

DEDICATION OF AUTRY HOUSE



Immediately following the Baccalaureate Services on Sunday morning, June 5, 1921, a form of service for the laying of the corner stone of Autry House was held on the ground opposite the Institute. Autry House is a memorial to James Lockhart Autry and presented to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Texas by Mrs. James Lockhart Autry, James Lockhart Autry, Jr., and Allie May Autry, for a "Community House to be used and enjoyed by the student body and Faculty of Rice Institute."

The memorial services were held by Rev. Harris Masterson, Jr., Head of Autry House, and the music was under the direction of Mrs. H. M. Garwood. After hymns, readings, and prayers, the corner stone was laid by James Lockhart Autry, Jr., of the Rice Class of 1921, with these words, "In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this corner stone in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Addresses were made by Rev. Harris Masterson, Mr. C. H. Atkinson, Rice 1921, and Rev. Peter Gray Sears. Prayers were read and the services closed with a hymn.



THE AUTRY HOUSE

ITS SERVICE TO RICE



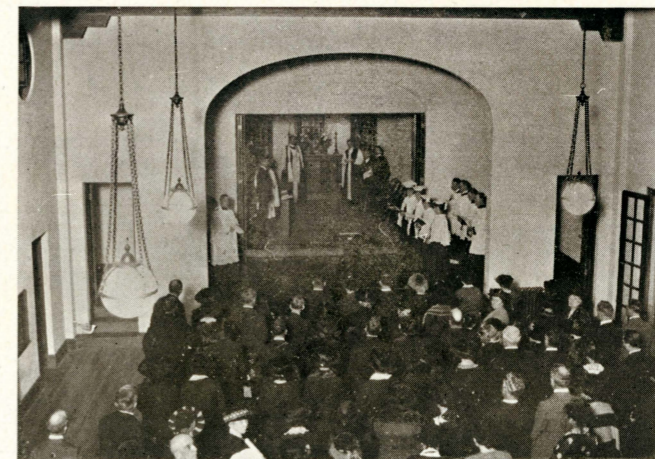
Mr. Masterson Mrs. Blake

The Autry House presents a marvel of diversity. It combines the functions of a mission, a cafeteria, a canteen, a reading room, a dance floor, and a general rendezvous for Rice students.

Mrs. Eugene Blake is the mother of the place. She supervises the cafeteria phase of the House—is responsible for the enjoyment the students derive from the many delicacies it offers. The town students are enabled to obtain very satisfying luncheons at small cost.

The duties of executive head of the establishment, and also of Minister to the Episcopalian students of the school, devolve upon Reverend Harris Masterson. In proving himself quite a capable manager, he has conducted the affairs of the Autry House on an efficient basis, and has shown himself to be sincerely interested in the well-being of all Rice students.

Since the day of the housewarming, early in the fall, the Autry House has been in constant demand for parties and student gatherings of all kinds. The Wednesday afternoon and Saturday night dances have come to be two of the most enjoyable phases of the social life of the school. The various organizations have also held quite a number of successful dances, which are described elsewhere in the book. The success of the Dramatic Club is due in large part to the facilities and easy accessibility of the House. These are but a few of the conveniences and services offered by the Autry House—the many needs of the campus which it has filled are too numerous to mention. This most enjoyable gift of Mrs. Autry may be freely said to be the best thing that has happened to Rice since its foundation.



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