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# The DISTRICT "Y" PROGRAM--CHI

A Hi-Y Club is an organization of High School boys with the high purpose: 'to creat, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community a high standard of Christian character.'

Tri-Hi-Y is the companion club of the Hi-Y and is made up of high school girls who are pledged to "to seek, to find, and to share" the better ways of life.

## CEDAR FALLS

Cedar Falls, being the largest city served by the District 'Y', quite logically carries on the most extensive program as well. 'Y' Club activities include: 18 in Gra-Y club at Campus School; 22 in Hi-Y at Teachers High; 57 in Hi-Y at Downtown High; 22 in Gra-Y and 12 in Jr. Hi-Y at Miner School; 18 in Gra-Y at Bethlehem Lutheran Church; 19 in Gra-Y at Cedar Heights; 9 in Gra-Y and 18 "Little Women" at Cedar City. (Total—196 club members.)

Athletic activities include: 5 Senior teams and 6 Junior teams in Inter-church Basketball Leagues; 6 Senior teams in Inter-Church Softball Leagues; 8 teams in Open Basketball League. 18 in Men's Volleyball class at Lincoln School. (TOTAL—274 players.)

Special activities include: Hi-Y sponsored Holy Week Services at High School and secured the speakers; Hi-Y formed an active induction team and have inducted several new clubs in the District; Hi-Y members handled refreshment concessions at Hippodrome during Girl's State Basketball Tournament and pledged \$100.00 to YMCA World Service from proceeds; all clubs cooperated to sponsor the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Cedar Falls children with nearly 1,000 taking part; 40 Cedar Falls boys enjoyed a 10 day District Period at Morris Isle 'Y' Camp.

## FINCHFORD

The true value of a program can never be measured in numbers. Club activities with high school students has been dropped in Finchford for the present due to the low school enrollment in that age bracket. However, a fine grade school club of boys and girls finds 18 members taking part in an enthusiastic 'Y' program with regular meetings, around worthwhile activities. Such persistence is bound to bear fruit.

## HUDSON

In Hudson the entire High School student body is enrolled in the 'Y' program with 38 boys in the Hi-Y Club and 42 girls in Tri-Hi-Y. Both groups are active with a regular schedule of meetings, and the girls sponsored several special events during the year including: a Father and Daughter Banquet; a Mother and Daughter Tea; and a breakfast for the graduating seniors. The two clubs combined efforts to sponsor all-school assembly programs for Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Last spring both groups (total of 105 then) took advantage of the new District swimming instruction program in the Waterloo 'Y' pool, and at the conclusion of the course it was found that every boy and girl had learned to swim at least the 20 foot width of the pool. This accomplishment is outstanding and certainly adds concrete results to the value of the 'Y' program and service.

## INDEPENDENCE

Independence is the newest member of our District 'Y' family. Following organization of a town committee on March 1st, and a subsequent request for us to introduce the 'Y' program in the high school there, a new Hi-Y Club of 41 members was inducted.

These boys meet regularly on school time and have conducted several interesting programs to date. An all-school party and dance in the high school gym last spring is their best feature experience so far. Most novel of their achievements was preparing and serving dinner for 15 members of the adult committee in March.



# CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

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."

Jr. Hi-Y and Jr. Tri-Hi-Y are for boys and girls in Jr. High School.

## ORANGE TOWNSHIP

Like other consolidated schools in the District students at Orange are on a close and busy schedule. However, they have shared in the 'Y' program with enthusiasm for several years and last year found 28 high school fellows in Hi-Y Club and 39 girls in Tri-Hi-Y. Regular meetings are held every two weeks around programs of local club origin or special features provided by the District Secretary. Hi-Y put on a father and son banquet in September with 140 in attendance, and all high schools boys and girls took part in the special swimming program during the year.

## JESUP

Being one of the oldest participants in the District, Jesup has the distinction of an organized 'Y' program at four different age levels. They begin with the youngest group and have 46 enrolled in Gra-Y; 22 in a Pioneer club; 42 in Jr. Hi-Y; and 45 in Hi-Y. The present high school principal has been a 'Y' committee member and volunteer club leader for nearly seventeen years which accounts to a large degree for the continued strength and value of this fine program. Both boys and girls are taking part in the District swimming instruction program.

## NEW HARTFORD

For many years the high school students of New Hartford have had a prominent part in the District 'Y' program. This year 36 are enrolled in the Hi-Y club and 38 in Tri-Hi-Y. As is true in all of the communities, much of the leadership for other school activities is developed through experience in these groups, and of course, such leadership qualities prove valuable to the respective communities in later years.

## LAPORTE CITY

The most successful 'Y' clubs in any community are those that keep most active by finding useful things to do. The 'Y' program in LaPorte is certainly active and successful.

73 girls are enrolled in the Tri-Hi-Y club; 67 High school fellows are active in Hi-Y Club; 22 Jr. High boys take part in the Jr. Hi Craft Club.

The two former groups besides holding regular meetings have combined forces to sponsor many special events such as:

A Family Night pot luck supper attended by 125 parents and club members; a Sports Dinner honoring High School athletic teams; handled all concessions at High School ball games; sent and paid way for delegate to National Hi-Y Congress in Ohio last summer; put on a series of community sports events; helped sponsor all-school carnival with proceeds designated to help buy uniforms for school band; sponsored all-school Dance and Christmas party; put on special assembly programs for Easter, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.

During the year all High School and Junior High students took part in the District swimming instruction program at the Waterloo 'Y' with very satisfactory results.



# A World-wide Christian Fellowship

— OVER 2 MILLION MEMBERS IN 68 COUNTRIES —

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 throughout the world 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 GraY Clubs, recreation centers, basketball leagues, camping, swimming and numerous other activities.

## THIS GENEROUS PLAN OFFERS PRIVILEGES IN WATERLOO 'Y' & FULL CREDIT TO YOUR BUDGET

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 the donor 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.

## SWIMMING INSTRUCTION IN WATERLOO 'Y' POOL POPULAR IN DISTRICT

Started as a new venture only two years ago the swimming instruction program is now established as a very valuable feature of the District program. The service is extended to boys and girls in schools throughout the District with schedule arrangements subject to clearance with the District Secretary. Transportation is usually provided by school bus and the instruction period conducted on school time. Hudson, Orange Township, LaPorte City and Jesup are participating in this program with very favorable results and many boys and girls have learned to swim—much to the satisfaction of their parents for the sake of safety, and to the swimmers for the sake of future recreation. This program is offered in cooperation with the Waterloo 'Y' without charge.

## LEADERSHIP

Leadership for the District 'Y' program begins with the sponsoring committee in each community. They are responsible for obtaining the necessary financial support and for determining operating policies. School Superintendents and Principals are usually included on these local committees to guide and correlate the program according to needs in the school, and along with other teachers and coaches serve as advisors to assist the boys and girls in making the programs most effective. The District Secretary provides the technical resource and general supplies, and maintains a helpful working relationship with the groups throughout all 8 of the communities in the District. This is the 'Y' in action.