

## **NEWTON "Y" TO OBSERVE YMCA CENTENNIAL IN JUNE To Participate in Five-Day Program Of All Greater Boston Associations**

In observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the YMCA in London in 1844, the Newton Y will be tendered a birthday party by the civic club of the city on Monday, June 5, and will participate in a five-day series of events scheduled by the Centennial Committee of Greater Boston Associations, it was announced yesterday by Clarence R. Mease, General Secretary.

Newton's YMCA birthday party will be sponsored by the Rotary Club and shared by the Kiwanis, Lions, and Chamber of Commerce. The hosts will also honor Edward Bacon, charter member, who is still a familiar figure at the Y after 67 years of continuous association.

Musically talented young people of Newton have been invited to compete for three \$200 scholarships as part of this celebration, one of the winners to perform with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at "Pops Night" on Friday evening, June 2.

These scholarships are offered through the cooperation of the New England Conservatory of Music. There will be one in voice, one in stringed instruments, and a third in woodwinds or brass. The competition is open to any high school graduate of 1943 and to graduates of the 1944 class.

Saturday, June 3, a tremendous sports program will be held in Harvard Stadium.

Sunday, June 4, churches in Newton will observe world YMCA Church Day.

The climax of the Centennial celebration will be reached Tuesday, June 6, which has been designated as "Second Century Day." At noon on this day a luncheon will be held at Boston City Club. The Centennial Dinner will be held Tuesday evening at the Copley Plaza Hotel, where the scholarship winners will be presented. Speakers will include Dr. John R. Mott, president, World's Alliance of YMCAs, and President James B. Conant of Harvard University.

On June 6, 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was born when George Williams, a young man employed in a draper's shop in London, gathered 12 of his associates together in the shop one evening, when they drew up the first constitution and by-laws. In 1851 the Boston organization was founded, the first YMCA in the United States.

Active in Centennial plans for the local organization are the officers of the Newton Y, of which Frederick Sayford Bacon is president; Frederick Hawkins, vice-president; Henry Dunker, treasurer; and Eldred Peterson, clerk. The Newton Y was founded 67 years ago in 1877.

In 1916 the Frank A. Day summer camp at Brookfield was started, and since that time has been one of the outstanding features of the Y program. It was named for the man whose vision and generosity made it possible.

The Newton YMCA boasts a distinguished board of directors among them the new Supreme Court Justice Harlan F. Stone; T. D. Giles of Spalding and Brothers; Charles O. Proctor; Professor Kirtley Mather of Harvard; and the newly elected officers Frank A. Day, Jr., and Thomas E. Shirley, who will head the Y's Community Fund Drive next year.