

PLAN RECEPTION AS FAREWELL TO REV. AULENBACH

An informal reception planned to give Birmingham friends of the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach and Mrs. Aulenbach an opportunity to bid them "Goodbye" before their departure for Germantown, Pa., will be held Saturday at the Community House...

The reception will be open to the public and a cordial invitation extended to all those who would not be able otherwise to bid the couple farewell.

Receiving the guests with Mr. and Mrs. Aulenbach will be representatives from civic, educational, clubs and other organized groups in Birmingham. On the reception committee will be Mayor and Mrs. John E. Martz, Mrs. George J. Hendrie, Mrs. Julia K. Lally, Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Potter, Mrs. George S. Kinison, Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Hamill, Mrs. J. H. Russo, Mrs. Mahlon H. Stevens, Mrs. J. B. Marley, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Wery, Mrs. J. H. Brown, Mrs. J. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Ormond, Mrs. Craig H. Rieley, Mrs. Angus T. McRay, Mrs. J. H. Averill, Mrs. Harold H. Corbin, and Mrs. Clyde E. Dutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Aulenbach will leave Tuesday for Germantown, Philadelphia, where Mr. Aulenbach will become Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's.

MRS. BAKER HEADS COMMUNITY HOUSE

Mrs. L. M. Baker was elected president of the Community House Association at the first meeting of the new board held following the annual election of new board members were chosen. Mrs. Fred W. Bouton is first vice-president, Mrs. Henry M. Foley is second vice-president, Merrill C. Adams is treasurer, Mrs. Ruth E. Jones is the recording secretary, and Mrs. Donald G. Eade is corresponding secretary.

At the suggestion of Fred Johnson, Jr., new member of the Board this year it was decided to open the House's Sunday evenings for recreational use by young people. The first gathering of this kind will be held on Sunday, March 6, Mr. Johnson stated.

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HIGH SCHOOL FRATERNITIES A PROBLEM

(Continued from Page One) "Don't seem to give any trouble if properly guided." In this particular school, the fraternities have no other schools from which I have information.

Objection to the undemocratic nature of the fraternity seems to be general among school men. From a community in a middle western state comes this statement:

"They (fraternities) emphasize social and class distinction at an age in the life of young people when such distinctions would not normally, and should not, show themselves. These clubs are exclusive, and many boys and girls who should have the best opportunities of high social and character development that life offers, are not elected to fraternity membership. They themselves are deprived of a desirable experience. The boasted exclusiveness of such organizations is frequently based on false standards; dress, wealth, athletic ability, personal attractiveness, religious convictions, causes ill-feeling among neighborhood and friends, which is harmful to both the fraternity member and the non-fraternity girl or boy. A pupil, even stratified up to the point of exclusion, says, 'Fraternity members can't see anybody else.'"

In answer to the question put to superintendents, "Do you feel that parents have a definite responsibility in assisting the school authorities in regulating fraternities?" the unanimous reply was "Yes." Some enlightening comments followed, for example, "But can it be that the answer to Mary Ellen Chase's query in a recent issue of the magazine 'Are You Afraid of Your Children?' is an affirmative one? Heaven forbid!"

LENIENCY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIME BY G-MAN

(Continued from Page One) offender, whose prison record is reformed, by granting him the right to good behavior, but I do think that in the cases of second and third offenders the law should be more severe with them. In the 13 years that I have been connected with the FBI we have had 12 of our operatives killed, and in every case the killer was a hardened criminal who had been paroled.

One of the most common objections to fraternities, according to Classroom teachers, is the lowering of scholastic standing—a result of the exaggeration of the importance of social life. The success of the next social function of the school is the next social function of the school.

Probably the most serious rumors of such gossiping, with which the school has nothing to do, are those related to the objection to fraternities in the "fostering extravagance," the "renunciation of the best of the clothing," and the "wasting of money on parties for these high school youths."

To the question put to superintendents, "If you have no fraternities in your school, what sort of social activities are conducted by the school, take their place?" came descriptions of a variety and wealth of social programs that should certainly take care of the most socially-minded students. There are all sorts of clubs, organized as extra-curricular activities, for those interested in chess, tournament, bridge, archery, radio, journalism, drama, music—sometimes as many as twenty in one school. What the primary purpose of none of these is social, they all may give ample opportunity for social experience. Then there are home-room and all-school dances and parties, both in the evening and afternoon, all showing that educators are not unmindful of the need of our children for one of the most important of the social life.

The matinee dance or slight social hour held in the school gymnasium is popular in the schools. This party takes place immediately after school and is sponsored by a member of the natural circle, together with students and sometimes parents. Any functioning parent-teacher association could help take care of the expense and labor that such a dance entails. The whole party is as democratic as the lunch room and cafeteria. In some schools these affairs are supplemented by dancing instruction given by physical training teachers (without cost, of course).

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JURIAL TO FOLLOW SIMPLE LARCENY CHARGE

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Reed was arrested on complaint of Mrs. Dorritt Thompson, proprietor of the Family Mart at Adams and Woodward avenues, who notified police a man entered her store Sunday morning to buy a pair of overalls. He was given a \$10 bill, but when given the change, seized the bill, left the store, and bolted from the store.

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Local Writer Tells Parents the 'Why' About 'Frats'

(Continued from Page One) win High School. She is a member of Delta Gamma sorority, Delta Gamma, and of the A. A. U. W. Result of Survey Her study of the high school fraternity as a problem began when she was working for the Columbia University. Mrs. Platt said. In the five years that she has devoted to the study of the problem, she has conducted two national surveys, sending questionnaires on both occasions, the latter of which was in the Fall of 1937. The questionnaires were submitted to high school principals in virtually every state of the country, and their reactions toward sororities and fraternities in secondary schools. The result of both surveys is clearly told in Mrs. Platt's article.

In her opinion, Birmingham parents, like many others throughout the country, they lack the courage to express their views, and also to be assisted in the matter of educating their children to understand why fraternities are inadvisable for high school students. Mrs. Platt pointed out.

"Although I did not include Birmingham in my survey," Mrs. Platt said, "I think parents here are largely responsible for whatever feeling there may be in the subject of high school fraternities. Since I live here, I have found that many of the parents with whom I have come in contact, do not lack the courage to defend their convictions."

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BRADNER WILL BE SPEAKER AT LODGE DINNER

C. C. Bradner, news commentator for radio station WJL, will be the principal speaker at the Pythian District Number 12 banquet, to be held at the Community House on Friday evening, March 4. The district comprises Birmingham, Pontiac and Oxford, and Lodges from these cities amount to the banquet is open to the public.

Clarence L. Smith, Pontiac attorney, will introduce Mr. Bradner, and the other speakers at the affair, which includes S. W. Gannett, Grand Chancellor of Michigan Domain, of Owosso; and Mayor Roy H. Burrell of Spaulding.

CONDITION OF GIRL CAUSES CONTROVERSY

(Continued from Page One) "Anxiety psycho neurosis," which made her removal necessary to the Haven Mental Hospital at Rochester, Mich. Dr. Jones declared that the girl's physical condition was "all cleared up," but because of her mental state, she would be removed from the hospital, to Rochester the same afternoon.

Opposition to the plan was voiced by Prosecutor Morris at a conference with Dr. Jones Wednesday at the House, and the result that Miss Necker will remain in Pontiac at the General Hospital, for several days at least, Mr. Morris announced.

His opposition to the girl's removal to the mental hospital was based upon the objection of her parents, Mr. Morris stated, following the conference.

"I am not a psychiatrist, but my opinion is that the girl's mental condition is normal," Mr. Morris announced. "Her parents do not want her to go to the mental hospital. She will remain at the General Hospital for several days at least."

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(Continued from Page One) adult group, lifting them from their apathy to real activity for a good cause. In Oakland County today there are countless numbers of boys and girls, and some adults, whose crippled bodies were made more whole simply because Dave Laidl, a loyal worker in the cause of crippled children, devoted much of his spare time and talents to helping them. Some of life's complexities and unfortunately overwhelmed this great soul in his last hours upon earth, and his troubled thoughts sought succor from it all. All of us who knew Dave will forget his sad departure, but we shall always remember him for the many fine, helpful, unselfish things he did for others.

E. Stanley Jones, the famous Methodist evangelist, has listed "The Seven Deadly Sins" as follows: POLITICS without PRINCIPLE, WEALTH without WORK, PLEASURE without CONSCIENCE, KNOWLEDGE without CHARACTER, BUSINESS without MORALITY, HEALTH without HUMANITY, WORSHIP without SACRIFICE.

Birmingham's recreation program for the summer of 1938 got under way Wednesday evening at a meeting held at the Community House, sponsored by the Parent Teacher Council of Birmingham. It was attended by representatives of the organizations contributing to the recreation program last summer. It was decided to conduct the program for the coming season on the same basis financially, that of contributions.

At a meeting to be held April 15, representatives were asked to report back with the amount each group would be willing to contribute. Miles Robinson, in charge for the 1937 season, reported that \$1881.28 was spent on recreation facilities.

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Announcement is made this week by Mrs. Frank W. Loeffler, chairman of the library committee of the Franklin Parent Teacher Association, that work on the village's first public library is under way. The library is the most ambitious project of the newly-formed organization.

George Wellington Smith, Franklin rector, is cooperating with members of the Association in the construction of the building, which will be located at the corner of Franklin road and Wellington drive. He is assuming the responsibility for the erection of the building and will turn it to the F. T. A. for library purposes. It is expected that the construction will be completed early in March.

A sizable collection of books will be at the disposal of Franklin residents when the library opens. Many of the volumes are being purchased from the F. T. A. treasury and through donations from its members and Franklin residents. Others are being donated by non-residents who are interested in the project.

Mrs. Loeffler stated that temporary storage facilities for the books have been arranged at Wood's store in Franklin. She expressed the gratitude of the Association for the cooperation it has received in the book campaign.

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