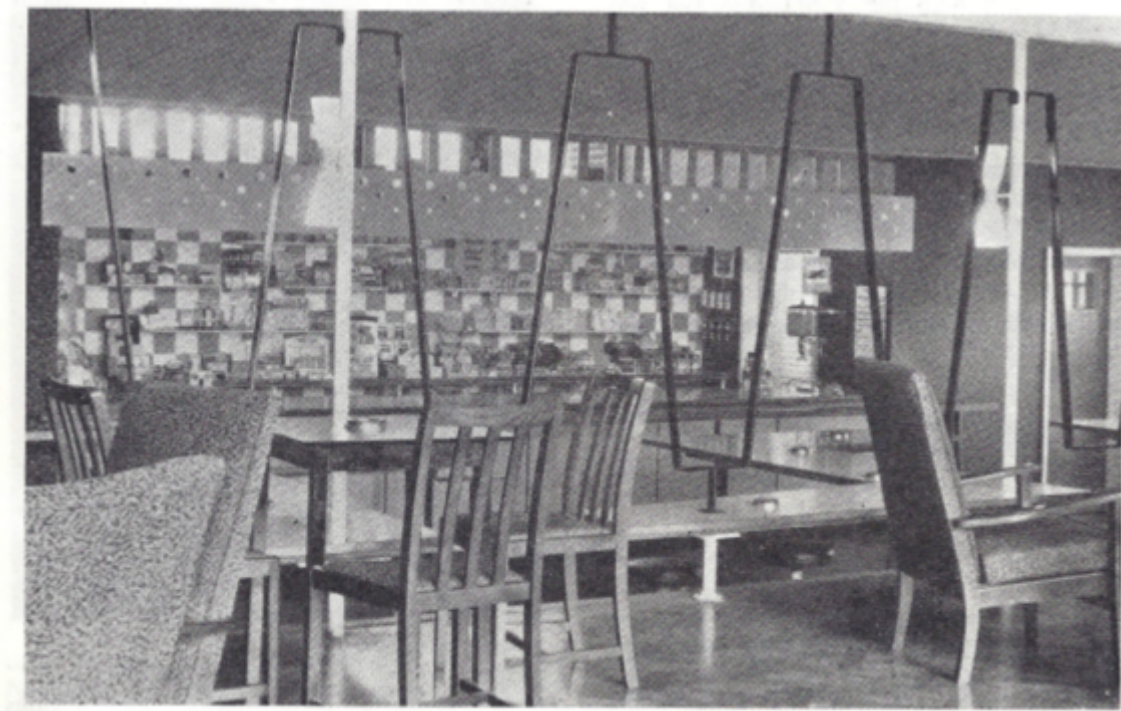


The Locking Young Men's Christian Association.



Interior of New Y. M. C. A.

Since its opening, the Y. M. C. A. has made great strides for the future. An executive committee representing a cross-section of the Wing has been set up to organise the club's activities. Entertainments, both musical and dramatic, sports, printing and publicity all have representatives on the committee.

On March 24th, 1959, on the occasion of the 83rd Entry Pass-out, the Duchess of Gloucester paid a visit to the clubhouse during her tour around the station. Along with many officers she was very impressed with the clubhouse itself, and how things had progressed in so short a time.

Although the Y. M. C. A. had been open to

the Apprentices for 2 1/2 months, the Official Opening Ceremony did not take place until Wednesday, 8th April, 1959.

The ceremony commenced at 3.0 p. m., and Lt. Gen. Sir John Evetts gave a brief description of how the Locking Y. M. C. A. came into being, and then asked Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir John Slessor, to officially open the establishment. After telling of his experiences with the Association in the Forces, both at home and abroad, Sir John handed over to N. S. Tucker, Esq., General Secretary, National Council of Y. M. C. A.'s, who enlightened the audience with the history of the movement. W. Blair, Esq., Area Secretary, then thanked

all the guests for coming, and for their work in connection with the Y. M. C. A. Tea was served at 4. 45 p. m., to the guests, and by 6 p. m. the Apprentices were invading the Y. M. C. A. as usual, all guests havng departed after a most pleasant afternoon.

Looking to the future, many activities are envisaged. Social evenings with the Girls' Friendship Society of Weston, are just one example. With Lt. Duddridge as Leader of the Y. M. C. A., the clubhouse should remain very popular with the Apprentices for years to come.



Sir John Slessor and A/A Churches