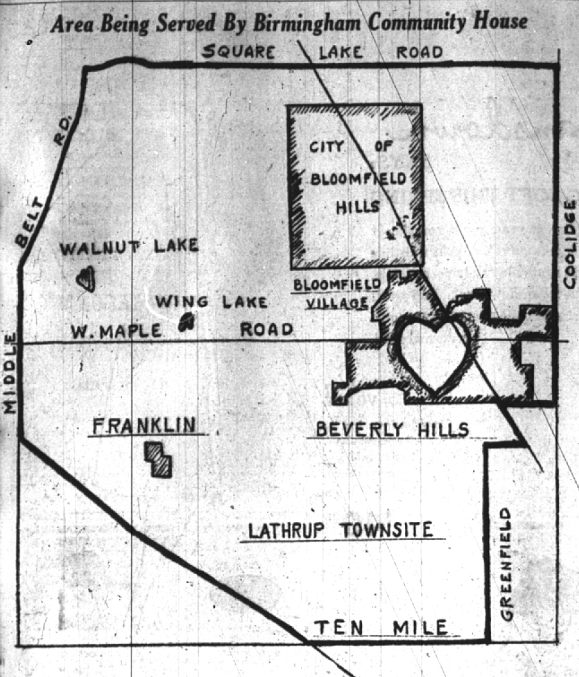


The Aims And Purposes Of The Birmingham Community House Are Explained



Above is shown in highway outline the area now being served by the Birmingham Community House as a social and service center, place for public gatherings, dinners, dances, school parties, Boy and Girl Scouts and numerous other groups. The House is now in the midst of its annual Fund Campaign and contributions are being received to make possible an expanded program for 1946-47.

Is Friendly Place Where People Meet For Many Purposes

By JOYCE WEBSTER RHODES

Right now the people of Birmingham are displaying keen interest in the Community House, its aims, purposes, financing and expansion program. They are finding that the aims and purposes back of the functions of our Community House are the basis for the Community House "idea" in Birmingham.

Those who support this idea are the persons who want the Community House to be, not an establishment for profit but instead, a place which belongs to all the people of the community.

The Community House, as it is today, serves as a clubhouse for women's and men's clubs, for luncheons, dinners, dances, for committee meetings, classes, and

practicing. It serves good food at cost and serves as a meeting place for organizations. Here we find musical events and plays, town meetings and lectures.

Is Friendly Place

It is a friendly house. This fact is recognized by anyone who has attended the Thursday night dinners or by anyone who has taken advantage of the House's willingness to plan recreation for groups who wish it. It takes on the community's responsibility to newcomers by giving a reception for them.

Above all it is a center for the youth of the community. The House has always provided a home and assistance for outside youth groups, such as the Boy and Girl Scouts and the Y.M.C.A., but it has now assumed leadership in youth work, by securing a director, Miss Faye Jasmann, who has her Masters Degree in recreation. It has always been a wholesome attractive place for young people and it has always participated in city wide recreational planning, in addition to initiating youth programs which fill the gaps in the community plan.

Through the Ranch Room and its converting games room, it has developed a youth council of 38 members who are elected in the school and who plan activities for the teen-agers and set up their own standards and rules. This could never have been accomplished if the "idea" of the Community House was not present in the minds of the people of our city.

Needed Services

One of the most important things which the House can do is maintain services which are needed by the community. It must benefit both the employer and the employee by providing an employment office. The things in the house are all for the use of the community. By maintaining a loan cupboard, it may provide anything from silverware supplies to equipment for entertaining. Even the pianos are used almost continuously for practice.

Perhaps the most important function of the Community House, if one could be named, is the coordination of services offered by

other agencies and its ability to fill the necessary role of referral center for the community. By housing the Veteran's Council, the Red Cross work room, the Y.M.C.A. and the Boy and Girl Scouts and by distributing needlework guild clothing and Goodwill funds, it accomplishes the first of these duties. The referral center for the school and city nurses, the Visiting Nurse Association, and the Family Service Center.

It is only by the Community House's coordination of these services that the entire Birmingham area has access to the social services so necessary to a modern community. The public is asked to support this "idea", the things that it stands for, and the results it achieves, for it is only through the efforts of all the people of this city that our Community House can continue with its work and remain "The Heart of Birmingham."

New Full Time Man Is Secured As City Electrical Inspector

Howard Groves, 1031 Ridge-dale, is the new electrical inspector for the City of Birmingham. The City Manager's office announced this week.

He replaces Earl Dale of Berkeley who had performed this service on a part-time basis for the past 10 years.

"Because of the rapid building program within the city, we need a man who can make electrical inspections of new construction any day of the week," Donald C. Egbert, city manager, said in explaining the change. "Mr. Bails was only available Saturdays, which was not convenient to contractors who had to maintain building schedules."

Mr. Groves has been called upon by the city for a number of years to make electrical repairs of city pumping equipment and traffic signals.

Boys With Guns Warned They Must Follow The Rules

Spring is in the air and spring fever is sending a lot of Birmingham youngsters off in quest of fun and excitement. Chief of Police John P. Hackett says some of the youngsters are out with .22 caliber rifles and that this may get their parents into trouble. He

declares the Birmingham police department wants it definitely known that the Michigan off-season gun permits authorized no indiscriminate shooting.

"The state has issued gun permits at the rate of about 500 a week since the first of the year," he states, "many of them to returned servicemen, for such legitimate purposes as target practice and the killing of crows and predators."

Many Temptations

"Small boys in various sections of Birmingham are reported to have been shooting at telephone pole insulators, street lights, bot-

ties tossed into the lake or river, birds and even at windows of vacant buildings.

"Our police report that some of the boys roaming the countryside have gun permits but that few of them realize that, just as in the hunting season, they must be accompanied by parent or other qualified older person until they pass their seventeenth birthday. Laws against trespass affect them just as strongly as in the hunting season."

Chief Hackett said yesterday that officers who find unaccompanied juveniles using firearms in a way to alarm residents of the area may hold the gunner until the parents are interviewed. Older offenders may be prosecuted for the careless use of firearms.

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WINLTON STREET IMPROVEMENT

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham, Alabama, April 10th, 1946, at 9:00 P.M. in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of certain improvements on Winlton Street, described herein, and for which certain improvements and the creation of a special assessment district, located to the east and west of the intersection of a concrete pavement 32 feet in width, located with curbs and curbside drainage structures, and appurtenances, on Winlton Street from Boulevard to and including the Abbey Road intersection.

The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district to defray the cost of this construction and said special assessment district shall consist of the following described property:

Lots 1 to 10, inclusive, and "Outlet A," Birmingham Forest Hills—Lots 230 to 235, inclusive.

Plans and estimate of cost of this project are filed with the City Clerk of the City of Birmingham for examination by the public. IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REMOVAL OF TREE

Public hearing will be held Monday, April 15th, 1946 at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Municipal Building to consider the removal of a tree on the South West corner of Lake Park and Bayville, in front of Lot 31 "The Magic House."

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk

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