

500 Crowd YMCA Night Club, Criticism To Be Welcomed

Nearly 500 enthusiastic young people crowded the second floor of the YMCA Saturday night at the opening of the "Oasis," teen-age night club where the only cover charge is good behavior. The club, for those of high school senior and two years out of high school age, is open to members of every faith, color and creed. A ratio of 40 per cent boys to 60 per cent girls was noted Saturday night. About 10 per cent of the boys were members of the armed services.

Jack Wring and his Dalton High School orchestra offered their services to the YMCA and played for dancing from 8 to 11.55. The game room, where everything from checkers to table hockey was played, proved equally as popular as the milk cocktail bar and the "theatre," where 200 saw continuous pictures of European skiing scenes throughout the evening.

The "Oasis" will be open each Saturday night and Elliot M. Preble, general secretary, hopes to have a band once a month. Next week dancing will be to recorded music and the lounge will be shifted to the refreshment room. "Week to week adjustments will be made as experience dictates," states Mr. Preble.

Criticism Wanted

"We want constructive criticism," continued Mr. Preble, "and parents and those interested in children in the community must take an active interest in the newly formed teen-age club because we

can't do it alone." He invites individuals concerned with groups of young people and interested in the future of the "Oasis" to sit in with the youth and adult committees in charge of the Saturday night club.

The good conduct of the large crowd was "unbelievable" states Mr. Preble. He says that after the music stopped at 11.55 the crowd cleared the building in 10 minutes. The crowd thinned out around 11, but nearly 50 per cent stayed until the end.

Some changes are planned in the milk bar for next Saturday. Only one sandwich, ham, will be served instead of the four kinds that were on sale this week. The number of bottled soft drinks on sale will be cut to two, and milk, which proved the most popular refreshment, will be continued.

Music School Faculty Members To Give Recital

The first faculty recital of the season of the Pittsfield Community Music School will be Saturday evening at the Berkshire Museum, which is sharing in sponsoring the concert.

The artists will be Miss Mary E. Jones, violinist and director of the school, and Miss Marthe Poncy, pianist, member of the faculty of the Community Music School and successor to Ulyse Rubler at Miss Hall's School. The