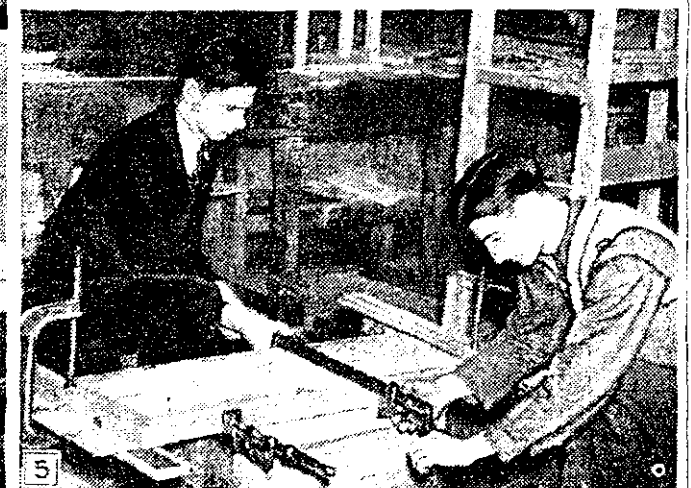
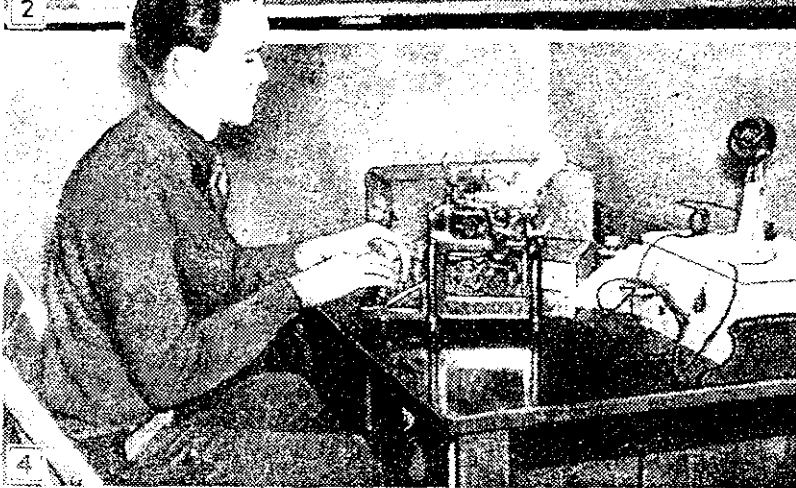


# TURNING ANNA GIBSON SCHOOL INTO YOUTH CENTRE



Anna Gibson school in Elmwood has been turned into an unemployed youth centre through the enterprise of school trustee Ed. McGrath and with the co-operation of a number of Elmwood young people. In these photographs, taken by a Free Press cameraman, the young men and women can be seen at their various activities. In (1), Etnel Coleman picks out a book in the library; in (2), Margaret

McLennan, Florence Exchange and Kay Wilson catch up on some sewing; in (3), Albert Hall polishes the top of a table that he built; in (4) Cece Stewart, president of the centre, sits at the typewriter in the school office; and in (5), Anton Werbin and Gerald McMillan adjust a clamp to one of the shelves of a bookcase they are building.

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# Elmwood Play and Work Centre Is Credit to Youthful Enterprise

By BEN MALKIN.

Two hundred and fifty young men and women living in Elmwood last fall converted Anna Gibson school into a playground and workshop and today, under a system of student self-government, exceptional in Canada, are enjoying recreational and educational advantages which they themselves created.

In the one-storey building at the corner of Talbot avenue and Kelvin street is a carpentry room, a general repair room, a library, recreation rooms, a sewing room, and an office. Behind the building is a skating rink. Almost all of this was built by the young people themselves, assisted by voluntary contributions from interested residents of the neighborhood. The cost to the taxpayers has been negligible.

When the Winnipeg school board decided last September to fill vacant classroom space in Lord Selkirk, Elmwood and Glenwood schools with pupils from Anna Gibson school, the latter institution became vacant for classroom purposes. Ed. McGrath, school trustee for Ward 3, compiled a list of several hundred Elmwood young people and invited them to a meeting to discuss the proposition of organizing an unemployed youth centre at Anna Gibson school.

The meeting agreed to undertake establishment of such a centre. A committee of eight boys and eight girls, with Cece Stewart as president and Ethel Coleman as secretary-treasurer, was elected, and operations at the school were begun.

This was late in October. Earlier in the month, the school board had already approved of the move. The school had to be partially heated, and a caretaker kept in charge, whether the school was occupied or not. Since it would involve no additional cost, the board agreed to permit use of the school as a youth centre.

The membership was organized on a basis of self-government. Rank-and-file members were responsible for their conduct to the committee. Individual members were not allowed to smoke on the school premises, and courtesy and peaceable conduct was demanded on all occasions. The committee was given authority to act in matters of discipline. For the general conduct of the members, the committee was responsible to Mr. McGrath and the school board.

Members of the committee which has directed the efforts of the organization are: Cece Stewart, Alvin Olson, Fred Parrish, Art Butterworth, Mike Peters, Harley Talbot, Ralph Browne, Robert Shave, Ethel Coleman, Jeannette Todd, Sylvia Maxwell, Kay Willson, Ruth Barclay and Isabell Chiconski.

## Rich Man's View

Washington, Jan. 21. (UP)—James H. R. Cromwell, husband of Doris Duke, the world's richest girl, Wednesday proposed ultimate repeal of estate and income taxes and their replacement by a manufacturers' sales tax.

Cromwell told the committee he made his tax proposal unselfishly. "My wife and I," he said, "are wealthy. We have been provided with \$50,000,000 in tax exempt securities on which we pay no taxes. I think this is a pernicious system."

## Called From Bar

Los Angeles, Jan. 21. (UP)—Dick Welsh, a bartender from Clara Bow's "It" cafe, was called as a state's witness Thursday against Paul A. Wright, who killed his wife and a friend he brought home with him from a stag party in the early morning of Nov. 9.

The prosecutor, Ernest Roll, said he would establish Wright's movements on the night of Nov. 8 as a prelude to proving that Wright killed his wife and John Kimmel in cold blood.

## Bracken in Regina

Regina, Jan. 21. (Special)—Premier John Bracken arrived in Regina Thursday to spend a day with his mother, who is in the Regina General hospital, ill with pneumonia, which she recently contracted, following a severe cold. Her condition is reported fair. Mrs. Bracken has been living with a daughter in Regina, Mrs. W. G. Myatt. Another daughter, Mrs. M. J. Sexsmith, Saskatoon, is also visiting her mother.

## LUTHERAN LEADER INSTALLED

Saskatoon, Jan. 21. (CP) — With solemn ceremony and with prayers for the fruitfulness of his spiritual work, Rev. Iver Iversen, lately of Maplebay, Minn., was installed as president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Canada, Wednesday night.

## NEW TRAM SERVICE

Toronto, Jan. 21. (CP)—Down-