

Columbus Youth Extends Activity To Parishes

Parishes Welcome Assistance

The long arm of the Columbus Youth Association's activities service has reached out into many of the city's parishes and has received a most gratifying welcome. It is with a great deal of enjoyment, to our staff personnel, that we are able to lend our assistance in offering program assistance, recreation information, equipment procurement advice and programs to parish groups who otherwise would not be able to afford them. By this type of assistance, we feel that more boys and girls will be given the opportunity to participate in wholesome recreational activities under the watchful guidance of interested and capable supervisors.

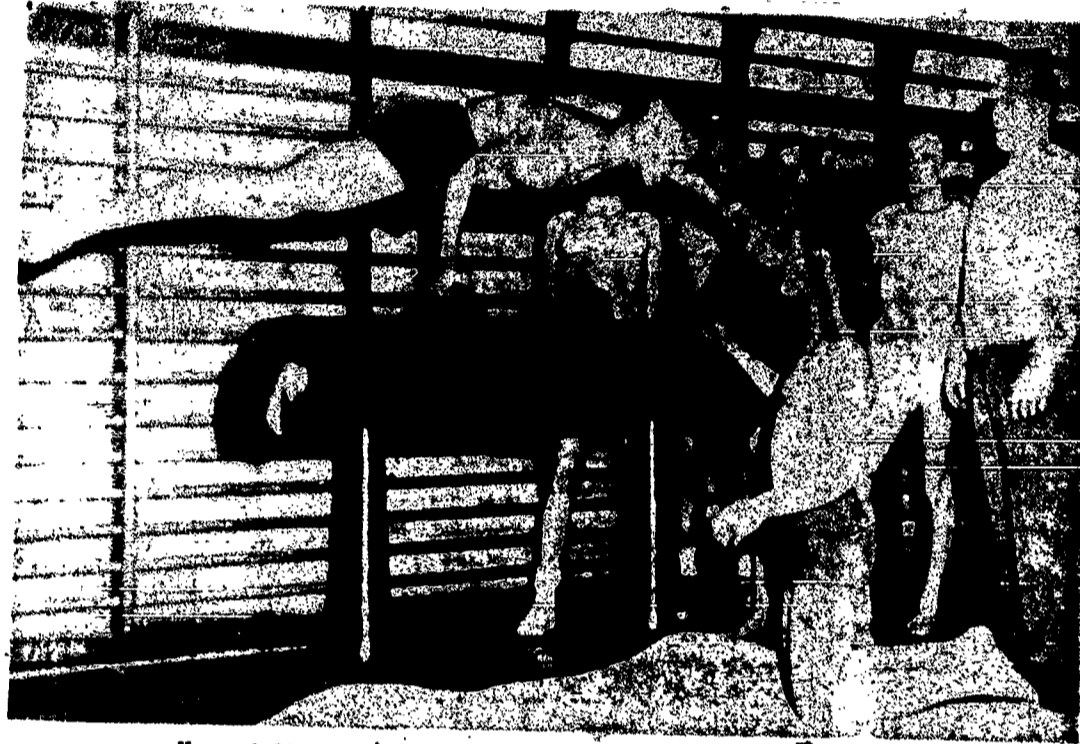
New Experiences

In the past year such activities as the Diocesan Basketball Tournament with over four hundred boys from all over the diocese taking part was a C.Y.A. sponsored activity. This event alone gave to its many participants new experiences, a chance to travel, opportunities to make new friends and above all an opportunity to have the type of recreation that is suitable to the needs of boyhood today.

Our baseball, softball and basketball leagues are constantly teaching boys to play in harmony with their group. They, too, are under the watchful eyes of supervisors who are interested in the boy's welfare at the present time and his welfare in society in the future.

Girls Play Day

The girls are by no means left out of our endeavors. Recently at the C.Y.A. a Parochial Inter-High Girls Play Day was held with well over two hundred and fifty girls taking part. There are still more programs in the making for the girls and it is hoped that we can reach even more of the young ladies and afford them more opportunities to enjoy the wholesome activities of their choice.



Howard Meath, right, C.Y.A. physical director, supervises gym work.

Columbus Pool Popular With Youngsters

February and March were the most hectic months in the Columbus Youth Association's history. This was due to the fact that the ever popular swimming pool in the Columbus Civic Center was closed for renovation. Hundreds of boys and girls waited anxiously for the day when they could resume swimming.

The day has now come. The swimming pool has been completely redecorated and an acoustic ceiling with recessed lighting has been installed. It now ranks along with the best swimming pools in the Rochester area.

Frank X. Connelly, the ceiling contractor, observes that all noise and sound reverberation has been reduced to a minimum. This will prove very helpful to the American Red Cross swimming instructors who daily teach classes of forty and fifty boys and girls. The Dwyer Electric Company installed the beautiful recessed lighting fixtures which now give twice as much light as was formerly had.

Vincent Natale is in charge of swimming for boys and is assisted by Mrs. Richard Wagner, Mrs. Alice Carroll, with the

aid of Mrs. Ruth Passarella conducts classes for the hundreds of girls who come to the pool each week.

Throughout the city of Rochester, many boys and girls are

East Rochester C.Y.A. Program Benefits Area

The Columbus Youth Association conducts a recreational program in East Rochester for the benefit of that community. Activities center in the recently constructed East Rochester C.Y.A. Building.

This project was the dream of the late Father Bernard Gelfi, first pastor of St. Jerome's parish and was realized through the many generous contributions of that community.

Father Roy Morphy, present pastor of St. Jerome's, now supervises this project. Mr. Robert Pearson is in charge of a manifold program being offered.

Each week groups of boys and girls gather at the East Rochester C.Y.A. to enjoy basketball, volleyball, craft and other recreational activities. A Day Care Nursery is conducted for pre-school children.

now excellent swimmers as a result of the training they have received at the Columbus Civic Center Pool. This is due to the excellent caliber of the swimming staff. All are experienced Red Cross instructors and each is accepted in his or her field. Greater progress will be made in future years because of the renovations recently completed.

CYA Maps 'Day Camps' For Summer

In the summertime, Rochester is definitely "day camp" conscious. Parents have found in the numerous day camps in the community wholesome outlets for their children during the summer months. Last year the Columbus Youth Association sponsored Camp C.Y.A. with headquarters at 50 Chestnut St. and Camp Ave. Maria located at Holy Redeemer Church Hall.

Through these two camps hundreds of boys and girls were given a regular camp experience between the hours of nine and four each day.

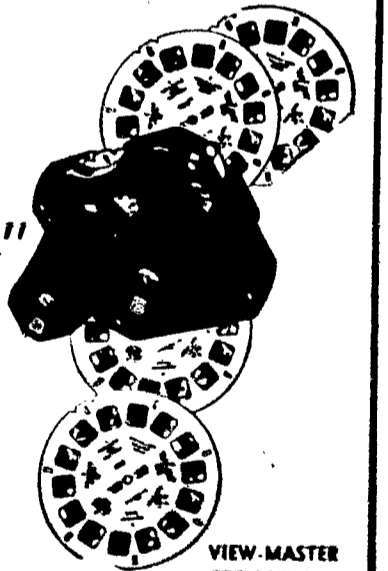
Trained leaders took groups of children on hikes to the parks. They visited the beaches and enjoyed happy days of swimming and care free play. Craft, dramatics, story telling, along with many other interesting activities, completed a day in one of these camps.

The program director from the C.Y.A. conducted its day camp program while Mr. John Wood supervised last year's operations at Camp Ave. Maria.

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