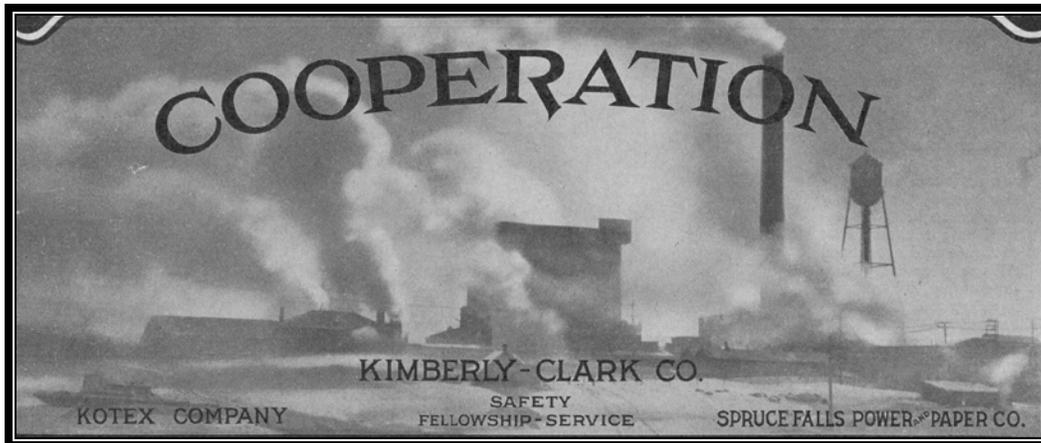


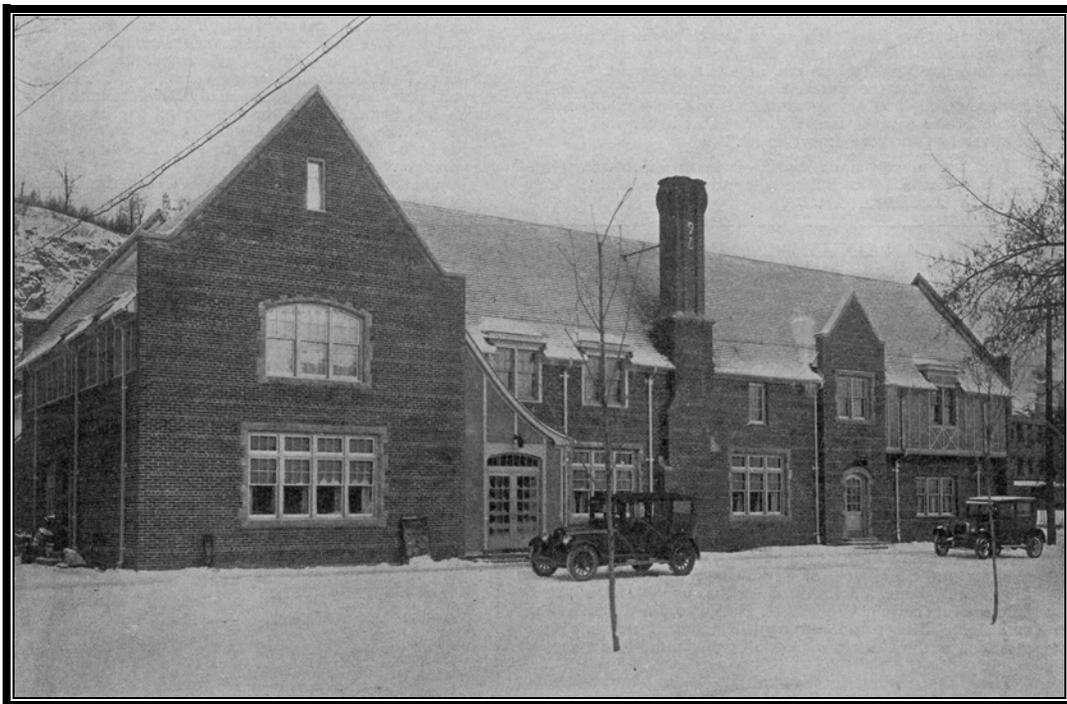
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Niagara's New Community House



*Formally Dedicated on Monday, November Twenty-ninth, Following a
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THE FORMAL OPENING, NOVEMBER 29 AND 30



On Monday evening, November 29th, the new community house was formally opened and dedicated to the people of Niagara. The auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion with blue gold starred crepe paper and shiny “snow drifts.” The lights were carefully muted and threw a pale rose radiance over the scene.

The doors to the club house were thrown open at seven o'clock and Niagara had its first glimpse of the completed club. Mere words can not do justice to our community house; from its red brick and cream stucco exterior, to its perfectly appointed interior, it leaves nothing to be desired.

Our good friends, Mr. F. J. Sensenbrenner, Ernst Mahler, and S. F. Shattuck, of Neenah, and Chet Kuder with William F. Hoig, of Niagara were the evening's speakers and our own Mr. Stridde was present as the chairman of the occasion. Mr. Sensenbrenner presented the club to the people of Niagara, and Chet Kuder, as spokesman for the Directors of the Club, accepted it, but then who wouldn't? Then Mr. Mahler and Mr. Shattuck spoke to the assembly and left but one thing to be desired—they didn't talk to us long enough. Don't be afraid to airing us, we like it loads. Mr. Hoig expressed himself as being in favor of holding at least one good old fashioned spelling bee in the club, but Mr. Mahler hoped that he could be elsewhere if the bee ever came to pass.

The male quartette delighted the audience with two pleasing numbers and Mrs. Arthur D. Russert gave a reading. The men who made up the harmonious four were H. P. Thompson, Bill Dickson, Ralph Beals and Dick Waldbillig. An Iron Mountain violinist, Thor Lieungh, was also on the program, and gave four selections that were well received. We might also add, as an afterthought, the Mr. F.R. Brosius received a special ovation from the stage.

On Tuesday afternoon the Woman's Club held open house to the women of the community and young and old gathered for the occasion. The L'Oriole orchestra, of Iron Mountain, were engaged and furnished music for a grand march and dancing. Refreshments were served to the ladies and everybody ate lots of nice little colored cakes and drank delicious coffee. Among those present were Mr. Shattuck and Coach Gaylord R. Stuelke.

In the evening the Club was opened for dancing and a number of people were named on a reception committee to take strangers through the building and an inspection tour. The same orchestra that furnished music in the afternoon gave some snappy jazz for the Charleston and Black Bottom. Then top off the two days, we drank all we could hold of good punch, then went home, and now we're off in our new club. We invite visitors to give it a once over.

LABORATORY NEWS

Earl Ruddy, Sid Hill, Rudy Lofgren, and Slim McCarthy were the laboratory representatives on the Community Club membership drive. They are deserving of praise for the good record they made toward putting the membership drive way over the top.

Rudy Lofgren has accepted a job in the warehouse office; Hank Wagner will take his place in testing station work.

Herb Lundin and Red Collinson have joined the sleepy-eyed group of radio bugs.

Adolf Kohler bowled his first game this season for a score of 222. Keep it up Kohler.

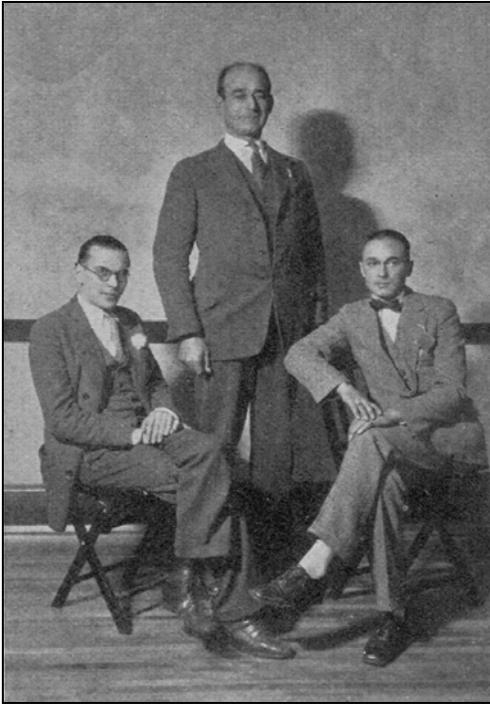
NIAGARA CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There are drives and drives, but it's our earnest opinion that here never will be another drive any place to equal the one put on lately for the Niagara Club. On Monday, November 22nd, under the very capable direction of A.W. Hoffman, the campaign for memberships for the new Community House opened, and within twenty-four hours Niagara had gone way over the top with a total of 753 members. The total on Wednesday, when the drive closed, was close to a thousand members. How's that for pep and community spirit?

Those Never-to-be-Forgotten Dinners

The workers met on Monday noon in the new banquet hall of the Club, and partook of a noonday dinner served by the Ladies Social Union of the Union Protestant church, and man, was it ever good! The pumpkin pie! 'Oppies division leaders, Jerry Steffen and Gus Zimmerman, were present in all their glory, and the cheering and singing that issued from the banquet hall was ample proof that everybody had a good time. Our old standby, Bill Dickson led the singing and Miss Rosalie Cina was at the piano. The only thing we were afraid of was that they wouldn't leave enough of the Club standing for us to enjoy.

A second dinner was served on Tuesday by the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters—every day was Thanksgiving for the lucky drive workers. That apple pie (yes, we are partial to deserts)—sure did pep the gang kop. Not that they needed any peppering, -don't misunderstand me. The old membership thermometer was creeping up so fast that Don Howard got writer's cramps, besides keeping the jar of red paint hot. The total was over 800 near the close of the second day.



The boys who “put it over”,
“Jerry” Steffen, left,
A.W. Hoffmann, General Chairman, center,
Gus Zimmerman, right.

Now perhaps a word about those valiant workers. The School went over 100% at four o'clock on the afternoon of the first day, this due to the untiring efforts of Miss Olive Francour. Long live Ollie, and may she never stray far from us! The Kimlark Inn was another that went over 100%, and this is to the credit of Miss Mary Dejmek. We sometimes wonder how Mary finds time to do all of the fine work she does, and then takes such wonderful care of all her sick patients. The way we figure it out is that she's a honest-to-goodness go-getter.

Wednesday noon the gang met for the third and final dinner, this served by the Woman's Club—and if there was pep displayed at the two previous dinners, you should have seen the grand finale! It was found that there were 953 members. Now wasn't that grand? Everybody came through 100% and everybody was glad to display his tag. There was no shirking anyplace, and the drive workers declare that it wasn't really work, but was a lot of fun.

Would you like to know who the jolly crew was that got so much pleasure out of the drive? Here goes. As I said before, Hoffman was general chairman, and with the aid of his divisional captains, Zimmerman and Steffens, and forty-four workers, things went fine. Captain Gus had three-team captain, G.F. Sorenson, Paul Brazeau, and Horace DuBois, and popular opinion was that Gus had three splendid captains. Then along came Jerry and after careful computations announced the following, Captain Howard, Captain “Pep” Dupuis, and Cap Mike Kinsella, the old fire eater, himself—and in all truth we must concede the fact that Jerry's statistical brain is working very satisfactorily. He sure selected three-lulu captain. Then came the workers.

They Advanced in Military Order

Captain Sorenson drew up in squadron; Patroneela Van Heesch, Lester Rhodes, H.B. McAdams, Olive Francour, Irving Smith, and Rudolph Lofgrin. The Brazites were Rex Wells, Mary Dejmek, Freamon LaPlant, Ray McCarthy, George Douglas, and Carl Turriff. The third troupe in this division, under captain DuBois, was William Ramsay, Albert Sieloff, Alex Johnson, Pat McCarthy, Sydney Hill, and Herman Dupont.

Jerry's troupers were represented by "lil" Dannie Keck, Joe Houle, Ruben LaLiberte, Eddie Nabbefeld, Miss Ruth Brunette, and Bill Levan. Bill was way down in Neenah but came home via the flyer to do his duty to his village and club. The above were Captain Howard's workers. "Pep" had Agnes Gaber, C.W. Quick, Marie Wallenfang, Earl Ruddy, Dona Dupras, and Rosalie Cina. It is rumored about Rosalie that she walked into the Maintenance office and said, "Who's Who? And the boys simply stampeded to sign up. The blue print machine was tipped over and various desks were shoved aside as the boys dashed to Rosalie. Need we state that they went over 100%?"

Mike Shunned the Shemales

Mike didn't want any shemales on his team, but then Mike's our fire chief, and can't be bothered with feminine foolishness. He wanted brawn, and got it—note his team. Ed Bovee, Les Hatton, Jim Webster, A.C. McIntyre, Herman Froze, and Fritz Dejmek. How come Ed Bovee, justice of the Peace? Was that just an accident? Why didn't someone get Constable Giguere? Can you imagine yourself refusing to "come across" and then meeting Giguere on Main Street when the "Chevy" was registering 55?

Some of the individual honors went thusly. The Steffen division signed up 519 members and the Zimmerman 434. "Pep" Dupuis had high score of 76 and Miss Mary Dejmek was a close second with 71. Unless our memory fails us, we seem to recall that Mary and Pep were a close first and second in the campaign last year. Aren't we right? "Pep" isn't satisfied with just a few honors. His team also came in first place with a total of 222 members. That's going some. By the time this, our view of the drive has gone to press, that is, what the rewrite man leaves of it, the Club will be opened and Niagara will be launched on what promises to be the most successful social and athletic season in the annals of the club. In closing we want to wish our fellow CO-OP readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and wish you success such as we have had, and then Good Bye.

K.C. GIRLS' BOWLING TEAM

As soon as the bowling alleys are ready for use, the girls working for Kimberly-Clark will organize a team that will play outside teams only. The following girls will be on the team; Esther Burbey, Patronella Van Heech, Maie Wallengang, Thelma Chartre, and Ruth Brunette. Anyone wishing to challenge them please come along, for they are ready to take any one on. Be sure to bring your best bowlers, because these girls sure can knock the pins down when they get going. if everything goes good they might challenge the men's team of the Main Office.

Jim Cummings must be going to settle down. He hasn't been in print for three issues.

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Niagara, Wisconsin
November 22nd, 1926

Kimberly-Clark Co.
Neenah, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

There are certain dates that stand out as turning points in the lives of individuals, communities, and nations—events from which they reckon time. Niagara has reached one of those dates—November 29th—the date of the dedication of the new Community Club House. As a community we have greatly missed the Club activities, due to the closing of the Club for rebuilding and have come to realize more fully its mission.

The new Club House is all that any community could ask for and puts the citizens of this village on a new social plane. There may be larger club houses in the state but there are none better than ours.

In behalf of the Club Board and members of the Club, I wish to express our sincere thanks to the Directors of Kimberly Clark Company for their generous spirit which made our dreams a reality, and assure you that after your contribution towards making Niagara a “Better Place to Live In,” we will as a Club Board, do all within our power to be worthy of the trust reposed.

Sincerely yours,

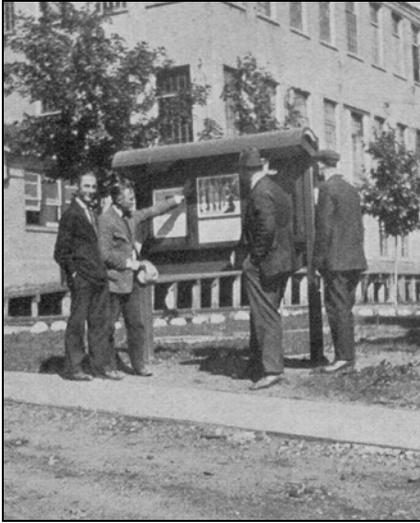
NIAGARA CLUB BOARD

Wm. Dickson, Pres.

MAIN OFFICE SLUSH

Two very peculiar events happened while the Community Club Membership Drive was on. Roy Brown, our shipping clerk lost four pounds. That was due to the fact that he never eats mashed potatoes, Freamon La Plante, our timekeeper, gained two pounds. Roy now weighs 236 pounds and Freamon 134 pounds.

Ruth Brunette got so excited over the drive that she didn't know half the time what she was doing. A young fellow came in to give her has card, and instead of taking it herself she sent the young man over to Paul Brazeau, who was on the opposite team. We never found out whether she was just absent-minded or whether she thought a certain person would object. Well, anyway, Paul got an extra one on his side.



Here is proof that some folks take an interest in the daily bulletins.

A man wanting a shave stepped into a barber shop, where every chair was filled with young women. “Is this a barber shop?” he said, rather cynically.

The proprietor answered, “Yes, a bobber shop, sure.”

The definition of an ANTIQUE, is: “A girl who wears long hair, black stockings, and carries a white handkerchief.”

FRENCHIE SAYS KUDER'S KNEES SHOOK

Niagra, Wisconsin.

Dere Pete:

For wy you'll doan pass on top de beeg doins on top de Club opning on de 29th. By Gar, Pete, wen you'll doan ope your heye wen you'll sawn dat plac I'll be sprised. Shes de swellest plac wat you'll never say lak dat before yet. Ever wan know now wy de Kimberly Club shes been decrate so nice all de tam wen dey'll ave de beeg tams down dere.

Mon Dieu, Pete, dat Miss Baker she's done herself proud wen she's mak de trimmins for dat plac. Ever wan shes hope de heye wen shes pass in de hall and you'll can hear Ohs and Ahs frum ever corner de hall. I'll tole you Pete, dat feller Job in de bible she doan have darn ting on Miss Baker wen she cum to patience cause she sure got fer ave lots dat wen shes mak de beeg job lak dat. I'll doan know wedder any wan shes compliment Miss Baker on her work or not but I'll sure now de board directors preciate dat, an dey'll want for tole de world dat Miss Baker doan never ave for look for home cause shes welcome hang her hat in Niagra any tam wat shes want an doan have for worry bout de eats adnd de sleeps elder. Ever wan in Niagra she proud frum Miss Baker an weesh for see her more offen.

Well Pete de program shes start wid wan feedle solo frum feller in Iron Mt, an I'll tole you Pete dat Mr. Lieungh shes can mak dat ole feedle talk jus lak notin, Den Mr. Striddie shes de chairman shes mak de talk and tole dem wat it was all about. I'll tole you Pete you'll been sprised on Al now cause shes got better an better rite long an wen Mrs. Striddle doan watch out she's goana be wan dem banquet widders cause Al shes goana be in beeg demand for after dinner speaker.

Al shes introduce Mr. Sensebrenner an wen I'll tole you dats de Golden Tongued Orator from de K.C. Co. you'll know I'll doan mean Les or Jonnie. Mr. Sensenbrenner she's tole how she's cum here 29 year go an wat beeg deeference shes seen dis tam wen shes cum. Shes tole dem de meanin of de club an how glad de company was for mak de present of de club to de community.

Den feller name Kuder shes mak de response to dat an I'll doan know sum ting much bout dat, cause I'll doan been dere bout dat tam, but Fred Kanhold shes been here wen I'll start for wrote dis letter Fred shes tole me bout dat. Fred say shes nearly nervous wreck herself cause she'll watch dat Kuder an wen shes lean on de tab Fred say shes afraid he'll shook de basket flowers rite offde tab. Fred says wan tam shes tought Kuder shes got berg chew snuff in hees mout an swallow it cause de sweat shes stan out on Kuders head lak marbles, and Fred shes say shes feel so bad shes gone got towel for Kuder for wipe de sweat off but wen shes cum back Kuder she all done an jus sittin down an Fred say shes tought it was de blow off from de boiler wen shes hear dat sigh from relief wat Kuder geeve wen shes safly down on hees chair. Fred she tole me shes ask

Kuder wats de matter was she scairt dat shes sweat lak dat, an Kuder shes say no only de Club directors shes all had gun in her pockets wen he'll try for got way.

Mr. Hoig shes de Lawyer from Niagra an she's spoken from de community side of de fence. Mr. Hoig shes tole ever wan wat de Community Club house means an it was ever wans place to try an see dat ever wan else had good tam an not feel lak dey all doan blong dere an wen we'll all took hees advice I'll tole you Pete de club house shes goana see sum good times.

Den I'll guess Pete cum bout de beegest sprise frum de evening wen Mr. Striddie shes introduce Mr. Mahler. No wonder we'll doan seen much frum Mr. Mahler roun here lately, cause by Gar Pete its fun for set an watch de spressions on de peeples faces as shes went long in hees talk, an dem spressions seem to say is dat Mr. Mahler or not. I'll guess ever wan here shes tink Mr. Mahler shes cant mak or tak joke cause ever wan look sprised as he'll went long and I'll bleeve Pete dats de most real honest, hearty from de heart applause dat was ever geeven to Mr. Mahler scence shes pass on top Niagra, an I'll doan know mebbe Mr. Mahler shes sprised on dat too. I'll wid few more Club openings an safety meetings, Mr. Sensenbrenner better watch out cause shes meebe goana loose hees honor of de Golden Tongued Orator.

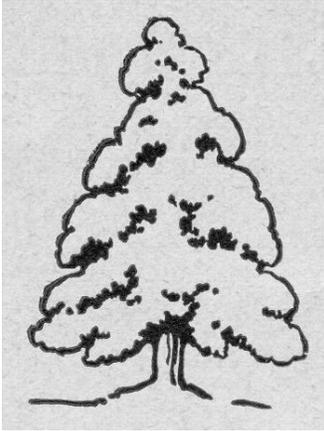
Emily LeRoy, gee Pete I'll mean mrs. Art Russert dat used to be Emily shes geeve de reedin an mak bleeve dat shees young flapper for try an got frien on telephone. Wen I'll tole you Emily Pete you'll can know dats nuff said cause Emily was sure a riot in dat role, an wen you peeples down dere need any entertainer for mak your programs good I'll be sure Emily shes glad for help you out.

Den last but not least shes cum de fadder from de Club house, Mr. Shattuck. Mr. Shattuck shes tole how shes cum for build de first club house an all de trubb wat dey'll got dis wan jus rite. Mr. Shattuck shes tole how shes always remember de opening of de ole club house cause shes cum up dere an den went back and got married. Dat tam Pete shes pretty much woods here an no cars lak now days, ever wan shes gotto cum by train an ever wan know wen sum wans shes goana cum. By Gar Pete we'll been trying for figger out wedder Mr. Shattuck shes blam de club house for hees wedding or hees weddin for de club house. Sum tink Mr. Shattuck shes travel roun lots an see sum funny tings and mebbe she sawn sum weddins wat dey'll all de tam make de fete an shes build de club house for got way mebbe hees weddin shes turn out de same way. But I'll guess shes ave wan dem kind wat dey'll marry an leeve happy ever after cause we'll never can keep dat man over more dan wan day at de tam.

Well Pete de board of directors shes geeve de invite for ever wan wat pass on top de willage for be sure an pass on top de new Niagra Community Club wen dey'll lak to see sum ting good for de sore heye. Wen you'll saw Beelie Ryan tell heem Frenchie say for heem better shes cum an breeng de missus long an mebbe shes gonna be sorry dat shes leeve dis plac too queek. Well I'll got to go an got my deer now.

So long Pete.

FRENCHIE



SOME BY-PRODUCTS OF THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

One thing was luckily discovered during the membership drive and that is that Harry Currier is a composer of songs.

Fred Peterson gave a pose for a picture. He stated that it was the pose used by him in 1880 when he was a young man. It was good.

“Pep” Dupuis said it was a hard job to sell Memberships, as he was only able to sell 76.

Mary Dejmek ran “Pep” as close race as she had 71 to her credit when the smoke of the battle cleared away.

The real fight was between the teams of “Mike” Kinsella and Paul Brazeau. They had a real bet between themselves and when the last roll call was finished it was discovered that they were tied with 150 members for each team. Mike has not discovered yet how it happened.

One thing that remains a mystery is why Marie Wallenfang sat at the opponent’s table at all three of the luncheons. Some people think it was on account of the good looking young married men at that table, while other seem to think she was over in the enemy’s camp for some other purpose.

One thing everyone is agreed on is that Mr. Hoffman makes a real A No. 1 Commanding Officer.

Gerald Steffen and Gus Zimmerman had things humming around their camp headquarters. Gus proved to be a good barber by giving the opposing side a close shave, and he proved his friendship by not cutting the throats of the friendly enemies.

As song leaders Les Hatton and Dan Keek proved to be 100%.

The High School faculty was well represented by Miss Rose Cina and Miss Olive Francour. This was proven by the fact that the High School went “over” 100% before the end of the first 24 hours. Miss Cina gave the luncheons the added “pep” by presiding so ably at the piano. “Bill” Dickson was “right there” as a community song leader.

Ruth Brunette and Mary Dejmek also broke into the “limelight” by having special numbers composed and dedicated to them.

Robt. F. Rogers might be a “Paul Bunion” of the wood yard, but he is a real Gen. John J. Pershing in maneuvering for members. He was all there when anyone wanted any statistics.

Ask Fred Poppe and Lawrence Eisenach if there was much choice left about joining.

Niagara Invites Your Inspection of Its New Community House



1. Ladies Club Room. This room and the dining room were furnished by the Woman's Club.
2. The Lounge, looking toward the Library
3. Bowling Alleys

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4. Gymnasium all set for opening dance. Do you detect Miss Baker's handiwork?

5. Board of Directors of Niagara Community Club.

Back row: left to right:

Oscar Durand, Harry Currier, Chet Kuder, Ted Waldbillig, Bob Rogers.

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6. Lodge Hall: Furnishings provided by the Masonic Lodge.

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7. Library.

8. Dining Room.

9. Lounge, looking toward entrance and Soda Fountain. Furniture in lounge, new soda fountain and two new bowling alleys, are provided by the Niagara Club.

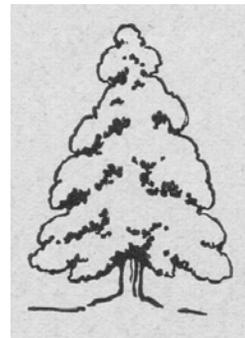
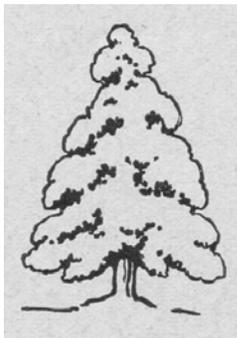
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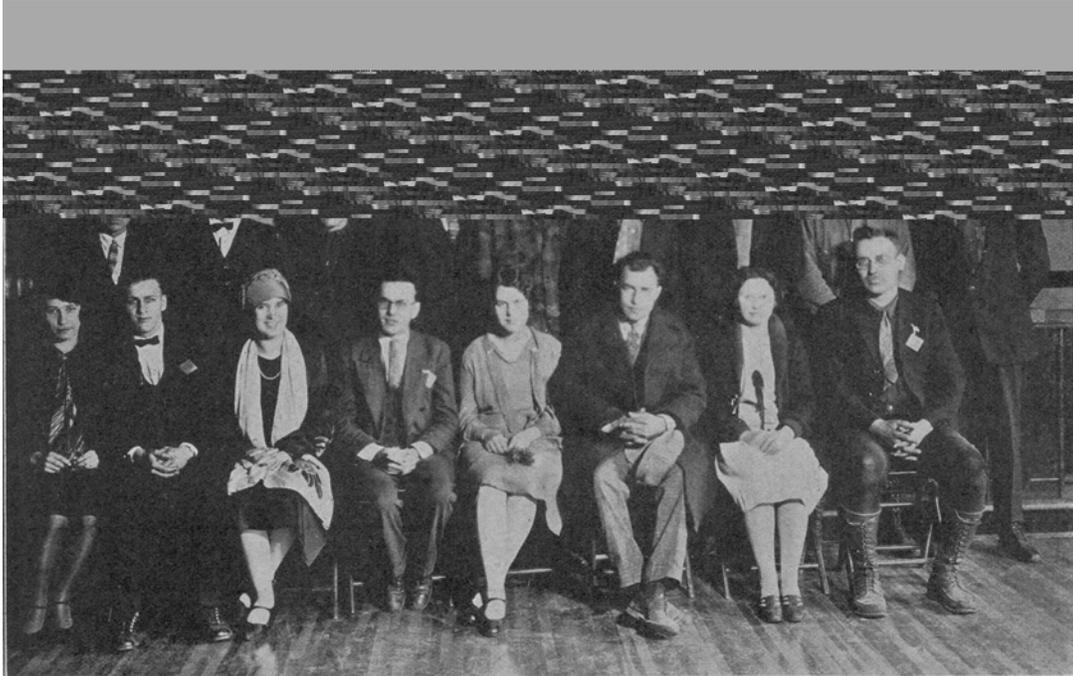
Photographs taken during construction of the new community club house, which was dedicated on November 29.



Old club house, erected in 1908, the main portion of which was torn down to make room for the new structure. The old gymnasium was preserved and renewed. The space formerly occupied by the four bowling alleys now houses bath and toilet facilities for men, boys, women and girls.



24 Hour Membership Drive Produces Untold Enthusiasm and 953 Members



THE WINNING TEAM, CAPTAINED BY GERALD STEFFEN



THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM THAT LOST OUT BY A SMALL MARGIN. THIS DIVISION WAS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF GUS ZIMMERMAN

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