

## There Is No Space For The 'Y' In Downtown Westport!

1. The "Y" tried to find one for 12 years.

2. The "Downtown "Y" Organization" tried for 6 years.

3. First Selectwoman Farrell appointed a committee that couldn't find one so she hired a professional Planning Company which couldn't find one either.

4. First Selectman Joseloff followed suit and also hired experts who reconfirmed that there was really no space available downtown.

5. The "Y" Building is 92 years old and can not be renovated to accommodate the "Y" Program.

6. The "Y" has owned the 32-acre Mahackeno property for 48 years.

7. 80 percent of the property will remain open space after the project has been completed.

8. The property abuts the Merritt Parkway.

9. In pre-prohibition days there were many taverns on Main Street. The biggest was in the Westport Hotel. Mr. E.T. Bedford bought the Hotel, removed the Tavern and the hotel building and replaced it with the "Y." "In order" he said, "so the

young men in town would have something better to do with their time."

10. If they can't use the Mahackeno property, which is had owned for 48 years, "Y" officials state that they will be forced to close operations permanently.

11. If that should happen one wonders if the nearly 6,000 members, young and old, from Westport and Weston "will have something better to do with their time."

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