

November 22, 1943.

Remarks made by James L. Wick, Jr., at the Board of Governors' Meeting
of Youngstown College, Monday, November 22, The Youngstown Club

Is this the "Beginning of the End", or the "End of the Beginning", which got under way at a Trustees' Meeting of The Y. M. C. A. held July 28, 1931? This meeting, like all others of The Y. M. C. A. that occurred from the time of Leroy Manchester's death on June 27, 1930 until the election of Judge J. E. Bennett to the presidency on June 24, 1932, was presided over by W. E. Bliss, a Vice President of the "Y".

At this meeting, there were present in person:

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| W. E. Bliss | Hugh Manchester |
| R. M. Bell | Philip Schaff |
| Herman Hurd | J. Howard Parker |
| Claud Johnson | F. E. Hearn |
| J. C. Barrett | Louis N. McDonald |
| N. B. Folsom | J. L. Wick, Jr. |

There were present, by proxy, at their request:

J. Fearnley Bonnell
Walter C. Stitt
James A. Henderson
J. Russell McKay

At this meeting, Howard W. Jones was introduced by Leonard Skeggs, as the Assistant General Secretary of The Y. M. C. A., to have complete charge of all educational work. (Mr. Jones was thirty-six years old)

On motion of Mr. Herman Hurd, seconded by F. E. Hearn, the name of The Youngstown Association School was changed to that of The Youngstown Institute of Technology of The Young Men's Christian Association, and Mr. Franklin B. Powers was employed to complete the Articles of Incorporation. This motion carried unanimously.

Thereupon, on motion of Claud Johnson, seconded by N. B. Folsom, the following Board of Directors of The Youngstown Institute of Technology of The Y. M. C. A. was elected by unanimous vote.

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| J. L. Wick, Jr. | Donald Lynn |
| W. E. Bliss | E. L. McKelvey |
| Philip Schaff | Russell McKay |
| Herman Hurd | Dr. W. H. Bunn |
| R. M. Bell | Rev. W. E. Hammacker |
| Hugh Manchester | Rev. W. S. Stryker |
| W. C. McKain | J. C. Argetsinger |
| N. B. Folsom | Walter Griffith |
| Hugh Grant | C. S. Robinson |
| Philip Frieder | Clarence J. Strouss |
| J. C. Barrett | Oscar F. Gayton |
| J. Ogram | Franklin B. Powers |
| Henry A. Butler | Leonard T. Skeggs (ex-officio) |
| Julius Kahn | |

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Thereupon, on motion of Frank E. Hearn, seconded by Claud Johnson, the following were appointed members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of The Youngstown Institute of Technology of The Young Men's Christian Association:

J. L. Wick, Jr., Chairman
W. E. Bliss, Vice Chairman
Philip H. Schaff, Treasurer
Herman Hurd, Recording Secretary
Henry A. Butler
Clarence J. Strauss
Rev. W. E. Hamaker
Leonard T. Skeggs (ex-officio)

In a letter written July 22, 1931, six days previous to this meeting, to the above gentlemen, Leonard T. Skeggs stated that these trustees constituted "a representative board of various religious faiths who will stand behind the remarkable growing institution and support Mr. Jones."

Forty-two days had to elapse before those elected were able to attend the first meeting of the Executive Committee of The Youngstown Institute of Technology, which was held the evening of September 8, 1931.

Thereafter followed many meetings in rapid succession, as the Committee desired to take advantage of the judgment and wisdom of Dr. L. R. Alderman, Chief of the Survey Bureau of the United States Department of Education, who was in Youngstown conducting at that time a survey of The Youngstown Public School System.

These meetings lasted long into many nights, their purpose being to determine and agree on a policy and type of institution that this Board of Governors was to "stand behind and support". This determination of policy was necessary in order that Mr. Powers could proceed with the completion of the Articles of Incorporation and the preparation of the By-laws.

On October 1, 1931, the recently erected beautiful new Youngstown College Main Building was dedicated. The dedicatory address was made by Dr. L. R. Alderman. Mr. B. O. Skinner, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Ohio, addressed the meeting as did also Mr. George Roubush, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Youngstown, Ohio.

Leonard T. Skeggs was taken sick on the 26th of October 1931. His health steadily failed and his contribution to the Board gradually lessened until his death on May 4, 1933.

During the two year period, from the death of Leroy Manchester, June 27, 1930 until the election as President of The Y. M. C. A. on June 21, 1932 of Judge J. E. Bennett, Mr. W. E. Bliss, Vice President of The Y. M. C. A. and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors, served as the Chief Executive Officer of the "Y". Mr. Bliss presided at all meetings throughout the bank crisis in October 1931 and made a great contribution.

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By this time, the Board of Governors of Youngstown College had a pretty general understanding of what was generally agreed to be their responsibilities and authorities.

It seemed impossible to bring to a fulfillment the Incorporation of the College and the preparation of By-laws, and these were not consummated until five years later in March 1937, when the present Articles of Incorporation of Youngstown College as well as its By-laws were approved by the Board of Trustees of The Y. M. C. A.

Today, we are about to fulfill and complete the "End of the Beginning" undertaken at the Trustees' Meeting of The Y. M. C. A. held July 28, 1931.

We are asking you to indicate your approval of changes in the corporate set-up of the College as well as in its By-laws which will bring about a new relationship with the Y. M. C. A., so that we can meet the conditions set up by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in order that we may receive accreditation. Therefore, I shall read to you the two resolutions that had practically unanimous approval, that is, twenty-six out of twenty-seven, at the meeting held by the Board of Trustees of The Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday, November 16.

FIRST

"RESOLVED, that the proposed amendments to the By-laws and Constitution of The Y. M. C. A. and the Articles and By-laws of the Youngstown College, copies of which were mailed with the call of the meeting and are here available, be and they hereby are tentatively approved; subject to approval by the members and Board of Trustees of Youngstown College and, as to the Constitution of The Y. M. C. A., by the members of The Y. M. C. A.;

and,

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a meeting of members of The Y. M. C. A. be called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the proposals to amend Article I, Section 4, and Article IV, Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution of The Y. M. C. A. and the proposal to authorize the transfer to Youngstown College of title to all real and personal property used by The Youngstown College."

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Hugh Manchester, seconded by Mr. Fred King, the following resolution was offered and carried; twenty-six out of twenty-seven voting affirmatively:

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SECOND

"RESOLVED that the President appoint a Special Committee to consist of as many as he deems proper, to study the matter of the consideration for and terms and conditions of the proposed transfer of real and personal property to The Youngstown College: such Committee to make its recommendations either to the meeting of the members about to be called, or to this Board."

President J. Russell McKay announced the personnel of this Committee to be:

S. J. Collins, Chairman
Roy L. Leventry
J. L. Wick, Jr.
Frank Purnell
Judge J. E. Bennett

Mr. Wick at this time presented Mr. Hugh Manchester who prepared all the resolutions and changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of The Y. M. C. A. and in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of The Youngstown College. Mr. Manchester reviewed these, commented on same and answered questions and then offered the following Resolution approving the necessary changes in the Articles of Incorporation of Youngstown College and in the By-Laws of Youngstown College, which Resolution carried by unanimous vote of the twenty-one members of the Board of Governors present;