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HOSTESS HOUSE FOR NEGROES IS BEING ERECTED

COLORED LEADERS OF NATION CALLED HERE TO HELP IN RELIEF PLANS

A complete plan of helpful service through colored community centers for the purpose of preventing unrest, idleness, and disease among colored women has been undertaken by the Y. W. C. A., which has summoned the best available aid from its national and regional headquarters to carry through the program with despatch. The first step in this work will be the opening Monday morning of a Hostess House for colored women in a building at 123 E. Archer st., turned over to the Y. W. C. A. for that purpose by J. D. Render of the Fawhtway Laundry.

This house, which will include services of bath, disinfection, sewing and rest rooms, and employment registration, will be supplanted within 30 or 60 days by a large new Hostess House built on war-time plans on a lot at the corner of East Archer and North Cincinnati avenue. The site has been donated by Charles Page, who also has placed strip lath to cover half of the building at the disposal of the Y. W.

Plans for the temporary and permanent community centers to be operated under Y. W. auspices have been rushed through by Miss Harriett Pyle, general secretary of the local association, and Miss Harriett Vance, city field secretary for the southwestern district, who arrived from Dallas today. Miss Cordelia Wynn, national colored field secretary of the Y. W., will leave New York tonight for Tulsa to assume full charge of the work here.

Semi-Permanent Structure

Ben Lancaster and Frank Townsend already have volunteered their services to supervise the construction and securing of materials for the new Hostess House, which is planned to serve the needs of colored women and girls for a period of a year or two. Townsend is drawing up plans for a building 100 by 120 feet of the large hut type, and will receive all donations of materials used in the erection and equipment of the house, and offers to supply materials should be made to him at once, it is announced by the Y. W. leaders.

The furnishing of the house, including curtains, carpets, chairs, furniture, kitchen equipment and recreation facilities, also must be accomplished by donations from merchants and individuals. Offers to supply this type of commodities will be received at the Y. W. C. A., phone Osage 6136. In the new house there will be a large community room for resting or dining purposes, employment offices, sewing and work rooms, bath and shower rooms and ten dormitories for two girls each.

The police department and military authorities already have assured the Y. W. full protection day and night for both the temporary and permanent hostess houses. Mrs. Julia Jackson and Mrs. Howard, colored women, are to take charge of the temporary quarters late today and will be actively supervising the work there with a corps of trained assistants from the groups of colored Y. W. workers.

Need Many Jobs.

The task of securing employment for hundreds of colored girls and women will be the first one assumed there are met next week. The house will be a clearing bureau for employment and will receive calls for colored women from the city and other points.

Charles Page has offered rooms in Sand Springs for 150 colored girls as fast as they find employment in Tulsa, and will provide free transportation for them on the interurban cars. The problem of the younger colored girls will also be met by the Y. W. by the establishment of a colored girls' summer camp, two miles west of Sand Springs, for which Mr. Page has donated the site. Miss Marguerite Rhodes, a graduate of the Sargent Physical Training school, is on her way to Tulsa now to assume charge of the recreation work and summer camp for colored younger girls.

The labor used in building the new Hostess House must be paid a living wage, and it is the plan of Miss Pyle that unemployed negro men be given this work, the compensation for them to be advanced by money donations from the public. Checks for this work should be sent to Miss Edna Pyle at the Y. W. C. A., marked Labor Fund. Mrs. J. A. Hull, Mrs. B. L. Love, and Miss Florence Heald compose the active committee of the Y. W. C. A. volunteer workers which has charge of centralizing outside assistance for this job.

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