

## A SWELL FELLOW

One evening I wandered into the train shed of the P. B. C. Model Railroad to speak with the Chief Engineer. "Kennie" Pflieger. I watched the younger fry busily running trains and boats, and suddenly had the urge to learn more about the "brains" behind this intricate mass of electrical machinery—Kennie. himself.

Chatting along between accidents on the railroad, "Kennie" mentioned that he was born in his present home. just before the turn of the century mark of 1900. Yes, he was a charter member of the P. B. C. which was founded in 1909. and was active in the club till 1917 when he left to attend Cornell University.

It seems that while he was attending Newark Academy, he would study his homework and tend the club nights at the same time. and declared that it helped his powers of concentration to study amid all the music of the noise made by the boys. He graduated with highest honors from Newark Academy, winning Cum Laude.

During his six years of study at Cornell he attained the degrees of A.B. and E.E.. and won membership in the honorary scholastic societies: Phi Beta Kappa. Phi Kappa Phi. Tau Beta Pi. Eta Kappa Nu.

In 1923 he returned to Kearny and was employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in their Department of Development and Research. Later he was transferred to the Bell Telephone Laboratories. He has recently been elected a member of the Telephone Pioneers, having served a total of 21 years.

As an electrical consultant, he has surmounted many difficult problems, including: regulating schemes to compensate for the peculiar effects of temperature changes on program cable circuits, improvements in the art of measuring time of transmission and in telegraph relays, and other branches of communication. His present work is of a confidential nature as he is on the reserved list of scientists working for the invention of devices to win the war. He has about 21 patents and patent applications. He is also the author of several technical articles in the Bell System Publications.



KENNETH W. PFLEGER

In addition to his war problems, he finds time for evening recreational activities at the P. B. C. where he endeavors to surmount the problems of entertainment and recreation for some 200 active and energetic boy citizens. He attempts to direct boys' summer interests toward Kamp Kiamesha, the Newark Y. M. C. A. Camp in Sussex County, which Kennie has attended every summer since 1916. Ken wired the camp for electricity in 1921 and installed the first generator. He also served six years as printer of the camp paper. "The Kiamesha Knocker."

From 1921 to 1910 Ken served the P. B. C. as Chairman of the Board of Directors. In 1910. he became "Adviser." He is also Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Kearny Branch of the Newark Y. M. C. A. and Vice-Chairman of the District Committee of Boy Scouts of West Hudson. He has been awarded the Silver Beaver, one of the highest awards in Scouting.

Ken is subject to call at any time. Should he leave town for any reason, it is most important that our organization be ready to carry on without his presence. Hence, our desire to establish a regular Y. M. C. A. organization.