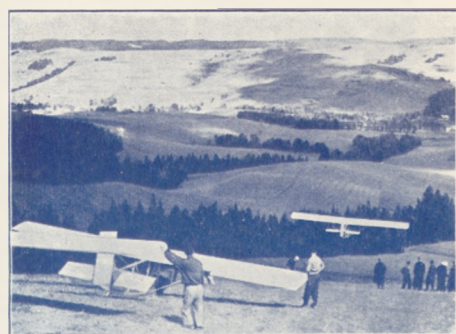
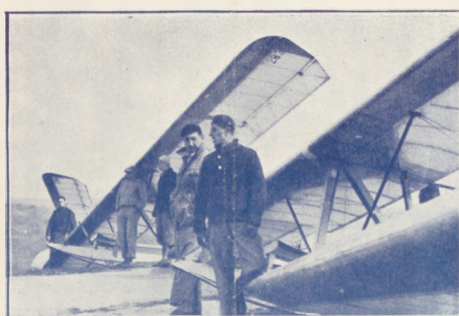
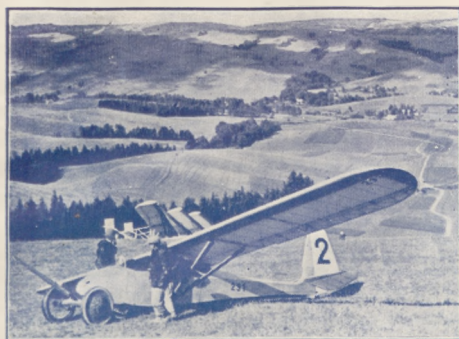


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The Gliders' Club in the field.

## The Gliders' Club of the Warsaw YMCA

With 42 members, of whom 36 are licenced pilots, the Gliders' Club of the Warsaw YMCA is one of the strongest of that Association's well organized out-of-door clubs. Of these 36 pilots, 4 are of class D, the highest, 14 are of class C, 7 of class B, and 11 of class A, the beginners who have just qualified as fliers.

The club does serious work along both theoretical and practical lines. In the winter time courses are conducted and special lectures on gliding given, a class in model-making is conducted for boys, propaganda for the art of gliding is conducted in the press, and the members of the club take active physical training in the gym and pool of the YMCA.

As yet the club owns no gliders of its own, doing all its field work with government or borrowed equipment, but its work goes strongly ahead and in due time the club will own its



own equipment. The photographs printed here showing members of the club in action were taken by one of the club members, Mr. Perzanowski. In the foreground of the central upper picture stands Mr. Jerzy Sereda, one of the most enthusiastic leaders of the club, the man due to whose energy this club has developed into one of our best organized and conducted. A strong feature of this club is the fine friendships formed within its membership.

## The Restaurant is Open

One more step in the completion of the great Warsaw YMCA building was taken when the beautiful new restaurant in the basement, "Jadalnia" in Polish, was opened April 4th with a dinner for the active members of the Association. There remains unfinished only the auditorium, to seat 550 persons, the exterior finish of hard plaster, and several small details. This work the building committee has voted to finish this spring and summer, most of the money for this purpose being now in sight. Work on the auditorium has begun; that on the exterior awaits the assurance of warm weather.

The third edition of "Elements of Polish Culture", by Paul Super, is now coming off the press. Orders may be placed with Association Press, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, 25 cents a copy.

## Club Exhibitions

Almost every month some club of the Warsaw YMCA presents an exhibition of its work. Three of the largest recent ones have been those of the "Know-Your-Country" Tourist Club, the Yacht Club, and the Library Club. The accompanying photographs show but a part of two of these. The exhibitions are visited by hundreds of members and guests.

March 19 and 18

For years Poland has celebrated St. Joseph's Day, March 19, the day of the late Marshal Joseph Pilsudski's patron saint, as a holiday in honor of the great builder of the Polish Republic. By a happy coincidence March 18 is St. Edward's Day, and Edward is the given name of Marshal Smigly-Rydz, Marshal Pilsudski's successor. On the 18th many meetings were held in honor of Marshal Smigly-Rydz, among others one in the Warsaw YMCA where the members of one of the Warsaw YMCA clubs prepared and executed the program. A happy and accurate phrase used by one of the speakers in his talk about Marshal Smigly-Rydz remains in my mind. He spoke of him as "Poland's exceptional man", a happy characterization.



A small part of the Yacht Club exhibition.



Part of the large Know-Your-Country exhibition.

## The New Coins

Poland has issued a new series of silver coins, 2 zloty, 5 zloty, 10 zloty, with a sailing ship as its decorative feature. The ship symbolizes Poland's growing use of its sea coast, the expansion of its merchant fleet, and in general the whole new orientation of Poland toward the sea and access through its own port of Gdynia to all nations bordering the oceans. Poland is realizing the great truth in the quaint 16th century words of William Camden that the sea is "most commodious for traffic to all parts of the world".

## Notes

The population of Poland is now 34,221,000 inhabitants.

The fiscal year of the Polish Government closed March 31, 1937 with a credit balance of roughly 2,400,000 zloty, or \$453,000, the total expenses for the year having been 2,161,400,000 zloty, or \$408,000,000. That represents very careful financing under real difficulties; though the balance is small, the fact of a balance is gratifying.

The Postal Savings Bank closes its fiscal year with 2,416,849 savings accounts.



The New Coin. Face



The Pilsudski Coin.



The New Coin. Reverse.

