

Land on Which Community House Stands Was Bought 'Way Back In Year 1819'

There is a certain window in Birmingham near which a woman is sitting. She is tall, with a cloud of white hair and deep blue eyes. For fifty years she has been at this window, sewing, reading her Bible or knitting. Much has she seen and much did she tell me of the life which passes by her window, for of the people who lived here in the Community House years and years ago she knows wondrous tales.

Back in the days when the village was new a man from Port Hamilton, New York, named Benjamin K. Pierce, bought a land tract of 150 acres from the government. This was in 1819. And from that date until the present, more than one hundred years, the land on which the Community House stands has been in continuous possession of some one of the prominent Birmingham families.

Encouraging Words From Santa Barbara

Following is part of a letter from the Santa Barbara Community House. It speaks for itself.

July 3, 1924.

"Recreation Center" began its work as a very small group eleven years ago, working with a boy's club. Gradually, through the leadership and inspiration of Miss Margaret Taylor, the present building was erected and the activities expanded, till Recreation Center is now a Community House, serving the entire community. It is not supported or controlled in any way by the city, the gymnasium having been supported entirely by private donations. Now we have the Community Center which are deriving support from its funds.

"From the first, Recreation Center who, it may be stated in passing, are today living in South Carolina, sold the land in 1891 to George Randall. It was previous to this, in 1884, that Mr. Randall the house was used as the manse of the First Presbyterian church. After Augustus Martin and his wife and seven children lived in the house for a number of years. It was in the front room of the house, in 1890, that the Woman's Literary club of Birmingham was organized. Mr. Randall, who was an uncle of Louis Randall, engineer at the High School, lived in the house with his old white haired mother for many years, following its occupancy.

Then once again the priestly influence that is so vital in our house, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers rekindled the hope for a time and it was there that their son, now the pastor of Warren Rogers, used to pass his vacations. He was attending school in Ann Arbor and preaching in our Baptist church. Later he became a deacon in the Episcopal church, a remarkable metamorphosis in a second time as a dwelling for a great number of years. There were more or less ordinary happenings until in 1917 Mr. Randall sold the house to the public under the name of "The Community House." And some day, we feel sure, the fifty-nine year old man will be able to tell us the tale of the life across the way. What they may be we can only wonder.

BUSY DAYS MAY 4 TO 11 ON ANNUAL ROLL-CALL

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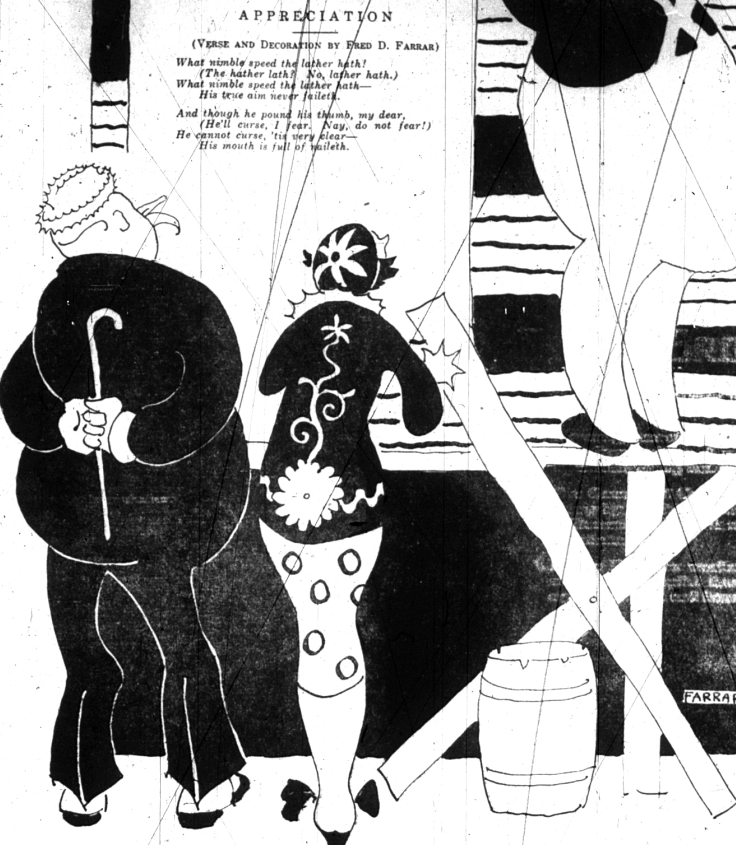
hours there or the girls are members of the Blue Birds. It seems impossible to live long in the village nowadays without getting the "Community House spirit."

In the drive of last April, 400 people were enrolled as active members at one dollar each and 130 were enrolled as sustaining members at ten dollars each. Several hundred members should be added to this roll this year as a result of the large number of new residents in the village and the greatly increased activities of the Community House, which make it better known among all residents.

Immediately following the completion of this year's drive the list of names for these two years will be compiled to form a "Founders Book" which will in reality be an "Honor Roll" and will be kept permanently in the Community House.

Five membership classifications will be offered this year. There will be 150 memberships as there were last year. Those subscribing \$25.00 will be called Contributors, those subscribing \$10.00 will be called Patrons. Any one of these memberships offers voting privileges at the annual meeting. The four higher classifications are offered in order to give each interested person the opportunity of contributing to the welfare by just the proportion which he feels he is able to.

Last year's drive netted \$1800. We hope for no less than \$2500 for



APPRECIATION

(VERSE AND DECORATION BY FRED D. FARRAR)

What nimble speed the lather hath!
(The lather lather, the lather hath.)
What nimble speed the lather hath—
His true aim never falters!

And though he pound his thumb, my dear,
(Hell curse I fear, 'eay do not fear!)
He cannot clear, 'tis very clear—
His mouth is full of lather!

In Which The Community House Board Thanks A Helping Public Success Of The Community House Is The Result Of Much Strenuous Work

Since the day of the dedication of the Community House on April 28, 1923, and the engagement of Miss Margaret Young as the first matron, there has been a steady progression of decisions, efforts and events, the work of hundreds of people, each of whom has left an individual stamp on the enterprise. It would be futile to try to name all of the people who, because of a public conscience and a peculiar fitness have added to a common progress through the Community House.

The present board does wish, however, to acknowledge the invaluable service of those members who have served on the board in the past: Mrs. Frank Miller, its first chairman, Mrs. W. C. Harris, Mrs. A. E. Peters, Mrs. George Hendrie and Mrs. P. D. Hilly.

We should like each person who assisted with the day nursery last year, who gave their afternoon teas or evenings when a voluntary hostess was necessary, and who chaperoned the young people dances to know that their work is appreciated. We are just as grateful to those who have led the Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls, who have arranged the lectures, musicales and teas; to the speakers and musicians and artists who have given of their time and talents, to the merchants, tradesmen and contractors who have given service many times at rates which allowed them no profit; to the many people who have donated or loaned the furniture and equipment which fits the old house so charmingly; and to those who generously participated at Christmas time to make the Christmas festivities and welfare work a revelation in Community Spirit.

Especially, do we wish to credit those who have managed and assisted in the ten benefits which have been given during these two years, and who carried out the first membership campaign which took place one year ago.

We are proud of the Noon Day Club which was organized last year and we feel that an important work is being done by the Civic League. To Miss Mary Martin, Miss Dorothy Dickinson and Miss Esther Booth, great credit is due for their pioneer work of last year. Miss Mary Griffith has this year given a service which we should like the community to know and appreciate. Mrs. Grace Trumbull has been her capable and faithful assistant. Our physical comfort has been assured through the service Tom Hains gave.

The creator of each feature of this Community House Supplement has given his services in a fine and courageous spirit, and the continuous operation of the press has been of notable value.

To all of these and to everyone who has given a service not herein mentioned and to the friends who have given their moral support, we extend our thanks in the name of the Community which has been served.

Mrs. Arthur Harwell,
Mrs. Raymond Kelly,
Mrs. H. B. Reynolds,
Mrs. Seymour Adams,
Mrs. John H. Marlette,
Mrs. Whiting Reynolds,
Administrative Board,
Clarence Vint,
Earl Pate,
E. Gay Wasey,
Thomas Cobb,
Chas. H. Birmingham,
Advisory Board.

This clever crossword puzzle is the work of Arthur Hartwell. The answer will appear in next week's issue of the Birmingham Eccentric.

- Vertical.
- Those who come to the Community House (three words).
 - An useful quip.
 - Name of one of the schools of Birmingham, also one of the members of the Community House Board.
 - Lick.
 - Necessity.
 - What is given by the card file at the Community House.
 - Post's name.
 - To incite dogs by a call (obs.).
 - Name of a sweet singer of Birmingham, a member of the Community House Board.
 - A great need of mankind.
 - Engage the attention.
 - To accustom, to establish by use.
 - An article.
 - A detective (Slang).
 - For their little nests, agree.
 - Girl's name.
 - Beneath.
 - Interjunctive form on the Latin verb meaning "to present."
 - Artless.
 - For (obsolete) day.
 - Wild cat.
 - Middle of the day, name of Birmingham, also one of the members of the Community House Board.
 - A parent.
 - An incur and adopted son of Mohammed, and the 4th Caliph.

"Ye Community Crier" Is Paper

Every thriving enterprise must have a scribe to chronicle its daily living in news form. "Ye Community Crier" is the Community House newspaper. It is a very young publication just getting under way with Stoddard White as editor and publisher, Joy Stewart as staff artist and Jack All as staff photographer.

Twenty-five copies are laid on the table of the Community House each week and are distributed to different persons each week and so eventually to reach a large class of those who are interested in and take a copy.

A special editor is bound to be famous in the literary world some day and his work may not then be so easy to acquire.

House Stands For Artistic Growth

By Deborah Gaffell.

What does the Community House stand for, speaking from an artistic standpoint? It was during the first few years that the establishment of a real necessity in many artistic adventures and we hope that increasingly, it will become a home of good fellowship and worthwhile achievement. It will become, as we but feel that it is not only a Community House but a Community Home—a home in common. In our private homes we express our individuality; we are proud of them, we work for them, we give to them our talents and to the degree that we give to them and take from them, do we possess them. To the same degree may our Community House be such each one of us an individual possession.

Four years ago we had no Community House. One day in the summer of that year people went from all about to a home in the hills. There was blue sky, and there were rolling slopes, hills, and a little island, shady with bending willows. Velvety lawns stretched away into shady places. Old oaks and sunny spaces gave with flowers. On the hillside, everywhere, people were sitting. On the island children dancing. Here, there, everywhere, banana and boogie, showing and singing, and novelty under the sun. A monkey, a pig and a gander; a platform, music and dancing; hosiery and much laughter. Such was the picture of a community painted four years ago at the Festival on the May Day estate.

This gave to us the new egg making possible the remodeling of the little old house on the corner giving it large rooms, sunny windows, and a welcome to every one. This lent a warm cozy air when finally it opened its doors with a smile welcome to every one. People came to see the pictures they had made. Do they make of themselves and their efforts? As a rule, people are shy about the pictures they make. Do they make of themselves and their efforts? As a rule, people are shy about the pictures they make. Do they make of themselves and their efforts? As a rule, people are shy about the pictures they make.

In a large city nearby this is being successfully done by a group of people who have as their touchstone of success, the sure knowledge that where it is worth light to all that are within the house. With our many undertakings we are not building for the future of our Community House, but for the future of our Birmingham.

Literary Club Likes Honey Meeting Place

When Mrs. W. W. McAlpine was asked what the Community House meant to the Women's Literary Club, she said, "Oh, it is so homey. It meets all our needs. We all feel so comfortable and at home—not at all formal. It is centrally located and when by chance we meet Miss Griffith, she gives us a word of cheer and welcome. We all just love to go to our Community Home and will be delighted to attend its birthday party next Tuesday."

Every Saturday is "Boys' Day" at the Community House.

A charming wedding reception was among the most attractive of the functions which occurred at the Community House last winter.

Do you realize how delightful and inexpensive the Community House is for small private parties?

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Please Come To My Birthday Party!

I will be two years old April 28, 1925

I have safely cut my teeth and am gaining so fast that I am outgrowing my clothes, but I have a birthday cake to share with you.

I will greet you with a hearty welcome and assail your ears with music.

COMMUNITY HOUSE.

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