

East Rochester CYA Benefits Town's Youth

Out in East Rochester juvenile delinquency is at an all time low due mainly to a large rambling building on the corner of West Avenue and Garfield Street. Built in 1948 by St. Jerome's Parish under the supervision of the late Rev. Bernard J. Geffell and Daniel C. Malone, this edifice is the headquarters of East Rochester's Columbus Youth Association.

Membership in the organization is open to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 18 regardless of race, religion or creed. This is in accordance with the wishes of Father Geffell, who had faith in all of the youth of this community.

Originally, the building's facilities were composed and used mainly for sports and crafts but today, as a result of donations by civic-minded persons and groups, and by constantly improving and enlarging the program in line with ever-growing interests and needs, the CYA building boasts one of the strongest morale and character building programs in this section.

A large and adequately furnished gymnasium is the mainstay of the program, being host to as many as 100 boys an evening. Basketball is the big sport in Flanotown and the CYA is where the majority of the boys are introduced to it.

Basketball

Early in 1951, Biddy Basketball was inaugurated on a trial basis with two teams participating in league play in Rochester.

The season just completed found East Rochester CYA with its own league of six teams and 60 boys participating. Other games are also played including volleyball, badminton and shuffleboard.

The boxing room is a main source of interest. Here is a completely equipped workout room with a boxing ring 12 feet square in size, punching bags, weights, barbells and other equipment. A qualified instructor provides supervision at all times the room is open.

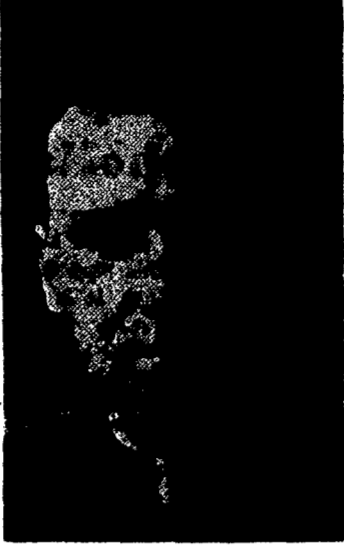
To give parents and interested townspeople a chance to see the kids in action, the ring is set up in the gymnasium once a year for an annual boxing show. Ring lights, bell, referee, announcer and all the frills of a real honest-to-goodness boxing show go into the affair. Last year's show concluded with a show-stopping Australian tag-team wrestling match.

The woodcraft room always has an avid following. Here boys and girls can make nut bowls, tables, lamps and a variety of other useful items. Seven power machines are in constant operation including a jig-saw, rip-saw, planer, sander, drill press, wood-lather, and hand-saw. Six of these machines were donated to the CYA. There is a complete stock of tools and supplies and usually a good supply of wood is on hand as a result of donations by various industries and individuals. This room, too, is under constant supervision of an instructor.

Handicrafts

The handicraft room is a hang-out for the younger set. Here are made plaster-of-paris molds, leather articles, pot-holders, painted objects and general hand-arts items. A good supply of materials is always on hand so that members can complete their projects. As in the other rooms, a competent instructor is always in supervision.

The game room has also been a theatre this year where movies are shown twice weekly. On most evenings it is a game room where ping pong, checkers and card games are played. On Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons movie programs are shown. Motion pictures from major producers such as "Broken Arrow", "The Treasure of Sierra Madre", "Rhapsody in Blue", and "Destination Moon" have been



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shown over the past season. Attendance was good and programs were selected especially for the younger set, making the shows very popular.

Also in this room round and square dancing classes are held for beginners and older advanced groups. Once a week this phase of the program takes over and it is very popular with early teen-agers.

More Activities

A lounge has been set aside for relaxation purposes and here is available a juke-box, small library and magazines.

Earlier in the season a newspaper, the "Nemo", was in operation which was published bi-monthly. Last year a group was formed called the CYA Art Players. This group produced an original play in a theatre in the round presentation.

Photography and model plane clubs were active earlier and at present the CYA has a flourishing Gun Club. This club is sponsored jointly by the CYA and the Crossman Arms Co. and is under the direct supervision of the East Rochester Police.

The East Rochester CYA building is a source of envy to neighboring communities. Each night the building is aglow with the light from its many rooms and is jumping with organized activity. Actually, it brings to life the motto of the building, "Better Youth Today Through the CYA" — a living memorial to a priest who had faith in the younger generation.

BROTHERLY LOVE

"Hatred of one's fellowman is an impediment to friendship with God. Love of God and of neighbor are inseparable. If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee; Leave there thy offering before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother; and then coming, thou shalt offer thy gift." — Bishop Sheen.

Babies Find Friends In St. Mary Nurses

By MARGARET HART

"There's not so much to this business of being born!"

Tommy, aged about one and a quarter hours settled back peacefully in his bassinets at St. Mary's Hospital and decided on a short nap.

Sleep on Tommy! you haven't a care in the world and there's good reason for that.

All your cares will be assumed for the next five or ten days by that big person in white who wrapped you so tenderly and laid you so gently to rest.

But you were wrong, Tommy, when you said "There's not so much to this business of being born!"

Because, Tommy, there's a lot to it! There is such a lot to it!

For it was a graduate nurse from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing who was your first contact with the world.

Her three long years of study, experience and constant contact with people like you have made her competent to see that the misfortunes that befall children forty years ago will not be your lot.

Nor will penicillin or aureomycin ever replace the loving care and tenderness which your second mother will lavish on you during your short stay in the hospital.

For when have you wept that you were not soled?

When have you hungered that you were not filled?

When have you feared that you were not swept into loving arms?

And you, Tommy, should be thankful for those long, careful years of your nurse's preparation. Just ahead of you lies the crucial time wherein shall be determined life or death, sickness or health, and her every effort shall be bent in your behalf.

She started three years ago as a young "probie," eager and fresh. After eight months in class room and laboratory she went forth wearing courage and determination under a nice, crisp, white cap.

She goes about the next two years advancing steadily in the four major fields of medicine: surgery, pediatrics and obstetrics. And in addition to her scheduled 12 weeks' vacationing over the three year course, she'll spend another fascinating, instructive three months away from St. Mary's for her affiliation in psychiatric nursing.

And she is full of pride! She is part of a great institution—St. Mary's Hospital!

Rochester's St. Mary's Hos-

pital founded in 1857 by the Daughter's of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul has grown steadily with the years both in reputation and architecture.

She may think, this young nurse of yours, Tommy, that she has chosen nursing — but nursing has chosen her.

She must pass rigid physical mental moral and physical tests to become a student nurse.

She must be between 17-30 years old and a graduate from

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an accredited high school ranking high in her class.

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She learns to develop all her possibilities to the full. Much will be expected of her because much will be given to her.

She lives in a modern nurses home where both professional and social life is developed amid congenial companionship.

She works in a new hospital with excellent equipment and learns all the fundamentals of bedside nursing.

Above all she learns the sacredness of human life in every respect and works to prolong life and ease suffering with Christ-like zeal.

And when she is finished and that hard earned black band is added to the little white cap—what then?

You're very lucky, Tommy, that your nurse has chosen the care of the newborn as her career.



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