

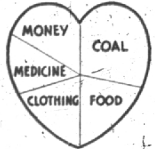
KEEP THE HEART OF BIRMINGHAM ALIVE!



Providing an atmosphere and influence for our young men and women.



Thursday night dinners are a regular feature and are open to public.



The Welfare activities of the House provides real "distress" service.



Fitting Nurse Service offers a helping hand to Birmingham families.



This chart is just a suggestion of "who" meets at the House.



The Employment Bureau solves many of "what" problems. Phone 55.



75,500 people used the house last year—5 times more than in 1931.



The House represents a clear cause that we cannot afford to neglect.



BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE

THE BUSY CENTER For Local Home Front War Activities

HERE IS WHAT CIVIC AND ORGANIZATION LEADERS SAY:

OUR MAYOR SAYS:

TO THE RESIDENTS OF BIRMINGHAM AND VICINITY:
 You folks who have lived in Birmingham and adjacent areas for several years or longer do not need to be told of the value of the Birmingham Community House to each and every person in our locality who may not be familiar.
 Perhaps, of course, it may be necessary to remind you, annually, of some phases of the Community House service program with which you may not be familiar.
 It is never residents, naturally, that the House plays in the life of each area of our city, especially, I suggest, that you learn about its program.
 Fittingly, I believe the Birmingham Community House rightfully has earned the slogan: "The Heart of Birmingham."
 As a resident of Birmingham for 21 years, participating in activities that have brought me in touch with practically every aspect of community life here, I can say with enthusiastic vigor that our Community House is a very real asset in the life of the living room, the playroom, the dining room and the library in the average home.
 By that I mean that the varied program of the Community House includes activities which interest the whole American family—separately, to be sure, as a community.

As Mayor of Birmingham, I can tell you that without our Community House Birmingham would be a much less delightful place to live than it is at present. Already you have received literature from the Community House relative to its various activities. Please read it carefully—then set upon the program it implores.
 You are a part of the Community House and its wide program—the 1944 Roll Call for citizen support is now being on, I know you will fall in with the financial response.

Ray A. Palmer
 RAY A. PALMER, Mayor

PROBATE JUDGE SAYS:

Birmingham Community House, Birmingham, Michigan, April 13, 1944.
 Mr. Paul Neal Averill, President
 Dear Sir:
 My interest in the welfare of children leads me to comment to you concerning the activities and needs of the Birmingham Community House.
 We all know that the home is the foundation of child care. In the same manner the Birmingham Community House is the foundation of excellent social life in Birmingham. I have witnessed repeatedly the value to children which has come from the use of the Community House. Year by year, the Parent-Teacher Association, Red Cross, Parent Teacher Association and many other activities have gravitated towards the Community House and have been greatly increased in a variety of ways.
 I wish that every community in the County had a similar Community House. It is worth the most thoughtful times over through its value to child welfare regardless of the many other benefits.
 I wish you the best of success in the approaching 1944 Annual Birmingham Community House Roll Call.
 Most sincerely yours,
Arthur E. Moore
 ARTHUR E. MOORE

BOY SCOUT COMMISSIONER SAYS:

Birmingham, Michigan, April 11, 1944.
 Mr. Paul Neal Averill, President
 Birmingham Community House Association
 Birmingham, Michigan
 The Boy Scout Organization in Birmingham greatly appreciate the facilities and services we use at the Community House. From most week ends in the Boy Scout Room, and many committee meetings and training courses for scout leaders are held at the Community House.
 We consider ourselves fortunate to have a fine place like the Community House in which to hold our Circle of Honor banquets, etc.
 I am sure the people of Birmingham fully appreciate the service which the Community House is supplying in this community, and that the annual budget will be readily subscribed.
 Sincerely yours,
Amos F. Gregory
 AMOS F. GREGORY, Commissioner, Birmingham Boy Scouts

GIRL SCOUT COMMISSIONER SAYS:

440 Wabash Drive, Birmingham, Michigan, April 13, 1944.
 Mr. Paul Neal Averill, President
 Birmingham Community House Association
 Birmingham, Michigan
 My Dear Mr. Averill:
 The Girl Scout organization of Birmingham considers the Community House its home. The Girl Scout room is used every week for the regular meetings of our troops, every month for leaders' and council meetings, and twice a week for a canteen in collaboration with the Red Cross.
 Frequently troops, having other meeting places, hold special parties and ceremonies there. Leader training is also done there, and when more space is required, other rooms and kitchens have been made available to us.
 The staff has been without exception cooperative and understanding, helping to make the Community House a headquarters available to scouts in Birmingham.
 Very truly yours,
Mable Kessler Kohn
 MABLE KESSLER KOHN, Commissioner, Birmingham Girl Scout Council

PTA LEADER SAYS:

905 Oakland Birmingham, Michigan, April 15, 1944.
 The Birmingham Community House, Birmingham, Michigan.
 The Parent-Teacher Association Council has always found a welcome at the Community House when it has needed its facilities for meetings or for non-regular events.
 We especially endorse those things which the Community House has done for the young people of Birmingham. It has served as headquarters for Scout work and has made a fine effort to furnish wholesome recreation for our boys and girls.
 Sincerely yours,
Phyllis H. Jackson
 PHYLLIS H. JACKSON

CATHOLIC CLERGYMAN SAYS:

April 13, 1944
 At all times the Birmingham Community House is exceedingly generous in cooperating in whatever activities may lend itself to the advancement of our purpose. It is indeed a blessing to our community. Its service merits a word of our genuine appreciation.
Rev. Fr. Ralph V. Barton
 REV. FR. RALPH V. BARTON, Pastor Holy Name Parish.

PROTESTANT CLERGYMAN SAYS:

April 28, 1944
 Speaking as a Protestant minister, I can wholeheartedly commend the work of the Birmingham Community House.
 There is no organization in our community that so serves the recreational, social, educational and war time interests of our city. The staff is thorough, cooperative, efficient and devoted to the spirit of service.
 The people of our community are fortunate to have the facilities of such an institution and we are responsible to keep it operating with a maximum efficiency.
 Sincerely,
W. Glenn Harris
 W. GLENN HARRIS, Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SAYS:

April 17, 1944
 Mr. Paul Neal Averill, President
 Birmingham Community House Association
 Birmingham, Michigan
 Dear Mr. Averill:
 I realize that the time is again at hand for the Annual Birmingham Community House Roll Call, and I should like to express my thoughts regarding the importance of this campaign.
 The Community House is an indispensable institution in Birmingham. The youth of the community needs the social program which has been so ably planned by the director of the Community House. The dinners and luncheons which have been served for the Honor Society, Athletic groups, choir class groups, and other organizations are so valuable. And, lastly, the evidence of a community spirit which results in Red Cross work, care for those in need, community planning, and dozens of additional activities is an example worthy of admiration by our incoming boys and girls.
 I trust that every citizen will be a helper to preserve "human values" as "material values" assist the success of the drive will be limited.
 Sincerely yours,
Dwight B. Ireland
 DWIGHT B. IRELAND, Superintendent of Schools.

RED CROSS CHAIRMAN SAYS:

Mr. Paul N. Averill, President, Birmingham Community House Association, Birmingham, Mich.
 Dear Mr. Averill:
 Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross is very happy to have the opportunity to publicly express its deep appreciation of the work of the Birmingham Community House which for many years has been an outstanding example of community service. The work accomplished there has had far reaching influence, not only in Birmingham but in the entire county.
 The Chapter has for many years found it impossible to duplicate in its entire chapter program. It has not only been available for periodic visits of the Blood Donor Service, but also Directors, Committees, First Aid, Nutrition and Staff Assistants, have had a meeting place there. A Production and Surgical Dressing program has also been carried on within its walls. Its service to the Chapter has been unlimited and most valuable.
 Sincerely yours,
Byron N. Webb
 BYRON N. WEBB, Chapter Chairman.

BLOOD BANK CHAIRMAN SAYS:

April 13, 1944
 Mr. Paul Neal Averill, Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Michigan
 Dear Paul:
 Each time we have used the Community House for one of our Red Cross Blood Banks, I have tried to express our gratitude for this service to your Board. It would like to repeat to you at this time how appreciative we are.
 In all of the many communities to which we go in Oakland County, I think the Birmingham Community House "wins" so most aptly. At first I was reluctant to accept all of the space which was granted us, feeling that we might inconvenience or eliminate some of the other very important community work which the house was able to carry on. But later, seeing how well the setup worked, I gladly accepted all the space we could get, especially when Mrs. Lally and her staff assured us that "there were arrears" so that other activities were not handicapped.
 It seems to me only proper that we should express our appreciation to the "heart" of the community wherever that is, what the Community House is! We do thank you sincerely and hope that we can be permitted to continue using the Community House facilities in this very important part of the war effort.
 Yours very truly,
Harry D. Holey
 HARRY D. HOLEY, Chairman, Blood Donor Service, Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross.



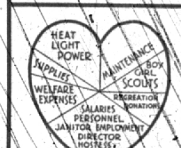
Every family owns a share of Birmingham's Community House.



The present facilities represent an initial cost investment of over \$19,000.



The House has proved its right to be called the "Heart of Birmingham."



Every penny collected in the Annual Drive is for basic duty.



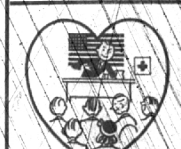
Clothing, etc., is provided at reasonable prices to many.



The original building that was first used over here in 1922.



Four out of five families contribute their share to maintain the House.



500 persons every week are engaged by Oakland County at the House.

22nd ANNUAL ROLL CALL - - MAY 8th to MAY 19th