

Grinnell United Fund Drive

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(Ed. Note—This is one of a series of articles on participating charities in the Grinnell United Fund Campaign).

Grinnell Youth Council

The Youth Council was set up in 1943 for sole purpose of serving the City of Grinnell as the agency for carrying on all youth activities in the community. The Council plans and carries out a general recreational program during the entire year and in addition attempts to correlate the programs and work of the various organizations in the city interested in youth programs.

An annual meeting is held in May of each year to which interested organizations send duly authorized representatives who elect the board of directors for the coming year and transact such other business as may come before it with respect to the youth program for the City.

Financing

The operations of the Youth Council are financed by the local United Fund. During the past year an enlarged program has been carried out by the Council. A Youth Center is maintained in the Hall over the J. C. Penney Store during the school months. A program of enter-

tainment under the direction of a director is carried out during certain evenings of the week. The youngsters help plan their own entertainment and so far as possible assume responsibility for the program. Various organizations in the city furnish chaperons periodically for all Council functions.

Expanded Program

An expanded program was carried out for a period of six weeks this past summer under an enlarged summer recreation project. The prime interest of the youngsters was the swimming pool which was made available at less than cost by the generous cooperation of Grinnell College. The College also made the tennis court available without charge and furnished other services. In addition to swimming and tennis, a crafts and playground program was also carried out. In the playground program excellent cooperation was received from the high school teachers who are in charge of the school summer program. The summer operation was carried out under the excellent supervision of an over-all director.

Travelers Aid

Any child, elderly or handicapped person in Grinnell required to make a long journey unescorted can take advantage of Travelers Aid service to insure help at change points and safe arrival.

This is expedited by the fact that Grinnell has the services of one of the more than 1,000 cooperating representatives which, together with the 102 Travelers Aid Societies, constitute a nationwide network of help for people on the move.

Social Service League

In this community Travelers Aid is represented by the Social Service League, which will arrange to call into play the Travelers Aid intercity chain of service on behalf of people needing help or supervision en-route.

In addition to initiating travel service for local residents, Travelers Aid cooperating representatives carry out two other functions. At the request of other units, they meet and assist persons coming to or thru Grinnell who need help or supervision. Also, at the request of Travelers Aid Societies, they make inquiries or investigations in connection with local residents who are in difficulty elsewhere.