Bulletin No. 12 August 15, 1931 SEF 1 Published by Mrs. George Thomas Palmer, State Probation Officer, Department of Public Welfare, Rodney H. Brandon, Director. Springfield, Illinois. ******** We are planning to hold seven one-day regional conferences

this fall in the interest of probation. Every county will be included in some group, so arranged that the entertaining county seat may be easily reached by every one and return made the same day. The only expense will be for luncheon.

The purpose of these meetings is to educate the public in the use of probation) to give a practical demonstration in the way of talks and round table discussions by judges and probation of-ficers of well administered juvenile and adult probation and to pro-mote probation service in those counties which are not now using it. There will be specialists also on the program who will be able to speak with authority on their own subjects.

Circuit and county judges, probation officers, State senators and representatives, parole and attendance officers, home visitors, county supervisors, public health nurses, police matrons, Red Cross secretaries, leaders of Boy and Girl Scouts, States Attorneys, Y.M. and Y.W. Secretaries and leaders of men's and women's organizations are asked to attend.

Meeting places and

dates are as follows:

Galesburg * Ottawa Decatur Oregon Jacksonville Salem Marion

Monday, September 28 Thursday, October 1 Monday, October 5 Friday, October 9 Thursday, October 15 Wednesday, October 28 Wednesday, November 4

*We will join in brief luncheon or dinner meetings held in the interest of the Public Welfare Conference in these cities.

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Tentative Subjects for Discussion

Will you check those in which you are most interested and add any suggestions that may occur to you?

The Macon County Adult Probation Survey made by Prof. Donald R. Taft and students of the University of Illinois. Adult Probation and its financial saving as expressed in

2. fines, costs, non-support and restitution for damages. Probation Vs. Commitment.
Problem of Unemployment for probationers and parolees.

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Big Brother and Big Sister Movement.

Problem of the juvenile delinquent, or,

Factors contributing to delinquency and how to meet them.

Organizing a county to prevent delinquency.

Need for temporary and permanent foster homes and how to

8. secure them.

Cooperation between probation and parole officers. 10. How the psychiatrist can help in the disposition of

behavior cases. 11. Recreation to prevent delinquency, or, The Right Use of Leisure.
12. Difficulties confronting the judge in the care of the dependent and delinquent child where there is no probation

officer.

13. The need for a greater understanding and cooperation between the public, the schools and the courts.

14. What the schools can do in the recognition of behavior problems. 15. How can the home, the church and the school help in meeting the problem of delinquency and crime?

16. Problems of the rural probation officer, 17. Organizing a county probation department. 18. Citizenship classes for boys.

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In addition to various judges and probation officers who will take part in the programs, we hope to have, at different times, Mr. Brandon, Mrs. Silvis, Miss Zimmerman, Dr. Schroeder, Mr. Barry and Mr. Ryerson of the Department; Dr. Herbert D. Williams of the Big Brother and Big Sister Movement, some member of the Parole Board, Mr. Thomas McCormack of the La Salle Township High School, Prof. Donald R. Taft of the University and some member of the Prison Commission who visited in Europe this summer.

Do you think these meetings will be helpful?

Will you do your best to attend the one nearest to you?

Will you take some part in the program or discussion?

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PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR DECATUR CONFERENCE Circuit Court Room 10:00 to 12:15 and 1:45 to 4:00

Judge James S. Baldwin, presiding.

Discussion leaders, some of whose names follow, will each take fifteen minutes, or less, one talk following the other so that there will be at least an hour at the end of each session for discussion of the subjects.

10:15 Foster Homes Vs. Detention Homes - Mrs. Gwendolen L. Sherman,
Juvenile Probation Officer,
Sangamon County.
Y.M.C.A. Secretary.

How a County Can Stand on its Own Feet - Mrs. Elsie Wagenseller
Juvenile Probation Officer,
Macon County.

Problem of Unemployment for Probationer and Parolee - Mr. P.J.Barry, Superintendent, Supervision of Parolees.

11:15 Discussion

12:15 Luncheon at Orlando Hotel
Clinical Treatment for Behavior Cases - Dr.Paul L.Schroeder,
Director, Institute for
Juvenile Research.

2:00 Adult Probation with a Review of the Macon County Survey - Judge James S.Baldwin, Circuit Judge, Macon County.

How Women Can Help the Courts - Mrs. Geo.W.Haan,

The Functions of an Adult Probation Officer - Mr. Ira E. Busher, Adult Probation Officer, Macon County.

President Woman's Council

Probation Vs. Commitment - Mrs. Agnes McCartney, Member of the Parole Board.

Those attending the Conferences are asked to take part in the discussion, to ask questions and to make any contribution which they feel will be helpful.

You are especially invited to attend the meeting nearest to you but you are welcome at any and all conferences. Programs of all meetings will appear in the public press.