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AIMS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY Y. M. C. A.

County Secretary Leater Gives the Following Story Regarding the Work in This Locality

The aims of the Allegany County Young Men's Christian Association as outlined below will prove of interest to the people.

The County Organization seeks to develop Christian Leadership for the boys of teen age, living in the communities of a county and to guide that leadership along the lines of a four fold program of character building activities. Its work is based on the belief that the Home, the Church, the School and the Civic authorities of community life are the primary agencies responsible for the boy's life. That the Young Men's Christian Association being a secondary agency, can do more by supplementing and strengthening the efforts of those primarily responsible than by an independent effort.

The organization necessary to the carrying out of the county wide program of the association is as follows:

First—A County Committee of Christian men representing the communities of the county.

Second—Local Committees of three to five men in each community, such committees to take the responsibility for the program in their respective centers.

Third—A County Secretary employed by the County Committee to organize community and county-wide activities and work with the above committee in carrying out the same.

The Allegany County Committee was organized last April with the following officers:

Paul B. Hanks, Wellsville, Chairman.

Dr. John Common, Andover, Vice-Chairman.

R. L. Chamberlain, Angelica, Recording Secretary.

C. A. Ackerly, Cuba, Treasurer.

The work is financed from a county budget, raised by subscription from those interested in the work.

No local quotas are assigned. Individuals throughout the county subscribe according to their ability and interest.

The Allegany County Committee adopted a budget of five thousand dollars to cover the work of the first year, closing April 1st, 1922. The county fund is used to cover the salary of a county secretary, traveling expenses including the purchase and maintenance of an automobile, office expenses including printing, postage, office supplies, stenographer, etc.

The following convictions drawn from experience form a basis for the work:

That there is no salvation for the boys of a community to the best things in life except thru the leadership of the men of that community.

That a church program will attract boys when the church makes a real investment of the personality of its best men in the leadership of well-organized groups in the Sunday School.

That men should be set apart for this work and relieved of other responsibilities in the church life.

That the time is past when the leader of a Sunday School class of boys can satisfy the demands of the situation by meeting with his group for half an hour on Sunday. A program of mid-week activities is absolutely essential if the leader is to know his boys and be a real factor in the building of their lives.

That the proper use of the Gang Instinct is a valuable asset in the building of manhood.

That worthwhile tasks for the group are essential to the development of manhood.

That a real leader of boys is more of a coach sitting on the side lines than a boss in the front ranks doing things for the boys.

The Andover Committee is composed of Erwin Baker, Dr. John Common, C. H. Watson, Hervey Thorne and Fay E. Boyd.

Tidbits From Our School

Program for Friday morning:
Song by School "Old Glory"
Recitation "The Vampire" Betty Pardon

Song by School "The Orange and the Black"
Simple Questions

Explain what is meant by "school spirit."

What is peculiar about the rotation of our moon on its axis?

How can one locate the north star?

When eating at a table when and how should the fork be held in the right hand? in the left hand?

What is the height of an ordinary barrel? Compare this with the length of a horse's head.

Basket Ball
Friday night the girls' team went to Wellsville where they played a league game, but were defeated by the Wellsville team at a score of 14-10. The Andover girls did fine work and sure deserve credit.

Friday night the Canisteo girls' team comes here. Also there will be a boys' game between the High School and town teams.

At the close of school Friday night all books and papers were removed from the desks in the study hall.

Jokes
(This isn't a week for joking — for it's Regents week.)

Perfect Spellers
Third Grade

Muriel Brague, Carmon Youmans, Edwin Scott, Florence DeRemer, Ella Baker, Robert Smith, Bertrum Campbell.

Fifth Grade
Margaret Eising, Cecelia O'Connell, Mildred Campbell, Ina Williams.

Sixth Grade
Mary Horan, Robert Lynch, Frances Brundage, Pauline Martin.

Seventh Grade
Margaret Livermore, Birdie Sandberg, Ruth Whistler.

Reporters for next week are Loreta Quigg and Ellen Casey.

COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

On Saturday, Jan. 28th, will be held in the Methodist Church parlors the first of a series of social and recreational evenings, to be known as Community Night. At 7 p. m. the games will begin. These will be followed by an exhibit of photographs.

All who care to do so will bring their old-time photographs, kodak pictures, tintypes, etc., of themselves, or their family groups, and we will project them on the screen, and enjoy laugh over them. The last item on the program will be an address by the Rev. W. H. Smith on the Battle of Gettysburg, illustrated by colored views of the battlefield as it is today, showing cannon, monuments, ancient landmarks, and the places made memorable by that mighty struggle which turned the tide of the Civil War. All are invited. Admission free. No collection.

THE COLLEGE GIRLS PLAY ANDOVER BOYS

Girls on Coast to Coast Tour Stop For a Game at Andover

Andover Basket Ball fans will enjoy a real treat Thursday night, Jan. 26th, when the East All American College Girl Basket Ball Team plays the local Town Team at the High School building.

The College Girl Team are now making their 8th annual tour from coast to coast and have won for themselves an enviable reputation as basket tossers. They are the only girl team in America that ever successfully played against men-teams under men's rules.

Miss Rose Harrington, star basket-tosser of the local girls' team, will play with the Town Team against the College Girl Team Thursday, Jan. 26th.

Tickets to the game are now being sold at several business places. Better get yours early as the size of the Basket Ball court necessitates a limited number.

The admission is 50c for adults and 25c for school children. Don't miss this rare treat.

THE COMING WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY ENTERTAINMENT

The ladies of the Andover Methodist Church are busily engaged on an interesting entertainment for Washington's Birthday. It is to be an old-fashioned Washington's Birthday party, with George and Martha present, taking part in the festivities. A wide-awake committee is at work.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Andover Rod & Gun Club will meet Wednesday evening, Jan. 26th, at Macabee Hall, at 8 o'clock, for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may come before it.

E. C. LANGWORTHY, Sec'y.

ACCOUNT OF TRIP TO ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA

Arthur Jones Sends News Letter From Sunny South Telling Their Experiences Enroute

When my wife, daughter Ethel, grandson Donald, and myself left Andover Jan. 2nd, before daylight, the thermometer registered four degrees above zero and a fierce breeze from the north. I promised the party that when we reached Elmira the cold would be considerably lessened. But alas, I had made a poor guess. The bite of the north wind was sharper than at Andover. A walk around four blocks to see the house where we stayed one winter, about twenty-five years ago, gave us blue lips and tender ears.

Only a short wait in Elmira, then over the "Penay" to Washington.

By good luck we got seats then, but not always. Thereafter, as there was a crowd rushing on and off at every stop, seats, arms were filled, and aisles jammed.

Near Troy, Pa., a young man came on the train with his ears frozen white. He was taken to the vestibule and they were rubbed with snow from the steps. I'll bet they are moulting now.

At Williamsport change cars, pick up coats, rubbers, bag, suitcase, lunch box, two pillows, etc., but do not push into the crowd. We wait until the mob has passed, when we pass easily out with our baggage; just a little patience you see; and we will need patience, too, for when we get into the waiting car we find the rude mob has the seats, also the seat arms and aisles. We can barely squeeze into the car, no room for our feet. One of mine is under a suit case. I know by the weight that it is the one our bag etc. is piled on; the other foot is under a dainty tarty with 175 or 180 pounds for her credit. The heels on her shoes were just the size of a Lincoln penny. If you doubt this I can show you the hole in my foot where she stood. Then the engineer would give the cars a kick to loosen the heels or something, and she would come to rest on our manly bosom; then with a jerk the train would start I would lower my head to save my face, and bunt her between the shoulders. Some one behind would hit me and I would become aware that the person behind had picked his suitcase off his feet and it was jamming us behind the knees.

From side to side, forward and back we sway, "merrily we roll along, roll along, roll along," and we think of our kind friends at the north who assured us that there was no such thing as a holiday crowd on the railroad—any more. Everyone rode in autos. Only the conductor and trainmen rode on trains now, and the trains were run only to hold the road's charter.

At Harrisburg we made a rush with the rest of the mob. It was getting late in the day, near lunch time, and we wanted two seats together for our party, so that we could all have something to eat. We were among the first to board the train.

Oh, joy! One vacant seat, the one next with only one young lady occupant, and the one behind the same. If I could induce first lady to sit with second I could reverse back of seat and we would have two facing, just like "Home Sweet Home." It all depended on the woman in the case. In the most respectful voice I could command I said: "Please, would you mind sitting with the lady behind and let our party have these two seats together?"

She turned her head and her glance swept from my hands filled with luggage to the top of my hat. Her eyebrows went up and lips followed. She turned her face away and looked straight ahead; she had seen enough, and there was absolutely nothing she cared to say. The interview was ended, so far as she was concerned. I had failed to score a hit with that shot. But I was a desperate man, also slightly peeved, so I came back with the second barrel. In my sweetest and most winning tones I said:

"Or, perhaps, you had rather sit with me." I scored that time. She arose at once and took the seat behind, and something seemed to please her as she laughed for some time.

The Susquehanna was full of floating ice, and when darkness came near York, Pa. we were still looking from the car window on scattered patches of snow.

Washington was very cold, but we did not stop there long, and were soon on our way via the Atlantic Coast Lines. Same crowded condition on train. We were shifted at Richmond, Va. Near morning the crowd thinned and we had elbow room.

At daylight we were well down in North Carolina. A glance from the

EXPLOSION AT THE PUMP STATION

Everything Was Working Smoothly, Then of a Sudden Bang! Roof and Windows Tumble.

The sounding of the fire whistle awakened our residents at 5:30 o'clock Saturday morning. After some delay in locating the fire it was found to be at the pump station below the village. The chemical cart was soon buzzing down Chestnut Street and the flames were quickly extinguished with the chemicals upon their arrival.

Charles Stebbins and Frank Carnes, who were in charge at the time, had just left the room when the explosion occurred. It is supposed that a gas leakage was accountable for the affair. Just what caused it to explode is not known. About twenty square feet of the iron roofing was blown from the building and several windows blown out. The machinery was practically uninjured and repairs were quickly made and business resumed. It was a most fortunate affair in that no one was injured.

The gas company very generously sent the Andover Fire Department a check for fifty dollars the first of this week, on account of their services.

car window showed what seemed to be patches of snow, similar to those we had seen at night-fall. Would it follow us all the way? N. B. it would; for I soon learned that it was not snow, but white sand, but in the early morning light it had the look of the real thing, but there was certainly ice in the ditches along the track, and it continued almost to the southern boundary of the state.

The farming in sight of the railroad consisted of two crops only, corn and cotton. The ears were stripped from the corn, the stalks left standing. Judging from the remains in fields, it had been a small crop. No hay, no grass land. There is much forest but it is mostly small. Long leaf pine seldom running over eight inches thru. I suppose it has all been cut over and this is second growth. There would be a patch of forest, then a clearing, then more forest, more clearing, and this would continue as far as the eye could reach. It was in about the ratio of two acres of forest to one of clearing.

The buildings were mostly negro cabins, with a "Hound dog," a "Mewel" and a half dozen "Picaninies," around it, the sand around the cabin tramped down, smooth as a pavement, not a blade of grass. There would likely be near the cabin a small garden, say slightly larger than a pocket handkerchief, fenced tight to keep out the pests.

After you have seen one mile you have seen it all to the Florida line except that as you get farther South the ground is lower, more swamps, filled with pine, oak, and other trees to me unknown, with Spanish moss hanging from the limbs, and a tree the size of a stove-pipe will sometimes have a base large as a small wash-tub. I suppose this is to give the roots room to gain a hold in the uncertain sandy soil.

Then we came to the Palmettoes, first a scattered few, which we would gaze at as long as they were in sight. (For they sure did look good after the snow of the north,) then miles of them. Their darkness and Jacksonville, Fla. where we came near missing our train.

Our train was on track eight. For some reason gate eight did not open. The guard at gate ten, which was open, would not let us pass. Strong men swore and women wept. Then in the last two minutes we rushed the gate, overpowered the guard, and made our train.

The same crowded condition until near morning, and an engineer, who, I'll bet my bottom dollar, could snap the caboose from a freight train. Near 5 a. m. reached Kissimmee, Fla., nine miles from St. Cloud, and we could not get a train for that place until 11:00 a. m.

A yellow traveler and wife, who were also bound for St. Cloud, fell in with my suggestion that, as it was rather late to try to sleep, and 11 o'clock was long to wait, we get an auto to take us. After some trouble, on account of the lateness of the hour, we found one and soon were in St. Cloud. At 6 o'clock daylight was breaking. The mocking birds were singing and father was sleeping, but soon was awake, and we received a royal welcome.

Notes
Forty-eight hours on the road, said here to be the fastest time on record.

The women of the party were both thoroughly tired; wife so ditty she could hardly walk.

Four-year-old grandson, Donald, was the hero of the party, catching

Rude Rural Rhymes

THE OTHER FELLOW'S SINS

Though not in sooth a guide to youth, I do, by contrast, shine, since other jays have tricks, and ways a blame sight worse than mine. If Bill Smith's pipe is rank and ripe and stinks when it's on fire, while my cigar is milder far, Bill ought to chuck his briar. I boast no sales of coffin nails, or loose or ready rolled, so want the state to legislate that they shall not be sold. If cigarettes were my best bet, I'd advocate some laws to slam the guys who exercise with quids between their jaws. I'm wrong at that, my head is fat; I ought to have more sense, and my faults should give me jolts not those of other gents. At his own sins a fellow grins but frowns on those of others. If he were wise he'd sympathize, and help his erring brothers. Though Peter Reese steals only geese, that man he should not scorn who finds a use for all that's loose in feather, hair or horn. If every guy would stop and think, ere he bawled out his neighbor, he'd save, I wot, his strength a lot to use in gainful labor. —BOB ADAMS.

MAKE TROLLEY LINE OF OLD B. & S.

Much Talked of Project Seems Assured by Articles Appearing in the Electric Railway Journal Recently

The construction of a trolley line on the right of way of the old B. & S. railroad is assured, according to the following taken from the Electric Railway Journal of Jan. 7, 1922:

"Buffalo, Areeda & Wellsville Electric Traction Corporation, Buffalo, N. Y., is about to contract for all material necessary for the construction of an 81-mile high-speed passenger and freight line. A 650-volt direct current system will be installed with converters taking their power from a three-phase, 25-cycle transmission line. The track will be laid with 66-lb. rail. Construction work will be commenced about March 1st, 1922."

Under date of Dec. 31, 1921, the Journal said:

"Plans are under way for the construction of an electric railway from Buffalo to Wellsville, N. Y., over the abandoned roadbed of the Buffalo & Wellsville line owned by C. A. Finnegan, Buffalo. Representatives of the cities and villages along the line have held several conferences with Mr. Finnegan and a group of Buffalo bankers over ways and means of financing the proposed electric freight and passenger line. It is proposed to finance the road with a bond issue of about \$1,000,000."

FARM ORGANIZATION WORK SHOWN IN PICTURE

"Spring Valley" to be shown at the Andover Auditorium, on Monday, Jan. 23rd, is the first picture to be presented by the County and State Farm Bureau. It is a New York State story built around the wool pool of the State Sheep Breeders Association of which many Allegany County farmers are members. The film shows the results of farm organization work and the efforts of the agent and committee in endeavoring to work for the welfare of farming interests of the county. Its truthfulness of life makes it of interest to everyone.

step and meals when and where he could, seeing everything of interest and happy every minute. He made a host of friends.

"Old Erie" gave us the fastest, smoothest and best ride we had.

AMERICAN PEOPLE BUYING MORE

The People of This Country Are Living Well and Buying to Extent of Purchasing Power

New York, Jan. 18. — Notwithstanding the general impression that the consuming public has been abstaining from buying, the January review of retail trade, now completed by the National Retail Dry Goods Association, demonstrates that, for months past, the American people have been buying more, at lower prices—have, in fact, been living much more generously, than they did in the latter part of 1920.

During November, 1921, retail trade fell off 13.7 per cent. in gross value as compared with November, 1920, but prices declined to a greater extent, in typical dry goods staples more than one-third and in many other instances as much as 40 per cent. The 13.7 per cent. reduction in gross value of sales, taken in connection with the very much greater reduction in merchandise prices, represents nearly 50 per cent. more than the volume of goods purchased by the consumer for November, 1921 as compared with November, 1920.

This very great increase in consumption progressed further during December, when retail stores in many large centers of population reported sales value as well as sales volume in excess of December, 1920, and few stores anywhere in the United States experienced a demand smaller than that of December, 1920.

Figures of exceptional interest have been assembled in connection with the distribution of the gross value of retail trade for November, 1921, as compared with that of November, 1919, when public extravagance in expenditure was at its height. The decline in gross value of sales for November, 1921 as compared with November, 1919, for 145 selected department stores throughout the United States was 4.8 per cent. while the four leading mail order houses suffered a decrease of 63.8 per cent.

The relatively slight decrease in gross sales value sustained by the department stores is attributed to their exceptional facilities for showing the goods, their courageous adherence to the policy of extensive advertising, and their very general response, even at the cost of large direct losses, to the popular demand for lowered prices, a policy which resulted in public confidence and very marked good will. The astounding decline in mail order trade is attributed to inherent inability to show goods, combined with restriction of purchasing power in rural districts.

The simple explanation of the extremely large volume of merchandise purchased by the American people, during the period when the outcry against high prices was loudest, appears to be that in practice, the public fully realized the extent of price reductions and bought to the extent of its purchasing capacity.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given to members of the Andover Chamber of Commerce that a special meeting will be held at the office of Henry Stephens, Friday evening, Jan. 27th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of amending the by-laws for the purpose of making the number of directors fifteen instead of nine.

W. F. O'CONNELL, Sec'y.

A man who wants to buy property so nearly like yours, that yours would probably instantly interest him, is watching the ads.

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