

Community House Is Yours, Folks! Birmingham and adjacent citizens on behalf of support for the Community House. We do so again this year.

Newcomers to this area do need to be told that the Community House provides so many aids and attractions to our people that, without it, Birmingham would, indeed, be much less the interesting city that it is.

Most of the local organizations meet in the Community House, many of them being served food, musicals, conferences, subject matter parties for various worthy projects, these are for the adults. The new "Ranch Room," with its program for youth, is already outstanding in its worth to the boys and girls here.

There are many other phases of the Community House program, of course. So, folks, as this campaign is carried on for finances for the coming year, try to remember that what you give is used here, for the youth and adults of this area. Be generous in your giving... and you'll receive much in return.

This is where you live, where you play, where you realize most of your hopes and dreams in that process, the Community House plays its sturdy part in making your life richer and better.

"Getting Your Man" Harry Conover, who operates a model agency, says that fashion designers are "trying to give America a generation of flat-chested, emaciated, ill-tempered women, who will be hard to live with" after their health and dispositions have been ruined.

Mr. Conover says that the trend of present fashions is toward "making women look like matchsticks" and expresses the view that returning servicemen "want a good well-rounded bundle."

We have never been able to understand the intricacies and mysteries of the thing that women call fashion. It has produced some silly examples of mass hysteria but, in view of the lack of sense shown by most dreamers in the clothes they wear, it is not fitting for men to criticize the fair sex.

Reports from New York, distributed by the Associated Press, advise that the theme of spring fashions will be "Get your man, with resort to every known device of seductive styling to accentuate the feminine figure and reveal it in large hints."

While the writer is not in circulation, and wouldn't be worth trailing if he was, the trend of the styles reported are o.k. After all, clothes represent an important asset to all women and especially those who are interested in romantic attachments.

We blame no unmarried woman for spending all that she can on clothes. If she also knows, or learns, how to wear them they make a smart investment.



To us—all calls are important

That is why we do our best to put your calls through promptly. But the volume of Long Distance calls today is even greater than during the record-breaking war years. And so, sometimes, there are unavoidable delays... particularly on calls to points outside of Michigan.

We are doing our best to provide the needed facilities. And we are making good progress. The Bell System is adding over two million miles of circuits this year, new switchboards and other equipment, and training thousands of new operators.

Meanwhile, many thanks for your continued understanding.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

LISTEN to the "Song Spellers" on Michigan Bell's Radio Program, "Number Please," Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 4:45 P.M., WMA.

Punching Petrillo

A signal victory for more than amateur musicians was registered in the anti-Petrillo bill passed by Congress recently; it means a victory for the entire system of American free enterprise.

"Little Caesar" Petrillo, head of the American Musicians Federation, got so high-handed that he demanded "a take" from just about every sound that arises in the United States, with the exception of a pig's squeal—and heaven knows when, if left uncontrolled, he would have started cashing in on that.

Petrillo is typical of the labor leader who becomes drunk on power; already living like an Indian Prince from income on his job, the former Chicago trumpet player tried to shake every available musical sound in the nation with a price tag.

He outlawed the right of union musicians to participate in the annual Interlochen amateur musical activities; he made recording companies pay him so much per record; he tries to make organizations hire "stand-in" orchestras when a big organ will do the job; he even tried to keep foreign originating broadcasts off the American radio networks.

Birmingham, along with the rest of the nation, ought to be grateful to Congress for finally putting Mr. Petrillo just where he belongs—and the same kind of job remains to be done with some other branches of labor leadership, too.

FORMER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR Harold L. Ickes quit the Truman administration because, he says, "I won't support anybody for a cabinet position whom I believe may become an influence against the public interest."

He was referring to Ed Pauley, Truman's selection to become Undersecretary of the U. S. Navy. Pauley is a big oil man, and the Navy has lots to do with oil. Thus, Truman's efforts to pour oil over the troubled waters again proves that oil and water do not mix. We'll hear more about this mess when elections roll around this fall.

CONSIDERING ALL THE PREACHING AND TEACHING to which it has been subjected the human race ought to be following the great moral principles of the universe.

The timid man is frightened before danger; the coward, during danger, and the brave man, afterward.

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60 YEARS AGO

"Owing to warm weather we will have milk twice a day. At the old place, mornings and at the cheese factory in the evening."

"Several rubber suits belonging to the fire department are missing. The black for these suits and hats is in the hose tower and the Fire Marshal hopes they will be returned at once. Recently they will be returned to their proper place."

"Ed Montgomery, the city land man has a new starch and a new line that makes a collar, cuff or shirt front shine like a mirror."

"Fred D. Hoffman does not wish his farmer friends to understand that he has given up his harness shop as yet. He is anxious for all harness deals as of yet and the bicycle repairing is a side line that he is especially adapted to."

"A 'Lady of Quality' by Mrs. Burnett, is one of the latest books in the library. The fact is it is written by a noted author will not doubt bring it readers that the book itself would not attract."

"The Birmingham Evening Post and Sunday Morning 'Glory to Scissors and Seven Hands Round' had some of the best stands up here and the bicycle repairing is a side line that he is especially adapted to."

"The Milk Producers Union's office is a busy scene every morning. Mr. Keeney, the gentlemanly young man who weighs and sells the milk has been obliged to have an assistant to do the work."

"The dwelling of Irving H. Wilson was partially destroyed by fire on April 17, 1941. The blaze started from the chimney. The fire raged for several hours before the flames had shown on the outside. It was not until the house was drenched from cellar to garret. The goods were mostly ruined. The damaged condition building and contents were insured for \$500 in the Citizens' Fire Insurance Company."

20 YEARS AGO April 17, 1926

"Another blow has been struck for the social freedom of the ladies. They now have full permission to purchase their own clothes on the deluxe chair car of the Detroit United Railway on the Detroit Division."

"Birmingham's new 300,000 gallon elevated steel water storage tank was dedicated this evening. The huge structure, which has loomed up on the local landscape for the past two months, was given its last coat of paint this week, and now awaits testing. Work will be turned into it tonight."

"Work of gathering information to be published in The Eccentric's Annual Directory of Birmingham and Bloomfield Township is progressing at a very rapid rate. To date, all the houses bounded by Oak Street, Adams Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and Southfield Avenue, together with a large portion of Eco City, have been canvassed by solicitors from The Eccentric."

"A crowd of excitement seekers, some half clad, the Birmingham Fire Department spent ten minutes in chawing out a fire from a fire to combat a fire which destroyed three machines and a barn behind Boggs's garage early Friday morning of last week. The property was owned by Judson Bradley."

"If enthusiasm is the prime requisite necessary to put across an idea or a project (and most people admit that it is), then the annual public performance to be given in the Baldwin high school auditorium the evening of May 1, by the Village Players, local amateur theatrical organization, will attract a full house. Four one-act plays, comprising the four best offerings of the Players during the past two years, will be put on at the high school."

"At the annual election of officers and directors of the Birmingham Rotary Club, held Monday noon, Mr. Robert M. Atkins, who is the minister of the local First Methodist Church, was elected president for the ensuing year. He succeeds Louis Hascall to that office."

5 YEARS AGO April 17, 1941

"A discussion between Birmingham City Commissioners and city property owners in the area affected, lasting nearly two hours Monday night, resulted in the Commission's formal resolution authorizing City Manager C. C. Egbert, to purchase a new elevated water storage tank site on a portion of property between Ridgeland and East Maple avenues. The purchased price will be \$42,000."

"Spring in Washington—as glorious as Spring in the State of Michigan, welcomed the 100 members of Baldwin High School Washington Group to the city for their annual visit."

"Both Birmingham banks, The Birmingham National and Wabek State Bank, are all ready to welcome patrons and non-patrons into their institutions. The Birmingham National is open from 7:30 a clock to 9:30 a clock, as part of a state-wide campaign to make successful the theme, 'Know Your Bank Well.' Observances of various kinds are being held during the entire week over the State of Michigan, in keeping with a proclamation issued ten days ago by Governor Murray D. Van Wageningen."

"Within the next six months, possibly a few weeks before, department stores, which have been impounded in the former First State Savings Bank in Birmingham

Everybody Seems to Be an Architect

