

## Sept. 8 Opening For Spic-N-Span Community House

To all outward appearances, the Community House has been quietly snoozing all during August, the one month it is closed to the public. This, however, is a false impression for the House has been humming with activity every work-

With some 200,000 persons using it each season, summer finds a great demand for rest for the staff and a face-lifting job for the House, itself.

The 1953 renovation was accomplished with less work than usual, due to the major over-haul. The long range plan of redecorating inaugurated last year by Mrs. Howard Willett, then House committee chairman.

Mrs. Paul Wagner, current chairman, is continuing the color scheme, which has been in redecorating the lobby this month.

AMONG THE other improvements was the complete rearrangement of the kitchen for greater convenience and efficiency and placing of new linens. A new stainless steel serving cart has been purchased.

The Boy Scout room has been painted and a new asphalt tile floor put in the Business Women lounge. The room on the second floor which has been used by the bookkeeping staff, has been converted into a "real" office with filing and storage space built in.

The House has had a thorough cleaning with a new paint job on the exterior trim. The purchase of 100 new folding chairs will make accommodation of diners and overflow audiences an easier matter.

MRS. WAGNER said that, with the reopening of the House set for Sept. 8, she felt the people of Birmingham should know what action its directors take and what progress is made.

"These people, who support the Community House through the annual Roll Call and participation in its many events, should know that the directors devote much time and thought as to how the money for upkeep is spent.

"The House is old and there are many major improvements which have to be met. Each year the directors spend many hours discussing needs, deciding which is greatest and using the budget to the best advantage.

"We want to keep the House up-to-date and attractive and like every homemaker in the city, we have our problems of money and demand to meet."

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SARA STRENGELL

## Noted Actress Plans Teenage Theater Group

Emphasizing that she found a great desire for self-expression among the young people enrolled in the Cranbrook summer theater school, Sara Streggell has announced her intentions of opening a "Teenage Theater Workshop" here in October.

A sister of Marianne Streggell, designer and for some time head of the textile department at Cranbrook, Miss Streggell has been associated with the stage and its related arts since she was five years old.

Horn in Helsinki, Finland, she began studying the modern dance in that city. In her late teens she switched to dramatic arts and enrolled in the Academy of Dramatic Art in her native city.

She later studied in Paris, Vienna and New York and has appeared on the stage in Europe and the United States.

SINCE COMING to this country in 1941, Miss Streggell made many state appearances before returning to Europe three years later. She continued her dramatic career there, working on the stage and in radio. She has also done some newspaper work and in addition speaks English, French, German, Swedish and Finnish.

Now, because of her enjoyment of working with Birmingham's younger set, she is launching the Theater Workshop with classes in the various aspects of the theater with which she is acquainted.

"There is a great deal of talent and vitality among these Birmingham young people," she said, "and I feel they can enjoy and benefit from furthering their studies in this means of self-expression."

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## Birmingham Boys At Camp Nissokone

Seventeen boys from the Birmingham area spent four to eight weeks this summer at Camp Nissokone, a Detroit YMCA camp near Ocedo, Mich.

The boys, after passing swim and canoe tests, spent two to five days on canoe trips on the Manistee, Au Sable and Thunder Bay rivers.

The boys were John Alic, Thomas Husted, Jr., Ward Dunham, Bill Hutton, William Lerchen III, Robert Scott, Stephen Smart, Mark Wallman, Terry Leihar, Robert Maxwell, Bill Purdy, Jerry Purdy, Carl Reynolds III, Neil Reynolds, Timothy Tolle, Donald Van Doren and Thomas Van Doren.



ROGER E. BREMER

## Fear Duplication Of Planning Effort

Birmingham's answer to a request that it send delegates to the next meeting of the South Oakland Planning Council has been delayed by Mayor Ralph A. Main while he investigated the possibility that sending delegates would prove to be a duplication of effort.

Mayor Main said that at the present time Birmingham is represented on the Oakland County Plan Council and that the South Oakland group's activities might be a repetition of the work of the former group.

He added that he will take the matter up with the Oakland council to secure its recommendation.

The appointment of Mr. Bremer, of 6730 Oakhill drive, Birmingham, to the presidential staff of Packard Motor Car company, was announced this week by James J. Nance, president.

Bremer, 37, who has been director of purchasing since joining Packard, six months ago, has been appointed assistant to the president with primary responsibility for forward product planning and programming. His duties include coordinating the activities of various divisions concerned with planning future luxury Packard cars and medium-priced Clippers.

## YMCA Secretary At Torch Lake

Ed Klibert, executive secretary

for the Birmingham YMCA is attending the Aug. 27-31 Tri-Hi-Y training sessions at Camp Hayo, Went-Ha on Torch Lake, 44 miles northeast of Traverse City. Klibert will act as instructor

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for the delegates of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs of Michigan on program building for the high school youngsters.  
Carol Lawrence and Shirley Laughton of Troy are local Tri-Hi-Y representatives at the conference.

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