

Y.M.C.A. NOTES

The boys were recently over-joyed to observe a three-gal. keg in the Y.M.C.A. canteen. "Ah, wet canteen at long last," they breathed blissfully, their rubicund faces bathed in smiles. Their ardour was somewhat dampened on learning that the keg contained only water for soft drinks. . .

Recent additions to Les's little box of tricks (otherwise the canteen) include a refrigerator for ice-cream and hot hoods, and a plentiful supply of biscuits of diverse kinds (excluding dog biscuits, of course.)

It is understood that the redoubtable Les has arranged to have rock gardens and plots of spring flowers arranged tastefully in close vicinity to the Hut. There will be a rhapsody of spring bulbs, wall-flowers forget-me-nots and dog roses which should make a striking picture. A beautiful collection of Ashley boulders will form a border to the garden plots of singular symetry and contour.

Taking advantage of the absence of the boys on a recent afternoon, Les commandeered a handy joinery factory, where he tackled the arduous task of making table-tennis bats for our champions to be.

The Camp Library has been supplemented by books on loan from the N.Z. War Library Service Mobile Unit, which is now calling regularly at the Camp. Some interesting titles include: "I Lived Dangerously" by Christopher Johnson; "Death by Moonlight" by Robert Henrique; "The Dean's Elbow" by A.E.W. Mason; "Secret Agent of Japan" (a book everyone should read); "The Dance Goes On" by Louis Golding; "Summer Moonshine" by P.G. Woodhouse.

The Y.M.C.A. has created its own hygiene unit their initial effort being a sump 'neath the kitchen window. They certainly spend their spare moments doing sumpting (something), what?

An attractive display of pennants of various units and the allied nations make a brave display on the walls of the Hut these days. . .

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ARMY WALL NEWSPAPERS

Wall-newspapers are increasing in popularity in the Armed Forces in this country. In one North Island Army centre alone, six different units produce their own wall-newspapers. (This includes signallers, headquarters staff, engineers, men of infantry regiments, etc.) Gunners, however, don't appear to be so enterprising, or are we mistaken? The paper is produced each week by the men themselves, and consists of articles, cartoons, sketches, poems; each paper is run by an Editorial Committee elected from the ranks. Contributors include officers, and all ranks. The wall-newspaper is playing a big part in Army life.