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BOYS Y. M. C. A. CAMP ON COREY LAKE, MICHIGAN MADE POSSIBLE BY
GENEROSITY OF W. G. EBERHART

The dream of many a boy in northern Indiana will be realized this summer with the opening of Camp Eberhart on Corey lake, Michigan by the Y. M. C. A. All that imagination could ask has been placed at the disposal of the boys by a gift from W. G. Eberhart, of Mishawaka. Mr. Eberhart last fall gave \$7,500 to be used in building a boys' camp and the plans and contracts have been let and work will begin next week. The camp will probably be opened June 15.

The gift was made by Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart in memory of their son, Harris H. Eberhart, who was killed in an automobile accident July 21, 1909. The gift had been contemplated by Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart for some time and was formally made by letter Sept. 30, 1909. The gift was made to the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. and the money is to be paid as needed.

Camp Eberhart was named several months before the gift and several weeks before the death of young Eberhart. About two weeks before the fatal accident occurred, members of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. were guests of Mr. Eberhart at the camp. Being interested in all boys, Mr. Eberhart thought at the time of making the gift. Harris H. Eberhart accompanied his father to the camp on that day and was a guest with the board. The accident occurred two weeks later. Mr. Eberhart decided a gift for promoting a camp at Corey lake would be a fitting memorial to his son.

The first use to which the money donated by Mr. Eberhart was put was to buy 13-1/2 acres of ground on Corey lake. The first camp

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which was held on the lake last summer had been rented. The acreage includes a jut of ground with water on two sides. A long beach, a rising knoll for the camp house, two levels for tennis courts, croquet grounds, and baseball diamonds, are included in the plot.

House on Rising Knoll.

The camp house, a wash drawing of which is shown on this page, will be built on the rising knoll. The jut of land is on the north end part of the lake. The sun will shine into the camp in the morning. The ground in front of the house slopes down to the beach.

The camp house will be 60 feet wide and 85 feet long. A deep porch will extend across the front. Six handsome cobblestone piers will support the porch roof. The building material will be wire lathing and plaster. The roof of the porch as well as the other roofs will be low and sloping far out over the eaves.

A large double door will open off the porch into a lobby. On the right hand side will be the office and store of the camp. Provisions will be kept, the postoffice and bank of the camp will be here, and enrollment and other business will be transacted. On the left will be a library and reading room.

Another double door will open from the front part to a large camp room in the center of the building. The camp room, which will be the living, dining and entertainment room of the camp,

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will be about 50 feet square. All around the room, seats will be built and long tables for dining will be supplied. On one corner will be an opening from the kitchen where the guests will receive their food, on the self-service plan.

Across the room from the main entrance will be an fireplace cobblestone fire-place. Above the mantel will be placed a tablet of a prayer which was found written in one of the Bibles of Harris E. Eberhart after his death.

Beside the main entrance there will be an entrance on each side of the room. Back of the main room will be a kitchen fitted with numerous closets, cupboards and accessories. Back of the kitchen will be a small room for photography.

Special Sleeping Rooms

Over the front office and library will be six sleeping rooms. These rooms will be for invited guests and in cases of sickness. The entire building will follow the color scheme of the Y.M.C.A. green and brown. The rooms will be tinted in these colors and the furniture will be in green stain. The windows will be colonial.

Carrying out the green and brown colors, the tents will be of deep khaki. The tents will be the sleeping quarters of the boys. These tents will be the best that money can buy. The khaki will be 10 ounce. The floors will be cement. Permanent rings will be placed in the cement and stretching a tent will be a

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matter of a few minutes. Extra flies will be furnished. The beds will be specially constructed double-decked. Four beds will be placed in one tent and eight persons will live in one tent. The beds will be of canvas.

A boat house and locker of the same material and architecture as the camp house will be built on the beach. The building will be used for a bath house, to store cars, and to lock clothing. A line socket fence on the beach with iron rods will be supplied with locks to which to fasten the boats. The boats will all be of steel. Ten or 15 boats will be furnished.

A slide 20 feet high will be built close to the locker. This has always proved a popular feature with boys. Farther out in the lake a raft for diving will be constructed. The bathing beach is of smooth sand and is about 100 feet long.

An ice house has already been constructed on the land and has been stored with ice for use during the coming summer. Work is being done on grading the tennis courts and croquet plots in front of the camp house and on the baseball diamond in the rear workmen have been employed at the grading for several weeks.

Busy Routine for Camp

The camp routine will be as follows: Reveille, 6 a.m.; morning dip, 6:10; breakfast, 6:30; bible study, 7:15; camp duties until 9 o'clock; two hours of leisure except for the students; in water

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from 11 until 12; dinner, 12:15; afternoon hikes to surrounding places, games, baseball, tennis, croquet, swimming and rowing; supper, 5:30; camp duties until 7; evening devotions, entertainments, stereopticon, motion pictures, camp-fire, nature study, and other amusements; taps, 9 o'clock.

On the Fourth of July a great display of fireworks will be made. On other special days, different forms of amusement will be furnished. With each squad of seven boys, one adult will be in charge. He will sleep in the tent with the seven and will have charge of them at play.

Frank Chealey, boys' work director of the Y.M.C.A., will have the general supervision of the camp. Elmer Yelton, educational director, and J. W. Jerrem, of the physical department, will have charge at various times.

A helpful feature is expected to be the classes taught by Mr. Yelton. Boys who have work to make up during the summer will be given an opportunity. Mr. Yelton will make a tour of the schools of northern Indiana next week making known the plan. A consulting physician will also be called to the camp frequently. Mail will be received once a day.

Butter, eggs and milk for the camp will be received daily from the farm from which the land was taken. A special garden is now being raised by the farmer to furnish early vegetables for the boys. The best cooks will be taken to the camp and other arrangements will be made to furnish the boys the best food.

by Generosity of E. H. Eberhart.

Eberhart Prayer for Boys.

The prayer which was found in a Bible of Harris H. Eberhart after his death and a tablet of which will be placed in the camp house is as follows:

"Father, we thank Thee for today's bread thou hast set before us and for Thy many blessings so bountifully bestowed. Grant that we may see them, and that our lives may be better because of them. Lead us and be with us during the day and grant that we may do good deeds so as to reflect honor to Thy name and glory. So ask it in Christ's name. Amen."

A unique feature of camp life will be the honor system. An emblem will be given to every boy who enrolls at the camp for one full week. It will always be worn on the left breast of the shirt or sweater. A green bar will be added for every year the boy attends the camp one full week. Different physical requirements must be passed to obtain the various degrees of the emblem.

The camp will probably be dedicated June 15. A speaker of prominence will be secured for the occasion, and it is planned to run a special train from this city to the camp. The camp is two miles from Corey, Mich., which can be reached by direct rail from this city at a small round trip rate.

The camp will probably be opened 20. The contract was let to Rathsnider & Schunaker, of Three River, Mich. The contract for an artesian well was let to S. S. Moore, of Vandalia, Mich. Everything will be rushed to completion.

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The privileges of the camp and all expenses after arrival at the camp will be furnished to Y.M.C.A. members for \$5.00 a week. The camp will be open for six weeks to boys from 12 to 18 years old. For non-members the cost will be \$6.00 a week.

After Aug. 1, the camp will be thrown open for four weeks to the adults, Y.M.C.A. members and their friends. The cost will be \$1 a day. It is planned to use the camp during the winter for vacation parties.