

KEEP THE GOOD WORK GOING

Two years ago the citizens of Birmingham and the surrounding area gave a demonstration of public spiritedness that won praise and admiration from nationallyknown authorities in civic affairs.

This demonstration took the form of raising by public subscription sufficient funds to erect and furnish a new Community House.

Men and Women experienced in fostering community spirit in other localities almost all expressed the opinion that the goal would not be attained.

They contended—and correctly, too—that the amount to be raised was unusually high on a per capita basis.

They pointed out that Birmingham had never undertaken to raise capital funds for any project through concerted action and public subscription.

They argued that many of our leading citizens were essentially "Detroit minded" and "Pontiac minded" because most of their waking hours were spent in those cities on business.

They predicted only partial success—and counselled a program that would seem less ambitious.

But those same counsellors did not know Birmingham nor the temper of its citizenry. And when they were informed that the community had pledged the erection of a new and adequate Community House, they were unanimous in agreeing that the impossible had been achieved.

Now the new Community House is erected. Its doors are swinging morning, noon and night. Its charitable, civic and social activities are being carried out on a scale previously impossible. It is reaching people in every walk of life—enriching the existence of young and old, rich and poor, the socially secure no less than those who are dispirited and broken. And its program for the future is destined to surpass the expectations of those whose generosity made the building possible.

Quite obviously, these broadened activities cannot be sustained without funds. Light, heat, telephone, janitor service, nurses and secretaries salaries and all the many other costs of operation must be met to "keep the good work going."

For this purpose, the Annual Community House Maintenance Roll Call will be made between May 19 and 29.

A group of public spirited men and women have been busy for weeks organizing the campaign.

Many others have generously volunteered to call on their friends and neighbors in the work of actual solicitation.

They will be prepared to tell you how the Community House does or can touch YOUR LIFE—and why it deserves your support on a more generous scale than ever.

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