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TO THE FRIENDS OF YOUTH SERVED BY
THE DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE Y.M.C.A.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

We place before you a brief resume of the activities of the District Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. We have closed a very successful year out in the District and we feel that you should know what is going on in the communities served by the District Branch. We ask that you read it thoroughly. It tells somewhat of the work that is being done.

Through the loyalty of a very efficient District Committee we start the new year with all of our bills paid and with a very comfortable balance in the bank. Our budget for 1948 is \$5650.00, a little higher than last year but the budget calls for a full-time Secretary—the first since 1942. The work is in such splendid shape throughout the entire district that I am confident that every community will easily provide their quotas. Let us do this without delay so that our secretary may be free to give all his time to program development.

This report can, naturally, only cover the high spots of the past year's activities in the different communities served. In truth, the real story cannot be told because that could only be read in the hearts of the boys and girls contacted through a club, a hike, a camp-fire, a swimming class, or a heart to heart interview with our Secretary.

As Chairman of the Committee of Management, I would like to take this time to express our appreciation of the fine work being done by our voluntary club leaders, committee men and women.

Sincerely yours,



W. W. Blasier
Chairman,
Committee of Management
District Y. M. C. A.



FACING TOMORROW --



BASKETBALL LEAGUES IN CEDAR FALLS

A great deal of interest has again been shown in the formation of Basketball Leagues in Cedar Falls. Inquiries were coming in as early as last September on when the various leagues were to be organized. Secretary Bidne announces the resumption of three leagues again this winter. The Inter-Church League began play on December 10 with 8 teams in the Senior Division participating. The Junior Division began play on December 27 with 6 teams. An open City League was again organized and began official play on December 11, 1947 with 8 teams sponsored by 8 different business concerns in Cedar Falls, and surrounding territory. The total number of teams in all Divisions is 22 with 266 young men and boys participating in the sport. Games are played in the Cedar Falls High School and Lincoln School gyms which are rented for this purpose.



The Outdoor Chapel
Hartman Reserve

BEAUTIFUL HARTMAN RESERVE

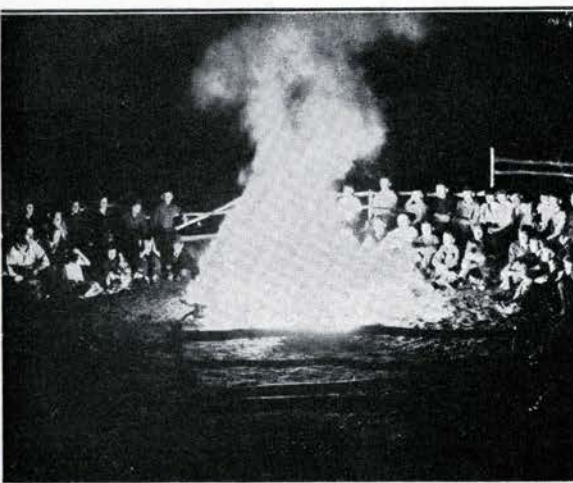
All the facilities of beautiful Hartman Reserve are at the disposal of all District Y.M.C.A. groups. During the past year, 30 different district "Y" groups used the lodge and the facilities of Hartman Reserve. The lodge was used by the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y for Induction services and general get-togethers. This beautiful Reserve is a favorite spot for all of our clubs in the District.



CAMPING AT MORRIS ISLE

Camping is a special feature of the Gra-Y Club program. A period or two at Camp is "chuck full" of ADVENTURE for all Gra-Y boys. The District Committee counts as one of the strongest features of the yearly program that part which has to do with camping and outdoor life. Plans are already being developed for the 1948 season on beautiful Morris Isle. Secretary Bidne will be in charge of the District Period this year and he anticipates another fine season ahead. Last year 41 district boys camped at Morris Isle and everyone who was there had a grand time in "God's Great Out-of-Doors".

Morris Isle "Y" Camp is a beautiful island in the Cedar River of approximately one hundred and twenty five acres. It is located just 3½ miles north and one mile west of Cedar Falls.



"Let us gather around the Camp-fire"

A CHALLENGE TODAY



THE BOY OF TODAY IS THE MAN OF TOMORROW

In the Y.M.C.A.'s scheme of work with youth, there is one major idea—the building of Christian character. The Y.M.C.A. is not a building, for there are many Y.M.C.A.'s that have no buildings. Our District Branch is one such Y.M.C.A. It is not an athletic or recreational club, for the Y.M.C.A. believes that these activities are but part of successful living. The real Y.M.C.A. is much more. It is a fellowship of people—an "association" of men, boys and girls who are seeking to help themselves and others grow in body, mind and spirit. This program of the Young Men's Christian Association is manifested through its Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y, Jr. Hi-Y, Jr. Tri-Hi-Y and Gra-Y Clubs, recreation centers, basketball leagues, camping and numerous other activities. The total attendance for 1947 was 26,297.

As of January 1, 1948 the following Activity Program is under way:

Community	Type of Activity	Membership
1. CEDAR FALLS		
Campus School	Gra-Y Club	22
Teachers High	Hi-Y Club	30
Downtown High	Hi-Y Club	43
Miner School	Gra-Y Club	28
Miner School	Jr. Hi-Y Club	12
Beth. Luth. Church	Gra-Y Club	43
Cedar Heights	Gra-Y Club	16
Inter-Church Basketball Leagues		
8 Senior Teams and 6 Junior Teams		163
Open City League		
8 Teams		118
2. FINCHFORD		
	Hi-Y Club	14
	Tri-Hi-Y Club	8
	Jr. Hi-Y Club	11
	Jr. Tri-Hi-Y Club	8
3. HUDSON		
	Hi-Y Club	38
	Tri-Hi-Y	40
4. JESUP		
	Hi-Y Club	28
	Jr. Hi-Y Club	62
	Gra-Y Club	41
5. LA PORTE CITY		
	Tri-Hi-Y Club	67
	Hi-Y Club	53
6. NEW HARTFORD		
	Hi-Y Club	38
	Tri-Hi-Y Club	34
7. ORANGE TWP.		
	Hi-Y Club	28
	Tri-Hi-Y Club	23

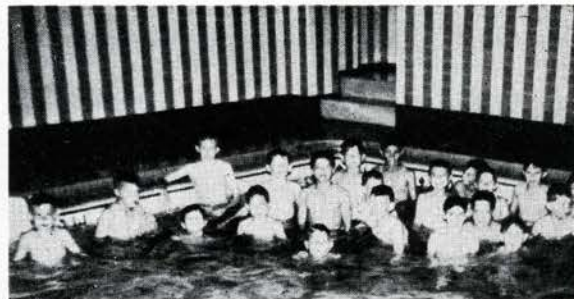
SUMMARY:

8 Hi-Y, 5 Tri-Hi-Y, 3 Junior Hi-Y, 1 Jr. Tri-Hi-Y
5 Gra-Y, 3 Basketball Leagues with 22 teams.

TOTALS: 44 Clubs and Teams—Enrollment.....968



A Tri-Hi-Y Induction Service



Monthly Gra-Y Swim

In the crystal clear "Y" pool. Once a month as part of the club program each Gra-Y and Hi-Y member in the District may come to the "Y" pool for a swim.



DEFINITIONS

1. A Hi-Y Club is an organization of High School boys with the high purpose: "to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community a high standard of Christian character."
2. The Tri-Hi-Y is the companion club of the Hi-Y and is made up of high school girls who are pledged "to seek, to find and to share" the better ways of life.
3. The Gra-Y Club provides the "Y" program for grade school boys with the purpose to "live in a Christian way in our homes, schools, churches, and neighborhoods."
4. The Jr. Hi-Y and Jr. Tri-Hi-Y are for boys and girls in Jr. High School.



BROADENING HORIZONS

"Upon a sunny, wind-blown hill
He sits enchanted with the view he sees;
The kingdoms of his world before him lie;
Youth, and strength, and beauty all are his.

With them as shining armour
He will go forth and either take or give.
O Christ, who also saw the kingdoms of the world,
Teach him how to live."

—Mrs. Leo Gessell.

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES IN THE Y.M.C.A 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-memberships 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 Boy's Division of the Y.M.C.A.

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.

Every Boy and Girl a Swimmer--Every Swimmer a Lifesaver



Every boy and girl connected with the District "Y" has a chance to learn to swim or, if they can swim, they have the opportunity to learn Life Saving. During the past year for the first time, swimming instruction was extended to the schools in the District. Both boys and girls from Orange Twp. and Hudson Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs have availed themselves of this opportunity with such successful results that this swimming program has been offered to all the high schools in the organization. Most of the schools in the District work have expressed their desire to participate in this program this coming year. The instruction is under the direct supervision of your Secretary and there is no extra charge for this service.



A "Y" Boy



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