

At Two-day Harvard Conference:

# Youth Studies Opportunities for Community Service

**S**UMMONED by Harvard's Phillips Brooks House Association, delegates from eleven large eastern colleges recently attended a two-day community service conference, laid the groundwork for a nation-wide collegiate organization to study and handle community social service problems. Since every college invited was already engaged to some degree in social service work, emphasis was placed upon new ideas and approaches — ideas which the sponsors of the conference feel will be of wide-spread interest to other colleges.

Speakers and discussion leaders pointed out that community service, if properly organized and administered, can be "an excellent bridge over which American ideals and democratic understanding can pass to the youth of today". Purpose of the conference, and of the projected national organization, is to awaken collegians to the fact that they must be instrumental in building and maintaining that bridge.

The Phillips Brooks House Association constitutes the largest extra-curricular activity at Harvard, and annually engages more than 400 men in various forms of social service work ranging from settlement house work to graduate housing information.



Marjorie Thaxter of Smith College registers with Stan L. Optner of Harvard as the Vassar contingent wait their turn. Left to right they are Sally Lawson, Frederica Berger, and Rosemary Cody.



Dinner in Eliot House followed registration. Harry Newman of Harvard, right, concentrates on an untouched dish of ice cream.



After dinner Harvardman Langdon P. Marvin, Jr., addresses the students. Looking comfortable after a filling dinner are George Haines of Yale, Elizabeth Merrick of Radcliffe, and Fred Godley, Yale.



Keynote speech of the conference was made next morning by Raymond Dennett, Graduate Secretary of Phillips Brooks House.



Delegates were amazed at the work being done in settlement houses which they visited for first-hand information.



At round table discussions each college explained the circumstances and background in which they operated their system. Everyone took notes.



Jane Devonshire of Barnard, Wendell Davis of M.I.T., and Roger Schafer and Thomas Quimby of Harvard exchange a few ideas during an informal discussion.



Wellesley and M. I. T. forgot business for a moment before the final luncheon, and talked over mutual bits of news. Left to right are Martha Lydecker, Mary Atlee and Sidney Atlas.



Arthur T. Lyman, Commissioner of Correction in Massachusetts, tells a few anecdotes at the luncheon. His audience was highly entertained, though they don't look it here.



Afternoon tea brought a discussion of plans for the extension of community service agencies to all colleges suitably located for the work.