



BOBBY DAVIES, ROYALS' STAR, GIVES SETTLEMENT BOYS A LESSON

Genesee, Charles Settlement Houses Provide Varied Program For All Ages

There is no settling in a bad boy.

This foundered out of Edward J. Farnick, of Boys Town, is being put to rest at the settlement houses.

These houses are not just places to do a job, but they are places where the boys find a home. The houses are located at the neighborhood centers: Genesee Settlement House, 10 Duke St., and Charles Settlement House, 115 Jay St.

Settlement house services of course are not limited to boys. Girls too use the facilities, as do adults to increase the number.

Among the full-time members of the Genesee House is a black and white dog named "Folly" who accompanies the children on bikes and over night encampments, even though she cannot read her name on the membership card.

50,000 Services

Last year more than 2,500 persons were registered at the two centers. Their frequent visits added up to a total of more than 50,000 individual services extended by the eight full-time and 10 part-time staff workers.

Genesee and Charles Houses are two of the nine Rochester Catholic Charities institutions included among participating agencies of the Rochester Community Chest. They are under the Special Action Division of Catholic Charities of which the Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy is director.

Although the settlement house has many problems, others merely seek a partnership. A typical day might include the following:

All Ages Come

A mother whose husband has been laid off from work, is seeking help in getting her child into a parochial school. A parent and especially a youngster asking to join the baseball league or wondering whether he might borrow a blanket to take on his Scout equipment, an elderly man or woman looking for a cribbage partner or a Virginia reel, a probation officer checking in on Jackie.

Both houses are open for day and evening activities. Clubs and classes are on specific nights. Particularly crowded are the after-school sessions, each afternoon and the dances and parties on certain evenings.

The Directors

The Genesee House is headed by Miss Mary Farnick, director, and three full-time staff workers. Twelve other part-time workers spend many hours there throughout the year. In addition there are 13 part-time workers during the summer "camping" season.

Charles House is under the direction of Miss Ruth Ehmann and three full-time workers. A part-time dancing teacher and six part-time boys' activity workers are augmented during the summer by six other part-time workers.

Summer "day camps" are

featured at both institutions with young boys and girls being taken daily for hikes to parks and playgrounds.

The Red Cross

Very often cooperating with the settlement house staff are members of other agencies of the community. The Red Cross, scout groups, Playground Department, Home Bureau units.

Particularly significant is the Columbus Yacht Association which for many years has arranged for membership for settlement house registrants which offer the use of swimming pool and gymnasium to the youngsters.

Included in the settlement house adult program are mothers' clubs, sewing groups, an Orlsters' Club, classes in homemaking, nutrition, better English, crafts, cooking, Americanization and citizenship.

For the teenagers there are Scout activities, craft projects, athletic leagues, organized recreation, dances, discussion clubs.

For the real youngsters, well above all else supervision. There is no absolute guarantee by the settlement house staff worker that Johnny won't go home with a black eye, but he'll have fewer such decorations because of the many things to interest him, such as a bird house contest, a toy making or day-design project or a story hour.

Magazine Published by Diocesan Scouts

The Diocesan interest in scouting and to keep youth and Scouts interested in a new, mimeographed publication was brought to light in March and is titled "The Sky Pilot."

The publication was issued by The Bishop's Lay Committee on Scouting and particularly emphasized "The Altare Dei Avard" for youth.

"The Sky Pilot" is a monthly appointment card and table as discussed chairman of scouting and George Mulcahy as chairman for the year.

The publication was issued out of the office of the Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, Director of Scouting.

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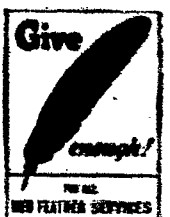
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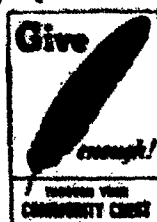
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