Facilities of New "Y" Building Unexcelled

Structure Is Finely Designed and Well Built and Source of Pride To All Concerned With Construction

Prince Rupert's new YMCA war services centre will not have to take a back seat to any other place of its kind in Canada. This will be a point of pride shared both by YMCA supervisors and the public when they meet in open-house hospitality at the new centre tomorrow.

When Mr. and Mrs. Public step through the swinging doors and on the Red Triangle embossed on the lobby floor they will begin to realize that the rumored possibilities of the building are based on fact. They will be convinced of it when they see it through.

The lobby, like all the rooms with the exception of the gymnasium and auditorium is low ceilinged and conveys an atmosphere of pleasant spaciousness. It extends across the front of the building to receive guests from both sets of doors and its wall finishings and marble design linoleum floors set the tone, if not the color, of the many other rooms.

If the visitor turns left when he enters the lobby he will approach the cafeteria which is furnished with chairs of many colors and which will accomodate 54 diners at one time.

Behind the dining room is the all-electric kitchen in which stoves, grill, bake oven and refrigerators are controlled by the turn of a switch. Directly at the end of the lobby, and adjoining the kitchen is a canteen where pop, cigarettes and chocolate bars will be available. Mrs. Helen Woodside is supervisor of this domain assisted by a competent staff.

The floors of the building are of ace-tex tile squares of marble pattern varying in color in the different rooms. The lower part of the walls are mahogany colored masonite throughout and the upper parts of the walls and the ceilings are of donnaconna board.

At the right of the main doors is a reception room which will have an attendant and from which a public address system will emanate to all parts of the building.

Beside the reception room is the office of program director Bruce McIntyre and still further along is a music room which will also be used for committee meetings.

Dominating Features

Dominating the structure, of course, are the gymnasium and auditorium. These halls each measure 50 by 90 feet and are well suited for their purposes. Galleries at each end of the gymnasium will accommodate 350 spectators and there is space along the sides of the basketball court for many more.

One unique feature of the gym is the new kidney-shaped armor glass backboards for the basketball court. These will permit spectators in the end bleachers to see the ball as it pops through the hoop.

The office of Ed Selyan, physical program director, is at one end of the gym. At the other end are two shower and dressing rooms for players. Since they are not connected, players of both men's and women's teams can each use one at the same time.

At the corner of McBride St. and Second Ave. is the common lounge, a restful room with fireplace and easy chairs which may be used by both men and women. It is near the auditorium.

The auditorium is designed for use as a theatre for both stage and moving picture shows for dancing. The projection booth is on the second floor at one end. The other end is fronted by the stage, which with its dressing rooms is a cleverly designed layout. The dressing rooms are

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ALLIES WELCOME AT "Y" CENTRE

Prince Rupert's new YMCA building which opens tomorrow will be available for the enjoyment of all Allied service people, Don Forward, local director, points out. Past policy whereby American personnel has been welcome to use the facilities of the YMCA war services will be continued with a completely open hand, Mr. Forward says. "We have always welcomed our American friends in our old quarters and we extend a particularly warm welcome to them to use the facilities of our new centre," he declared.

GROWTH OF YMCA SERVICES

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stationed at Nanaimo, Art Peacock stationed at Macaulay, Walker Wiley and John Morse, stationed in Victoria district, Doug. Badger with the R.C.A.F. at Trenton, Scotty Malcolm stationed with the R.C.A.F. at Abbotsford, Major Al Shipp, now Commanding Welfare Officer, Joe Terry, Harvey Orr, Jim Wilson, Harvey Vickery, Bernie Knipe, and many others.

The YMCA supervisors co-operate with the chaplains and have proved of great benefit in counselling men in time of trouble. They organize religious services, hold song services, supply hymn books, and organize sacred band concerts.

LOCAL CITIZENS

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have played an important part in both YMCA and YWCA activities. They always have been willing to accept the numerous tasks given to them, such as providing home hospitality, mending service, refreshments for Service Wives' meetings, etc. Every serviceman who reads books supplied to the various camps and stations in the Prince Rupert Area owes a debt of gratitude to the local chapter of the I.O.D.E. Camp libraries administered by the YMCA are set up by the I.O.D.E., who provide both new and used books, magazines and periodicals.

The men of Prince Rupert have played their part, too. Much of the equipment in the Moose Hall, including the ever popular billiard table, has been on loan from the Moose Lodge at no cost to the YMCA for the past three and a half years. The Gyro Club have donated recordings of classical and popular music, and every service club and lodge have been of invaluable assistance at various times.

Supervisors of the Canadian YMCA are serving on all fronts. The establishment in Canada and overseas includes 365 male supervisors and 46 women supervisors. Also serving overseas or awaiting embarkation are 38 warehouse and town centre managers.

Cumulative figures of attendance at Canadian YMCA war services activities reached the total of 221,942,977 since 1939.

Those Who Took Part in Construction of New 'Y'

General contractor for the new YMCA building in Prince Rupert was A. E. Farley of Ottawa. This is the the third centre Mr. Farley has built for the YMCA, the other two being in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and St. John's, Newfoundland. This is the largest centre of this type to be built in Canada and was constructed at a cost of approximately $165,000.

Architects for the building were a Vancouver firm, Underwood and Barrett, and they designed this modern centre from plans and ideas submitted by the Y.M.C.A. These plans were studied and approved by the National YMCA building committee in New York.

Sub-contractors were both local and Vancouver firms. Barr & Anderson of Prince Rupert and Vancouver were the heating and plumbing contractors; C. E. H. Williams of Vancouver, the electrical contractor; Mort Brown of Vancouver and Prince Rupert had the painting contract; Prince Rupert Roofing Co. constructed the roof; Frank Murphy, contractor of Prince Rupert was responsible for the laying of Ace-Tex Tiles for Canada Roofing Co; Albert & McCaffery furnished all brick and cement; Philpott, Evitt & Co. furnished masonite, Donnaconna board, and reinforcing; Sigurdson's of Vancouver supplied millwork. All labor was supplied locally.

The contract was let by the Department of Munitions and Supply. The Royal Canadian Army Engineers supervised the actual construction with R. S. M. Roberts as building inspector.

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spirators" and it will commence at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Bridge Tournament in the Games Room and the Reading Group in the Music Room.

Wednesday night plans are made for another of the popular "Y" dances for service personnel and on Thursday the Service Wives Club complete the first week with a party in the Women's Lounge.

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