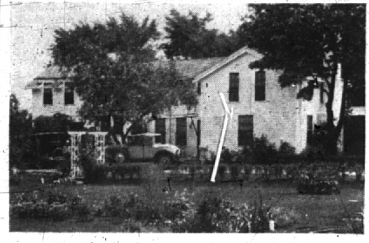


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Community House Has Attendance of 72,650 During Year

(Editor's note—Herewith is the first of a series of articles about Birmingham's unique community-supported community House, published to better acquaint the public with its activities.)

By KATHRYN UMPHREY
Statistics are most interesting when they concern "you" and something that belongs to you—that is why we're revealing that exactly 72,650 of you—cumulatively—used "your" Community House in Birmingham this past year, 2,660 more than in the previous year. What is more, in that same length of time, 15,328 of you were served food for family dinners, banquets, service club luncheons, dinner-dances, luncheons, dessert brigades, teas and wedding receptions at the white brick community center building.

From the outward and inward calmness of the House, it is hard to understand just how Mrs. Julia K. Lally, director, and her assistants could marshal an average of 200 individuals through the House each day and at the same time not even once get two of the 1,598 organization meetings held there last year in the same room at the same time.

We must remember, too, that in addition to the Community House being the center for civic and club life, that it also serves Birmingham. Mrs. Lally works in cooperation with the Visiting Nurses Association, the City Health Department, and the school system. The county bureau for aid-to-the-aged and aid-to-dependent-children also clear all their local cases through the Community House. As headquarters for Red Cross and many civilian defense activities, the House has been the heart-beating scene this past year of parades and intelligent women attending war units and daily classes—doing all they can to help out during a war-time emergency.

Neighborhood Life Important in War

In case of war emergencies, the neighborhood as nucleus for community life will become increasingly important, according to Donald C. Egbert of the Birmingham Council of Defense. Consequently, he said, it is in the neighborhood that immediate steps should be taken to lay the foundation for total defense. Each block in other important ways. This block is organized in a separate unit, he said, making it as independent as possible from others. "The block plan is something we all can work on right now," he said. "We can call a meeting of our neighbors and start studying protective measures to be taken in our own homes. We can, for instance, establish a central collection point for emergency materials to one spot. "The block plan develops neighborliness and builds community spirit. The possibilities, for instance, in community victory gardens, in community canning projects, in community knitting circles or hobby shopware limited. Good neighbors will care for each other while caring for themselves."

ON EATING BEAVERS
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Last week, we received several calls from people regarding the arrival of our first feathered friends, the robins. After starting north from the deep south, they must have arrived in Kentucky and Tennessee until a warm spell tells them it must be OK in Michigan. By the time they arrive here, it starts to snow, and the birds wish they had stayed in Florida.

Lots of people have found out what to do with worn out shoes—wear them.

A Bloomfield Court resident looked out of a rear window Monday afternoon and phoned in eight hens and two roosters.

Who was that man who told his wife: "You can't say I made any noise when I came home last night?"
"No," she admitted, "but the three fellows who were helping you did."

A glance at the police blotter during the past week revealed a diminution in auto accidents but an increase in dog complaints.

Then there was the boy on Westwood drive who insisted on practicing playing his drums at 2:30 p. m. on Monday night until the neighbors could not stand it any longer and complained to him, with the result of the ambitious drummer.

Police are investigating the case of the borrowed car. Raymond McBride reported last week that some one had taken his mother's Buick around in his own name. Later, the machine was found back in its garage—evidently borrowed by some joy rider who has a key to it.

Mrs. Edith Match, 636 Purdy street, reported to police Friday that her son, Gordon, 6 years old, had been bitten by a dog owned by Ernest S. Petypiece, 171 East Frank.

Regarding the Quinn dog, "Duke," (the casus belli in the trial settled last week): When the dog was brought home, Mrs. Quinn served him his usual breakfast—toast and coffee. He is fond of it, she said—toast broken into a dish of coffee. When "Duke" was at the point, Mrs. Quinn brought him gingerbread with raisins and also nut bread, so you can see how fond they were of their pet.

Dogs are certainly a controversial subject in this village, of ours; in fact, you might say there are two classes of people here, one group which loves dogs and does not object to the trouble they cause; the other group is the one which thinks dogs are a damn nuisance. You either like 'em or you don't. Mrs. Wenders discovered that lovers of dogs were certain that the Quinn dog's misbehavior was purely accidental; while others were sure that the dog deliberately took a nip—and all this, mind you, from people who had heard none of the facts in the case, first-hand. So take your choice.

See another part of The Eccentric for a final story on the case, and a correct version of the judge's ruling. There is misinformation abroad on this point, too.

On Monday was heard the first thunder of the year.
A Birmingham man, 38 years old, barricaded himself in his garage Sunday night and started the engine of his car. His wife called police and broke in the garage windows, and the man was thus saved from death. The eccentric withheld the man's name in hope that he will straighten out his thinking. It was reported that he suffered from a painful rheumatic malady.

A group of girls in Birmingham, mindful of the fact that they can do their bit for soldier morale, hope to stage a dance at the Community House soon, with the cooperation of the U. S. O. They hope to use the Community House on a Saturday night, although at the present, high school students

Saturday Club's Finale Is Set for Saturday P. M.

Final meeting of the 1942 Community House Saturday Club will be held Saturday, March 21, with an exhibit of art and handicraft and the presentation of two plays. In the exhibit, from 1:30 to 2:00 p. m., there will be a display of the finished work from the groups in clay modeling, wood work, metal work, painting, leather work and weaving. From 2:00 to 3:00 p. m. dramatic groups will present "Hearts and Tarts" and "The Three Wishes." The former play was written by Mrs. J. D. Hagey, the well-known Birmingham playwright.

Theodore "Caesar" (Czerkowski), Saturday Club director, announced that both the exhibit and the plays are open to the public. Admission is free to both exhibits.

The casts of the plays, which were under the direction of Mrs. E. Cleland, assistant director, Charles Richards in charge of music and choruses, and Miss Barbara Brown, Norma Lee Kias, Bernice Tait, Inogene Powrie and Elaine Packard. The Heart Children will be Nancy Ashley, Patricia Caping, Mary Dewey, Mary Grindley, Peggy Lou Hall, Jack Cody Ellen Hemperly, Marjorie Kenworthy, Mary Lou Klier, Ann Morrow, and Kathleen Wainwright. The Heart Chorus will consist of Nancy Carlson, Elizabeth Dorris, Mary Halladay, Gloria Ostrander, Robert Renfrow, Mary Richards, Joan Schaefer, Joan Sprinkle, Judy Smith, Joanne Sprinkle, Peggy Cuddeon, Margaret Swartz, Peggy Symonds, Margaret Wernat, and Rita Wyatt.

The second production, "The Three Wishes" will be done by Philip Allen, Fannie Kehoe, John Chantley, Gloria Ostrander, Jim Arnold, Janet Lockwood, Pat Hillard, Lois McLeese, Elizabeth Dorris, Donna Symonds, and Rita Wyatt.

During the intermission between plays, Peter Plumstead will entertain the audience with three accordion solos. Eight Girl Scouts will assist as ushers.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the county of Oakland in said county on the 25th day of February, 1942, at 10 o'clock a. m. present: Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna Belle Cook, Deceased.
D. B. Harper, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the will for the administration of said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said estate by and before said court, said court is hereby ordered that two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims for and be considered for payment. It is further ordered, that the fourth day of March, 1942, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said estate.

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