

Evidences That the Concord "Y" Pays Big Dividends

The following are a few letters picked at random from more than 800 letters received at the Y from the boys and girls of Concord.

Dear Mr. Blanks: You have benefited our school wonderfully by sending Mr. Denny here to give physical training. We are all very grateful for the pictures on Saturday nights also. Almost everyone in Concord heard some part of the Bible Story Contest and if they didn't they don't know what they missed. We are all greatly pleased that we can have you at the Y. Every child in town has gained something from "the work of the Y."

Many of us are interested in the May Festival and the circus. Also the Sunday Gang must not be left out, either. Many a boy has taken interest in Church that no one else would have urged to go save you. We would miss the Y very much if it were closed. The Y has made many people move "up and about" since you came here.

I am glad of such a good chance to show my appreciation of the work of the "Y". Again thinking you for your wonderful work, I will close. Your little friend, NANCY HAYWOOD, 396 South Union St., Concord, N. C., May 3, 1926.

Central Grammar School, 5th Grade, Miss Black's Room. May 6, 1926. Dear Mr. Blanks: I wish to tell you what I think of the "Y". I think the "Y" is one of the best things in Concord for the young and old. Whoever does not come to the "Y" certainly misses something fine.

The fine exercise that you give our school daily, if you did nothing else it would pay Concord well. The pupils have gained so much in weight, in lung capacity, in taking directions properly and in co-operation. One of the finest things is the Bible Story Telling Contest. It helps the children to speak before audiences. It is one of the finest things Concord has had in religious training.

Another fine thing is the Sunday Gang. It teaches the boys to go to Church. Some would hang around stores when they should be in Church. I never in all my life have seen such good entertainments and I have lived in five cities. The movies are so good, the circus and all the entertainments are good.

The "Y" has such good clubs at nearly every mill in Concord. This brings the boys and girls into closer touch with the "Y". Sincerely yours, RUTH KESTER, 106 Meadow St., Concord, N. C., May 5, 1926.

Mr. H. W. Blanks, Concord, N. C. Dear Mr. Blanks: We all should be proud of the Y for what it has done for us. The exercise has made us strong and healthy. The reason I go to the Y is because I go to a gym class and enjoy the many games and sports which will make my body strong.

And another good thing in the summer time is the swimming pool, which every boy and girl loves. The Central School enjoys the physical training which is given by Mr. Denny. Then we have a good time going on arrow head hunts and hikes and another thing is the free movies which are given every Saturday night. And I am sure every boy and girl enjoys the movies. Another thing is the circus and shows which every boy and girl likes.

One of the other great benefits is the Sunday Gang, which all the boys like and it is a good thing for the boys that they might attend Sunday school and church every Sunday. And some times Mr. Blanks takes the gang on trips and hikes. If the Y were closed the boys and girls of Concord would not have a good time like they had when the Y was open, and they would get no training for their minds and bodies. That is why we all should appreciate the Y and all it has done for us.

Yours truly, LAX W. SHU, 209 S. Union St., Concord, N. C., May 5, 1926.

Mr. H. W. Blanks, Concord, N. C. Dear Mr. Blanks: One of the benefits of the Y, M. C. A. that I like is the stamp club, because it is great fun collecting stamps. I have had people laugh at me for collecting stamps. They think they are not worth anything, but they are like any other hobby. I have a good many stamps which I like to spend hours with putting them in my stamp book. As I put them in I like to look at their curious pictures.

Your truly, CHARLES IVEY, JR., Concord, N. C., 87 N. Church St., May 5, 1926.

My dear Mr. Blanks: I want to tell you how much I enjoy the Y. It's gym classes, swimming pool, moving pictures, May Day Fetes and many more things that are useful to the community. Concord would certainly be a lonesome place without Y. The Kiwanians, Rotarians and all the different clubs that hold their meetings there would miss it. We would not only miss the Y with all its pleasures and helps, but we would miss you and Mr. Denny.

Your little friend, MARGARET FEELE, 218 N. Church St., Concord, N. C., May 6, 1926.

Mr. H. W. Blanks, Concord, N. C. Dear Mr. Blanks: I appreciate the Y, M. C. A. because it improves me physically, mentally and spiritually. First, The Y has gymnasium class-

es that I may attend daily. At the public schools I take physical training under the direction of Mr. J. W. Denny.

Second, by taking physical training it keeps my mind fresh and able to do the best in my studies and my work.

Third, Last, but not least, for my spiritual improvement the Y has the Bible Story Contest that I may enter and many other things.

The "Y" lives up to its name—"The Young Men's Christian Association." Sincerely yours, STUART HENRY, Mr. H. W. Blanks, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., Concord, N. C.

Dear Mr. Blanks: As a pastor of one of the smaller churches of Concord, I can give you hearty approval of the program of work. You are doing a work that no one of the churches could do, a work that all the churches of Concord are doing in co-operation with the Y program.

In planning a new church provision was made for the worship and the educational program that is needful to-day. We made no provision for the recreational, and very little for the social. The reason for it is that the Y takes care of the recreational and the social in a far better way than the local congregation can. The Y provides both room and leadership.

The Y is doing a good work for Concord and deserves the continued support. Respectfully, W. C. LYERLY, Pastor Trinity Reformed Church, Y PAPER

North Union St., Concord, N. C., May 5, 1926.

Dear Mr. Blanks: I want to thank you for what you have done for the boys and girls of our town. I wonder what we did before you came?

I have become more interested in athletics, and am therefore stronger. I have been helped by the physical training that Mr. Denny gives us at school, for I do not have the colds I used to have.

I have enjoyed the clean athletic entertainments you have had at the "Y". I would hate to see the "Y" close. Sincerely, WILLIAM CANNON, Concord, N. C., May 5th, 1926.

My dear Mr. Blanks:— I take pleasure in adding my meed of praise for the splendid work you are doing in our city. I think Concord would be getting it cheap for twice the money.

You have added greatly to my happiness and effectiveness during the one year I have been privileged to associate with you. For this I am grateful.

With the equipment and means that you have at hand I think the amount accomplished is truly magnificent. Any organization that is doing as much for a community as yours is doing should have the hearty co-operation and support of every public spirited citizen.

Sincerely, R. S. ARROWOOD, Pastor McKinnon Presbyterian Church.

The world's record high jump by a woman rider is held by Miss Dorothy Wood of Edmonton, Alberta, whose horse, Bay Eagle, cleared the bars at 6 ft. 4 in.

Scenes like this are frequent at the Y. M. C. A. Lawn

MISS CATHERINE WIDENHOUSE Winner of Second Prize in Senior Bible Story Contest

MISS FRANCES BARNHART Representing First Baptist Church, took one of the honors in Bible Story Contest.

The Y. M. C. A. a Builder of a Community Center in Concord

The Y. M. C. A. of Concord is doing a marvelous piece of work for this city in that it is serving as a levelling force to take away some of those things that separate people and divide them into classes. It is easily seen that class feelings keep down many pieces of work in the city that should be put across. The churches cannot do very much to put over a city-wide movement because of the denominational feelings which come to light in our plans.

Therefore the Y. M. C. A. is meeting a great need of the town in that it does not deal with denominational issues. Our Y. M. C. A. has as its task the building of a new order in Concord. Any one who watches the work that is carried on in this institution can see that the ultimate aim is for the largest amount of good for the largest number of people that it can possibly reach.

The work which is being done in this institution is a builder of right attitude between man and man and at times is trying to cause people to seek after the righteousness of God.

The Y. M. C. A. does not preach sermons. The Y. M. C. A. does not have a cut and dried system to which it must conform. It has no doctrinal hobbies that it has to hold up all the time. The Young Men's Christian Association of Concord is trying to put full meaning into the name it bears. The doctrine that it is defending is the doctrine of service and helpfulness as is seen in the program which Jesus brought to the world.

Jesus did not bring a religious program to the world and say work this every Sunday and then run your business through the week as it seems best. Instead Jesus tried to build up a community of interest and helpfulness. He wanted people to be religious and He knew that in being religious that that would take care of the whole life of the race. We cannot continue to go on feeling that religion is one thing, business another,

recreation another, social development another, and service another. Many of the youth of Concord are hungering for a unified program of life and they are going to find it better at this place. Here is where special attention and effort is being given to a program that meets the needs of the youth. Recreation is good and it is well supervised. The boy or girl who cannot play by rules and do it mainly or womanly and at the same time in an honest way will never be able to live an honest Christian life. The man or woman who lives in a city and cannot make some contribution in a social way to building up of the city should see a specialist; and the greatest specialist that has given a prescription for selfishness and narrowness was Jesus. When we take His program and begin to live by it, it means that we get into the best relation to our fellow man and to God. The Y. M. C. A. is working along this line and is trying to work up the best possible relation between the people of Concord. If you are not ashamed of your reputation in the City or in some other place, you ought to come to the Y. M. C. A. and meet some people and see what is going on there.

It is certain that the Churches of Concord have been drawn closer together, because of the work which has been done at the Y. M. C. A. and if the churches can be drawn closer together there evidently is something of the community interest in it that can draw the classes together and cause us to see that we are children of the same Heavenly Father. Concord ought to be proud of the community of interest that is touching the people as the Y. M. C. A. Every good citizen should give their moral and financial support to the work which is being done in this institution.

REV. T. F. HIGGINS, Pastor Forest Hill Methodist Church.



SUSIE K. POUNDS Whose story of Moses captured the large audience in the final Bible Story Contest.



MISS MURIEL WOLFF Winner of Senior first prize, "an Eastern Tour" in annual Bible Story Contest.



MISS ALICE MAE FULLER A Trinity Reformed Church Winner in the recent Bible Story Contest.

Sunday School Superintendents. Called together at Y and organized into a Sunday School Superintendent's organization for the purpose of further promoting the work of the Sunday Schools of Concord, those present decided to meet once a month on the night that the ministers hold their meeting and have supper together. Mr. H. L. Collier of Central Methodist Church, was elected temporary chairman. Much good will come out of this group, for the destiny of many future citizens depend on our Sunday Schools.

Will the Dream of Concord's Youth Come True

That the building used by the Concord Association is entirely inadequate, that the equipment has seen better days, that the thousands of feet that enter the doors of the association each month should have a building adequate and in keeping with the churches and other public buildings of our city, that the youth of Concord should have the opportunity to be trained under able leadership, that the equipment should be ample to meet the needs of a growing city, that

a greater day will dawn and come when a city rises to meet needs is easily proven. The citizens of Concord have failed. A big gymnasium—a gymnasium boys and girls, an adequate swimming pool—equipment that will cover needs of such a building—coming—your opportunity to leave some worthwhile to the youth of your town and only then will a new dawn have dawned for a greater and service to humanity.

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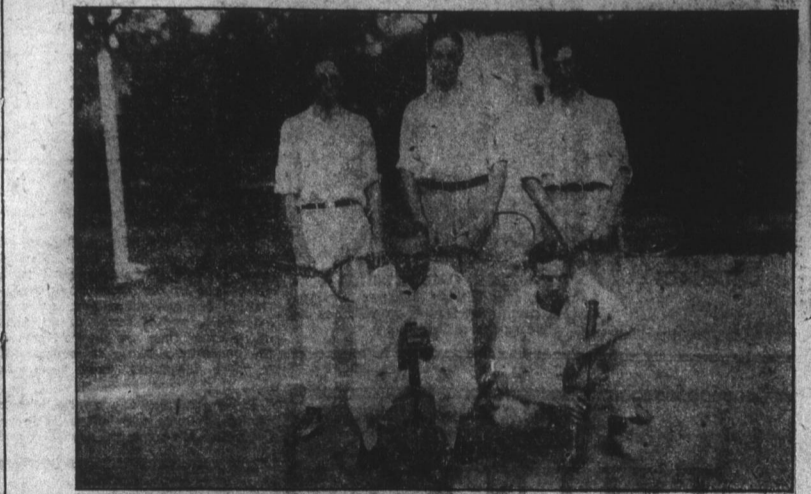
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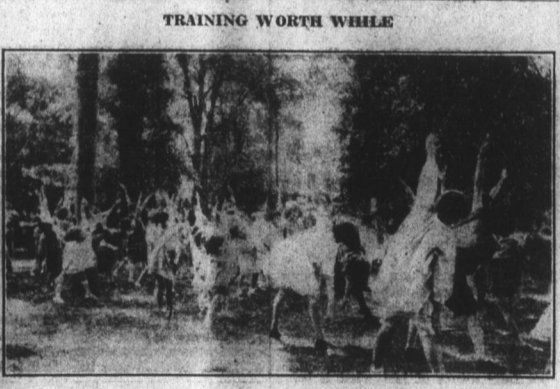
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MISS PAULINE WIDENHOUSE One of the Bible Story Contest Winners



MISS JESSIE HAYES Of Sunderland Hall. One of the winners in Senior Class Bible Story Contest.



Scenes like this are frequent at the Y. M. C. A. Lawn



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