

Barney Heads Board, Social Aid--for Rent; Of Community House First Aid--for Free!

Heading the board of directors of the Community House is Eugene J. Barney of W. Gleanery Circle, a retired General Motors Corp. executive.



EUGENE BARNEY

He has been on the board since 1958, and has three-year term expires this June. He has been president since 1960.

Under Barney's leadership, the Community House has materially strengthened and expanded its wide range of services to the area.

Total attendance is at an all-time high, with a record number of people enrolled in the adult education classes and participating in other activities.

THE BOARD is studying future needs of the community and planning accordingly.

Barney received a B.A. degree at Thomson University and a B.S. de-

gree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1945, he joined DeLo Light at Dayton, O., and held several positions there prior to and after it became a part of the Frigidaire Division of General Motors.

During part of World War II, he was loaned to the government for work in the supply division.

HE THEN served as production manager and plant manager of Detroit Diesel, director of general supply for the Allison Division and, from 1955 until his retirement in 1957, was assistant to the vice-president in charge of the engine group.

He has been very active in church and civic work down through the years.

One of the larger area organizations that regularly use the Community House for meetings is the League of Women Voters of Birmingham.

Mrs. Evan R. Hannay, 881 Rivenoak, is president of the organization whose membership now totals 315.

By RUTH CARR
Planning a special party? Wish you had a lovely punch bowl, ladle and cups so you could try that new punch recipe? Your wish will come true by telephoning the Birmingham Community House.

You may rent any one of six punch bowls and ladles and 250 cups if you need them. You may also rent a six-foot ten-foot hamper table to accompany the punch set. Your wish will be to serve coffee, too? Just rent a 50-cup electric drip coffee maker along with knives, fork and spoons. If you need extra card tables, add them to your list.

THE COMMUNITY House is ready to assist you in entertaining, and the rental charge is so nominal you will wonder how it can be done!

So handy, too, because the Community House is in the center of town, easily accessible from all directions in its solicitation area.

Are some of your guests spending the weekend and you need an extra bed, and what about the baby? The Community House will rent you a rollaway single bed, a high chair and a crib.

Has an unexpected emergency arisen in your home and you require a hospital bed, wheel chair, walker, cane, bed table, back rest, bed board, blanket support or one of 60 pair of crutches?

THESE ITEMS are also ready and waiting to serve you; but all of this equipment and supplies are loaned—not rented—to residents in the solicitation area for a maximum of three months. A returnable five-dollar deposit is required on hospital beds, wheel chairs and bed tables.

The only first aid item that is rented is an electric hospital bed valued at \$775, which rents for one dollar a day with a maximum charge of 25 dollars a month.

MOST OF the first aid equipment has been donated by interested individuals, civic organizations and families of the deceased who have benefited through this service.

Fifty percent of the larger items are in use all of the time. The damage factor is low, but if damage does occur while in use it is repaired at the borrower's expense.

Most borrowers are so grateful for this service they donate their five dollar deposit to a fund maintained to cover a certain amount of constant repair due to ordinary

The equipment is available any time the Community House is open, which is from 9 a.m. to midnight.

A JANITOR is in charge during the month of August when the Community House closes for vacation.

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Leaders Have Confidence in The House

By MARY JO MULARONI
The idea of the Community House parallels that of many businesses in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. Both have grown with the community, are planning for the future and would create a terrific void by their absence.

President Harvey Kresge of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, who is also manager of the Birmingham store bearing his name, feels that the Community House offers many services, especially to senior citizens and newcomers.

"We (area residents) were among the first to initiate such an organization and it is definitely a part of Birmingham," he says.

THE COMMUNITY House was built just six years before the opening of Machus Bakery on W. Maple. Mr. Machus believes the Community House is a unique organization worthy of the support and participation of everyone.

"My wife has been connected with the house for many years," he says, "and we are proud to be a part of its growth."

Mayor Florence Willett says, "The Community House symbolizes 'doing together,' a very important factor for all civic minded people to remember. With the city expanding so rapidly, it is easy to lose sight of our objective," she said.

"DO TOGETHER" is responsible for a great many advances and is the foundation of our government.

The outstanding cultural programs offered at the Community House were pointed out by Frank Mulholland.

"The Community House is one of the most important pivot points of culture in this area," he said. "Lectures and instruction courses offered are among the finest in the state."

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