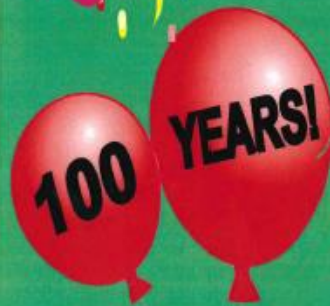


# CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

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920  
South Broad  
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# 1920-2020

# Centennial Anniversary of 920 S. Broad St.

Opening in 1920, Trenton's second largest movie house, the RKO Broad Theater, has always been a focal point for this section of the capital city. Originally providing a stage for vaudeville acts, the theatre would evolve to screening moving pictures.

In 1962, the Diocese of Trenton purchased the theater, an idea of Rev. Leonard Toomey, in hopes of converting it to a recreation hall.

Throughout the years, it would continue to feature memorable entertainment such as ECW and NWA wrestling matches with visits from Sgt. Slaughter as well as semi-pro basketball games.

Now at 100 years old, the building has never seen more activity than it does today by serving as a home to a Pre-School, After-School Program, and Summer Camp. With a focus on childcare, the building has never been more important to the community.

We have put together this virtual open house to allow you to get a better understanding of the history of this building that we love so much. Be sure to take the time to read the occasional articles that follow as they contain additional details of stories you may have heard.

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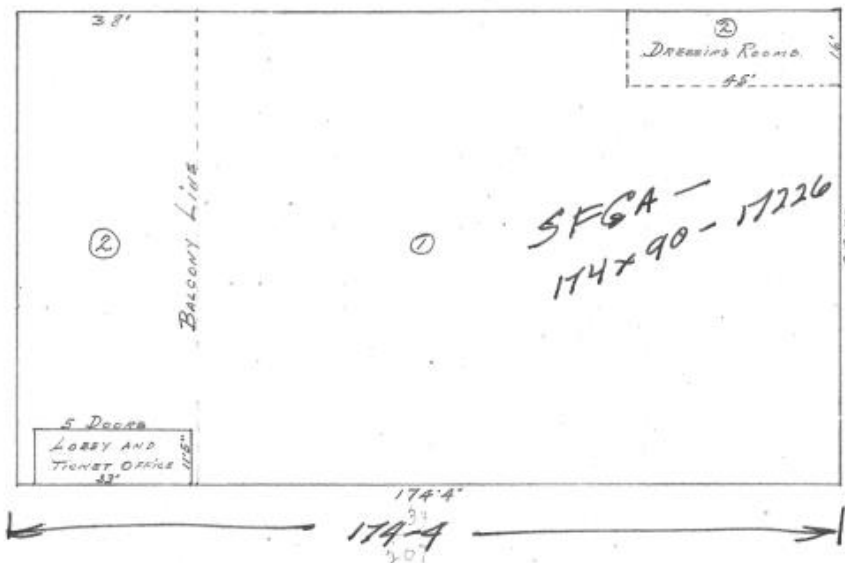
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Roofing	TAR & GRAVEL
Floor Joists	WOOD - 16 STEEL BEAMS - TRIM TILE
Flooring	WOOD
Sprinkler	
Heating	HOT WATER
Electric Wiring	
Freight Elevator	
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Built	1919 Remodeled 1936
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FRANCES FARMER in 'THE TOAST of NEW YORK'

**STATE**

—Now—

George O'Brien  
in 2-gun, 2-listed action picture "WINDJAMMER"  
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**BROAD**

TODAY

Jack Oakie, Ann Sothorn in  
mirthquake thriller 'Super Sleuth'

Eric Linden, Cecilia Parker 'Sweetheart of the Navy'  
Mat. 'Painted Stallion'

Sun., Mon.—Richard Cromwell, Slim Summerville,  
Andy Devine, Louise Fazenda, Barbara Read,  
John King in tense 'The Road Back'

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American	345	667 Princeton Ave.
Bijou	901	1807 S. Clinton Ave.
Broad	2159	950 S. Broad St.
Capitol	1977	18 S. Broad St.
Center Street	744	422 Center Street
City Square	650	Anderson & Washington Sts.
Gaiety	1200	S. Olden Ave. & Walnut
Garden	376	150 N. Broad St.
Greenwood	744	Greenwood & Cuyler Aves.
Lincoln	2360	N. Warren & Hanover Sts.
Orpheum	768	127 E. State St.
Palace	1318	179 S. Broad St.
Princess	676	483 N. Clinton Ave.
Rialto	660	13 Pennington Ave.
Stacy	819	142 E. State St.
Strand	734	N. Hermitage & Edgewood
Thropp	1672	211 E. State St.
Trent	1033	17 N. Warren St.
Victory	700	736 S. Broad St.



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CARY GRANT - CAROLE LOMBARD in "Memory of Love"  
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Lively time in front of Broad Theater in 1941 as Junior 4 students celebrated

## Broad Closes Doors As Theater

Sale Or Lease Last Billing As Colorful History Ends

A spectacular wedding, 2,200 pedal-operated trash baskets, live horses, 300 WACs, boxing and junior high school marching and.

No, this strange collection isn't something dreamed up by P. T. Barnum. They're all a part of the history of the RKO Broad Theater on South Broad Street near Beatty.

The occasion for recalling them is the recent removal of all projectors, seats and scenery from Trenton's second largest movie house. The days of the double feature and free dishes are no more. The owners of the building, the Trenton Theater Building Company, have put it on the block, with one condition — the new owner or the person who leases it must agree not to use it for theatrical purposes.

For many, the final passing of the Broad as a movie theater is like the passing of an old friend.

Built in 1919 by William J. Vernon and W. Henry Elfreth, the theater was operated by them until 1924. In 1924, however, it was placed in receivership following a long legal battle in which Vernon and Elfreth were charged with mismanagement.

In the same year, a lease was granted to George B. Ten Eyck by Richard Stockton III of Princeton, who was acting as receiver. The theater was renamed "Ten Eyck's Broad."

The Broad changed hands again in 1928 when Frank V. Storrs of New York, majority stockholder of the Trenton Theater Building Company, bought the building from Stockton. The building is still owned by that company.

#### Reflections By Conklin

James Conklin, manager of the Broad from 1930 to 1944 and again from 1950 to 1951 before becoming manager of the Lincoln in 1955, recalled some of the high points in the theater's history.

"Back in the 30s," he said, "we were always coming up with some kind of gimmick. A lot of people were out of work, you know, and for many of them the only thing they had to look forward to for a little entertainment was an occasional movie.

#### Bargain Price

"Well, during the depression the downtown theaters were getting 40 cents for a show. We charged a quarter and did a booming business."

Referring to the 2,200 pedal-operated trash baskets, Conklin explained that they followed the old giveaway standard—dishes.

"We made people come to three shows in order to get

crack at those cans," he said. "I bet many homes here are still using some of the things we gave out at the Broad."

Another stunt that Conklin used to boost attendance was a wedding on the theater stage. The idea almost backfired, however, when Conklin, in an attempt to stir up interest in the event, sent an unsigned letter to the newspapers criticizing the whole thing as a publicity stunt. Everything turned out all right, though, with some 2,000 people jamming the theater to see the ceremony.

Horses got into the act to draw the kiddies. Carney Rose brought his whole troupe on stage and at least one lucky boy won himself a pony.

#### School Anniversary

One of the biggest events in the theater's history was the parade held to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the opening of Junior High School 4. Hundreds of people turned out to watch the high school band perform and listen to speeches by

the city commissioners commemorating the event.

And of those who saw them, who could ever forget the Golden Gloves fights?

"When we started the bouts," Conklin said, "the audience was almost all men. But when the women heard that it was just like going out to see a show, the whole thing changed. After the first few fights, half our audience were women," he said.

With the coming of World War II, the Army came to Broad and Beatty Street — the women's army that is. A recruiting booth was set up at the Broad and glamour was added to the opening by the presence of 300 WACs.

The war effort also got a big boost in 1943 when the theater offered a free two-hour motion picture show to youngsters who brought in wrapped waste fats. One boy, Conklin said, almost got into trouble when two cops heard him admit he had "lifted" a pound of butter from home and dropped it in with the rest of the fats "for the cause."

On May 17, 1960 the theater was officially closed. The last two movies to be shown were "Heller in Pink Tights" and "This Rebel Breed."



# THE MOVIES

## RKO Broad Still Serves The Community

by Frank Richardson

On South Broad Street near Beatty, a large 61-year-old building currently houses a cultural and athletic center for the Catholic Youth Organization. The familiar yellow school buses appear frequently in front of the entrance on weekdays after 3 p.m. But if one looks on the north side of the building, the painted bricks, which have faded over the past two decades, read "RKO Broad Theater."

The spacious Broad Theater, seating over 2,000, largest in the city when constructed by William Vernon and W. Henry Elfreth in 1919, was an integral part of the Chambersburg shopping district for forty years. Purchased by R.K.O., which also operated the Capitol, Lincoln, Palace, and State in downtown and later the Brunswick and

Hamilton in the neighborhoods, the theater was the scene for Golden Gloves boxing, a wedding, a parade, and other audience attracting events. Theater policy also called for promotional efforts such as prizes, dishes and pedal-operated trash basket giveaways.

In the theater's early years, the Broad featured vaudeville since it had an adequate size stage, orchestra pit, flies, and a high stage loft. The large seating capacity, approximately 1,400 in the orchestra and 600 in the balcony, also made it attractive to the vaudeville circuit.

The depression of the 1930s did not hurt movie business as most people needed the cheap form of entertainment that motion pictures provided.

Admission was only a quarter then compared to the forty cents admission in downtown theaters.

During the patriotic era of World War II, the Broad management aided the Army by permitting a recruiting booth to operate in the building. This was just part of what the operators of the theater did for the war effort. According to Harold Stout of Hamilton Township, children "...were urged to bring milkweed pods which were used in manufacturing parachutes. This way we would get in for nothing." In 1943, a free two-hour show was awarded to youngsters who brought in wrapped waste fats which would be transformed by private industry into soap and glycerine.

"The Broad used to show a popular serial, cartoons, shorts like Joe McDoakes' 'Buy Behind the Eight Ball,' Movietone News, and the feature film," Stout said smiling while reminiscing about his youth. "I saw many movies there starring Gene Autry, Tom Mix, and Roy Rogers." He added that he "...used to go to Sanders Ice Cream Parlor after the show."

Captain Roy Hasty, of Ladder Company No. 2 at Clinton and Beatty Street, remembers the Broad in a different way. "I used to inspect the Broad for fire violations," Hasty recalled before adding that "...I'd sometimes get free tickets and take the family to the movies."

When R.K.O. decided to shutter the old film house in 1960, its future remained uncertain since the owners wanted its prospective buyer to agree not to reopen the building as a theater. The Broad bowed out with "Heller in Pink Tights" and "This Rebel Breed" on May 17, 1960.

After the seats, scenery, curtains, and projectors were removed in September, 1961, the building was purchased by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton for the Catholic Youth Organization at the insistence of Monsignor Michael J. McCorristin in 1963 for \$65,000. Monsignor Leonard Toomey, director of the CYO for 19 years, supervised the renovation of the theater into a recreation hall.

Monsignor McCorristin, presently the pastor at St. Anthony's Church, said that "the building inspector said it was worth at least \$500 thousand." Referring to the purchase price of \$65,000, he said, "That was a very special price they gave us." Most of the renovation work inside the building was done by volunteers.

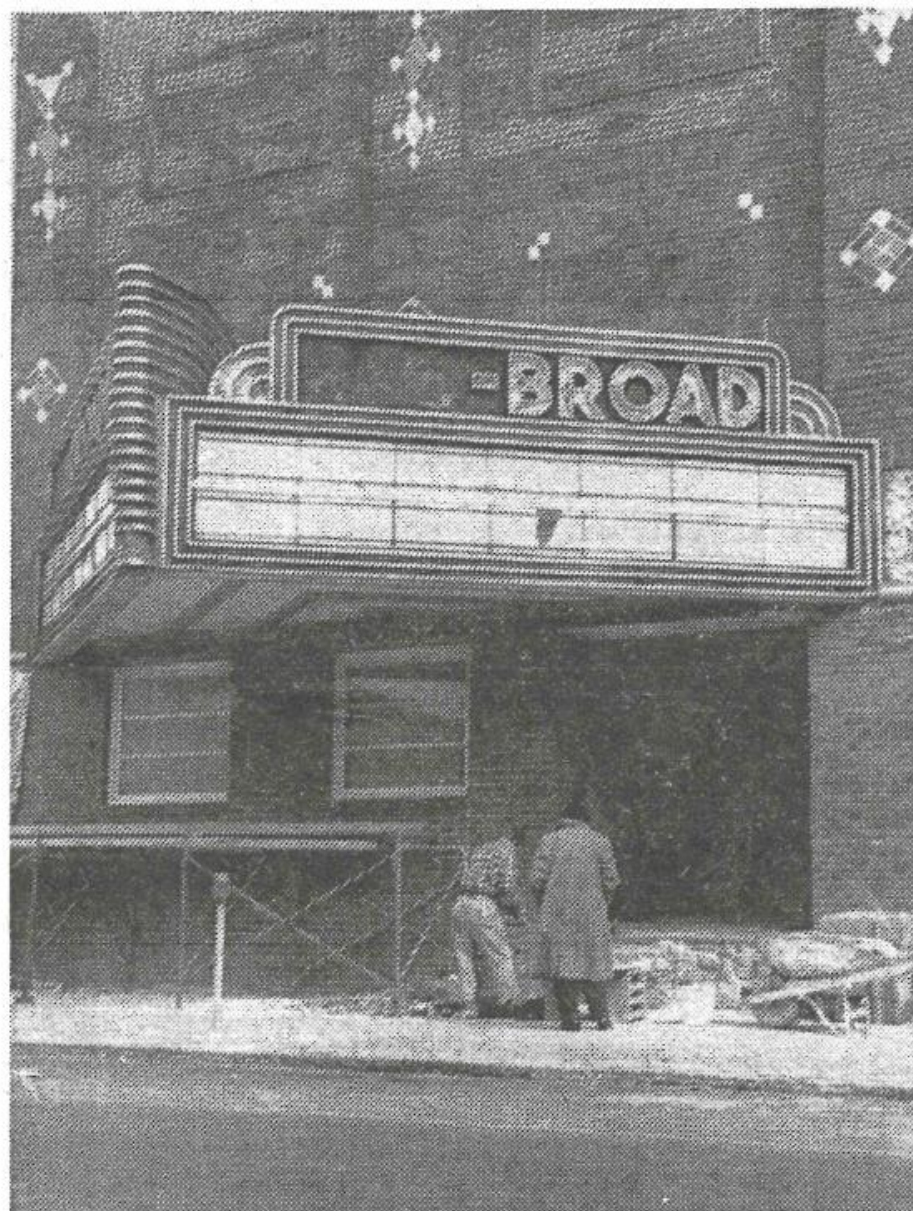
The theater was ideal for the goals of the CYO according to Monsignor Toomey of Sacred Heart Parish. "The auditorium is just the right size for regulation high school basketball. The old vaudeville dressing rooms on both sides of the stage were converted into arts and crafts rooms, manual training centers, and locker rooms. The stage was set up for physical training, upstairs for girls and downstairs for boys."

The tiered balcony was leveled and converted into rooms for games, meetings, and recreation. "The lobby is still very much the same except for the small kitchen and snack bar," the monsignor said. "The foyer outside the theater was shortened to make room for offices although the original panel in the ticket booth and the coming attractions sign still exist today."

In reference to the old marquee which adorns the building he said that "...it is still the original sign put up by the Hutchinson Sign Company." If one looks closely at the marquee, "RKO Broad" is visible under the black coats of paint.

Unlike the many other movie theaters in the city, the Broad, re-dedicated as the CYO in June, 1964, has found a niche and is still viable to the local parochial schools and the Chambersburg community. ■





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A mason completes work on the entranceway of the new Catholic Youth Organization headquarters in what formerly was the old RKO Broad Theater on S. Broad St. The renovated structure will house three basketball courts, offices and meeting rooms.







# Now Playing At Old Broad Theater... 'CYO'

## Movie House Becomes Youth Center

By Lee Patterson  
Times-Advertiser Staff Writer

"CYO" will open soon for a permanent run at the old RKO Broad Theater.

"CYO" is not a new movie or stage show. It is the Catholic Youth Organization of the Trenton Diocese which purchased the old theater on South Broad Street, near Beatty, a year and a half ago.

In that passing time, the sprawling building has been converted inside into what looks like a brand new center.

It will be officially dedicated next Saturday afternoon at 2. Then it will swing into a full-time Summer program on Monday, June 15.

The old marquee of the theater is still there, but now it has CYO in large letters affixed on either side.

The entrance has been shortened and the space gained is now two small offices. They will be used by the Rev. Leonard R. Toomey, diocesan CYO director; Alice Callery, secretary, and Robert Malloy, the new program director. William Weiss and Carl Thiel of the physical de-

partment may use the offices on occasion.

Father Toomey proudly guided a couple of visitors from the basement to the very top of the building the other day. Most everywhere he went he remarked about what a relief it was that there are now windows in a number of places which once were blank and darkened theater walls.

### New Kitchen In The Lobby

The lobby has been retained but it now contains a big snack bar and a new kitchen. These are where there was once a ramp leading to an exit. The two rest rooms also have been retained.

The biggest space, the old auditorium, is now a vast gymnasium. It has a three-way basketball court. The main court is regulation high school size. Crossing it from side to side are two smaller courts, one for grammar school ages and the other for "biddys" and girls.

Father Toomey explained that volunteer workers helped remove the old theater seats. He said the old fusions were of no value and were destroyed, but he added that the metal was salvaged and sold for around \$2,000.

The old backstage space is now an exercise room, and shower and locker rooms for men and boys. Directly above are similar rooms for women and girls. Similar, that is, except in one very noticeable respect. The lower locker and shower rooms are in green tile, but the upper feminine section is done up all in pink.

### Arts And Crafts Sewing Rooms

Still higher, in what were old vaudeville dressing rooms, are now being constructed arts and crafts and sewing rooms for girls. Above these yet are still more old dressing rooms that have not yet been converted.

"We'll wait and see what to do with them," said Father Toomey. He also mentioned that Mrs. Harry E. Farley is in charge of arts and crafts, and Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. George Hearny head the sewing department.

What was the balcony is partially separated from the gym with large panes of fibre-glass.

Father Toomey was asked if the glass is safe from flying basketballs. He said it is unbreakable, but he added, "Of course, I'm not challenging any of the boys to try it."

Behind the glass panels, where the balcony was, is a large lounge and meeting room, with game rooms on either side of it.

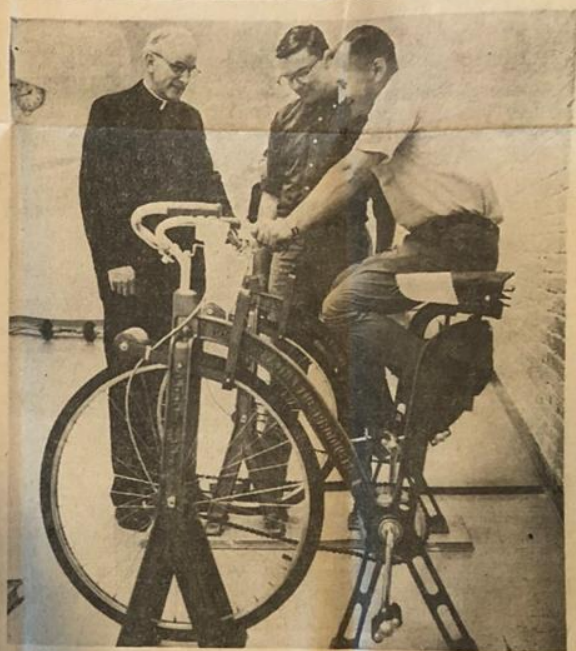
There is some space that hasn't yet been used, but plans are already in mind. For instance, there is space up among the old dressing rooms that may one day become a squash and handball court. And the small basement beneath the lobby may one day be used for a rifle range.

Having completed the tour, continually pointing out where windows had been cut into the walls of the once dark building, Father Toomey led his visitors back to the lobby.

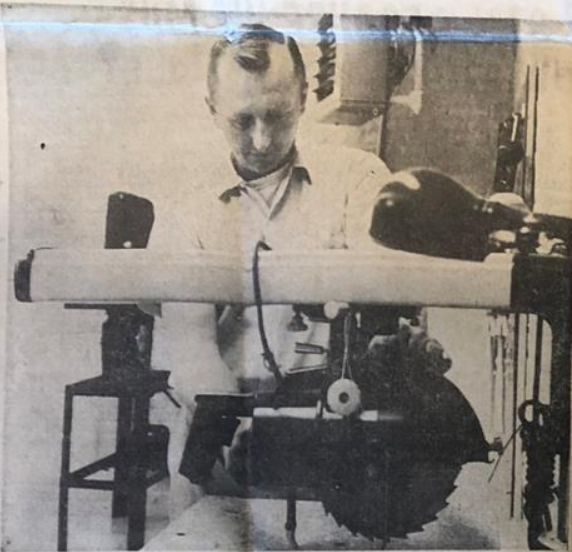
There he pointed to the little door that had once led into the box office of the old theater. The door doesn't lead to anywhere now. It just hangs outside the wall of what is now part of Father Toomey's office.

They just left it there for the fun of it, he said.

One of these days, he said, he'll have a "box office" sign made and hang it on the door that leads to nowhere and doesn't even open.



This is the boys' and men's exercise room located in what was the backstage area of the RKO Broad Theater. From left are Father Leonard Toomey, diocesan CYO director, William Weiss of the physical department and Robert Malloy, program director.



Robert Malloy, CYO program director, tries out one of the power saws in the CYO manual training room.



This big meeting room is located in what once was the balcony of the RKO Broad.



This brand new CYO gym is located in the area that once was the auditorium of the RKO Broad. The balcony of the old theater was located behind the fibre glass panels at left.







## HISTORY OF THE MERCER COUNTY CYO

In September 1952, the Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Trenton was established in all eight Counties of the Diocese, under the supervision of Father Leonard R. Toomey, Diocesan CYO Director.

Like its counterparts, the Mercer County CYO functioned in 26 parishes offering a four-fold program of spiritual, athletic, cultural and social activities to boys and girls of both grammar school and high school age, as well as to young adults out of school and working. The latter group was known as CYAC's - Catholic Young Adult Club. With 3,000 youth in these three divisions participating weekly in the CYO program, the Mercer County CYO was one of the largest youth service agencies in the area.

On February 3, 1958, the Mercer County CYO opened its first official headquarters at 1 Centre Street, Trenton adjacent to Sacred Heart Church. The building was well known City-wide as the home of the former Men's Catholic Club and its gymnasium, game activity and meeting rooms became alive again.

The CYO Day Camp began on July 7, 1958, on a 20 acre tract site of the old Springdale Park, on Allentown Road in Yardville, next to St. Vincent DePaul Church; it featured an Olympic size swimming pool, sports, arts and crafts and acres of woods. The Day Camp was an immediate success, with a daily attendance of 300 grammar school age girls and boys in that first Summer of '58 and a daily attendance of 500 in the Summer of '59. The Day Camp still flourishes and now features an Evening Family Swim Club and a weekend picnic spot for private parties.

With an ever increasing number of young people participating, the facility at Centre Street became inadequate. On June 13, 1964, the late Bishop George W. Ahr blessed and opened the present CYO Center at 920 South Broad Street. After 32 years, it is still home to thousands of youth and adults who participate in the variety of programs and activities sponsored by the Mercer County CYO.

Today it's hard to imagine that the building was originally the RKO Broad Theater. After extensive renovations, the auditorium and stage were transformed into a gymnasium featuring a regulation size basketball court and bleachers. The balcony became game and meeting rooms, and the backstage changed into exercise and locker rooms. Second floor backstage dressing rooms reappeared as the arts and crafts area.

No account of the CYO of Mercer County would be complete without acknowledging the assistance and interest of the Diocese of Trenton and the dedication and work of the late Monsignor Michael P. McCorristin. Monsignor, with a group of volunteers, undertook the renovations at 1 Centre Street and 920 South Broad Street, as well as building the swimming pool and facilities at the Day Camp.

Likewise, the CYO will always be grateful to the legions of men and women, priests and religious who in the past as well as in the present, so generously volunteer their time and talents serving the youth of CYO in its 44 year history (the 35th anniversary acknowledges the official incorporation of the organization) here in Mercer County and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Last but far from least is Miss Alice V. Calley, long time secretary in the CYO Office. For her it was not a job, but a labor of love.

Written by Monsignor Leonard R. Toomey - August 1996











# NWA Championship WRESTLING

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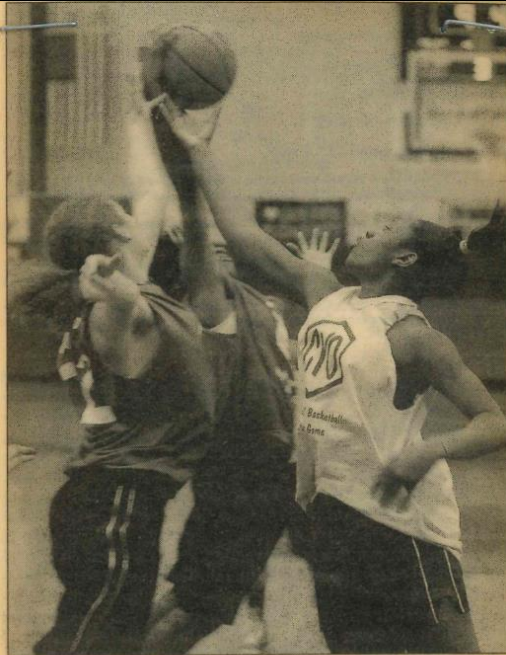
# Hoops players hold court at CYO All Star games



Andrew Kusnirik, left, presents the CYO Boys All Star Game MVP Award to Myles Mitchell-White from Lawrence High.



Steinert High School senior Morgan Comfort, left, receives the Renee Keister Award from Renee Keister.



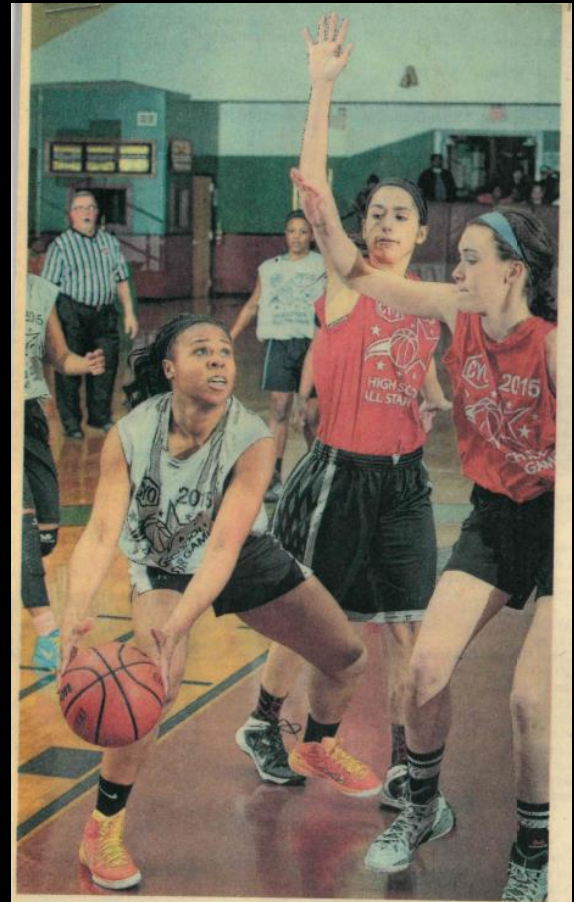
Trentonian Photo/JACKIE SCHEAF  
Lawrence's Amirah Brown, right, battles for a rebound against Peddie's Madison Skerit, left, during Friday's CYO All Stars game.



GREG SLABODA — TRENTONIAN PHOTO  
Samantha Widmann from Notre Dame puts up a shot at the CYO of Mercer County's 17th Annual High School Basketball All-Star Game.



GREG SLABODA — TRENTONIAN PHOTO  
Brianna Dornier from Steinert drives to the basket during the CYO of Mercer County 17th Annual High School Basketball All-Star Game on Saturday.



Hamilton's Elischa Dessalines, left, looks for room to put the ball up from under Hightstown's Jessica Marcus, right, and Allentown's Christa Lebers during the CYO Girls All-Star Game at the Trenton CYO on Sunday. (TONY KURDZUG/TIMES OF TRENTON)

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# All-Stars rack up points during annual CYO showcase







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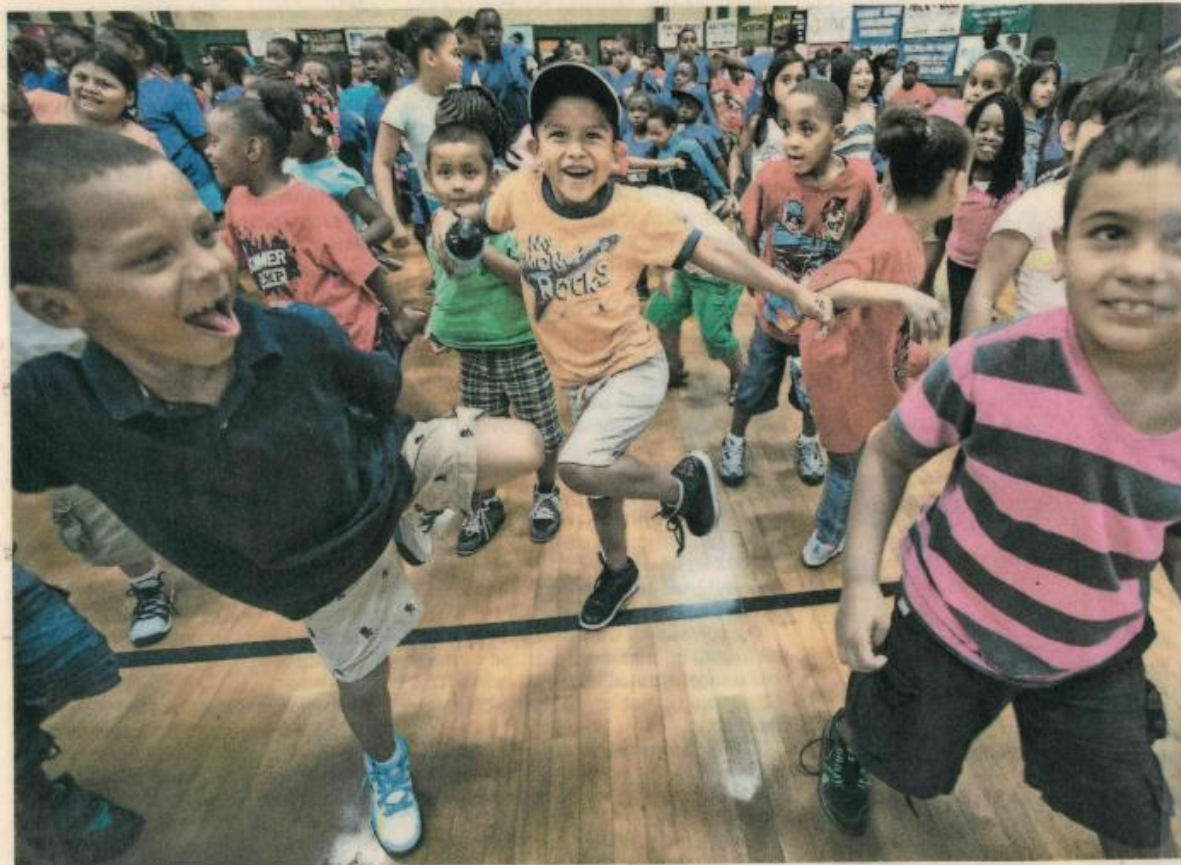








# CYO MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Although the CYO has evolved over time, its mission has not changed, according to Tom Mladenetz, CYO executive director.  
*Times of Trenton file photo*

**Decades of service:** For 67 years, the organization has made a lasting impression













With the new bus are, back row from left, John Soss, CYO Broad Street center program director; Nancy Podeszwa, CYO grant proposal writer, and Tom Mladenetz, CYO executive director. *Courtesy Photo*

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**'THANKS, BOOMER!'**  
Children at the CYO Mercer's Broad Street Center got a special visit from Trenton Thunder representatives, who gifted the center with a \$2,500 grant. In back row, from left, are Jeff Hurley, Thunder general manager; CYO executive director Tom Mladenetz, with mascot Boomer; Thunder community affairs director Vince Marcucci; CYO grant proposal writer Nancy Podeszwa; CYO tutoring coordinator Andrea Sirak and CYO tutor Lar Sirak. Courtesy photo

## CYO of Mercer receives grant from Trenton Thunder



Donation to help boost CYO programs

## CYO tutoring program gets boost from TD Bank grant



**Educational Opportunities** – Stacey Romano (back row, at right), TD Bank market manager for Mercer County, and Jacquelyn R. Sheridan, TD Bank Trenton store manager, present a check to Mercer CYO executive director Thomas G. Mladenetz. They are joined by children from the CYO's summer recreational/educational day camp. Courtesy photo

The Mercer County CYO will continue its

tutoring program, which includes summer

That concludes this trip through the past.

But we hope this is not the end of the story.

If you happen to have any additional pictures, articles, or any other historical content featuring the RKO Broad Theatre or the CYO, please send them along to [jsoss@cyomercer.org](mailto:jsoss@cyomercer.org).

Thank you for taking an interest in this small piece of history. Stay tuned to see what will be playing next at the CYO!