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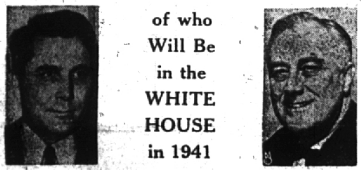
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"Tea for Two"

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE

MRS. JULIA K. LALLY thinks that a sense of humor is about all that has saved her in these four years she has been director of the Community House. There have been times when in the very midst of a hectic day, one jammed with a thousand details each one requiring the personal attention of the hostess, when her sense of humor leaped to the foreground and saved the day.

Thursday of last week was one of those days. On top of the busy day came the family dinner, much larger than usual, and the Wallace motorcade, about 90 strong. Nearly at her wits' end, Mrs. Lally sat at the door selling tickets for the family night dinner when she was approached by a gentleman who inquired where he might purchase a Wilkie ticket.

All in day's work. She was still laughing about it Friday afternoon when I talked to her. And while she was laughing she also recalled that day last winter when a very little boy telephoned wondering if the Community House knew where he might take his sled for an afternoon of coasting. And the telephone had only just cooled off before Mrs. Lally was telling another inquirer that, no, she didn't know where there was a little puppy that would grow up to be a cute watchdog.

But it's all in a day's work, she expresses it philosophically. It is these little spots of humor that make her work interesting and have made the four years which she has spent in Birmingham almost fly.

It was exactly four years ago the middle of October that Mrs. Lally came to Birmingham. She had been supervising of intake and certification for the WPA over a 14-county area. It was exactly four years ago that she came here as director of the Community House, vowing to herself that five years was long enough to hold any job and that by the end of that period she

U. S. Now Under Attack, Club Told

Floyd G. Miller, publisher of the Royal Oak Daily Tribune, told Rotary Monday that he believes the United States is at war now and has been for some time.

"More things than a country's territory may be under attack," he declared. "Our ideas, our ideals, our commerce are all under assault at the present time," he added.

Miller recalled World War days and hit the notion that America went to war merely because the country was dragged into it by the bankers.

"We went in because we were scared of a German victory," he said. "After the war, we forgot our obligations and turned rabid isolationists. What chances we had to build a better Europe were muffed."

Miller was in England last September when the war broke out and he was forced to wait for two weeks to get ship passage after his original sailing had been cancelled.

After war was first declared, England feared an immediate great attack by air, and Miller recalled that he and his family fled from Liverpool to Southampton for safety from the bombs.

Later, when nothing happened, they recovered their composure and took a trip into Scotland. He recalled that he found little hate expressed by the people.

"The most common expression was: 'It's a shame that one man has to do this to the rest of the world. The people sensed that a battle to the death was coming—a bloody, dirty job that they meant to tackle and finish.'"

Miller declared that he was impressed with the planning the English had done to remove children from the big cities. Even before a shot was fired, the exodus from London began, he said.

The balloon barrage was already being used, and the Air Raid Precaution forces organized.

America can not help by sending men, he declared, but rather by sending supplies and munitions. The speaker was introduced by George R. Averill.



Mrs. Julia K. Lally

The Shop opens its doors at specified hours and the first and third Thursdays of every month the Shop opens for domestics who would have no other time to avail themselves of the Thrift Shop's facilities.

The Shop actually serves a double purpose, Mrs. Lally pointed out to me, for it gives worthy families an opportunity to purchase at ridiculously low prices articles they may need, and at the same time the funds from the Shop are used for welfare work.

Two Extremes. Lolling back comfortably in the swivel chair in her office at the Community House, Mrs. Lally spoke particularly of the two extremes in the functions of the House. It serves as a social center and at one and the same time attempts to administer to those in need. The House, Mrs. Lally is proud to say, is available to all.

And Birmingham, it would appear, is becoming more conscious of its Community House each year for Mrs. Lally says that never in the 10 years since the House was erected has it been so crowded. During October it was not uncommon to have the rooms occupied all day long with first one group and then another. In fact it often, of late, has become necessary for Mrs. Lally to allow her office to be used evenings for meetings.

Among the progressive contributions to the Community House is the annual reception for newcomers to Birmingham which was begun during Mrs. Lally's second year here in Birmingham. It was

born of much discouragement from board members but when the first reception was over these same board members voted to make the affair an annual one.

Although she is on call every evening she is home, Mrs. Lally has a nine-year-old daughter who does her utmost to see that her mother isn't disturbed before 8:30 in the morning nor after 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dark-haired, pig-tailed Kay, in her own, old-fashioned little way, handles the telephone calls before 8:30 and after 5 and the caller has to put up a pretty stiff argument to get past this young telephone operator.

... Visits with Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Women ...

After a period of quiet, three dog bites have been reported to Birmingham police. Records show that Bud Akina, 14 years old, of 1193 Smith avenue, was nipped by a dog owned by Albert E. Smith, 1010 Puritan, Tom Allen, also 14, of 520 Westwood, is reported to have been bitten on the left arm by a dog owned by S. A. Templeton, 1849 Pine.

Three Dog Bites Reported to Police

Frazier Mills, 684 East Maple avenue, reported that his daughter, Sandy, age 4, was bitten by a dog which the police record states is owned by Maurice Lowman, 267 Ferndale.

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