

# THE BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE

# ROLL CALL

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# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO EVERY RESIDENT OF BIRMINGHAM



The City of Birmingham is unique in its possession of an institution of, by and for its citizens which, while providing a recreational and social center is at the same time a foremost factor in welfare work — the Community House. Granted that other cities have possessed themselves of similar facilities, we believe that a study of the House's activities will convince you that we can point with superlative pride to its accomplishments, which it is felt are second to none.

To carry on its work for the current year, the House needs the support of each and every resident. Having no endowment or source of income other than that raised by voluntary contributions, it again makes its appeal through the ANNUAL ROLL CALL. Elsewhere on this page you will find the budget for 1939, which requires the raising of a fund of \$12,000.00 if the efficient services for which it is noted are to be continued. To this end, over 200 citizens will devote their time and efforts from April 14th to April 24th.

Leaving aside the social aspects of the House for the moment, let's consider one field of endeavor which should be of interest to all—the welfare work. The Community House is a clearing house for all welfare and charitable activities of the city, coordinating the services of city and visiting nurses, administering the Goodfellow Fund, distributing the clothing provided by the Needlework Guild, and combining the activities of many other groups and funds into one well-directed effort to relieve the needs of those who are temporarily in need of assistance to care for their families.

Surely, there is none in this city who is not interested in the alleviation of human misery and suffering and who is not willing to contribute, within his means, to assist in this work. A study of the more than 2,000 articles of food, clothing, fuel and other necessities distributed during the past year will present a work which in itself alone warrants the support of the entire citizenry. The providing of medicine and medical care has been no small part of the welfare activity, a service which

cannot be measured in any terms.

### A Social Center

As a social and recreation center little need be said. The meeting

place of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Service Clubs, and numerous civic organizations, the House has provided facilities seldom available. Its rooms are the scenes of dances, parties, luncheons, dinners, and exhibits. It has long provided a place where the young of Birmingham could hold their dances in a healthy atmosphere. Its family dinners on Thursday nights have been the meeting place of hundreds who have enjoyed these meals at a nominal cost. Unique in civic gatherings have been the receptions held each year for new residents, which have served to get the new-comers acquainted with their city and their fellow residents. The Y. M. C. A. has its office and game room in the House. Its ballroom, lounges, danc-

ing studios and fully equipped kitchen provide facilities for all types of functions both social and business.

### Other Activities of the Community House

The work of the Thrift Shop under the direction of the Junior League is known to many who have benefited by its service in providing clothing and household goods at nominal prices, that those with meagre incomes may be supplied with necessities and articles which they might otherwise be unable to obtain.

The Employment Bureau is also well known to most citizens. A detailed account of the hundreds who have benefited through work obtained for them by this branch of the House will be found elsewhere in this paper. It is worthy of your attention.

## 1939 BUDGET

Here is the way the money collected for the House will be spent during 1939. Notice, too, the earnings of the House. These are anticipated, of course, and are based on previous experience. Can you think of any other way you can put your money to work where it will accomplish as much good or help as many as in the Community House? Surely the House deserves your very best support.

Salaries—Director, Asst. Treas., Night Hostess, Employment Director, Janitor and Assistant	\$ 5,900.00
Interest on Mortgage	390.00
Payment on Mortgage	2,000.00
Insurance	425.00
Telephone	150.00
Heat, Light, Power, Water	1,500.00
Maintenance, Upkeep	1,500.00
Welfare Expense	1,000.00
Office Supplies and Printing Expense	450.00
Contributions to Community Activities	600.00
(Boy and Girl Scouts, Sat. Club, Recreation Program)	
	<b>\$13,915.00</b>

Mortgage Payable	\$ 6,500.00
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### ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Rentals	\$ 1,500.00
Thrift Shop	500.00
Commissary	1,000.00
Welfare Donations	500.00
	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>

Commissary salaries are not included in this budget because this department has paid its own expenses for the past six years.

### Your Help Is Needed

It is impossible to evaluate the worth of the many services which the Community House has rendered. It deserves your cooperation and liberal support to any extent that you can give it. Its activities can only be carried on through your generosity. Your contributions are essential if we are to aid in the promoting of the health and happiness of many of our fellow citizens. You will be called upon between April 14th and 24th by one of the many workers in the interest of this fund — WILL YOU DO YOUR SHARE?

### Steering Committee

The work of planning and organizing the Annual Roll Call this year has been carried on by a Steering Committee whose devotion of time and energy is sincerely appreciated by the Community House and the Board of Directors. Thanks to Ray H. Bechtold (Chairman), Dr. John P. Wood (Vice Chairman), Chas. J. Shain, Mrs. Clinton E. Sears, Mrs. W. T. Cushing, Ralph I. Coryell, Ray A. Palmer, Emerson Broad and Paul Savage.