

39 Students Share Prizes In Annual Community House Essay Contest

(Continued from Page 1, Part 2) House of today which holds so high a place in our everyday lives.

Third Prize
ARTHUR MOSS, ADAMS 7A
The Community House means more to me than just a place to go. It means a place to go and have a good time, meet people, and make friends. To the Boy Scouts of Birmingham it means a permanent place to meet in.

I belong to Troop 4 and we meet every Tuesday evening in the basement of the Community House. Every three months all the Boy Scouts in the village meet at the Community House auditorium to have what is called a Court of Honor. At this time we get our awards. The best part of this plan is that our fathers and mothers can witness us being awarded.

Every Saturday afternoon the Community House opens its game room so that boys from all over the village can play some of the many games. More than once on a Saturday afternoon when I have had nothing to do I have gone to the Community House and played ping pong, pool, and many other games.

One of the most outstanding features of the Community House is that it can seat as many as 600 people to listen to and benefit from the musical programs, plays, talks, lectures, and speeches.

Another outstanding feature is the Thrift Shop where the clothes that we give are sold for very low prices. This enables the needy to buy instead of receiving charity.

The most necessary department is the Welfare Department. It is headed by many fine people who help keep the unfortunate supplied with food, clothing and shelter.

Almost every Saturday night there is a dance. Men and women from all over the village come to these dances. My father and mother have gone many times and have always had a good time.

In the Community House there are two modernly equipped kitchens. A large one down stairs for banquets and dinners and a smaller one upstairs for afternoon teas.

Often when I have been waiting for someone at the Community House, I have stepped into the

reading room to look at a book or magazine and have become deeply interested in one of the many stories.

With all these things the Community House gives us, I would hate to think what our village would be without it.

GRADES 4, 5 AND 6
First Prize
RUTH NAVIN, BARNUM 4A

I have traveled with my mother and father in many parts of our country. When we go through the smaller villages like ours we sometimes see a Community House, but I have never noticed one as nice as ours. Often times there is only a large building with one room that can be used by the young people to play games like basketball and also can be used for dancing.

We wonder what the people would do when they have no place to go. When we return home and drive down Townsend street we are glad we live in Birmingham. If we did not have a Community House we could not have Brownies or Scouts, which is a lot of fun.

The Boy Scouts have meetings there too. The people give bridge parties and the women give luncheons. They have women come in and give dancing lessons. The

men and women are usually practicing on an instrument so I think the building is occupied most of the time. Our dancing teacher's name is Miss Evelyn Smith.

Sometimes I go to the concerts and shows, parties, and different amusements.

When we moved to Birmingham I was old enough to join the Brownie Scout meetings at the Community House. I completed the Brownie course and I am now a Girl Scout.

I think I would like the Community House much better if I was older because I would realize and understand better the things of the Community House and about it, but I think every man, woman and child should like to go to the Community House.

Special Services

Attract Interest

A special series of evening services in the Embury Methodist Church on Bannville street, street, which opened Monday night, is attracting enthusiastic congregations, especially from among those to whom the featured musical programs appeal. The services will continue

A. E. Greenlaw, colored bass and grand opera singer of Detroit, will sing at the services next week. The sermons are being delivered by the pastor, Rev. Leigh H. Hagie.

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CLUB HEARS PLEA FOR SINGLE TAX

Speaker Expresses Henry George's Personal As Regards Tax Unemployment

"Unemployment, a Challenge to America," was the subject of a talk given to Birmingham Rotarians Monday night by Charles L. Watson, a member of the Henry George Lecture Foundation, whose firm has specialized in the application of the single tax idea as a practical method to restore prosperity. Watson was introduced by J. B. Howard, secretary of the club, long an advocate of Henry George's political economy ideas.

Watson's address was on unemployment facts as of March were revealed by the speaker, who declared there are now 5,000,000 idle men in the United States; that 17 million are in need of charity and only one-third of them are being provided for; and that there are 40 millions of people trying to live on budgets that require a standard of living below that set up by the United States Department of Public Health.

These pertinent facts, Mr. Watson declared, show why there is an unsound basis for support of government is based.

"You levy taxes to carry on government, which is a necessary function, but you get your taxes from taxing the people and thus penalize individual human initiative," argued the speaker. "Henry George says the proper way to tax is to tax the land, not the people, and he prescribed the plan of levying taxes only on land, thus eliminating the 'hoarding' of land by the few after all, the created by the whole people.

"Make it impossible for people to hold land for values that are made possible only by the whole people. This will cause land to be used in its most practical purposes for the good of all people. It will do away with taxing people for improving their property. It will not penalize a person for beautifying his home and yard. It will not tax the products of capital or labor.

"One half of the good lands of our country are being held for speculation. There are certain natural laws governing human relations among them in that all land values are created by collective society; and another is that only so long as there is free access to the use of land will our form of government last.

"I implore American citizens to investigate the ideas of Henry George, and to aid in bringing about that day when a free people can govern themselves in greater accordance with definite laws of life."

Atkins Urges New Era Of Education

Pastor Lists Remedies To Bolster Civilization In Exchange Club Talk

Taking as his text the question, "Shall we demonstrate the modern machine to run for us rather than over us?" Rev. R. M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church, told Birmingham Exchanges Tuesday noon that more charitable and charitable practices must be exercised in every branch of human activity, or our civilization will topple.

He pointed out that changes had come about in the governments of other countries in the past, all due to the inequality in the distribution of wealth and opportunity.

"We must be educated to eliminate our spendthrift economy, which takes place in the form of war," he declared. "We must abandon child labor, and put back to school the million children now used by industry. An old age pension is coming, together with shorter hours and a five-day week. We must make available all our cultural objectives to more people. We need to build up a system of adult education.

The speaker was introduced by Melvin C. Hart, Baldwin High School principal.

LOCAL BOYS ENROLL IN CAMP CHARLEVOIX

Many Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham boys will attend Camp Charlevoix, in northern Michigan, again this summer, according to Lewis C. Reimann, Ann Arbor, director of the camp.

Boys from this section who have already enrolled, Mr. Reimann says, include Arthur Brandt, Richard, Edna, and William Lerchen, William Lerchen, Claude Behn, Jr., Norman Pitcairn, Edward Cochran and Noel Pope, while several others have tentative reservations.

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