

Village Activities Are Centered in Community House

Civic Center Keeps Interest Keen In Scout Movement

Boy Scouts High In Rank Among Area Troops

Birmingham is justly proud of its Boy Scouts. They rank high among the Troops of the Detroit District and are the peers of Scouts from much larger municipalities where the movement has been solidified for many years through continuing and generous support, with permanent quarters.

The remarkable growth of the Boy Scout activities and movement in Birmingham is due to no small degree to the fact that permanent headquarters, with ample facilities for general indoor activities, are provided by the Birmingham Community House, according to Howard D. Crull, district commissioner of the Birmingham District and principal of the Barnum grade and Junior High schools.

"I am of the opinion that the facilities afforded the Boy Scouts in the Birmingham Community House have solidified the movement here and intensified its activities," Mr. Crull said.

"All the activities of the Scouts center in the Community House. Here, for the past five years, Troops, using a room in the high school, which has no opportunity for permanent quarters, or a traditional continuity, which is of much value to any such organization."

Crull Five Troops

Mr. Crull detailed some of these activities during the past year. Five of the Troops in Birmingham, with excellent prospects of two more in this fine character-building youth movement whose importance to the future leadership of the Nation has been demonstrated by its contributions to the national welfare in the past, and which has won the recognition of educators, legislators and public leaders throughout the country, from the President down.

Minimum Birmingham has 160 registered Scouts. Troop 5 meets Monday, from 7:15 P. M. to 8:30 P. M. in the Boy Scout room of the Community House. Troop 4 meets Tuesday evenings and Troop 3 on Wednesday evenings. On the first Monday night of each month, an indoor tent camp is held in the Community House, attended by approximately 30 Scouts. Tests are given in such specialties as first aid, signaling, knot tying, boxing, compass, etc.

Each night of Aspen road, the Chairman of the Court of Honor, is usually present. The tests are supervised by eight to ten junior examiners, who are Scouts who have attained high rank and are qualified to give the tests.

Monday Meetings

Every Monday night, from 8:30 o'clock to 10:30 o'clock, the Birmingham Scout committee of the Community House, under the direction of the board of control, and presided over by Mr. Crull, may be likened to a board of control, and presided over by Mr. Crull, for the betterment of youth. Thirty men, on the average, attend a meeting.

Also on Thursday nights, continuing six weeks, the Birmingham men attend classes at the Community House in a course of instruction. This class is in leadership, under the supervision of the Detroit Council, an eight-hour course which is given every week.

Results have been achieved.

During the past few months, the Birmingham Scouts have used the Community House Auditorium for Courts of Honor. At the last Court of Honor, Mrs. St. Stout, famous airplane designer and head of the Stout Airways, and Col. Edwin S. George, of the Bloomfield Hills, who has so often demonstrated in a substantial manner his great interest in the Boy Scout movement, were present. Many other notables were distinguished guests.

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Have Own Quarters

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Leaders in the Boy Scout movement in Birmingham all testify that the Community House has been a great advancement since the quarters in the Community House were made available to the organization.

Membership Grows In Birmingham Girls' Council

Numerous as are the friends of Girl Scouting in Birmingham and elsewhere, few persons know that Girl Scouts were begun nearly 24 years ago when a group of English girls insisted on being Boy Scouts. The story of the initiation of the Scout and Guide movements, which are almost identical in nature but under different names, is an interesting one.

Some 24 years ago, after Sir Robert Baden-Powell founded Boy Scouting in England, he called a conference of Scout and Guide leaders, to see what had been done and to determine future plans for the organization. What was his surprise in visiting the meetings to discover a large group of girls. On asking the boys what the girls were doing there he was told they were Boy Scouts. "But you can't be Boy Scouts," he said.

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All Girls 10 to 18 Eligible

One of the reasons for this phenomenal growth, it is doubtless, there are about 80 Brownies, girls from 10 to 18 years of age, and no girl can be kept out of Scouting by any black ball among the leaders. Further, it is not a movement designed for the underprivileged, but for her more fortunate sisters, who also need the companionship of others and the proper leadership which the movement gives them.

Have Varied Program

The winter program in Birmingham is carried on largely through three types of activities: first, for each troop meeting; second, for the major activities of the organization; and third, for the summer camps. Camps are conducted at the best possible conditions, and at the lowest possible cost. All registered Girl Scout camps are conducted according to specified standards and are subject to state health inspection. The majority of Girl Scouts from Birmingham have attended Girl Scout camps.

Plan Party in May

The attractive Girl Scout room in the basement of the House is used at least five days a week, for both afternoons and evenings, and the auditorium and other parts of the building are frequently used for special meetings, in which are also committees to help in the organization and to plan and arrange training of leaders. Lead Jackson camp at Wampler's Lake and assistants at least 18. A large percentage of the women acting as leaders are college-trained, and it is now possible to get training for Girl Scout leadership in 21 colleges and universities.

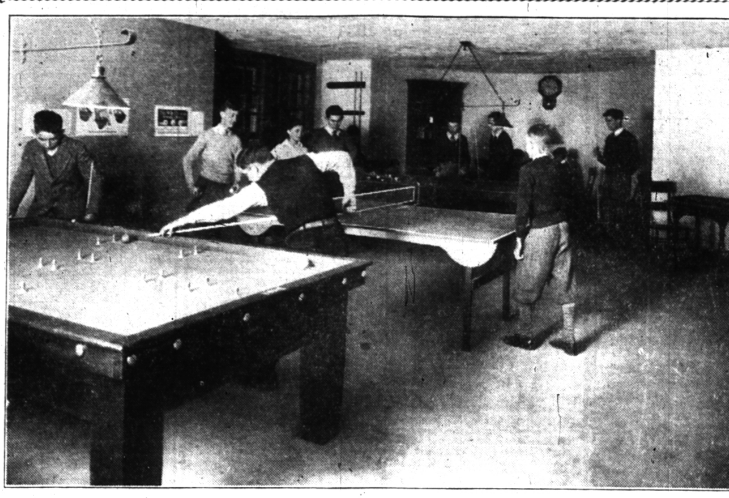
Heads Of Local Council

The local council, first organized in 1927, had for its first commissioner Mrs. Lee A. White, Mrs. Fowler, Marian Fowler, Mary Lambie, Roxane Lambie, Donna Russell, and Carolyn Salisbury.

A LESSON IN FIRST AID

Here are some of the lessons learned by the Girl Scouts in their first aid course. The first lesson is that a person who has just been rescued from drowning. This is typical of their meetings which are weekly events.

Bad Weather Finds Boys Enjoying Games Room



An average of 400 boys enjoy the games room every month. Here they find pool, billiards, ping-pong, chess and checkers. All boys are well behaved by "Jimmy" McIlroy, who rules the games room as one of the "gang" and keeps the boys in order.

Boys Find Games Room An Ideal Spot For Fun

Twenty Youngsters Play There Every Day With "Jimmy" As Mentor Of Gang

Getting the kids out of the smoke zone and into the suburbs is one reason why so many families have emigrated from Detroit to Birmingham. And the value of the step is in full evidence in the rosy cheeks and bronzed legs that scamper about in the village.

But the rainy day and winter prock of nonmovement for the youngsters is just as acute in Birmingham as anywhere. Perhaps it is more so, when spring rains muddy up the landscape and housewives come down hard upon their offspring to prevent rugs being dirtied and floors begrimed. Then, too, modern suburbs, such as ours, have the woodlands or lawns where the youngsters can romp while the rain pitter-patters on the roof.

So a part of the Community House's original plan was a games room for the boys—a place where they could gather and enjoy some of the decent amusements that the little community center gave them when the outdoors was unfit for them. It started with a battered table in the old Community House, the little building now occupied by the Y. M. C. A. at Bates street and West Maple avenue.

That little community center came the boys of the early suburban days, boys who are now grown to young men and who now will have their own progeny to follow in their footsteps. They didn't have much of the way of getting away with, but they had a place to go and there they were to be found when the other kids had nothing to do.

Boys Enjoy It Daily

A games room was a part of the first plans of the present building. But the prime reason for the architects. It stayed in the program through all the many changes and revisions that accompany such an undertaking, and it became a reality.

Today around 20 boys visit the Community House to use the games room every afternoon except Sunday. Total figures for a month show an attendance of about 400 boys—not different ones, of course, because the same gang is always present. They change, naturally, from time to time as old boys drift away to other things and new boys discover this haven where there are things to do and games to play.

Pool, billiards, ping-pong, checkers and chess are to be found in the games room. Five come first served in the order of the day and there is an unwritten code that prevents one group "hogging" the facilities.

Of course boys are boys every where and there must be supervision, which is done by "Jimmy" McIlroy, who rules the games room as one of the "gang" and keeps the boys in order.

Business Girls In Own Room

Business women in Birmingham have a room of their own in the Community House through the Birmingham Business Girls Club, which donated \$500 to the building fund and has a room set aside for their use.

Of course the room is used for other purposes, but it is available for the club when it wants it. The club lunches every Wednesday at the Community House. Its organization is along lines similar to those of a business man's luncheon club and its purposes are the same. Any business woman who works in Birmingham is eligible for membership. At present there are 18 members, with Miss Betty Graves as president.

ROTARY LUNCHEWS WEEKLY

The Birmingham Business Women's Club has always met in the Community House and before the present building was completed the meetings were held in the old house. It is one of the first organizations to seek the new building in the house when the new building was contemplated and the dining room on the second floor is its own special place.

Horticulturists Use House For Meetings

When the Blossoms meet June you are going to see the large, set flower show ever held in the vicinity of Birmingham.

The Blossoms of Hills Horticultural Society is sponsoring this exhibition in which the public generally is invited to take part. Professionally will enter its prize blooms and compete for awards. Each of the clubs are yet to come but it is understood that a central location will be secured of a sufficient size to take care of a big exhibit.

Lions Club Works To Aid Blind Kids

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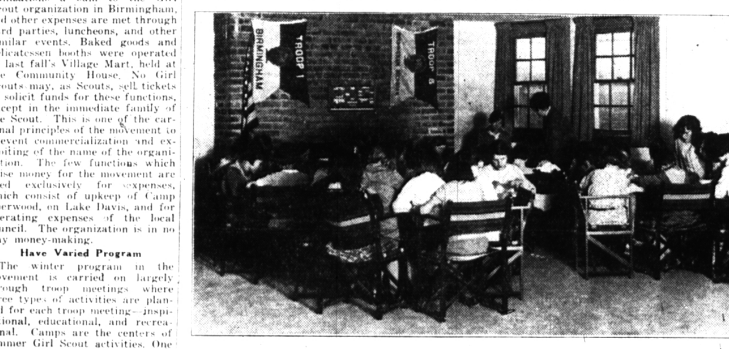
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Girl Scouts Have Own Quarters



The attractive rooms of the Girl Scouts in the Community House are in almost daily use. Headquarters for the Birmingham area are maintained here and five of the seven troops meet regularly in the House.

Children Will Write Community House Merits In Essay Contest

School children are competing for two prizes of \$2.50 each and ten prizes of a dollar each and ten prizes of a dollar each and ten prizes of a dollar each.

The contest will close on Friday, April 15 and the awards will be made at one of the meetings in connection with the Roll Call program.

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