



**SWIMMING CLASSES** for beginners are conducted in the Columbus Youth Association pool at the Columbus Civic Center. Here Vincent Natale, C.Y.A. men's swimming instructor, teaches a group of boys how to strike out for themselves.



**GIRL CHEERLEADERS** received award for first time at school basketball tournament sponsored by the Columbus Youth Association.

## CYA Cites Achievements, Progress

Many new activities and physical changes marked achievement and progress in 1953 for the Columbus Youth Association. The C.Y.A. is grateful to all who have helped make this progress possible and it is sincerely hoped that these people will continue to help the goal of giving a more varied and worthwhile program to the C.Y.A. membership by enlarging services to the community.

### Ladies Committee

This past year saw the beginning of the Ladies Advisory Committee to the C.Y.A., consisting of Mrs. George Poirier as president, Mrs. Malory Loos as vice president, and Mrs. Edward Klingler as secretary and treasurer.

Under the direction of these women and the assistance of their staff, the C.Y.A. held its first Ladies fashion show which was a very successful undertaking. As a direct result of this activity it was possible to offer a teen-age social program each Sunday afternoon up until the beginning of Lent. Attendance at these teen age get-togethers numbered approximately two hundred per session. The newly inaugurated baton twirling class under the direction of Miss Nancy Jean Glark was another well received ac-

tivity with more than twenty youngsters taking part each week.

Girls softball and basketball leagues were very popular sports programs among lady members. In the softball league there were two divisions of teams, one made up of girls out of high school, and another made up of girls currently attending high school. There were approximately 110 girls participating.

From the program standpoint, the Folk Dance Club, which met nine times in the course of the year was a very "active" group which brought an international touch to the C.Y.A. program. Members of the club were of all nationalities and each meeting a new dance routine was discussed and taught. Then, all joined in and participated in the dance itself.

### New Facilities

Facility program was made this year when the small auxiliary gym was enlarged by the

removal of three walls, thus providing more space and better ventilation to those using it. This coupled with the adding of a new lighting system and a new coat of paint affords a multi-purpose room to be used for new and special events for members.

Downstairs in the Columbus Civic Center steps have been taken to recondition another room which is to be a new lounge and smoking room. Already a new floor has been installed and it is hoped that the remaining refinishing can be accomplished during the summer months.

The most recent and most progressive event of the year was the hiring of two full time workers who will be on hand daily to assist members in their recreation and health endeavors. Miss Mary Jo Gustino, a graduate of William Smith College, is to be the director of women's activities while Mr. Robert Carey, a graduate of Brockport State Teacher's College is to be the Boys Program Director. With the acquisition of these two people, the C.Y.A. hopes that it will be better prepared to offer more assistance to its membership needs and desires.

## CYA Slates Day Camp During Summer

With summer vacations not too far away, the Columbus Youth Association staff has turned its attention to its special summer Day Camp Program. This special phase of the program has consistently grown in size and popularity year after year. The C.Y.A. now accommodates over 200 youngsters throughout the summer vacation period.

Day Campers enjoy such activities as arts and crafts, hiking, fishing, outdoor cooking, trips to parks, ballgames, swimming and diving, parties and chartered trips. These are educational trips to many of the historical centers of Rochester, plus trips to ice cream plants, candy factories and dairies.

### Parents' Programs

Parents, also enjoy a part in the program when they visit the campsites and participate in the existing program events. There are parents' nights, parties for the youngsters and an overnight encampment for the senior group of campers. Some parents accompany the campers on the overnight encampment and assist with the preparation of meals.

### Columbus Youth Association

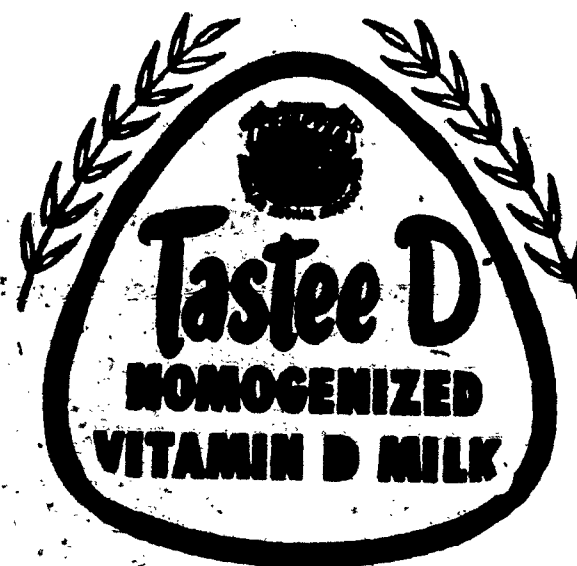
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