

# House Releases Report On Annual Activities

Another year has ended for the Community House—and it shows again the important part this institution plays in the community.

Approximately 200,000 persons attended the 2,723 meetings of the 1,280 groups, with 37,963 meals served to 687 of them.

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**THE SICKROOM** employed responded to 134 calls for help with the free loan of crutches, wheel chairs, hospital beds and other miscellaneous equipment.

Hostess items, punch bowls and cups, chairs, and tables were rented 177 times.

There are over 40 organizations meeting regularly at the Community House during morning, afternoon and evening hours. Among these, 11 schedule regular luncheon meetings and five dinner programs. There also is the weekly Thursday night buffet, a public service sponsored by the House.

**HOUSE ACTIVITIES** are not confined to those organizations which meet there week after week and month after month. Each year sees extra group scheduling sessions there, such as church organizations without a permanent home or those whose facilities are not adequate to meet their needs.

Groups such as committees preparing for the March of Dimes, county service organizations, Red Cross meetings, conventions, special programs and private parties are worked into the schedule many times each year. Some of these

### Sharing the Cost?

Birmingham's board of education and the Birmingham development company will be contacted by City Manager D. C. Egbert to share the \$500 engineering costs relative to the paving of Derby road from Adams to the GTWRR viaduct. The school board is planning a junior high school building on the south side of Derby, while

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the development company will build a terrace apartment across the road from it.

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## Junior Achievement Week Plans Made Here

Southeastern Michigan's observance of national Junior Achievement Week, Jan. 30 through Feb. 5, begins Monday, Jan. 31, with the public invited to attend open house at all fourteen business centers in the area where 4,500 boys and girls are in business for themselves under the JA program.

Birmingham's eight JA companies announced open house for the public at their business center, located at 177 So. Woodward, in the Birmingham Theater building. The companies, meeting two a night will be in operation from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Visitors to the Birmingham Achievers will be taken behind the scenes in teen-aged business administration, sales, production and all of the other functions of business operation.

"Free enterprise" is hard work for 250 Birmingham-area young businessmen and women.

**FOUR NIGHTS**, weekly, in groups of about 50 per night, they meet in the Junior Achievement center in the basement of the Birmingham Theater. Organized into eight Junior Achievement companies, they work at the business of making a product financing its production through sale of stock, and then—selling it at a profit.

Factors of JA, which is tops in popularity among students from high schools in and around Birmingham, are merchants, doctors, bankers, manufacturers.

Convinced that today's high school students need an understanding of what makes "free enterprise" tick, they ante up approximately \$8,000 annually to finance Junior Achievement. The money pays for basic production tools, rental, heat and light for the JA Center, part-time professional coordinator for the eight JA companies, etc.

**LARGEST PROBLEM** to date is the success of the program. More than 400 showed up last fall to

we feel we can have 12 companies with a membership of 500 members, and operate on a budget of \$8,000.

The Birmingham JA firms and the nights they will meet are:

**MONDAY NIGHT:** Unico, makers of floor clothes, sponsor, Birmingham Rotary Club; J.A.D. advertising agency, sponsor, Birmingham Eccentric.

**Tuesday night:** Birmingham Alumico Co., makers of metal craft stools, sponsor, Aluminum Co. of America; Toledo, makers of step stools, sponsor, Ford Motor Co.

**Thursday night:** T-N-T Products, makers of neck lamps, sponsor, Burroughs Corp.; Wee-Ma-Kit, makers of a home spotting kit, sponsor, Betsey Corp.

By using every inch of space, 250 can be accommodated in the center.

This week Birmingham-area business and individuals went to work to raise \$8,000 for the 1955-56 program. Heading the finance drive is Richard Young of Young's of Birmingham—whose appointment was announced by Harvey Greene, general chairman, Herbert Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank is co-chairman of the entire Suburban 1st for the campaign.

"Our objective for 1955-56 is to provide the facilities and supervision to take care of 112 Junior Achievement companies," Mr. Young said. "With strict economies,

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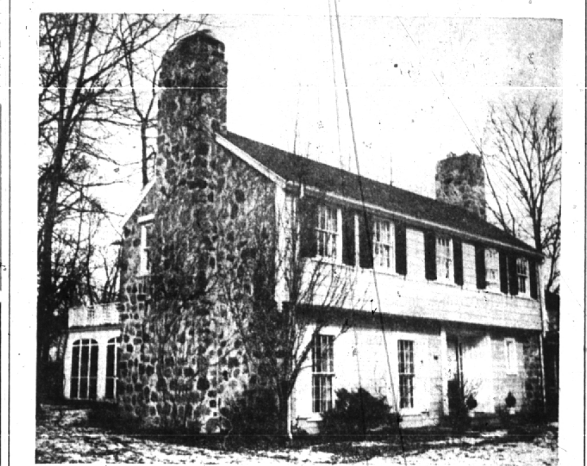


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