

Saturday night parties for service men to be resumed--J.W. March 16-43

Lawrence citizens will be gratified to learn that, at a meeting held last night in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, the Community Service League, which has been responsible for community hospitality to service men, perfected an organization ~~which will~~ for carrying on the Saturday night parties in the Community building. ^{of the Naval Training School} Lt. F. P. Butorac and Ensign Oscar Pederson met with Mr. and Mrs. George Hedrick, Mrs. Deal Six, Miss Joie Stapleton, Mrs. Laurence Woodruff, Mrs. Frank T. Stockton, A. E. Woestemeyer, and city clerk Harold Fisher.

The Saturday evening festivities, so appreciated by the army and navy officials and enlisted men, were discontinued after January 23rd, since the liquidation of WPA at that time deprived the city recreation program not only of game room supervision and janitor service but ^{also} of the services of a director, and the League was faced with the necessity of carrying on the activities with a corps of volunteer workers who had no source of funds other than the weekly gifts of sponsors. The recreational facilities afforded the service men during the preceding six months had been carried as an integral part of the city program, with the result that moderate expenditures for music, refreshments, and incidentals by local sponsoring groups made possible a weekly dance and game room party each Saturday night. The discontinuance of the week-end hospitality for service men has been a matter of grave concern for army and navy officials, and a source of embarrassment to patriotic Lawrence citizens who have been grateful for the opportunity to meet and know the men in uniform who are quartered here for training or who are the city's guests for a few hours or days when on leave. It is hoped