Y.W. Club Aids Service Men
The Y.W.C.A. Fun Club provides enjoyment for its members. Whether to sponsor a dance or to bake cookies for service men is the topic being discussed here by club officers, left to right, Jennie Warezerlonis, secretary; Audrey Sharples, president; Olivia Rapoza, chairman of committees; Lillian Souza, vice-president and Rita Desrosiers, treasurer.
from The Standard, November 17, 1942

Fiftieth Graduation Anniversary Held by Class of 1893
Greetings from the West coast to the East coast, from as far North as Canada and as far South as Louisiana, were received by members of the Class of 1893 of New Bedford High School when they observed their 50th graduation anniversary at the Y.W.C.A. on Saturday.

Since 1912, the Class of ‘93 has held an annual reunion. Present at this year’s dinner were more than half the members of the graduation class, including the class officers, John M. Kelliher, president; Mabel Crapo Hathaway, treasurer and Maude Sumner, secretary.
from The Standard, August 3, 1943
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**Y.W.C.A. Renders Aid to Entire Community Through Its Various Departments and Clubs**

Whether you belong to the club or not, the Y is open for your convenience and relaxation. Easy chairs in the lobby, writing desk, latest reading material, piano and sheet music solve the problem of idling away spare moments.

...What do you have to do to use Y facilities? “Simply realize the Y is open to everyone. Walk in,” says Miss Colvin.

The variety of clubs at the Y include Girl Reserves, Business Girls, Industrial Women, Athletic and Foreign Community groups; each is made up of several clubs with varying interests and functions. Clubs set no age limit except that a girl must be at least 12 to join a junior group. Membership in a club of the Y does not necessitate membership in the Association itself. To become a full-fledged member of the Y and share in electoral privileges, a girl must be 18 years or over and pay a $1 fee; associate membership does not provide full electoral responsibilities.

Through its health education, public service, religious and social groups, the Y maintains direct touch with community life and problems. Interested in all people, but stressing the importance of each individual, the Association works with local social agencies for the benefit of the normal individual and for nurturing understanding and co-operation within the community. It has asked the War Fund for $25,000 for 17 months from May 1, 1943 to September 30, 1944, for its service work (dining room and residence of the Association are self-supporting).

*from The Standard, December 12, 1943*

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**They Call it “Personal Inventory” But It’s Really A Course in Glamorization Being Offered at Y.W.C.A.**

Ado about pin-up girls no longer need disturb the female population of New Bedford. Newspapers and magazines may continue to show pictures of the masculine conception of feminine allure, but young and old in this city now have a chance to become a combination of Lana Turner and Maria Montez.

...Emphasizing health and recreation as well as appearance, the Winter eight-week term under the direction of Miss Barbara Crowe, Y.W.C.A. physical director, will provide exercise and sports programs and a new course in recreational leadership or planning entertainment.

*from The Standard, January 16, 1944*
Y.W.C.A. Will Resume Fencing Classes
Fencing instructions will be offered during the Winter term of the Y.W.C.A. Health Education Department opening next Monday. Members of a previous course here are, left to right, Mrs. Myra McCue, South Dartmouth, Miss Jane Martin, Fairhaven, and Miss Ruth Ward, New Bedford.
from The Standard, January 1, 1946

Y.W.C.A. Group Sponsors Many Activities
Carol Presner, left, and Theresa Reynolds, Y-Teen members, are shown busily working on a craft project, one of the many activities the Y.W.C.A. teen-age group sponsors.

Below: Dressing with care and keeping a well-groomed look are part of the many valuable lessons taught to Y-Teens, as illustrated in this photo by Priscilla Forrest, holding the chart, and Leone Souza.
from The Standard, October 8, 1948

Prepare for Big Rollcall
New Bedford Y.W.C.A. Y-Teens and other Y.W.C.A. Y-Teen groups throughout the nation will hold a rollcall for new members next week, starting Monday. New girls will have the opportunity to meet members and see for themselves what goes on in a Y-Teen club at previews of teen-age activities Monday at the Y.W.C.A.
from The Standard, October 8, 1948
programs and services

Swimming Feature of Y.W. Activities
With Miss Mary J. Gallagher, director of the Teen-Age program instructing, left to right, Ann Augusto, Barbara Dyer, Gayleen Dufour and Norma Orpin, learn swimming techniques at the Y.W.C.A. pool. Educational programs, sports and social events for all ages are included among activities of the Y.W.C.A., which is celebrating National Y.W.C.A. week.
from The Standard, April 24, 1949

“The Cheerful Chicks of the Y.W.C.A.”
The cheerful chicks of the Y.W.C.A. were enjoying a song session when the visitors from the Red Feather Special walked in. A visit to the gymnasium of the Y.W.C.A. was made by the passengers aboard the Red Feather Special in its tour of agencies which benefit from contributions to the Community Chest Fund.
from The Standard, October 16, 1949

Eilene Roderick, Carmen Medeiros, Catherine Catin and Alice Ferreira play ping-pong at the Y.W.C.A. during their lunch hour. The Y with a piano, lounge and facilities such as this ping-pong table is a popular place for New Bedford Center working girls to spend their lunch hours.
from The Standard, December 18, 1949
Celebrating 100 Years!

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Girl Reserves Secretary 1946

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Young Adult Program Director 1948

Mary K. Zughai
Teenage Program Director 1949

Mary F. Gallagher
Y-Teen Director 1949
Officers of the Wives and Mothers Society (WAMS) of the Y.W.C.A., left to right, Mrs. Louise Harwood, president; Mrs. Marjorie Sylvia, vice-president; Mrs. Priscilla Melo, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edna Hemingway, recording secretary; Mrs. Rita Sivee, treasurer; Mrs. Lillian Motta, membership chairman.

Y.W.C.A. Leaders
Last-minute glances at the discussion material for the Fall conference of Y.W.C.A. volunteer workers held yesterday are being made, left to right, Miss Joy Colvin, general secretary; Mrs. George Castino Jr., chairman of health education and first vice president; Mrs. Andrew H. King, chairman of feed service, second vice-president, and Mrs. M. Motley Sargeant, President.

from The Standard, September 23, 1942

Betty Dow, left, Assistant in Health Education, and Miss Barbara Crowe, Health Education Director.

from The Standard, 1946
Girl Reserves Put Magazine Serial Stories Together for Service Men
Thanks to the Girl Reserves of the Y.W.C.A., Army Andy and Sailor Sammy no longer will utter naughty expletives when they reach the most pulsating passage of a story, only to read the provoking phrase, “To Be Continued.”

...And, strange as it may seem, Corporal Robert Crawford of Fort Rodman said, “While the comely miss that graced the cover attracted my attention, it’s that corking good Western between the covers that is going to hold it.”
from The Standard, January 31, 1943

16th Nation-Wide Y.W.C.A. Business Girls Observance
The New Bedford planning committee for the 16th nationwide observance of business girls of the Y.W.C.A. to be held Tuesday includes, left to right, Sarah Pacheco, Ora Perras, Charlotte Nye, Mildred Burkle and seated, Miss Ruth Livesley, president of the Helen Hughes Club, who will be toastmaster.
from The Standard, February 25, 1943

Six W.A.V.E.S. Recruits Leave
Off for Hunter College, The Bronx, N. Y., to begin a four week indoctrination period in the W.A.V.E.S. at the Navy Recruiting Station are six New Bedford women.
from The Standard, November 22, 1943
Good Times are Order of the Day (and Evening) at Y.W.C.A.
They Jitter and They Jive at the Y.W.C.A. Hep House

Hep House, co-ed hangout for the teen-aged is the Y’s response to pulpit and platform denunciations of currently growing juvenile delinquency. By providing facilities with which young people can improvise their own entertainment instead of seeking it in night clubs and bar rooms, the Y is meeting popular demand as well as quashing present alarming tendencies.

from The Standard, November 14, 1943

Officers of Dartmouth Girl Reserves

Left to right above are officers of the Girl Reserves of Dartmouth High School, Natalie Rodil, treasurer; Simmone Meurin, president; Virginia Murdy, vice-president, and Lidia Cabral, secretary.

from The Standard, December 17, 1944

Y-Teens Plan Recruiting Party

from The Standard, 1946
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A group of Y-Teens gather around the piano in the Y.W.C.A. lobby for informal singing.
from The Sunday Standard, January 19, 1947

Freedom of the Press
Freedom of the press is something taken quite seriously by Gilberta Rose and Evelyn Tomkiewicz, of the Y.W.C.A.’s Junior Inter-Club Council. The council prints its own newspaper under the guidance of Miss Mary F. Gallagher, director of the Teen-Age Department.
from The Standard, June 13, 1948

Girls Learn to Swim in Y.W.C.A. Pool
Miss Barbara Crowe, health education director of the Y.W.C.A. coaches four young schoolgirls in the fundamentals of a correct swimming stroke. The scene, of course, is the shallow end of the Y.W.C.A. pool.
from The Standard, September 21, 1947

Y-Teen Girls Plan Send-off Party
Y-Teen club girls help their Y.W.C.A. program director, Miss Mary F. Gallagher (center) plan a “Summer send-off” party...There will be a beach party and picnics, hikes, parties at the Y, trips to Seaside Camp, Cuttyhunk and Lincoln Park; a tennis tournament, charm course, horseback riding and a concluding dance on the terrace.
from The Standard, June 29, 1948
Y-Teens Aid in Community Activities
Tangible evidences of friendship and fellowship with girls in other lands are going overseas in the club-to-club boxes which Y-Teens in New Bedford are packing now. The boxes will be gifts to teen-age girls abroad who also are members of the Young Women’s Christian Association. Further, the New Bedford Y-Teens club will send abroad samples of their program, pictures of their club members and maps of New Bedford and the United States. A blank notebook will be sent abroad with the request that it be filled with similar material and returned to the Y-Teens here.

from The Standard, October 14, 1948

Y-Teens Add Fifty New Members
Y-Teen Department of the New Bedford Y.W.C.A. has added more than 50 new members during a rollcall week which ended Friday. Included are Lucille Pontes, Louise Fernandes, Miss Mary K. Zughaib, Y-Teen director, Janice DeCosta and Gilberte Rose. Three fashion show models stand in the background of the picture. They are, left to right, Miss DeCosta and Miss Fernandes and Barbara Wilmot. In the foreground, Marion Timmons serves refreshments to Anne Augusto and Gilberte Rose pins Y-Teen insignia on Patricia Ross, in a recognition ceremony.

from The Standard, October 16, 1949

Y-Teen Fashion Show
Shown here are representatives from three Y-Teen groups of the Y.W.C.A. practicing modeling duties for a teen-age fashion show at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow presented by the New Bedford Dry Goods Company in the lobby of the Y.W.C.A.

from The Standard, March 2, 1948
Receiving at College Club Party
In the receiving line at the annual Christmas party held by the College Club of New Bedford at the Y.W.C.A. yesterday, left to right: Mrs. S. Emory Bentley, vice-president of Junior Group; Miss Mary E. Carroll, treasurer; Miss Martha S. Wilde, secretary; Mrs. Frederick P. Tucker, vice-president; Mrs. Richard D. Tucker, program chairman and Mrs. F.M. Sherman Jr., club president.
from The Standard, December 29, 1942

Martha Briggs Club Seen Influencing Negro Life
Named for the first Negro girl to graduate from New Bedford High School, the Martha Briggs Educational Club has given scholarships to worthy young people of the race for 23 years and supplied cultural and social stimulus to the Negro population of New Bedford. Mrs. Moses Williams, president of the club, who has been outstanding in her efforts toward the development of educational and welfare work, is secretary of the Council of Women’s Clubs of Greater New Bedford and treasurer of the Bethel A.M.E. Church.

...The work of the Martha Briggs organization as outlined by a four-point program includes projects on health, culture, education and welfare. Incorporated as a child welfare group, it sponsors the West End Day Nursery, of which Mrs. Williams is superintendent, assisted by Mrs. Donald Dade. Garments for needy children, shoes, layettes and Christmas dinners are part of the welfare work of the group.
from The Standard, February 23, 1943

Job Center Aids Women
A War Job Information Center, sponsored by the College Club of New Bedford, was opened. The project was started with the approval of the Area WMC for women of all ages who desire war work. The center does not assign women to jobs, but acts as a guide in directing them to proper employment agencies for paid jobs and to the proper organizations for volunteer work.

...A special broadcast over Radio Station WNBH, made yesterday afternoon in connection with University Women’s Week, featured Mrs. F.M. Sherman Jr., president of the New Bedford College Club (left) and Miss Ruth Congdon, chairman of the club’s War Job Information Center committee. The center, conducted at the Y.W.C.A., furnishes information and guidance to women seeking jobs.
from The Standard, October 14, 1943
Dancers to Perform at Y.W.C.A. Affair
A group of attractive young women who will dance the “Chipanecas,” a Mexican folk dance, at the “Open Door” entertainment to be held tomorrow night in the Y.W.C.A. gymnasium, under auspices of the Business and Professional Women’s Club, are pictured here.
from The Standard, November 6, 1943

Women Attend First of Avery Lectures at the Y.W.C.A.
It may be recalled from Miss Avery’s report that she found the French underground “fascinating,” that she was shown hiding places under floor boards, and that Britain today has less to eat than during the war.
from The Standard, October 18, 1946

Information Provided to Voters at the Y.W.C.A.
Information for voters was provided last week at the Y.W.C.A. lounge by members of the public affairs committee of the Y.W.C.A. in cooperation with the League of Women Voters.
from The Standard, November 3, 1947

Beginners in a Y.W.C.A. Archery Class
from The Standard, September 30, 1945
Aid Annual Sale for the Blind
Miss Rose Trainor of Boston, left, and Mrs. Roland E. Willey, general chairman of the committee for work with the blind of the New Bedford Woman’s Club, are shown yesterday at the annual sale at the Y.W.C.A. of articles made by the blind. The sale continues today. Mrs. Willey is in charge of arrangements for the event.
from The Standard, June 7, 1949

Co-ed Club
Second Anniversary Dinner
Guests at the anniversary observance included, seated left to right, Mrs. John Kelley, Estelle Sidlerinker, Gertrude Blanchard, Emily Collis; standing, John Kelley, Ernest Trudelle, Donald Chaput and Leonard Rocha.
from The Standard, February 13, 1949

Seated at the head table at the second anniversary dinner and dance of the Co-ed Club of the Y.W.C.A. were, left to right, Mrs. George H. Sistare, president of the Y.W.C.A.; Attorney John B. Nunes, speaker; Edward V. Kraska, president; Eileen Connolly, vice-president; Thelma Pedroza, secretary and Dorothy White, chairman of membership.
from The Standard, February 13, 1949

Attending the Co-ed Club affair were, left to right, Frances Leeming, Eugenia Tavares, Lucy Skinner, Isabel Kozik and Gloria Medeiros.
from The Standard, February 13, 1949
Wives and Mothers Society Second Anniversary Banquet and Dance

Attending the second anniversary banquet and dance of the WAMS of the Y.W.C.A. at New Bedford Hotel were (below) left to right, seated, Mrs. Joseph Motta, Mrs. William Sylvia and Mrs. George Mello. Standing are Mr. Motta, Mr. Sylvia and Mr. Mello. Also at the WAMS affair were, left to right, front row, Mrs. John Sylvain, Mrs. Gilbert Vieira and Mrs. John Sylvia; back row, Mr. Sylvain, Mr. Vieira and Mr. Sylvia.

from The Standard, June 26, 1949

Senior Co-ed Club of the Y.W.C.A. pictured at a “Pirates Party” held at Horseneck Beach, Westport.

from The Standard, August 28, 1949
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