

# STATUS OF HOME LIFE SEEN CAUSE OF LAWLESSNESS

## Lack of Interest Shown by Parents for Children Deplored by Judge.

That conditions in the home are responsible in the majority of cases for lawlessness among boys and girls, was the opinion expressed last night by Judge of Municipal Court R. M. Funck, who spoke before members of the Y. M. C. A. at the second annual dormitory men's banquet.

"The greater percentage of crimes committed by boys and girls under the age of 21 years," he said, "would never blot their characters provided parents took deeper interest in lives their children lead and the places in which they spend their spare time. The home, to most boys and girls nowadays, is but a place to which they go to eat and sleep."

### Cases Cited.

He explained that parents should make the home life of their children more attractive while the children are living at home and should keep in close touch with them when they finally go into the world to make their living. Several concrete cases of crimes committed by youths were cited by Judge Funck, the cause of which was directly traceable to the home.

Judge Funck also told of the spread of social disease and of measures being taken to check its advance. Six per cent of the population of Minnesota is afflicted with the disease in one form or another, he said, while other states, more thickly populated, according to medical records, show an even greater percentage.

### Forceful Measure.

One of the most forceful measures taken by Minnesota to check the spread of venereal diseases, he said, is the law that requires that all women brought before the municipal judge on any charge must be examined as to her condition of health. In the past year, he continued, 22 women have been brought into Duluth's municipal court. Of this number, all but two were afflicted with a venereal disease.

The banquet was featured by snappy toasts given by Jess Cohen who spoke on "Keeping Just One Jump Ahead of the Law," and Harry Korsland whose toast was "Keeping on the Right Side." The banqueters were entertained with musical numbers given by John F. Centanino, accordionist, and Orville Anderson, Morris Cohen and Joe Priley, violinists.

More than 200 dormitory men attended the banquet.