

Do You Know Your Charleston?

Franke Home



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RIVERS, LESEMANN WILL LEAVE TODAY

Young Democrats to Attend National Convention in Milwaukee This Week

L. Mendel Rivers, state president of the Young Democrats, and T. Ballard Lesemann, president of the Charleston county organization, will leave this morning for Milwaukee, where they will attend the national convention of the Young Democrats of America Thursday.

Mr. Lesemann, a member of the national finance committee, plans to attend a meeting of his committee Wednesday to discuss with Hampton Robb, chairman of the committee, plans relating to the finances of the organization.

Mr. Rivers said that after his return to Charleston next Sunday, he will make appointments authorized at the last state convention. Among the positions to be filled are a state staff correspondent for the executive secretary, and a chairman of the legislative affairs committee.

THREE GOING TO CAMP

Charleston Reserve Officers
at Benning School

Lutherans Care for Aged in Institution Started with Fund in C. D. Franke Will

The C. D. Franke home, at Calhoun street and Ashley avenue, shown above, was built at about the time of the War Between the States by the Adger family and was purchased by a group known as the Evangelical Lutheran Charities society in 1906.

In the spacious, three-story Colonial structure, thirteen aged persons at the present time are being cared for.

Besides the main house, a storage building, caretaker's home, several other out buildings, a large lawn and garden and a chicken yard are included in the property.

Each Sunday during the summer months, services sponsored jointly by the five local Lutheran churches, St. Andrew's, St. Barnabas, St. John's, St. Johannes and St. Matthew's, are held at the Franke home. So far, more than 200 persons have attended each service.

Mr. Franke, during his lifetime, frequently expressed admiration for the work of charity done by the late William Finston, who made possible the establishment of houses to "make old age comfortable," on upper King street.

Consequently, when he died, a bequest in his will, which was dated July 6, 1891 and probated July 2,

1892, provided for the purchase of a home for the aged. The will also stipulated that a portion of the home should be a hospital, but this feature has been attained only to a very limited degree.

In 1896, the Evangelical Lutheran Charities society was established to make arrangements for the purchase of the property. Carsten Wulbern was its first president. The group invested the money and allowed interest to accumulate for twelve years. During this time, contributions were received that swelled the fund considerably. The second largest contributor was J. C. H. Claussen.

The first "guest" at the house was admitted on August 14, 1908, shortly after the property was bought.

The second president of the charities society was the Rev. Dr. George J. Gongaware, pastor of St. John's church, who now is acting in that capacity.

Other members of the society at the present time are the Rev. Dr. I. E. Long, of St. Johannes; the Rev. Clarence K. Derrick, of St. Andrew's; the Rev. George E. Meetze, of St. Barnabas; the Rev. Dr. Walter C. Davis, of St. Matthew's, and two laymen from each congregation, elected annually.

The home is run under the supervision of the Ladies' auxiliary of the churches. F. B. G.

Hurt in Accident at Home

Estelle Logan, seventeen years old, of 85 America street, was admitted to Roper hospital yesterday suffering from serious cuts which she received at 9:30 a. m., at her home, when she sat on a sharp bucket handle. Her condition is fair.

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