

# Community House Hosts Many Organizations



Checking with Their Leader

Members of Girl Scout Troop 772 check with leader Mrs. Abbott Gibson during one of their regular Thursday meetings at the Community House. The troop is one of

three Girl Scout troops, representing approximately 75 youngsters, that meet at the Community House.



Forum Moderator

Moderator of the Birmingham Forum, an organization founded 13 years ago, is H. L. Kohlmeier of 744 Hazelwood. At its monthly meeting each third Tuesday, Kohlmeier said, forum members seek better understanding of local, national and international problems as they concern the individual and the community; seek to develop the ability to express ideas clearly and concisely; and to improve speaking techniques.

## 17 Members On Board; Set Policies

Policies of the Community House set by the Birmingham Board of Directors . . . 10 women and seven men . . . only four of whom are natives of Michigan, according to a recent survey.

Other states represented on the board include Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri and New York.

THE SURVEY also showed that the 17 have been members of the board for an average of 19 months; have resided in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area for an average of 10 years; and have a total of 37 children and 11 grandchildren.

The hobbies of individual members range from hunting and fishing and sewing to gardening, swimming, photography and bridge.

Practically every member is active in at least one other organization from the Bloomfield Village Fire Dept. to the Birmingham Chapter, Citizens for Michigan, from church activities to memberships in organizations that regularly use the Community House.

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U.N. President

President of the Oakland County Chapter of the American Association for the United Nations is Harold Chalk, 250 Big Beaver. The organization, composed of 130 area residents, discuss and study means to increase the effectiveness of the UN at their monthly meeting in the Community House. The group, founded in 1958, meets the third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m.

## On Aircraft Carrier

WESTERN PACIFIC — James C. Brain, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Brain of 3770 Kent Drive, Birmingham, is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Midway operating with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

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Kiwanis President

President of the Birmingham Kiwanis Club is Charles D. Mosier, 24, of 2908 Labar. The organization, formed in 1946, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Community House. Its main activities are geared to community services.



Women's Club Pursues Civic, Charitable Goals

Good fellowship and the pursuance of civic and charitable activities in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area is the purpose of the Birmingham Business Women's Club which meets at the Community House the first Thursday of every month. Mrs. Louise F. Cobb, 2409 Yorkshire, is president of the organization, which has 57 members.



Pythian Chief

Mrs. Hazel E. Lawler, 1100 N. Adams, is Most Excellent Chief of the Birmingham Temple No. 94 Pythian Sisters. Established in 1911, the organization devotes its time to fraternal, social and charitable activities. It meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Community House.



DAR Regent

Mrs. Newell Allen, 436 Park Ave., is regent of the 147-member Piety Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Founded in 1925, the Piety Hill chapter meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at the Community House. The organization devotes most of its time to educational and patriotic activities.

## King Lion

President of the Birmingham Lions Club is Don S. Caputo of 1023 Pilgrim, Birmingham. The Birmingham chapter, which was founded in 1928, has a membership of 80. The club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Community House. Aim of the organization is to help all who need visual assistance.



Exchange President

Robert L. Owen, 543 Catalpa, is president of the Exchange Club of Birmingham. Established in 1924, the club has 50 members who meet at the Community House every Tuesday noon. "Our interpretation of Exchange," said Owen, in describing the activities of the club, "is the giving of self for the privilege in return of service to others . . . principally the youths in our community."



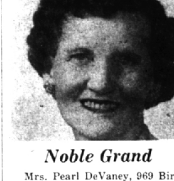
High Twelve

Community service is one of the main activities of the High Twelve Club of Birmingham, according to its president, Dean H. Beier, 2216 Pine. Formed in 1942, the organization's 150 members meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Community House.



Zonta Club

An organization whose main activity is service to the community is the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Zonta Club. The 34-member organization, founded in 1955, meets at the Community House the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Agnes Billings, 13621 Manhattan, Oak Park, is president of the group.



Rotary President

Clarence W. Kraft, 544 Oakland, is president of the Birmingham Rotary Club which meets each Monday at 12:15 p.m. at the Community House. There are more than 100 members in this organization whose purpose is to foster and encourage the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. The Birmingham group was established 37 years ago this month.

## Noble Grand

Mrs. Pearl DeVaney, 969 Bird, is Noble Grand of the Oakland Rebekah 445. The organization meets at the Community House the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. There are 72 members in the group which provides a camp for underprivileged children and loans hospital supplies free of charge.



Senior Leader

Charles F. Staples, 1366 Yosemite, is president of the 128-member Senior Men's Club which meets every Tuesday and Friday at the Community House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All men 65 years or over or who have retired are eligible for membership in the group which is devoted to fellowship, service and recreation.



Junior Leaguer

The Junior League of Birmingham, Inc., is composed of 250 members who meet in the Community House from 9:15 a.m. to noon the second Wednesday of the month. Mrs. William B. Bachman, 715 Oakleigh, Bloomfield Hills, is president of the organization. Purpose of the group is to foster interest among its members in the social, economic, educational, cultural and civic conditions of the community, and to make efficient their volunteer service.



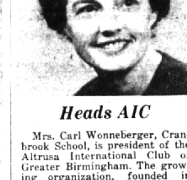
Top Stamper

President of the 23-year-old Birmingham Stamp Club is Richard Cowles, 2724 Fenbroke. The club, which meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Community House, has a total of 30 members. Purpose of the club is to promote philatelic activity among area residents, according to Cowles.



AAUW President

To unite the alumnae of colleges and universities for the improvement of education, the area chapter of the American Association of University Women was established in 1920. Mrs. Robert F. Kohr, 460 Winbleton Drive, is president of the 475-member organization which holds a luncheon meeting the second Wednesday of each month at the Community House.



Heads AIC

Mrs. Carl Wonneberger, Cranbrook School, is president of the Altrusa International Club of Greater Birmingham. The growing organization, founded in 1952, holds its meetings at the Community House the second and fourth Monday of every month. Altrusa is a service club for executive and professional women. All clubs participate in the international program for improving relations with Latin America and the Orient through educational grants - in - aid to women from those countries who wish to study in the United States.



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**Behind The Store Fronts**

With ANGUS McKELLAR

Major Florence Willett's proclamation on Birmingham's travel contest appears elsewhere in this issue of The Eccentric. The Mayor's proclamation hails the contest as a stimulant to the old time community spirit of yesteryear's contest memories when entire families participated in the fun of trying to guess the number of beans in the glass jar down at the general store. All members of a family may enter the current contest, too . . . and the prizes are considerable!

We welcome another new business to Birmingham. White Automotive Service, which has been in business on W. Vernor, in Detroit,

Lambrusse, is back home at her Glassford Shop after visiting in Florida.

The year 1961 will perhaps be remembered as the year of change in Birmingham, particularly on North Woodward, with the appearance of Demery's (to open this Spring). The new Peacock Room (which opened last Friday) and the extensive remodeling which will drastically change the appearance of Birmingham Hardware. Hawthorne Electrical Co. and Bodine's.

Walter Blohm, manager of the Bloomfield Theatre, tells us that ten youngsters, to age 12, will be treated to a free matinee showing of the science fiction thriller, Gorgo. The free passes will be prizes for the best entries to a contest in which the contestant is requested to complete the sentence: "I want to see the movie Gorgo because . . ."

The Theatre plans to have a "sea monster" walking Birmingham streets March 22-26.

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**State Farm In 20th Year**

District Manager for State Farm Mutual, Harold E. McGill, 17341 Kinross, Birmingham, said the company is now in its 20th year since the nation's largest auto insurer.

Edward B. Rust, president of the firm at Bloomington, Ill., forecasts lower car insurance rates in the coming years.

He said cuts are likely in 1961 providing claim costs continue downward.

**INSURANCE RATES** and the traffic accident toll march hand-in-hand, he said, and stepped-up traffic safety efforts in many large cities are beginning to pay off in lower insurance costs for many motorists.

Earned premiums and memberships rose 8 1/2 per cent last year to a record \$469,117,621 at State Farm, according to Rust.

He said that at the year's close, there were 6,161,433 policies in force, and State Farm policies covered 12 per cent of the private passenger cars operating in the United States.

**Winkel Retires From Shell Oil**

Frank J. Winkel, 2780 Colonial Way, Bloomfield Township, recently retired from Shell Oil Co. after more than 30 years of service.

He was the Detroit assistant plant superintendent.

Winkel began his career with Shell in June, 1930 as a tank truck salesman.

He received many promotions during his tenure with the company until reaching his final position before retiring.

WINKEL

HE AND HIS wife Helen plan a trip to Florida in the near future. Most of the retirement will be spent hunting, fishing and bowling according to Winkel.

The Winkels have three children, all married.

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