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## ROTARY CLUB TOLD OF 'Y' CAMP WORK

New Tenting Site At Loon Lake Explained To Club Members

### SUMMER IS REVIEWED

In brief talks, supplemented with an enlarged blueprint of the new Oakland County Y. M. C. A. camp up at Loon Lake, near Hale, Robert D. Lynd, Clarence Vliet, and Charles J. Shain, of the Boys' Work committee of the club, Monday noon before local Rotarians explained the efforts being made to help the youth of this area and county.

Mr. Lynd, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for this area, stated that Birmingham and immediate vicinity last summer had 114 boys in "Y" camps; he said that the increase in camp enrollment, quite rapid in the past five years, had made it necessary to obtain a permanent camp site, resulting in the 400 acre location, with its mile and one-half of lake frontage on Loon Lake.

Mr. Shain, who heads a Birmingham committee, and who took the lead in the representative county group in pioneering for the success of the project, extolled the advantages of the new "Y" camp site, believing "that for all time we have done something for our youth." Birmingham's portion of the total cost of the camp amounts to \$9,000.00; already Rotarians have given substantial amounts toward this, while contributions from anyone who is interested in boys' work will be received with gratitude.

"An unique method we are working on to obtain a portion of the building is to ask every service club in Oakland County to erect and furnish a hut, one of the units of the entire housing plan," stated Mr. Shain.

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, emphasized the necessity of a camp outing in every boy's life. "Boys raised on farms, or where they have plenty of freedom of action, require camp life much less than boys in and near the big cities," he said. "Any boy who is denied a period of freedom in the woods, among streams, where industry and artificiality have not yet come, emerges into manhood somewhat top-sided. Oakland County's new Y. M. C. A. camp at Loon Lake is a Godsend to our youth."

Mrs. Emma Baker Kennedy, a well-known philanthropist of New York, received the degree of master of humane letters from New York University at the age of 95. The degree was conferred in her apartment by officials of the university.

## Glimpses

at and about PARIS  
By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

MY LITTLE PENSION WAS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED a few steps from L'ecole des Beaux Arts. Even the father, who does not walk so fast these years, could make the Louvre in five minutes from his chair in the sitting room down stairs.

Oscar Wilde died in that building. The family of Alsacians who now run it intimated to me he died in the room I occupied. He died, that is, where I lived. I suppose that is irony. The hotel was in different hands then and I was unable to locate the former proprietors. My people could tell me only that Wilde died as much as possible to hide, even while on his death bed. One friend called on him and the visits lessened his hunger both for food and companionship. A tablet on the building proclaims it is where Oscar Wilde died.

At night a very ill man across the narrow street shouted incoherently in his delirium. A woman coughed a pale cough. The concierge next door was a sound sleeper and persons returning late had to ring the bell a great deal to gain admittance. When a taxi came through the street it was very noisy because the cobblestones are quite battered.

In the mornings a woman played a guitar and sang under the windows. I never saw her but from her voice she must have been beautiful in a dark way. She should have sung her songs at night because her voice was that kind.

French telephones are not quite up to those in the States. One calls his number and very complacently goes back to his book for another chapter before his call is answered. Sometimes he finishes a couple of chapters before the faint "Alloo" is heard.

I returned to my room from telephoning one morning and someone knocked at my door. It was a young American who wanted a cigaret. What he really wanted was conversation. He stayed to finish the cigaret and slowly edged into his subject.

"I'm at the point where I have to tell someone about this," he said. "If you don't mind listening."

I should have preferred to go back to sleep. He was rather boresome with his earlier talk about teaching school in Tennessee.

"Go ahead," I said.

"Well, yesterday I got married. I married a Russian girl I met two weeks ago, coming over on the boat. She does not speak English and I don't know anything about Russian. I married her because she plays a violin darn well.

"Her sister is with her and she doesn't know we are married. She will be angry because we haven't told her sooner and neither of us has the nerve to tell her now. It cost me almost \$150 getting married because I had so many persons to tip. Now I will have to pay her fare back to the States and I haven't any money, but I guess we will find a way to make it."

I wondered whether he was going to ask me to loan him money or to marry the sister. I gave him another cigaret.

"The mayor married us. I asked him whether he also should be tipped. He said tips were only for the 'malheureux'. I suggested that word would probably apply to me from now on. Then he made a speech. He said, 'My boy, we are all unhappy. The aim of life should be to become as contented as possible in our unhappiness.'"

"I thought of the mayor of my town back in Tennessee making a speech like that but I couldn't quite get the words into his mouth. Our mayor talks mostly about the Red Menace."

His story told, the young man thanked me for my attention and left.

The next day he moved to some other quarters and I did not see him again nor did I ever see his Russian bride.



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