

Miss Roxane Lambie Tells of AFSC Community Center Development in Europe

Miss Roxane Lambie of Aspen road has recently informed us of the activities of the American Friends Societies' services, through their neighborhood center ideas in Germany. Miss Lambie became associated with the organization over two years ago as a secretary.

She first was stationed for one-and-a-half years in the Paris central office and then spent a year in the German central office near Darmstadt, where she attended their Berlin conference and visited the student centers near there.

MISS LAMBIE first started working in foreign countries back in 1945 when she went to Hawaii and the Pacific area, as a hospital staff aid with the American Red Cross.

In 1946 she was stationed in Japan as a recreational director for the Enlisted Men's club in Yokohama.

In June of 1948, Miss Lambie sailed for Paris, France where she worked in the Commission office of the American Friends Service Committee which was doing relief and rehabilitation work in the war torn countries.

SHE HAS since worked with the Birmingham Community House Association, and has an opportunity to compare the German community centers with our own.

She thinks the whole idea of European Community Centers doesn't carry the feeling of

friendliness as we know it," said Miss Lambie, "particularly in Germany where the strict lines of demarcation exist between the different classes of people and their professions."

"THE QUAKER organization has brought this foreign feeling to a friendly basis at their centers, where they work on the level of the people, speak the German language and understand their customs."

Four years ago the idea of a neighborhood center existed only in the minds of some Quaker workers. It seemed a practical way through which people might be helped to help themselves.

Through cooperative projects of community service the people might be helped to regain that dignity and independence which they craved and needed. In an atmosphere of mutual trust, they could find themselves in their own ways, could learn the use of freedom and develop a sense of responsibility.

NOW THE IDEA has become a reality in seven different communities. In three universities there are student centers. The centers are not alike as each has developed according to the needs of the neighborhood or community in which it is located.

This turned out to be the beginning of a new plan and a second conference with the nurses group ensued. Now these will be regular group meetings to include the youth workers and the hospital social workers.

MUCH OF the direction and planning of the centers is now done by German committees. They are operated by a staff of eight to ten people, two of whom are AFSC members. In addition there are usually a large number of volunteers.

Thus, the neighborhood centers have become joint endeavors, serving people in all age groups.

Patricia Keller At Family Ceremony To Wed August 18

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Tyson of Ardmore, Pa., formerly of Birmingham, announce the forthcoming marriage of their only daughter, Patricia Keller, to Vincent Charles Secotine, Jr.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent C. Secotine of Detroit. The couple is planning an August 18 ceremony.

Miss Keller attended the University of Michigan where she was affiliated with Delta Gamma sorority. Her fiance is a graduate of Kinkaid school and the University of Michigan where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

United in Marriage At Family Ceremony Hills Court Hears 26 Cases in June

Miss Henrietta E. Diem of Detroit, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leo Diem and Welton Lee Bird, Jr., were united in marriage on Friday, July 14 in Detroit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walton L. Bird, Sr., of Fourteen Mile road.

Following the ceremony, a reception for the immediate family was held at the Redford Inn. After a tour of northern Michigan the couple will reside at 12844 Apollone drive, Detroit.

Soroptimist Club Makes Presentation
The project of procuring an electro-phrenic respirator for the Police Center near Pontiac was successfully completed by the Soroptimist Club of Birmingham following their ice cream social recently held here.

On July 12 Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Green Glasford, Mrs. Nan Degen and Mrs. R. G. Hoover presented a check for \$275 to Dr. Ethel Calhoun, director of the Oakland County Sister Kenny Polio Treatment Center. This money will be used for the purchase of the respirator which will be used in the treatment of polio cases.

All members are invited to a picnic at the home of Mrs. Jean Curran on Maceday Lake on July 27 at 6:30 p.m. Hostess for the evening will be Mrs. Fannie Adams.

Newcomers Club
The Newcomers club is holding its last meeting of the season today with a picnic at 1 p.m. in the garden of Mrs. W. H. Stephens on 692 Adams road. Members are to bring their own lunch and the Newcomers will supply the beverage. The biennial election of officers will also be held.

BIRTHS
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Roberts Williams of Alexandria, Va., announce the birth of a son, David Ballentine Williams on July 15. Mrs. Williams is the former Ann Ballentine of Birmingham.

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