earnest prayer that these days may soon pass, and our boys may be back with us, and the World may find days of lasting peace and happiness once more.

In the meantime, the Young Men's Christian Association counts it a real privilege to serve as a "Home Away From Home" for these millions of young men.

In 1,200 "Ys" throughout the nation—in the more than 10,000 throughout the world—in the "Y" conducted USO's these Boys are finding a warm and cordial welcome. The boys who find themselves in enemy prison camps, with long dreary days of confinement, also find the "Y" there, ready and eager to help make life as bearable as possible through books, games, recreational programs, educational classes and religious leadership.



## EVERY BOY A SWIMMER--EVERY SWIMMER A LIFESAVER



Every boy connected with the District "Y" has a chance to learn to swim, or, if he can swim, he has the opportunity to learn Life Saving. All clubs for boys have regular periods each month to use the "Y" pool. The National Y. M. C. A. Swimming Program is used. Parents desiring further information about the swimming program should consult Mr. Meylink, Physical Director, at the Waterloo "Y". A Free Swimming School and Life Saving Institute is held each spring.



The Chapel  
at Hartman Reserve

All the facilities of beautiful Hartman Reserve are at disposal of the District YMCA groups—High school and beyond. The Outdoor Chapel, the Lodge or Friendship Circle have provided hundreds of young people with a place for Conferences, Retreats, or Social Gatherings this past year. Hartman Reserve is a favorite spot for Adult Sunday School Classes, Hi-Y Clubs and similar groups.



The "Y" Lodge at Hartman Reserve