

Comparison of mankind's situation today to against a hundred years ago does reveal us further along the road to Utopia—in spite of wars and the atomic bomb era. Mankind has obtained more and more of the "vision of the good life" and now merely needs to adjust himself to the pattern of his higher thoughts.

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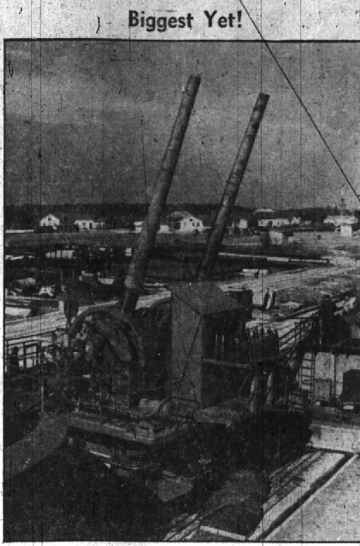
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## Community House Board President Tells Why City Must Back Fund Drive

By Shelton Wright,  
President, Community House Board

The 15 members of the Community House Board of Directors hope that the letter recently mailed to all taxpayers in this area will get a thorough reading and that it will be thought about and talked about among families and neighbors.

Has it occurred to you what a difference it would make in the life of our community if the Community House suddenly went dark and ceased to function for all of us?

If you haven't thought about it, you haven't begun your estimate of the difference it would make by seaching the Community House Calendar for the week printed elsewhere in the Eccentric. The volume of 92 weeks add up to surprising totals.

**84,000 People Served**

Last year 116 meetings were held there and those gatherings plus family dinners on Thursdays and the constant traffic of young people to recreation rooms brought more than 84,000 people into the Community House in 1946. More than 25,000 of them were served meals.

If the Community House were closed, 30 organizations which now use it regularly would have to look elsewhere for a place to meet. And where would they go? Birmingham is part of an area that is developing constantly and its Community House serves not only the city in which it is located but Bloomfield Hills, Franklin and Beverly Hills as well. It is truly the community house for the city and the county.

When it became obvious that a place was needed where teenagers and young people could have a snack and a place to meet, the Community House built and equipped the Banquet Room, the big gayly decorated recreation room that is headquarters for the Teen-Canteens and their friends and other young groups including the 19-30s.

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The program for the young people has grown so fast that it became apparent this past year that a special director was needed for the recreation work alone. And so the general administration of the Community House was placed under the direction of Mrs. Carleton Healy, well known for the big job she did for Detroit USO Clubs, and Miss Amy Wild was freed for full-time work with the young people.

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**Parents Invited to Discussion to Hear About YMCA Camps**

Parents of boys interested in attending the Birmingham YMCA camp this year were invited by the "Y" to participate in a question-and-answer period to cover camp operation, facilities and other facts concerning camp life, at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Community House.

Sid Geal, John Stone, Jack Quilhot, and perhaps Cliff Drury, directors of Camps Main-Go-Tah-See, Nissokone, Ohiyesa and Hayo-Wen-Ha, presented slides or film strips of their life at their camps.

Opportunity was afforded all interested parents to obtain literature, registration blanks and to introduce their sons to the men who will direct the programs in four of Michigan's outstanding Y camps.

**Blossom Queen**

Nancy Anderson, daughter of Agriculture Secretary Anderson, shows you the hat designed for her as Washington's 1947 Cherry Blossom Queen. That's the Washington Monument up there.

What you read and hear may make you think in terms of a push-button rocket weapons in event of another war, but nevertheless, newer and deadlier models of the same old guns are being developed. This is a pair of Navy's new six-inch, rapid-fire anti-aircraft guns, biggest yet, under test at Dahlgren, Va. They're for warships. Note comparative size of men at left.

**Cars Collide**  
Walled Lake, Friday afternoon. Little car damage occurred.

Pulling out of a private drive at the Watts Electric Co. on East Maple, a car driven by John Kirshenka of Detroit, collided with another car driven by Nellie S. Bonsteli, 3778 Edgewood avenue, Mary Baker Eddy.

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