

## Charles Settlement House Aids Neighborhood Life

Among the contributions of a Settlement House is its attempt to direct many of its activities to community service and in turn to use the service of the community to assist the Settlement.

Through the years the Charles House at 445 Jay St. has succeeded in various ways in helping its members to broaden their experience by focusing their programs on service to others. The Girl Scouts of the Settlement fill goodie baskets and deliver them personally to sick and old folks in the neighborhood. They give service to the Tuberculosis and Health Association. Children of the dancing classes bring cheer to many an oldster at St. Ann's Home twice a year and very recently have entertained at the State Hospital, the County Home and various small organizations.

Through the medium of the Home Bureau, women from the Settlement serve as hostesses at city-wide demonstrations at Home Bureau headquarters. They go beyond the limits of the Settlement to take training in projects offered by Home Bureau in order to teach them to the ladies at the Settlement. Others go as representatives from Charles House committees to serve on city-wide committees. Women have been active in civil defense projects. A group has just completed a course in Home Nursing at the Settlement.

ment, learning, among other things, how to serve others in the case of an atomic attack. Several of the ladies have responded to an appeal through the Settlement for Air Raid Wardens.

The Community returns these services a hundred-fold by way of teachers, speakers, programs for the children, facilities for swimming, professional advice, volunteers.

The American Red Cross and the Board of Education provide teachers for Nutrition classes, Home Nursing courses, sewing, English to the foreign-born.

**Home Kitchen**  
The Catholic Family Center and the public agencies are always ready to give assistance when needed. The Home Bureau recently offered advice on how to rearrange our Charles House kitchen to serve large groups more conveniently. Benevolent groups give our youngsters opportunity to see a circus or a rodeo.

The Columbus Youth Association opens its facilities to boys and girls from the Settlement for swimming. Speakers are very generous of their time and talents in enriching the programs of various groups, including our Teen-Agers, Mothers Club, Girl Scouts, Home Bureau.

Last, but certainly not least, men and women of the community spend much of their time and energy in serving the Settlement, contributing immeasurably towards an enriched and expanded program.

The Charles House is grateful to the Community for the major part it plays in helping the Settlement in its function to serve the neighborhood.



Photo by Loren Morgan and Donald Morris, RIT.

**WHEAT'S COOKING?** — Josephine Inalaco (center) receives instruction on how to grease a skillet from Mrs. O'Connor, cooking class instructor at the Charles Settlement House, while Betty Ferrari, left, and Marietta Faloni watch.

## 'Day Camp Fisher' Listed At Genesee

Day Camp Fisher conducted by the Columbus Youth Association and the Genesee Settlement House will open this year on June 27 at nine a.m. The usual program of hiking, fishing, crafts, cook-outs, films, trips will prevail. Children are divided into small groups for "family living." With each group of the 6 to 9 year olds there will be a Junior and a Senior Counselor.

The younger children will have their usual stay-at-home days when they will have the use of the neighborhood playground wading pool, sand-box play and stories read to them. The 4 to 6's will have one leader to each five children. The 9 to 12's will be looking forward to the week when they pack their gear and get underway for the overnight camping trip.

In the 9 to 12 boys group, students of St. Bernard and St. Andrew's Seminaries act as Senior Counselors. In the 9 to 12 girls groups we have two very capable Junior Counselors, both seniors at Nazareth Academy—there will also be two Senior Counselors with this group of forty girls.

Parents are an important part of the 'Day Camp' program. Mothers volunteer their services for office duty and for the sewing of the duffle bags the youngsters use to carry lunch and bathing suits to Day Camp. Dads help with transportation.

Registration opened April 23. Children aged 4 to 12 are accepted for a six week period. Fees are \$10 for the first child in a family, \$9 for the second child in a family and \$8 for the third and all others.

## Pioneer Club Opens At Genesee Center

The Pioneers Club of Genesee Settlement, 10 Duke St., is an outing club open to both sexes between the ages 12 and 16 with a program geared to learning camping and woodcraft skills. At the moment, however, the group consists of all boys between the ages of twelve and fourteen.

The club, in existence since February of this year, has held six instruction meetings and members have practiced their acquired knowledge on two all-day hikes. In order to hold his or her rating in the club, each member must pass a certain stated number of graduated skills during each three month period. Each of these groups of skills is under specific classifications or ratings such as "Camping," "Frontiersman," "Pioneer," etc.

**Camp Trips**  
Also, in order to maintain memberships, he or she must attend at least ninety per cent of the scheduled meetings and outings. To date, this has proved the simplest qualification to live up to, and, now that the warmer weather approaches, members are eagerly anticipating weekend camping trips and a chance to do a little fishing.

The distinction of being a "Pioneer" can be acquired only after a full year of training and a good deal of extra-curricular activity on the part of the individual interested in attaining this rating. A partial list of the required Pioneer skills will go to prove that this is no small accomplishment:

1. Red Cross swimmers certificate.
  2. Minor First Aid skills.
  3. Cooking a whole dinner over a campfire without assistance.
  4. Knowing the "Conservation Pledge" and proving that he or she adheres to it at all times.
- Map Routes**
5. Laying out and following a two mile cross country route with a map and compass.
  6. Proving skill and discretion in the use and care of camp tools.
  7. Knowing the right materials to use and being able to light and keep a fire burning in wet weather.

**HE Laid Down His Life**  
In this we have known the charity of God, because he hath laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 J. 3, 16.)

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**'Red Feather'**  
The Red Feather symbolizes giving to Catholic and other agencies participating in the Community Chest. Since its adoption as the Chest symbol in 1943, the red feather has become nationally known.  
Selection of the symbol was something of an accident, Chest officials said. When in 1928 some of the Chests found it too expensive to give a celluloid button to a donor as an evidence of his donation, an alternative was sought.  
After careful consideration, the light but attractive red feather was hit upon. The Rochester Community Chest adopted the symbol 17 years later and have used it since.

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