

## Teensters Have Big Plans For Youth Center Future

The Sea Cliff Youth Center, in its 10th year, is "bigger and better than ever" . . . but it's only the beginning, say the teen-agers who run it.

The center—which probably holds a Long Island record for longevity — enjoys its success mostly "because it's different," in the opinion of its senior advisors, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Fraley.

"The youngsters like to run things themselves . . . and we never interfere," explains Fraley. "They handle the activities, set up disciplinary regulations and plan events. They even conduct programs to raise funds to carry on the program."

**ALTHOUGH HE** modestly disclaims any credit, the youngsters at the center say much of the success is due to the efforts of Fraley.

Fraley is physical education instructor and track coach at Sewanhaka High School, Floral Park, and developed Al Oerter, Olympic discus champion. The Fraleys live at 44 Cunningham Ave., Floral Park.

Mrs. Fraley, who majored in dramatics and physical education in college, directed the center's recent 10th anniversary show.

The center at Central Avenue and 14th St., has a present enrollment of about 225 boys and girls. The two-story building has a soda fountain, juke box, various games and a meeting room.

"The village provides the heat and pays the phone bills," said Fraley, "but the youngsters furnish everything else. They raise funds through shows, cake sales, carnivals and rummage sales."

Ten years ago, John J. Burns, then mayor of Sea Cliff, prevailed upon Fraley to organize a youth center. Burns recently resigned as an assemblyman to run for Oyster Bay Town supervisor.

"We tried to run things differently," said Fraley. "We don't want the youth center activities to conflict with the home, church or school, but rather to supplement them."

The center programs are held Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

**SHORTLY AFTER** World War II, the U. S. Government Information Service filmed activities at the Sea Cliff Youth Center, for distribution around the world showing how American teenagers live under freedom and democracy.

Officers are: Robert Myles, president; Richard Bischoff, vice-president; Peggy Roberts, secretary, and Richard Lindblom, treasurer.



Fun at the fountain finds William Watrous, right, joining the laughter as he hands out the soda pop. Enjoying themselves at the Sea Cliff Youth Center are Joanne Chlebowski, and Richard Lindblom, treasurer of the 10-year-old youth group.



Loud and clear voices ring out in seasonal songs at the Sea Cliff Youth Center. Peggy Roberts, center secretary, plays the piano as John Brown, left, and Jerry Tweddell sing.



Cleanup squad members Richard Bischoff, right, and Carey Cummings pause to chat with Mrs. James Fraley, senior advisor. Teensters run the center and all its committees.