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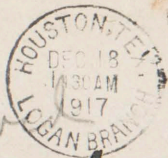
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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

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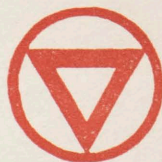
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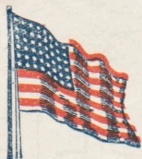


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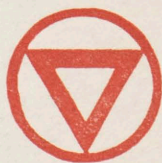
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[[Nick Dante 9/22/15]]

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