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NORTH CAROLINA

EMPLOYED BOYS AND GIRLS TO ENJOY ANOTHER CAMPING TOUR.

Owing to the great success of the Camping Auto trip to Washington last season the Y will operate a big Special to New York leaving early in June for a fifteen day tour visiting the Luray Caverns in Virginia. The Battlefields of Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Five days in New York, returning visiting Baltimore, Washington and Richmond.

The two winners of the older groups in the Bible Story Contest will be given trips with this party.

Membership in this tour is limited to employed boys and girls, teachers and students—a large number have already made application and as the number is limited to fifty, many will be disappointed.

Each member will have to take two blankets, folding cot and mess kit. Expert chaperones will conduct the party.

A real program of fun and pleasure in store for everyone.

A Hard Day.

"Well, sweetie, he has my little bride been all day?" asked Young-husband on his return from his office.

"Oh, George!" cried his wife, breaking into tears. "A salesman came here and called me his dear madam and I called a police officer and now I have to go to court Wednesday."

BIBLE STORY CONTESTANTS



JOHN HUGH WILLIAMS Second Prize Group D



MISS MABEL HENRY 1st Prize Group D



STUART HENRY 1st Prize Group G

What the Leading Business and Professional Men and Merchants Think of Work of Concord "Y"

Concord, N. C., April 27, 1926.

Mr. H. W. Blanks, Concord, N. C.

My dear sir:

The Y is doing a splendid work in Concord, especially with the young people of our town, spiritually, morally and physically. All of which is plainly visible.

Our Secretary is ever alert to the best interests of the town and community and we should encourage him by our hearty support morally and financially.

Respectfully, E. C. BARNHARDT.

205 N. Church St., Concord, April 27, 1926.

Dear Brother Blanks:

I believe the best of all the good work you and your corps are doing, is that with the "Sunday Gang."

Yours in Him, A. G. LOFTIN.

Pastor Concord Circuit M. E. Church, South.

Concord, N. C., April 26, 1926.

Mr. H. W. Blanks, Concord, N. C.

My dear Mr. Blanks:

I want to take this occasion to say that I am a strong believer in the Young Men's Christian Association of this city. It has been a wonderful uplift to our young people and the work that is being accomplished is making a deep impression on the community.

The work that you have done is practical and an incentive to our young people to lead better lives. I am pleased to add my hearty appreciation for this cause.

With very kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely, W. R. ODELL.

Concord, N. C., April 26, 1926.

Mr. H. W. Blanks, City.

Dear Brother Blanks:

I, as a small contributor to the Y, want to express to you my delight and appreciation for the good work which you have done and are doing at the Y. I feel that your accomplishments at the Y and in the Y work has been marvelous.

Respectfully, C. F. RITCHIE.

Concord, N. C., April 23, 1926.

Dear Brother Blanks:

During the past six months I have been observing the work of the Y. M. C. A. and I am glad to say that I

think you are doing a very fine work through the Y. I feel that the moral life of Concord is being greatly benefited by the influences of the institution in which you are leading.

Yours fraternally,

R. M. COURTNEY, Pastor Central Methodist Church.

Concord, N. C., April 28, 1926.

Mr. H. W. Blanks, Concord, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I desire to endorse the work of the Y. M. C. A. as it has been conducted by you. It is a great asset to our community. I think it is very much better to try to steer our youths away from trouble than to reform them after they have contracted bad habits.

Yours very truly, G. L. PATTERSON.

The Y Budget Campaign Starts Wednesday

Be READY

W. A. OVER-CASH Clothier

MAYOR BARRIER SAYS THE Y IS A LIVE INSTITUTION.

Only those of us who have lived in the City of Concord years before our Y. M. C. A. was established can appreciate, in the fullest, the fine work done in our city by this institution.

Concord has for many many years been noted for its good schools and churches and I would not discount or discredit the splendid work of either the schools or the churches, but there was a work which neither of them seemed to be able to accomplish—the development of Christian fellowship and goodwill among the populace of the city as a whole.

Before the establishment of the Y. M. C. A. here there were as many communities in the city as there were schools, industrial plants and churches.

Social lines were drawn with such distinction that unless you lived on certain streets or were engaged in certain occupations you were not looked upon as being worthy of fellowship with those on whom fortune had smiled more freely than upon yourself.

No matter how well behaved, or manners a boy or girl, or even men and women, conducted themselves, there was that visible social line that separated our people into so many groups and communities that it was impossible for our schools and churches to do their best work.

The coming of the Y. M. C. A. in our midst has torn asunder those lines and united our people into one big Brotherhood, giving each boy and each girl in the city an equal chance to develop their physical, social and spir-

itual life. Who would dare call back the money they have invested in this institution, if they could, and at the same time roll back the curtain of time and wake up in the Concord of pre-Y. M. C. A. days.

In the language of the Master—it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the midst of the sea.

In our present drive for funds for the support of this wonderful institution, let us hope that it will not be necessary to call on "Venus" of Faith to "trot out" any millstone.

C. H. BARRIER, Mayor.

CAMP SITES LOCATED.

Physical Director Denny, Boys' Work Secretary Johnson accompanied by Mr. S. Kay Patterson, of the Board of Directors, made a visit to the mountains for the purpose of locating the new summer camp—they were successful and report that the greatest location ever had been secured. As soon as the weather breaks a bit work will be begun on getting everything in readiness to entertain at least two hundred boys of the Sunday gang for a week's outing.

Distance.

"Why do you walk from your home to the office?" "Because it's closer than walking from the nearest parking place."



JUNIOR HI G CLUB

Great Eastern Tour

On the morning of June 10th the second annual Eastern pilgrimage of Employed Older Boys and Girls will leave Concord Y for a two week's motor tour to New York City.

The itinerary will take in such notable places as Endless Caverns in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, the great battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa., the State Capital of Pennsylvania, the Delaware Water Gap in the Pocono Mountains, New York City, a day's trip on the Hudson River, a visit to Princeton, N. J., Philadelphia and the Sesqui-centennial Exposition, with an optional trip of a day to Annapolis, Md., via Annapolis, Md., to Washington and Mt. Vernon and Richmond, Va.

The party will travel in two large motor buses, will be chaperoned by experienced chaperones and driven by experienced chauffeurs. The cost of the trip will be \$65 from Concord to Concord. The price does not include the side trips; these to be made at the option of the members of the party. The number will be limited to fifty. Many reservations have already been made. The trip is open to employed boys and girls, teachers and others interested in making this delightful auto tour.

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF CITY PRAISE THE Y

Write Letters of Appreciation and Commendation to Secretary Blanks.

The Concord Young Men's Christian Association is of great benefit to every one, but it is of particular benefit to the children, both boys and girls. So that he might know the attitude of the children H. W. Blanks, secretary of the Y, asked children in Central Grammar School to write their views, and today he is making public some of the scores of letters he received.

Leola Harwood, of the fifth grade, wrote:

"Dear Mr. Blanks:

"I want you to know just how much good you are doing in Concord, and that I appreciate it all. I was very happy when Mr. Webb asked us to write you a letter, for I have been wanting to tell you what good your work is doing in this city.

"The Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening movies are my favorite weekly feature.

"The winter gym is a good thing for all the boys and girls, too. The summer pool is the main summer feature in Concord since every one is welcome to come to it.

"I think the Bible Story Telling



REV. M. L. KESTER

Contest is of big interest, too. It teaches us more about the Bible, and they tell us many stories maybe none of us knew before. I appreciate many more things that I haven't time to tell you; in fact no words of mine can express your good work in Concord in my estimation."

Ellen White, of Georgia Avenue, wrote Mr. Blanks:

"Mr. Dear Mr. Blanks: "I think that the Y has been a very wonderful thing for Concord.

"Girls and boys who have no home life, and no opportunities or amusements can come to the Y and get exercise, games, hot showers and the best of reading advantages, at any time of the day.

"The exercise that is given at the different schools helps the children who are not healthy. It makes them get color in their cheeks, and to gain weight.

"The Sunday Gang has done much for the boys in Christian work as well as in others.

"When you go down street now at night or day you do not see boys loafing around the corners as they used to. They cannot resist the temptation to go to the best Y. M. C. A. that can be established."

Mr. Blanks stated this morning that he plans to publish some other letters next week. "The children are the ones we are anxious to reach with our work," he stated, "and I want the public to know what they think of our work."

The annual budget campaign for the Y will begin Wednesday morning with \$16,000 as the goal.

The only bird with large wings that does not use them for flight is the Kakapa, or owl parrot of New Zealand.

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WHOLESALE GROCERS



WHEN THE Y CIRCUS CAME TO TOWN

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"To Help the Boy"

We Ask Your Generous Support In the Canvass For Funds to Operate For 1926

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