

Employment Service Helps Many Find Jobs

By GEORGIA LAMBECK

No matter what your problem in suburban living may be, the Community House Employment Service has assistance for you.

Mrs. L. B. Fijax, director of employment, and her assistant, Mrs. David Dorman, with many interviews behind them have accumulated extensive files of men and women to help in all phases of domestic work.

Housekeepers, cooks, cleaning women, gardeners, handymen, bartenders, caterers, dressmakers, party planners, practical nurses—you call the service and they will find someone for you.

They also provide sitters for children, aged people or invalids and even animals. Any time period may be satisfied: hourly workers, day workers or those who live in.

NO CHARGE is connected with this service except a one dollar per year fee from applicants to cover the cost of checking references.

The community has responded to this service with 4,784 requests

for workers and 8,084 applicants for work during the period of June, 1959, to May, 1960. It has been said that this employment bureau is a barometer of economic conditions in Birmingham. However, the demand usually remains quite constant except for vacation periods which occur in January and February and in July. The office is closed during August.

THE OFFICE hours are each morning 8:30 to 12 Monday through Friday. This activity is among the oldest of the services offered by the Birmingham Community House and began in the original building which was replaced in 1927 by the present structure.

Mrs. Fijax and Mrs. Dorman have encountered many interesting incidents in their service. One former teacher of interior decorating travelled to Phoenix, Ariz. Recently, she wrote to the employment service and said she wished to return to Birmingham and asked assistance in finding a place for her.

Senior Women Benefit From Their Workshop

By NEVA MOYER

Over 65—but ever young in heart.

This is the atmosphere at the Senior Women's Workshop each Friday at the Community House.

With youthful vigor, these senior women are helping themselves by helping others. At their weekly meetings, they spend the morning in service to others and the afternoons in fun for themselves.

The morning session is a busy, bustling time as some 60 pairs of hands, experienced from years of family sewing and knitting, make cancer pads, knit afghans, sew bibs, and turn out fancy tray favors and decorations.

THE CANCER pads are for the Michigan Cancer Society, the bibs and colorful afghans are for the Veteran's Hospital, at Dearborn, and the tray favors for the young patients at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

As many as 200 pads are completed during one session and more than 150 bibs have been made since Dec. 1.

After lunch, the women play bridge, canasta, scrabble and other games. Some prefer to "visit" with new friends, while a few continue

to work on their sewing projects. There are occasional birthday celebrations and large parties each year—the Christmas Party and the spring picnic which is held at the Bloomfield Hills home of Mrs. William T. Gossett.

THE SENIOR Women's Workshop was started in 1950 by the Community House with only three members. Today, there are nearly 125 on the roster with an average weekly attendance of between 60 and 70.

For the first six years, the Junior League assisted with the program which is now sponsored by the Postmothers Club.

Postmothers are on hand each week to help with the service work and to serve luncheon. Most important of all, these volunteers act as drivers picking up and returning the ladies—most of whom are without their own transportation—to their homes.

EACH FALL the Postmothers hold a benefit bridge to raise funds to support the Workshop. Mrs. William L. Scherer represents the club on the board of the Community House and Mrs. John J. Joyner is president of the group.

For most of these senior women,



Adventure Series in Auditorium

The Community House auditorium begins to fill for the showing of one of George F. Pierrot's Saturday evening World Adventure Series films. The 1960-61 season has been such an outstanding success that an expanded schedule is being planned for the

1961-62 season. Seating capacity of the house's Miller Auditorium and lounge is 500. The concluding film in the Adventure Series will be Stan Midgley's "Yellowstone-Grand Tetons-Glacier", to be shown Saturday, March 25.

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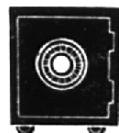
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