

House

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struction of the present Community House from my living room windows," recalls Roy J. Bronsing, store manager of Jacobson's Home Decorative Shop and resident of Birmingham for over 32 years.

"In 1929 when construction of the House began, my wife and I and our four children lived on the corner of Chester and Townsend.

"Through the years all members of my family have used the facilities of the House on many occasions. I strongly believe that everyone in the area should back the Community House 100 per cent."

AS MR. AND MRS. Karl Kocher, owners of the Karmelkorn Shop, 275 E. Maple for the past 31 years, put it: "We have watched Birmingham grow from a village to a large, thriving city and the Community House has kept pace with the population growth in its services and accommodations to all groups and individuals in the city.

"It needs and deserves the 100 per cent cooperation and support of everyone in the community."

PRESENT CITY commissioner and past mayor of Birmingham, Ralph A. Main is another witness to the actual building of the Community House.

"Since 1929 the Community House has been just what its name implies," states Mr. Main, "a place where people of all age groups living within the Birmingham-Bloomfield area may meet together to participate in their choice of a variety of interests, including social, recreational, civic and educational functions. It is truly a unique institution of which we can all be very proud."

MRS. NAN DEGEN, owner of Nan's Hat Shoppe, 145 N. Woodward, has enjoyed the convenience of the Community House as a center not only for attending meetings of the Birmingham Business Women's Club but also for such social functions as wedding receptions and recreational activities such as travel lectures.

"Through the years," says Mrs. Degen, who has operated her shop here for the past 19 years, "I have enjoyed and used the Community House and feel that it is really the headquarters for much of our residents' leisure time."

FREDERIC C. PEW, local realtor for the past 28 years and president of Max Brock, Inc., has lived in Birmingham for 33 years.

Says Mr. Pew: "As a private citizen and long-time Birmingham resident, I am fully aware of the extremely valuable contribution that the Community House makes to life in Birmingham."

"As a realtor I am even more aware of the benefits which accrue from its use as a central and really large meeting place for classes in the arts, senior citizens' activities and all the other community projects which are centered in the Community House. It means a great deal to newcomers to be informed that such a facility exists in Birmingham."



A basic dance step is demonstrated for couples during one of the lessons in ballroom dancing at the Community House auditorium. Foxtrot, Mambo, Cha Cha and the Waltz are among the steps taught.

Altrusa Club

The Altrusa Club is a service organization for executive and professional women. Dr. Ethel Calhoun, 707 Lakeview, is president of the Birmingham chapter which was established in 1952. Regular meetings of the chapter are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Community House. Altrusa clubs participate in an international program for improving relations with Latin America and the Orient.



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Wanted: Five Past Presidents

The Community House is trying to locate five of its past presidents, according to Ward Ouradnik, executive director.

The Community House has had 23 presidents in 39 years and tentative plans to hold a reunion have been held up until the whereabouts of the five have been determined.

Ouradnik urged anyone knowing where any of the following could be located to contact him:

Shelton Wright, president during 1947; C. G. Eden, Community House president during 1942 and 1943; Mrs. Clinton Sears, president during 1940 and 1941; Mrs. L. M. Baker, 1938 president; and, Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president from 1933-35.

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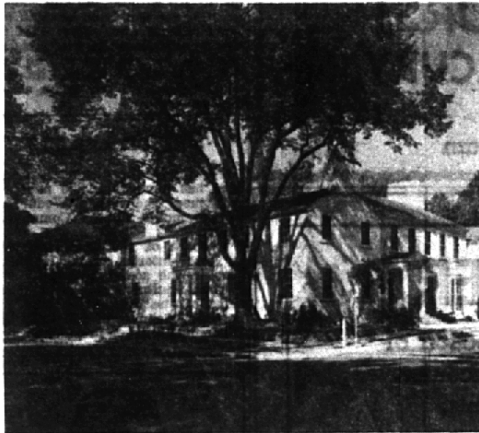
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