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FRESH AIR HOME COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
RECREATION LEAGUE

LOUISVILLE, KY. June 21, 1911.

Miss Eliza Bennett Young,  
City.

My dear Miss Young:-

On behalf of the Fresh Air Home Committee of the Recreation League, I want to thank you and your little friends for the contribution just received, amounting to \$17.50. No contribution has given us more pleasure than this one and you can feel that the interest which you have shown in this way in the Fresh Air Home is much appreciated by all of us. The Committee hopes that your example in giving a party in the interest of the work will be followed by other children in this city.

I wish you could visit the Home at "Forest", near Anchorage, and see just how much joy your money gives to the children there, many of whom have never been to the country before in all of their lives. One little girl last year broke down and wept for pure joy. After the noise and dust and heat of the city streets, the green fields and trees and cool breezes of "Forest" seemed like Heaven to her. The trees themselves are a source of wonder and delight to all of the children. They call the pines "Christmas trees" and marvel to see them in the summertime.

I hope that you will tell others about the work and try to interest them also in the Fresh Air Home as we can put to a good use all of the money we can possibly raise.

Thanking you again for your contribution, I am,

Sincerely,

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June 27, 1912.

Miss Eleanor Carpenter,  
City.

My dear Miss Carpenter:

The Fresh Air Home Committee has received a check for \$37.75, the proceeds of the party given by the "Willing Hands" on last Friday. The Committee wishes to express to you and to each member of this little circle its appreciation and its thanks for this generous contribution towards the success of the Home. We are delighted to hear also that you have even larger plans for next year.

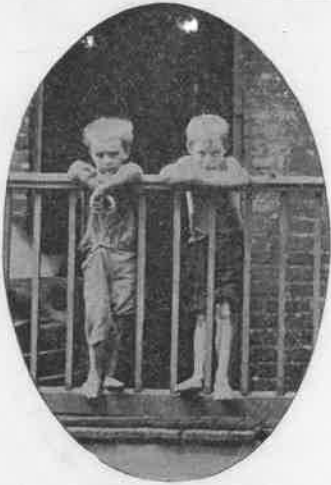
You will always be a welcome visitor at Forest if you should care at any time to go out and see just how much pleasure your gift is bringing to the poor children of the city to whom an outing in the country is the greatest possible joy that can come to them.

We opened the Home on Wednesday, and are hoping for a successful year, thanks to the interest and help of friends like the Willing Hands.

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely,

Treasurer



"PRISONERS OF HOPE"

**FRESH AIR HOME COMMITTEE**  
OF THE  
**RECREATION LEAGUE**  
LOUISVILLE, KY. 6-30-13

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MRS. HERMAN STRAUS  
MRS. IKE TROST  
MISS ADELINE ZACHERT

My dear Miss .....

I have been instructed by the Fresh Air Home Committee to express to each member of the Willing Hands Club, sincere thanks and appreciation for the check just received from the Club for \$30.00. We have come to count on the Willing Hands for a generous donation every year to the work of the Home.

Your contribution means the joy of a week's outing at "Forest" for nearly a dozen little children who would otherwise never be able to get a breath of country air during these hot summer days.

The Home opened on the 25th inst., and we have there this week about seventy five, the utmost capacity of the building. About this number we will have at the Home every week, if the money holds out.

Thanking you again for your help and interest, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Stuart Chevalier*

8-1-13

Mr. T. J. Minary, President,  
Louisville Street Railway Company, City.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our recent conversation with reference to the annual contribution of \$125.00 which your Company has been kind enough to give to the work of the Fresh Air Home, I am writing to request, on behalf of the Committee, that the Company renew its subscription. We are at present much in need of additional funds and your contribution will be most acceptable at this time.

We have endeavored to enlarge the work of the Home this year and have attempted to accommodate a great many more than last summer on account of the extreme hot weather which has meant much suffering to the class of people, mothers and children, whom we try to help.

Thanking you for your interest and support of this work, I am,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

April 21, 1914.

Mr. John J. Barret,

4th and Main Streets, City.

Dear Mr. Barret:

I have just received the poster indicating the work you are going to do for the Fresh Air Home Committee. I appreciate very much your interest and think this kind of advertising ought to get the desired result. It is certainly a very attractive circular. Please send me a bill for this printing and I will be very glad to send a check therefor.

Thanking you and the Sunday School for your interest, I am,

Yours very truly,

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REPRESENTATIVES  
BOARD OF TRADE

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# Charities Endorsement Committee

REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMERCIAL CLUB

BERNARD SELLIGMAN  
A. A. BIGELOW  
FRED J. DREXLER

LOUISVILLE, KY.

4/27/14

PURPOSES OF THE  
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Through its investigations to obtain a knowledge of the needs of the city that will enable it to guide the contributing public, and to systematize the support of the various organizations.

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FOURTH

To prevent a waste of the individual business man's time, and to direct his contributions to worthy causes.

Fresh Air Home Committee,  
511 Louisville Trust Building,  
City.

We would suggest in getting out new stationery that you print in a conspicuous place on the letter head "Endorsed by the Charities Endorsement Committee".

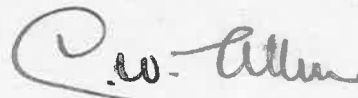
It is not only a good ad for the Institution and would help whenever you have occasion to call on the public for contributions, but also it helps strengthen the position of the Charities Endorsement Committee in the community. As you know, one of the purposes of our committee is to eliminate fraudulent and inefficient organizations by making their financial support impossible, and to strengthen all causes worthy of support. Therefore, every Endorsed Charity is interested in having the influence of the Endorsement Committee felt as strongly and widely as possible, as it makes the support of such Institutions surer.

The Babies' Milk Fund Association, we note has already adopted the plan of putting this information on their letter head and they say they are sure that it has helped them very much in getting contributions.

Yours truly,

CHARITIES ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE

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6-16-14

Mr. J. H. Rudy,

St. Matthews Ice & Cold Storage Company,  
St. Matthews, Kentucky.

My dear Mr. Rudy:-

Your Company has been kind enough to donate to the Fresh Air Home several blocks of ice a week for its use and I am writing on behalf of the Committee to ask if you will be kind enough to renew your contribution this summer. We of course to pay the freight.

Last summer you delivered a three hundred pound block on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week, making nine hundred pounds a week. We use about twelve hundred pounds a week and would like very much to get also an additional block of three hundred pounds on Monday of each week. If you feel that you can give us this additional block we would appreciate it very much, otherwise, we would be very glad to pay you therefor.

The Home opens on Wednesday, June 24th, and we would like very much, therefore, to get the first block on the 23rd.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Treasure

6-16-14

Mr. S. W. Coons, Special Agent,  
Standard Oil company, City.

~~Dear Sir~~. Coons:-

You have been kind enough from year to year to donate to the Fresh Air Home thirty gallons of oil in ten gallon lots delivered at 215 East Walnut Street, as we needed it. The Home will be opened as usual this summer, and conducted at Forest, for the purpose of giving outings to the poor of the city, and the Committee will appreciate it very much if you will renew your very generous contribution. If so, we will let you know by telephone when we are ready for the deliveries from time to time. We leave the can at the above number and your wagon stops there and fills it for us.

Thanking you for any help you may give us, I am,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.



June 8th, 1914.

Mrs. B. M. Starks,  
1219 S. First Street,  
City.

My dear Mrs. Starks:

In response to your request for information as to <sup>the</sup> character of work done by the Fresh Air Home Committee, the following statement may be of interest:

The present Committee has been conducting the home at Forest, near Anchorage, several years. The work has been constantly growing each summer. We have been compelled every year, however, to turn away a large number of applicants because of the lack of funds to meet the increased need. For instance, last year more than 150 mothers and children had to be turned away, many of them having looked forward for months to the prospect of a summer outing in the country.

The applicants are taken in the order in which they come in, and usually we have hundreds of cards made out long before the home opens the latter part of June. The Associated Charities, the Babies Milk Fund Association, the Wesley House, and many other organizations in the City co-operate with us in our efforts to make sure that those who are accepted deserve and need the recreation thus furnished. None are allowed to go out with<sup>a</sup> medical examination also.

It is our hope this year to be able to accommodate a larger number than last summer, and we are making every effort to raise additional funds for this purpose. We are satisfied that during the oppressively hot weather last summer the home was instrumental in actually saving the lives of not a few babies and children who were taken out to Forest for a two weeks' vacation, and it is always a grievous disappointment to the Committee when it is necessary to have to refuse any of those who apply. Some of the cases are very pitiful.

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The number of persons cared for last year <sup>was</sup> 665, who were given from one to two weeks each at the home. We pay all of the cost of the stay, including car-fare each way, and in many instances we have to furnish clothes also for the poorer children.

The cost, including every expense, averages about \$3.50 a week for each person, so that the two weeks' outing actually costs about \$7.00. This cost, however, is somewhat reduced when the crops are good on account of rain, etc. for the people in the neighborhood of Forest give very largely in the form of vegetables for the table, thus reducing the expense considerably.

We are in hopes that we will be able to interest a larger number of clubs and other organizations to contribute to the work of the home, as it is certainly worthy of their support. We already have quite a number on our subscription list however, and we are anxious to increase the list. For instance, the Highland Mother's Club, the Evening Club, the Friday Afternoon Club, a number of Sunday Schools and several Labor Unions, etc. have contributed in the past.

We will appreciate it very much if you can help us in increasing the interest among other organizations in this work, as we need every cent that we can raise in order that the work may meet the great need.

Yours very truly,

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Treasurer.

# St Matthews Ice and Cold Storage Co.

INCORPORATED

COLD STORAGE  
80,000 CUBIC FEET.

ICE CAPACITY  
65 TONS.



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SEC. & TREAS.  
N. A. HARDIN,  
MANAGER.

BOTH PHONES:  
CUMB. ST. MATTHEWS 26-2  
HOME, CRESCENT 129-J

St Matthews, Ky.

June 17th, 1914.

Mr. Stuart Chevalier,  
#511 Louisville Trust Bldg.,  
Louisville, Ky.

My Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th regarding the Ice for the Fresh Air Home we beg to state that we have entered your order for a block of Ice to be shipped Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, beginning June 23d.

There will be no charges for this Ice, and whenever it suits you, you can send us a check covering freight.

Yours very truly,

St. Matthews Ice & Cold Storage Co.,

Per

*James H. Rudy*  
Mgr.

June 20, 1914.

Mr. Jas. H. Rudy,  
St. Matthews Ice & Cold Storage Co.,  
St. Matthews, Ky.

My dear Mr. Rudy:

Your letter of the 17th inst. is received, and on behalf of the Fresh Air Home Committee, I want to thank you for your generous offer to furnish the Home with ice this summer as indicated in your letter. I assure you we deeply appreciate this contribution towards the success of the work.

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$10.00, to be applied in payment of the freight on the ice from St. Matthews to Forest. If the freight should exceed this amount, please let me know and I will send you a check for the additional amount.

Thanking you again, I am,

Yours very truly,

June 22, 1914.

Miss Eliza Bennett Young,

City.

My Dear Eliza Bennett:

I am writing just a line to thank you and each member of the Willing Hands Club for the very generous donation just received of \$45.00, representing the proceeds of the bazaar given last Saturday for the benefit of the Fresh Air Home. The Committee certainly appreciates the contribution which your club makes from year to year towards the success of the work at "Forest"; and if you could see the pleasure which these summer outings give to the poorer children of the city and to the tired mothers, I am sure you would feel more than repaid.

The Home opens on the 24th of this month, and if at any time during the summer you care to visit "Forest", you will be most welcome. It is your work.

Thanking you again, I am,

Sincerely,

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Treasurer.

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S. W. Cor. 14th & Grayson. Both Phones 489  
No Claims Allowed Unless Goods are Returned.

Vinegar, Cider, Catsup, Mustard,  
Sauces and Pickles.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

**Hirsch Bros. & Co.** Incorporated

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No. 39059 Salesman BH

M. Louisville, Ky. 6/13 1914

fresh air Homeopathic

1 gal Stone for Sweet Apple	.80
1 gal Stone for Sour Apples	.40
1 Doz #8 Best Must.	.20
Send before 10:00 A.M. <u>Wednesday</u>	2.35

Mr Stewart Chevalier  
Treas. Fresh Air Home  
Please see attached  
receipt from W. O. Macdoug  
His work seems to have been  
well done. Paid him Sat 6/11/14  
Yours truly  
Walter Bellhop

6/13/14

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 MRS. ISAAC TROST  
 MRS. CARRIE WALLER

July 1, 1914.

FOR SUCH AS THESE

Dear Mr. Chevalier:

I am enclosing the following bills. The first two are duplicates of those I sent you before.

Louisville Meat Market -	\$ 4.37
A. Engelhard & Sons Co -	8.25
Belknap Hardware & Mfg Co -	35.25
Peaslee - Gaullbert Co	5.00
Kaufman - Straus Co	100.74
Neighborhood House	11.70
Frances Ingram (for car fare)	.65

Sincerely,

Frances Ingram

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7-10-14

To Misses  
Louise Fihe,  
Evelyn Johnson,  
Caroline Appleton,  
Marian Poutch,  
Mary Lee Pfeiffer,

The Waller Doll Club Fairies:

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Fresh Air Home Committee I want to thank youh one of the Waller Doll Club Fairies for the very generous donation just received of \$20.00 representing the proceeds of the social given on Mr. Lum Simon's lawn.

The Committee certainly appreciates this contribution and your work in giving such a successful party and if you could see the pleasure which will be given by this money to the poor children and to the tired mothers of this city I am sure you would feel more than repaid.

The Home will be kept open if the money permits during the sweltering weather of July and August and if at any time you care to visit Forest you will be most welcome and we hope you will considerit your work.

Please extend to Mr. Simons also the thanks of the Committee for the use of his lawn.

Thanking you again, I am,

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.



July 15, 1914.

Mrs. B. M. Starks,  
Treasurer, Sorosis Club,  
City.

My dear Mrs. Starks:

On behalf of the Fresh Air Home Committee, I want to thank you and the Sorosis Club for the very generous contribution of \$21.00 towards the work of the Committee. This sum means an outing for about seven children on the basis of the present cost of running the Home. The fearfully dry summer has been quite a handicap to us this year, but at the same time the oppressively hot weather has made all the greater the need for such a refuge for the poorer mothers and children of the city. During the past few weeks we have been keeping the Home full to its utmost capacity which is about one hundred persons.

We hope the members of the Club will be able to visit the Home, as in this way they can best understand the immense amount of pleasure afforded by these country outings to the poor of the city. They will always be welcome.

Thanking you again, I am,

Sincerely,

July 15, 1914.

Mr. C. B. Compton,  
General Traffic Manager, L. & N. R. Co.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Your department was kind enough, through Mr. Milton Smith, to give our Committee a special rate on a load of sand from Louisville to Anchorage two summers ago. This year we find that on account of the prolonged drouth, we will have to get a load of tan bark to spread over the grounds immediately around the building where the children play, as the dust is several inches thick in places and the grass is almost entirely gone. The Wedekind Hallenberg Tanning Co. at 18th and Lexington, will give us a load of tan bark at a very small cost, if we can arrange about the hauling to Anchorage. I am writing to ask if you can again give us a nominal rate to Anchorage on the car. Any concession you can make will be much appreciated by the Committee.

We would like to get the car on either Friday or Tuesday as those are the days when it seems the bark is available.

Thanking you for anything you can do for us, I am,  
Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

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September 14, 1914.

FOR SUCH AS THESE

Mr. Stuart Chevalier,  
Louisville Trust Building,  
City.

My dear Mr. Chevalier:

I am enclosing a number of receipts and also  
the following bills:

Morris & Son.....	\$1.25
(Will you please see if you have paid this bill. Miss Hanlon says that during the summer she only made a bill of \$1.25 at Morris & Son's, so if you sent them a check, destroy this bill.)	
Klein & Son.....	2.55
Jennie C. Benedict & Co.....	24.65
Whiteside Bakery Co.....	76.00
Neighborhood House.....	1.35

Please reimburse me \$1.70,- \$.20 for carfare  
and \$1.50 for stamps.

The Cumberland Telephone bill you will probably  
understand, I do not.

Sincerely

*Frances Ingram*

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MRS. CARRIE WALLER

Sept. 15, 1914.

Mr. Stuart Chevalier,  
Louisville Trust Building,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Chevalier:

You will please find enclosed a check from  
Mrs. Lee Bernheim for \$2.00. Will you please reimburse  
me \$1.25 for the enclosed receipt to the Louisville & Inter-  
urban Railroad.

Very truly yours,

*Frances Ingram*

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# THE LOUISVILLE HERALD

EDITORIAL  
DEPARTMENT

222-224 West Walnut Street

Average Net Circulation  
Per Day Last Month

LOUISVILLE, KY., Jan. 18, 1915.

Dear Mr. Chevalier:

Herewith I am returning report on Fresh Air home work prepared by Miss Anna B. Hanlon and which you have requested. I am very much obliged to you for the assistance given in our campaign. If I can serve you some time let me know.

*Roll W. Montgomery*  
--- News Editor. ---

The Filson Historical Society

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# Charities Endorsement Committee

LOUISVILLE, KY. Feb. 20, 1915

## PURPOSES OF THE COMMITTEE

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Fresh Air Home Committee,  
% Mr. Stuart Chevalier,  
511 Lou. Trust Bldg., City.

Gentlemen:-

After considering your application for endorsement, the Charities Endorsement Committee has favorably considered your application and hereby grants its endorsement for the year 1915.

We are now preparing Solicitors' cards which we will be very glad to present to you if you will apply to our Secretary at his office in the Kenyon Building. These cards will be ready within the next few weeks.

Yours very truly,

Charities Endorsement Committee

By J. Jones Secretary.

May 8, 1915.

To the Members of the Presbyterian Sunday School,  
Anchorage, Ky.

The Fresh Air Home Committee is planning to conduct the home as usual at Forest during the coming Summer. We have greatly appreciated the generous co-operation which we have received from the Anchorage people in the past and especially from the members of the Presbyterian Sunday School. Their help has greatly contributed to our success. The Committee is hoping that this Summer the school will again help us in the matter of supplying the Home with vegetables, which will greatly reduce the cost of conducting the Home and thereby make it possible for us to give outings to a much larger number of mothers and children whom we would otherwise have to refuse

Last Summer we cared for 732 individuals out of a total number of applications of 1228, so it will be seen that several hundred had to be turned down. The drought of last Summer, which greatly increased the cost of food and also made it impossible for the people of Anchorage to help us in the usual way, compelled us to curtail the work although we cared for a much larger number than the previous Summer. We hope this year to be able to give outings to at least 1000.

July 30, 1915.

Miss Catherine McDermott,

430 W. Ormsby Ave.,

City.

My dear Miss McDermott:

On behalf of the Fresh Air Home Committee I want to thank you as one of the club which gave the Bazaar for the benefit of the work at Forest, raising thereby the sum of \$43.00

The Committee most heartily appreciate this contribution, and your work in helping to make the Bazaar a success. We know that you would feel more than rewarded if you could realize how much pleasure this money will bring to the poor mothers and children who will thus be enabled to get a vacation at Forest.

The home will be kept open, if the money holds out, until the end of August, and we hope that you will have an opportunity to visit Forest before the closing.

Thanking you again, I am,

Yours very truly,

~~Chairman.~~

*Treasurer.*



June 22, 1915.

Miss Lilla M. Breed,

City.

My dear Miss Breed:

Your check for \$30.00 was received this morning, and through you I want to thank the members of your Sunday School for this very generous donation. It will be a very great help to us, especially this year when we are likely to have considerable difficulty in carrying the home through. It will be amply sufficient at least to care for ten mothers and children, and on behalf of the Fresh Air Home Committee I want to assure you of our very great appreciation of this timely assistance.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

July 10, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Schnadig,  
Box 13, R.F.D. No. 1,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir and Madam:

Your letter enclosing check for \$10.00 in the name of your son, Robert Schnadig, has been received and on behalf of the Fresh Air Home Committee I want to thank you for this very generous and very beautiful offering. I shall observe your wishes with respect to publishing this subscription only as given in memory of Robert Schaadig.

Thanking you again for your contribution, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Treasurer.

## PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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July 15, 1915

Dear Mr. Chevalier:

I heard Miss Ingram remark that funds for Fresh Air Home were coming a little slowly so I want to send you as Treasurer my little contribution. It is not you and me who should be bothered by hot weather, we who have electric fans and quiet nights and clean simple hot weather food, but the people of the hot tenements where few but smelly breezes blow - (This last borders on the poetic)

With kind wishes,

Sincerely,

Rowland Haynes

July 16, 1915.

Mrs. B. M. Starks, Chairman Fresh Air Fund Sclerosis Club,  
1219 First Street, City.

My dear Mrs. Starks:

In behalf of the Fresh Air Home Committee I want to thank you for the generous contribution of the Sclerosis Club amounting to \$30.26.

We are greatly in need of money at the present time and this gift is, therefore, most acceptable. The scarcity of money has made it very difficult for us to raise the usual amount to keep the home open through the Summer, but we are hoping that this warm weather will impress upon the public the great need of this work and that we will be able to raise enough to meet the expenses of the year.

Thanking you again, I am,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer,

Mr Stuart Chevalier  
Dear Sir:-

I understood  
that you are the Treasurer  
for the Fresh Air Home  
at Forrest and am  
sending you a check for  
\$10.00 in memory of our  
dear boy, Robert Schnadig,  
whom we lost just three

months ago. He was so  
very fond of the country  
and so anxious to get  
there each year that we are  
sure this amount given  
in his memory will help  
to bring joy and sunshine to  
a few other little fellows who  
love it as much as he did.

Please do not mention our  
names in the list given in  
the Herald - simply say -  
In memory of Robert Schnadig.

With many thanks to you  
for kindness in attending to  
this matter for us. We are

Most Sincerely

Her and Mrs Jos B. Schnadig

Box 13 -

P. F. D. No 1

Louisville Ky -

We are writing this letter to make the suggestion that you might find it wise thus early in planting your gardens to take into consideration a future contribution to the Fresh Air Home. A very little more work at this time on your part will mean a great deal to the poor mothers and children of the city to whom these Summer outings have become a real necessity as well as a great pleasure.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation of your assistance in the past and hopes that you will help us again this Summer.

Yours very truly,

FRESH AIR HOME COMMITTEE

By \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer.

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OFFICE OF  
WHALLEN BROS.

209 WEST JEFFERSON

LOUISVILLE, KY. August 3rd, 1915.

Mr. Stuart Chevalier,  
Louisville Trust Building, Ky.,  
Dear Sir-,

We take pleasure in herewith enclosing five dollars contribution towards your Fresh Air Fund and sincerely hope that you will, eventually secure at least the \$3000.00 which amount you say will be required to maintain the Fresh Air Home, a worthy institution which no doubt has proved the salvation of many little children.

Yours very truly,

Whallen Bros.  
J. B. W.

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December 8, 1915.

Mr. T. J. Minery, President,  
Louisville Railway Company,  
City.

My dear Mr. Minery:

Referring to my letter August 4, 1915, and to our conversations concerning the contribution of the Railway Company to the Fresh Air Home, I have finally gone over the books of the Committee, in order to determine just how much has been spent on care-fare and freight for the purpose of the home.

I find that the books show that the Committee has paid to the Railway Company a total sum of \$254.32 for ticket books, prepay tags, single fares and freight bills; of this amount \$251.00 was spent for ticket books and prepay tags, and \$3.32 for the other mentioned above.

This, of course, does not include the fares which were paid by the individuals themselves in going to and from the Home, and which would also make a very considerable item, as ~~xxx~~ on Sundays, especially, there ~~were~~ usually crowds of visitors who ~~went~~ to Forest to spend the day.

It may be of interest to you to add also that our receipts for the year total \$2737.93 and our disbursements \$2808.52, being an excess over our receipts, but as we had a small balance at the beginning of the year of \$104.41 this has left us with a small amount still in bank. It is clear, therefore, that we need all the money we can possibly raise, and we hope, in view of the foregoing statement, you will be able to contribute the remaining \$50.00 as in former years.

You may recall that in our conference some years ago, with Judge Humpfrey, it was suggested that the company give, at the end of each year, in the way of contribution, a sum equal to one-half of that spent in freight and care fare during the season.

Thanking you for any assistance you can render us, I am

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

Anchorage, Ky.

May eleventh,  
Nineteen sixteen.

Miss Frances Ingram,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Miss Ingram:-

Your letter was received several days ago.

Yes, you can leave the Fresh Air furniture at Forest for a moderate length of time, but you must include the last six weeks as part of that time, ~~as~~ I am very anxious to get Forest back in its former shape as I told you.

I had hoped that you would have given me your decision sooner.

I have not in former years charged you storage, you have practically had possession of Forest for <sup>the</sup> a whole year, several times I have had an opportunity to rent it for a few months but was unable to do so as the best part of the house was packed with your belongings.

For the past year, I will have to charge you storage as there will be much cleaning to do after you leave.

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This furniture now occupies three large rooms and the Carriage House, I have thought that \$50.00 would be a very moderate charge to make.

The broken window glass will have to be replaced, also lost keys.

Very Respectfully,

Sally Warful Way

The Filson Historical Society

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May 22, 1916.

Miss Frances Ingram,  
137 Cathedral Parkway,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Ingram:

Your note of the 19th inst. received and I enclose herewith check for \$5.00 to cover the hire of the automobile used in the search for a house. I don't recall the amount paid and no doubt your memory is correct.

I made two trips to Forest to see Mrs. Way in order to persuade her to let us have the home. On the first visit, after some argument, she finally agreed to let us have it for \$350.00, but I left her under the impression that we considered that too much <sup>but that</sup> and we would ~~not~~ pay ~~more~~ \$300.00. After several days she called me up and asked me to come out again to talk the matter over and then agreed to let us have it on the old terms, \$300.00. She took me over the place showing the vast amount of damage that had been done to the house and furniture by our tenants and explained how much cleaning up of the yard she had to do after they left. I told her I could not express an opinion on this matter as I was not familiar with the condition before we took it. I suppose she did not get much comfort from anything I told her.

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As a matter of fact, I felt that, considering the length of time we had the place, it seemed to me to be in very good condition as far as wear and tear is concerned. She complained very much about the amount of rubbish that had been scattered over the back yard and which she has since had cleaned up, and she hoped Miss Hanlon can prevent this happening again.

I think it is quite evident that she is anxious to sell the place to us. She saw that if she did not rent it again she might lose her chance of ultimately selling the place to us.

I will send out the notices this week if the weather is warm enough and hope that we will get in more money than last year as times are so much better.

Hoping you are enjoying your trip and with kindest regards,

I am

Yours very sincerely,

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May 22, 1916.

Mrs. S. W. Way,

Anchorage, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Way:

I am dropping this note simply to confirm our conversation of a few days ago and to formally accept your offer to rent us Forest for the use of the Fresh Air Home on the same terms as last year.

I enjoyed my visit to Forest very much. With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Stuart Chevalier

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November 1, 1916.

Mr. Alex G. Barret,  
Lincoln Bank Bldg.,  
City.

My dear Mr. Barret:

In going through an old file I ran across the enclosed epistolary effort. I think it is worthy of being returned to the author for permanent preservation.

I have no doubt a comparison with more recent efforts of the same character would show a marked improvement, and would furnish a striking illustration of the excellence of the work done by our common schools under their present very efficient management.

With the earnest hope that you will be re-elected, I am

Yours sincerely,

1933

# Louisville Fresh Air Home

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LOUISVILLE, KY. September 30, 1933

Dear Friend:

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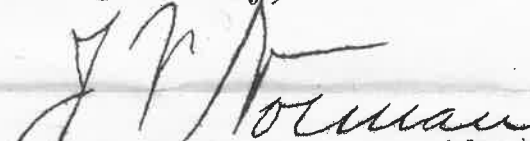
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LOUISVILLE, KY.

September 17, 1934.

Dear Friends of the Louisville Fresh Air Home:

The Louisville Fresh Air Home has just closed the summer season of 1934. It opened June 28 and closed August 31.

You will be glad to know that this Community Chest Organization gave outings to 1088 individuals, averaging a week each. 1683 applied for this privilege, but we were able to take care of only the number mentioned.

Several of the mothers reported that they had been having only one meal a day. Fathers reported \$4.80 a week for the support of a family of five. The Louisville Fresh Air Home, for such as these, furnished wholesome food, plenty of milk, fresh air, green fields, relaxation, fun - in fact, a joyous vacation.

An outing of this type will enable those coming from poverty ridden homes "to carry on" during the coming winter. We believe our Home accomplished more in supplying such staying power than ever before. It is a veritable oasis in this dreary desert of depression.

In addition to our regular guests, there were 1280 picnickers who visited them. These friends walked, hitch-hiked, came on bicycles, in ramshackle cars, and occasionally in the more ambitious cars of their employers. The season was very gay.

Our friends were most generous this past summer. They made it possible to stretch our funds to the 'nth' degree by furnishing medical examinations of our guests, transportation of our guests to and from the Home, swimming privileges at Lake Louisville, books from the Louisville Free Public Library, ponies for the pleasure of the children by a kindly neighbor, and gifts in kind of every description. We wish to acknowledge and to express our appreciation of the support of these friends.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. V. Norman, President

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cc: Miss Ingram

March 9th, 1938

Mr. Percy N. Booth  
Washington Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Booth:

Confirming our conversation on February 24th, I am writing my comments on the Louisville Fresh Air Home in its relation to Neighborhood House. Last winter when Miss Ingram was in New York, she told me the history and background of the relationship. It seemed then that the questions involved were:

1. Usefulness of the Fresh Air Home in itself,
2. Its relation to Neighborhood House,
3. The situation in relation to Miss Ingram's health.

In regard to the first: The Louisville Fresh Air Home seems to me to be in a strategic position because of its nearness to Louisville, ease of access, and its availability. It affords a safe and pleasant place for mothers and babies and its equipment has been keyed to that use. It evidently meets a need of a comparatively small group of the people of Louisville who need this service. The same is true of its service to boys. Inasmuch as the entire need cannot be met, a policy should be worked out as to selection of those to be taken and the length of stay.

It obviously cannot serve those who are ill, though it may make an easier and a better return to the burden of family care after convalescence for a mother who has been ill. Therefore, the first requirement should be:

a. Well mothers and babies who have had the required preliminary health examination. A final inspection of heads, skin and throats should be made immediately before leaving to make sure that no infectious condition has set in.

b. Those for whom this service cannot be provided either through their own efforts or those of other agencies.

c. Every mother should be accepted only after suitable investigation, including clearance through con-

fidential exchange or on recommendation of an agency, giving assurance of (a) and (b).

d. Same requirements should be made for boys as to health and economic need and investigation, but an additional requirement of cooperation in either Neighborhood House or some other agency program during the previous season should be made.

Second. The usefulness to the program of Neighborhood House depends on:

a. The possibility of working out a constructive plan for selection of a considerable group from the Neighborhood House area and the possibility of getting a continuity of plan between the winter and summer program.

b. More important to the constructive aspects of the program is the necessity as well as the advisability of at least a two weeks period for each mother. While this would reduce the number of applicants received, it would ensure a better return for the money expended. To offset this, the period of time during which the Home was opened could be lengthened.

c. Continuity of personnel.

d. Planning of program so as to carry over the values from one season to another and preparation for the summer experience through the winter program. The mothers can be helped to save and to plan to be ready. Some groups may be able to go together and make this their club outing. Parent teaching started at the Home should be continued.

e. For the best usefulness to the Neighborhood House group, the possibilities of a unit for girls similar to the one now available for boys should be considered. The two units should be separate but have the possibility of joint activities.

f. The Fresh Air Home should be made available for over-night hikes and winter camping for the Neighborhood House groups under competent leadership as a means of enriching the program for the young people at Neighborhood House.

I suggest that eventually each person or group for whom vacation is provided should pay something toward the expense. This may not be possible now on the present low level of earnings and relief, and scholarships would probably have to be provided for exceptional cases. A registration fee (usually \$1.00), not returnable if the person does not go, except when person is excluded after the health examination, helps in fixing responsibility for keeping the appointment.

The present practice of Neighborhood House in carrying workers for an eight or nine month period during the winter is not satisfactory either for the work or for the workers. I suggest that whenever possible the staff of Neighborhood House be used in the summer plan, either at Fresh Air Home or playground, due care being taken to see that each worker gets the usual month's vacation. Ad-

ditional workers might have to be brought in to supplement the staff. This will provide continuity of plan and contact. This presupposes that the staff of Neighborhood House has been brought to a satisfactory level of personnel.

With a competent staff, Miss Ingram should not have to go to the Fresh Air Home. She should be consulted as to policy, but the Director should be responsible for personnel and program, subject to approval only by Miss Ingram. The staff should be responsible to the Director and not go to Miss Ingram on details or on a question of authority. Miss Ingram should appoint the Director with approval of the Board.

Unless the Fresh Air Home bears some such relationship to the work of Neighborhood House, it would not seem worth while for the House to put so much time and effort into the work. Without this it would be logical for the Fresh Air Home to be considered as any other experiment started by a settlement: when it is past the experimental stage it should be organized under a separate Board and be expected to stand on its own feet. Under such a set-up, the staff would be responsible to the Fresh Air Board, and Neighborhood House would have the same relationship to it as have other agencies (no 50% preference as at present).

I can well believe that if the Fresh Air Home were to be made independent, or if the arrangement with Fresh Air Home did not meet the needs of the Neighborhood House group, new summer facilities would have to be sought for Neighborhood House.

Third. Whether Miss Ingram would be able to function in the plan outlined would depend largely on her own health and nature. It is difficult for anyone who has been used to carry through as well as to plan, to delegate authority and to release responsibility. The policy should be decided on the inherent values in the situation. In any case, the Director and the Registrar should be appointed well in advance of the season so as to plan adequately, organize the staff, and begin the work of registration and investigation sufficiently early;

I have suggested Miss Esther Todd as a candidate for assistant to Miss Ingram. She is competent and mature, and has carried on the Echo Hill Farm for Henry Street Settlement successfully, and if given freedom and a possible budget, is competent to carry on the responsibilities of the Fresh Air Home.

Adequacy of staff is one of the first requirements and I am adding some suggestions in this regard. The Cleveland Camp Council has decided that a standard of one leader to each five campers is a minimum standard. This seems to me rather a high minimum.

I enjoyed seeing you and hope you will visit University Settlement and Henry Street Settlement with me when you are next in New York. If there is any way that I can be of help to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

With cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Lillie M. Peck

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The Filson Historical Society



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National Federation of Settlements, Inc.

Cleveland Standard as operated at Goodrich Social Settlement

For 60 boys and girls (Total average during  
4 mothers and babies year: 70 people

Director (from House Staff). Responsible for supervision of workers, planning of meals and purchasing. Salary, \$300.

Woman Program Director. (from House Staff on regular salary). Responsible for program and supervision of councillors.

5 Girl Councillors. Salary, \$50 each and maintenance for summer.

1 Men Program Director. Salary, \$100 for season.

5 Men Councillors, one of whom is a senior medical student. Salary, \$50 each for season.

Maintenance staff: Cook  
Assistant  
2 Chore Boys  
Truck Driver

n.b. The director and girls' worker with house clerical staff attend to registration and check-up previous to camping season and in town house staff arranges for examinations, etc., during summer.

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Suggested for Fresh Air Home:

(30 mothers and babies

30 boys

Total average during year:  
70 people)

Director

Registrar (in city)

Nurse

Recreation Councillor

1 Assistant Councillor (2 if possible\*

(Some one of these should have had experience in nursery school and parent education methods.)

Man Councillor in charge of boys' camp (preferably from winter staff)

2 Assistant Councillors

Cook

Assistant and dining room girl

The Filson Historical Society

September 7, 1939

Dear Friend:

The enclosed report describing the activities at the Louisville Fresh Air Home at Pewee Valley during the past summer was written by Miss Ethel Fitzhugh, our very efficient resident director of the Home, who was in personal contact with each of our weekly groups.

We had one of our most successful summers and wish all of you who contributed thereto to share in the gratification that the directors and staff feel.

Sincerely,

J. V. Norman, President

The Filson Historical Society

Louisville Fresh Air Home. A Community Chest Agency  
Summer of 1939

Have you had a pleasant summer? We hope so, for, thanks to you and to many other good friends, over a hundred people for each of the nine weeks of the 1939 season have had a week of pleasure and rest at the Louisville Fresh Air Home.

This season has been a most gratifying one. The weather and the elements were more than kind- rains kept the cisterns and reservoir filled, made beans, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, blackberries, and peaches attainable; and warm days and cool nights made swimming and out-door games joyous and good sound sleep possible. From the Monday afternoon arrival to the following Monday morning departure, the guests enjoyed the order of the day and night.

Did you know that the boys live on one hill in shacks- practically out doors- no walls except canvas curtains to be let down only when it rains; that the mothers and babies live in a real cottage on another hill; and that the girls live on a hill in between in the main building where every one comes to eat three times a day? They come to the recreation hall each night for songs, games and folk dances.

Have you seen the swimming pool- the Louisville Fresh Air Home's own pool? It was grand last year- but grander this year. Weeds around the edges cut away! Dazzling white floats to warn where the shallow water ends and deep water begins- not only inviting but positively alluring to boys, girls, mothers, little children, and Pewee Valley neighbors.

When was the last time you saw the Virginia Reel? The boys and girls dance it; the mothers dance it- and all cry for 'more'. Have you ever seen the Paw Paw Patch? The boys and girls dance it at night and talk about it before breakfast in the morning.

Do you listen to the Hit Parade on your radio? Louisville Fresh Air Home has its Hit Parade each Saturday night. Top ranking goes to such numbers as Skin-a-ma Rink, Oh Indian Brave, Lavender's Blue, We Are the Boys (Girls, Mothers) of the Fresh Air Home, Grandfather's Clock etc.

Can you visualize a circle for Mulberry Bush, Looby Loo, Farmer in the Dell made up of sixty people- not just little children; but little children, big children (boys and girls) mothers and counselors? This is an almost daily occurrence on the lawn at the Fresh Air Home each evening at dusk.

Wouldn't the sight and sound of one hundred practically relief-rationed persons standing and singing "The Blessing" before each meal almost cause a lump to rise in your throat? But the lump goes down when you see how they enjoy the warm cereal, warm bread, and whole milk at breakfast, when you see how the green beans and potatoes disappear at dinner and when you hear the handclapping that greets the home made ice cream at Wednesday and Sunday suppers.

Have you ever talked to a boy or girl just returned from a hike with eyes aglow and bursting to tell of wonders seen and found? Maybe arrowheads, coral horns and such are commonplace to you- but to Fresh Air Homites they are treasures to be hoarded, displayed and later carried home as souvenirs.

Are you a fisherman at all? Sometime try making your own rod and go fishing in the pool where you'll swim later in the day. Oh, the distinction of having the first nicole, and the greater distinction of getting the largest fish of the morning! 'Tis true that the largest catch may be only three inches long- but we all know that things are only great or small by comparison- even fish!

Eight hundred forty-two different individuals experienced or participated in some, in all, or in even more such activities during the season. The one additional shack at the boys' camp this summer made it possible to let a few boys have the benefit and pleasure of more than one week of such a life. Not so the mothers and girls - they had to move out at the end of their week to make room for an entirely new set of campers.

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September 6, 1939.

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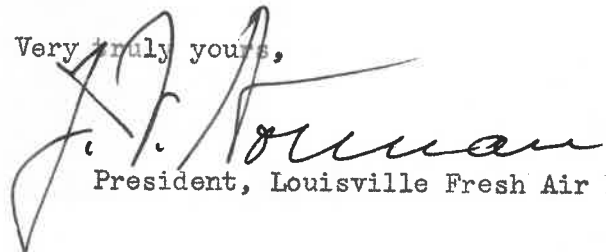
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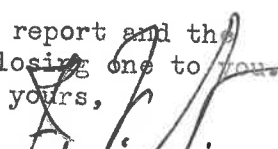
  
President, Louisville Fresh Air Home

Sent to:

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Mrs. Credo Harris, 1393 S. Third St., Louisville, Ky.  
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October 9, 1939.

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Miss Frances Ingram,  
1212 Wakeling St.,  
Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Ingram:

Thank you for your letter of October 2nd. I cannot tell you how pleased I am to know that you expect to return to Louisville next Spring and I am sure that all the members of the Board will be delighted at this information.

I had a most satisfactory conference with Mr. Tachau one day last week. He has agreed that the records may stay at the Neighborhood House; that Miss Uhl may continue to keep the books and may also be designated as the person to receive and transmit any information about the Home. It was further understood between us that the Neighborhood House would continue to be the headquarters for the Louisville Fresh Air Home and would act in close cooperation with it. He wants me to meet Mr. and Mrs. Brigham and says he is sure they will cooperate.

I thank you very much for your good wishes for my success as Chairman of the Campaign Committee. You are right in thinking that the duties of that job are increasingly arduous as the time approaches for the active campaign. I believe we have a splendid organization, however, and with the improved business conditions and increased employment can go over the top. We had the first report of the Special Gifts Committee today and the cards reported showed an increase over last year of 6.4. If we can keep this up we can win out.

I shall certainly be looking forward to having you back with us next Spring and we will not make any definite plans for the conduct of the Home next Summer until you are back at the helm.

With best regards and trusting that your health will steadily improve, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

J. P. Norman

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November 24, 1939.

*Answers 1939*

Miss Frances Ingram,  
1212 Wakeling St.,  
Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Ingram:

I am enclosing minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Louisville Fresh Air Home, which was held November 21st, which will give you a very good idea of the plans that we have outlined for conducting the Home in your absence.

I have had two or three conferences with Mr. Tachau and a rather full conference with Mr. and Mrs. Brigham and Mr. Tachau. The Brighams seem very willing to undertake the work and do the best they can, but, of course, they are quite ignorant of the whole situation and will have to work into it slowly. Miss Uhl, of course, is to continue as the bookkeeper and she has been most helpful in connection with the whole matter. I think that maybe some members of the Community Chest's Executive Committee have disapproved of our action in transferring the registration back to the Neighborhood House, but I told them that we had given the survey recommendation a trial and that it didn't work and that our Board was determined not to try it any longer. I think everybody has finally accepted our decision.

Of course, you have learned that the drive was a big success this year and the quota was exceeded. We had a hearing on our budget before the Budget Committee of the Community Chest on Wednesday and it was quite a success. I started the hearing by saying to the Budget Committee that if they did not have the money to allow our budget in full it was their fault and not ours because they had made up the budget for the drive and we had exceeded what they requested. There was some questioning as to some of the items but I told them that while individual items might not seem justified, yet there were other items that were undoubtedly under-estimated and we felt that the amount we asked for was modest and should be allowed in full. I told them furthermore that we ought to have asked for \$500.00 more so as to be able to run ten weeks. Miss Stotsenburg advises me that our budget was approved in full, with the further understanding that

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if by next Summer collections have been good we would be given an additional \$500.00, altho it was not included in our request. This is certainly fine.

I hope your health continues to improve and that you will be back on the old scenes about Spring.

With best personal regards, I am,

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. F. Bowman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

The Filson Historical Society

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Minutes of meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
LOUISVILLE FRESH AIR HOME, held at the office of J. V. Norman,  
President, 1512 Kentucky Home Life Building, November 21, 1939.

Present: Mrs. Credo Harris, Mrs. Henry Offutt, Jr.,  
Messrs. Percy Booth, John C. Norman and J. V. Norman.

President J. V. Norman presided. In the absence of the  
Secretary, Grover Sales, John C. Norman was selected as Acting  
Secretary.

The President reported that since the retirement of  
Miss Frances Ingram it was necessary to make arrangements for  
someone to take the place of Miss Ingram in the general super-  
vision of the activities of the Home. The President reported  
that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Tachau, President of  
the Neighborhood House, and with Mr. and Mrs. Brigham, the new  
Head Residents of the Neighborhood House, and they had agreed,  
subject to the approval of the Board of the Neighborhood House,  
that the cooperation between the Neighborhood House and the Louis-  
ville Fresh Air Home should be continued and that the Head Resi-  
dent of Neighborhood House would endeavor to take Miss Ingram's  
place in generally supervising the operations of the Home. After  
some discussion, Mrs. Offutt offered the following resolution,  
which was seconded by John C. Norman, and unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, the Louisville Fresh Air Home was originally  
established as an adjunct to the Neighborhood House, and  
has always been conducted under the supervision of Miss  
Frances Ingram, the Head Resident of the Neighborhood  
House and Managing Director of the Louisville Fresh Air  
Home, with the cooperation of the staff of the Neighbor-  
hood House, and

WHEREAS, Miss Ingram has now retired and removed from the city and a new Head Resident of the Neighborhood House has been appointed, and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of the Neighborhood House and the new Head Resident thereof have expressed a willingness that this arrangement be continued,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the desire of this Board that the Home continue to be operated in cooperation with the Neighborhood House, and that such House be the headquarters of the Louisville Fresh Air Home in the City of Louisville, and that the Head Resident of the Neighborhood House continue to act in a supervisory capacity, subject, of course, to the approval of this Board, and that we desire the continued cooperation of the staff of the Neighborhood House as in the past.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President be and he is hereby authorized to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Board of the Neighborhood House, and request its approval of the plan of operation outlined."

The next question discussed was as to where applicants should be registered and guests assembled for transportation to the Home. This was formerly done at the Neighborhood House, but during the season 1939, upon recommendation of the survey made by the Community Chest, this work was conducted at the Social Service Exchange, but was found that the facilities at the Social Service Exchange were inadequate and at the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Percy Booth offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Credo Harris, and unanimously adopted:

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"WHEREAS, during the past Summer's operation of the Home the registration and selection of applicants and the assembling of guests for transportation to the Home were, pursuant to recommendation of the survey, conducted at the Social Service Exchange instead of at the Neighborhood House, as heretofore, and

WHEREAS, such change was not satisfactory, due to inadequate facilities at the Social Service Exchange,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this Board that the registration of applicants and assembling of guests for transportation to the Home shall in the future be conducted at the Neighborhood House, as in prior years."

The Board then considered the Budget request to be made to the Budget Committee of the Community Chest and approved the request as outlined in the preliminary statement of budget filed with the Community Chest in August. The amount requested totals \$6,640.45, an increase of \$111.91 over the amount expended during the year 1939. The members of the Board present signed the budget request and instructed the President to present it to the Budget Committee of the Community Chest at the hearing hereon, to be held November 22, 1939.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Acting Secretary

Oct 2, 1939

Dear Mr. Thomas Your letter of Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 39  
to the members of the 2. 7. 2. H Board has been  
received, thank you for all the kind things  
you were good enough to say  
about me in your letter of Sept the 6<sup>th</sup>,  
I am glad to report I am improving  
Please tell the members of the Board at  
the next meeting that I fully ex-  
pect to return to Danville next spring  
& that when I do I may be counted  
on for any service I may render  
the home. One suggestion - What  
would you think of asking Miss  
H. H. to appoint at the beginning  
of the season, a staff member to come  
as sec. of the staff meetings. Hold  
at least once a week, for the  
discussion of the problems of the staff  
and for the instruction of the staff  
& counselors. At the end of the  
season this secretary might  
summarize the recommendations  
made by the group throughout  
the season & this summary might  
could add to her report & thereby  
save a repetition of the recom-  
mendations of the different staff members,

Your duties as Chairman of the Campaign Com. of the West must be increasingly arduous as the time approaches for that important award

that means health, happiness and even life itself to so



many of Louisville's before this Revolutionary landmark —



Before this Revolutionary landmark —  
I wish it that under your excellent leadership, this year's campaign may go over the top, hoping that you will not be confronted with any unusual difficulties in connection with the F. A. H. This winter I remain sincerely yours

F. J. —

The Filson Historical Society

Norman, Quirk & Graham  
Attorneys at Law

*Supt*  
Louisville, Ky.  
December 6, 1939.

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Signed,- J. V. Norman

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

September 29, 1939.

Members of the Board of the  
Louisville Fresh Air Home.

Dear Fellow Members:

When I sent you, with my letter of September 6th, a copy of the report and recommendations of Miss Fitzhugh, I stated that I believed you would find the reports made by other employees interesting and informative and that I hoped to later have these reports copied and sent to each of you.

I have now had the copies made and enclose herewith the following reports:

John F. Berting, in charge of boys work,  
Robert L. Kornherst, his assistant,  
Mrs. Ruth Otto, supervisor of the Mothers & Babies Cottage,  
and - Misses Auralia Shelton, Marietta Charmoli and Virginia Robinson, girl workers.

Of course, it is manifestly impossible for us to make all of the improvements that are suggested, but I think it is well for us to have in mind what each of these workers thinks is most needed.

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Very truly yours,

  
PRESIDENT, FRESH AIR HOME.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 14, 1940

Miss Frances Ingram,  
1212 Wakeling St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Ingram:

It is with much regret that I read your letter of May 12th, advising that your Arthritis has flared up again and that you will not be able to return to Louisville as soon as you had hoped. I must say that I do not see the necessity of your resigning as a member of the Board, but, of course, when the Board has its next meeting, which I hope will be within the next two or three weeks, I will present your resignation. My recommendation would be that it be not accepted as long as there is any possibility of your returning to Louisville.

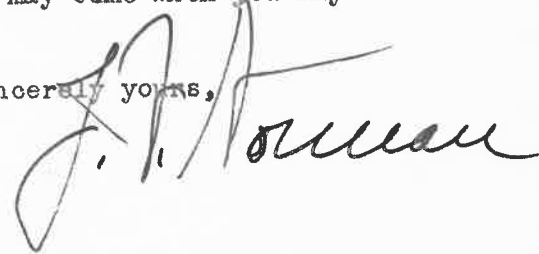
We are beginning to prepare for opening of the Home and expect to run ten weeks. Miss Fitzhugh will be with us again, but unfortunately we have lost Mr. Berting and have not as yet located any one to take his place. Mr. Brigham thinks that he has found a most promising prospect for registrar in a Miss Klein, whom you may know as she has heretofore been associated with some of the social service work here.

We are having a good many minor repairs made at the Home, including creosoting the building. Mr. Lammers, as usual, is in charge and, as usual, is very slow. We are trying to educate Mr. Brigham to the fact that he must stay on Lammers' back all the time to get anything done.

I certainly hope that you will be with us during the Summer and I join you in the hope "that the day may come when you may return to Kentucky free of Arthritis".

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Sincerely yours,



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Minutes of meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
LOUISVILLE FRESH AIR HOME, held at the office of J. V. Norman,  
Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville, Ky., at 11 A.M., June  
7, 1940.

PRESENT: Mrs. John McChord, Mrs. Henry Offutt, Jr.,  
Mr. John C. Norman, Mr. J. V. Norman and Mr. Grover Sales.

The President, J. V. Norman, called the meeting to order  
and John C. Norman was designated to act as Secretary. The Presi-  
dent read a letter from Miss Frances Ingram tendering her resigna-  
tion as a Director. The Board decided that so long as there was  
any prospect of Miss Ingram returning to the city they would take  
no action on the resignation. The Board expressed great regret at  
the failure of Miss Ingram to recover sufficiently to return to  
the city, and after some discussion the President offered the fol-  
lowing resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, Miss Frances Ingram has retired from active  
participation in the management of the LOUISVILLE FRESH  
AIR HOME because of the condition of her health, and

WHEREAS, the Board of the LOUISVILLE FRESH AIR HOME  
recognizes that Miss Ingram is not only the principal  
founder of the Home, but has from the beginning been its  
principal directing force, giving of her time and energy  
unstintingly to the promotion of the Home,

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the services aforesaid,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the main building of the Home at  
Powee Valley be designated as "FRANCES INGRAM HALL", and  
that a suitable tablet so designating the building be  
placed thereon."

On motion of John C. Norman, seconded by Mrs. Offutt, Harold  
L. Brigham and Mrs. Harold L. Brigham were elected to the Board, and

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Harold L. Brigham was elected Managing Director to succeed Miss Frances Ingram.

A resolution was passed authorizing Harold L. Brigham to sign checks of the LOUISVILLE FRESH AIR HOME, it being understood that he would sign such checks only when the Treasurer, Grover Sales, was not available.

Mr. Brigham made a full report on repairs made at the Home, the principal items of which were re-seating of the main building, now FRANCES INGRAM HALL, and refitting the Girls' Shower Room. He also reported that the copper wire, running from the tank to the pump, had been pulled down, out and stolen. The President estimated that the cost of necessary repairs and of the copper wire, to replace that stolen, would be less than \$800.00.

Mr. Brigham also reported on the personnel for the ensuing season. Miss Ethel Fitzhugh is again to be Matron in charge. Miss Margaret Klein has been secured to act as Registrar, Mr. Kenneth Cummings to have charge of the boys and Mrs. Katherine Rollins to have charge of the girls. The personnel as thus far secured and their salaries were reported as follows:

Miss Ethel Fitzhugh, Camp Director, three months  
at \$125 per month;

Miss Margaret Klein, Registrar, three months at  
\$110 per month;

Miss Julia C. George, Stenographer, three months  
plus, at \$50 per month.

The following Staff Members will be employed from June 21st through August:

Mrs. Katherine Rollins, Girls' Worker, at \$50 per month;

Miss Elizabeth Koster, Assistant Girls' Worker, at \$38 per month;

Miss Elizabeth Sengel, Assistant Girls' Worker, at \$35 per month;

Worker in charge of mothers' and babies' cottage to be secured by Miss Fitzhugh at \$35 per month;

Kenneth Cummings (tentative) and a second boys' worker, at a total salary of \$110 per month.

The President reported that the Home will open June 24th and is expected to run until Saturday, August 31st.

On motion, duly made, the Board approved the expenditures for repairs and also approved the personnel and salaries, as above set forth.

After a general discussion of the affairs of the Home the Board adjourned.

The Filson Historical Society

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Secretary

June 15, 1940

Dear Mr. W.

It was beautifully  
generous of you to offer at your  
last meeting the resolution  
to designate the main building  
of the S. F. A. H. as "Frances Ingram  
Hall" + to authorize the placing  
of a suit case labeled there-on  
to designate it. I thank you.  
Please extend to the members  
of the Board my sincerest apprecia-  
tion for passing your resolution.  
I esteem it a high honor +  
am much pleased that my  
labor & love extending over  
so many years should  
have this signal recognition.  
I hope the summer of 1940 may  
be most successful season +  
that before I close I may be  
able to visit "F. I. Hall" + join  
in the activities that have meant  
so much health & happiness

Sanisville's post  
I am happy to continue  
a member of the Board. I  
agreed to my own and to  
offer my resignation if  
pleased me that the Board  
did not accept it.

With kind personal  
regards,  
Sincerely,  
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June 11, 1940

Miss Frances Ingram,  
1212 Wakeling St.,  
Frankford,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Ingram:

We had a meeting of the Board of the Fresh Air Home last Friday and I am enclosing herewith copy of the minutes which I think you will find interesting.

We all hope that you will recover sufficiently to be able to visit "Frances Ingram Hall" before the season closes.

With kindest regards, I am,

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. F. Norman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

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# Louisville Fresh Air Home

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PEWEE VALLEY, KY.

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November 18, 1940

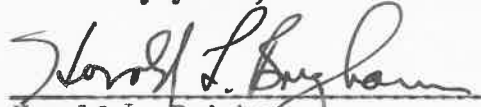
Dear Miss Ingram:

I am enclosing herewith our report submitted to the Fresh Air Home Board in its meeting on Tuesday, November 12. We all regretted very much that you could not be there and I regret that I have not taken the time to write you a line summarizing the season at Fresh Air Home and the work at Neighborhood House. It is one of those things that has not gotten done as yet.

Mr. Norman and I are to appear before the Budget Committee this afternoon and we are most happy to report there and to the Board that we have just learned that the Mary Parker Gill Fund will give us \$316.00 toward the construction items listed in the report and the Board has authorized an additional \$402.00 which permits our doing everything on the list in the report except items 7 and 8. Tomorrow Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Offutt, and I will go to Pewee Valley to consider the location and selection of shrubbery and trees to be placed around the Frances Ingram Building. The Board authorized \$50.00 for this purpose. We have requested an increase of \$60.00 for the 1941 Budget to cover the expense of medical examinations as set up and donated to us this year, this due directly or indirectly to the kind interest of Dr. Veach.

I realize that this does not cover all of the ground that it should, but together with the report it does give you the high spots. Mrs. Brigham and the rest of the staff join me in sending you our best wishes. We hope this finds you in improved health, and we would be glad to hear from you when you can write. This is based on our interest, and not that we deserve it.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harold L. Brigham

HLB/js

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12/15/40

ans Aug 5, 1941

Louisville Fresh Air Home  
Pewee Valley, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ingram,

This is the end of the second week of my sixth summer as Director of Louisville Fresh Air Home - my second summer without your guidance and inspiration. In spite of many improvements last summer and this, I do not get quite the same "kick" out of things out here that I did when you were at 428 South First and I was subject to a telephone call or a welcome visit at most any time. We - many of us - (prominently Hazel, Loll and I) miss you many more times and in many more ways than you can realize.

I always feel, however, that you are re-

joining with me and others who profit from the improvements at L.F.A.H. We have a cold storage room under the kitchen, two new cisterns, one at Frances Ingram Hall and one at M.P.G. Cottage, a washing unit with stationary tubs back of the M.P.G., toilets at the swimming pool, some trees planted and beginning to grow around the F.L.H. We are getting a new stove (a present from Dr. Beech) next week; we are being supplied with surplus commodities to extend our meals, and have a W.P.A. cook five days a week to assist in the kitchen.

All of these material improvements, as you know, help make the wheels turn smoothly - but more important than material things as you and I realize - the leadership this summer seems to be the best all around group I have had.

There is not so much talent - but an earnest desire to do the job well and unbelievable patience on the part of untrained people in handling the campers. One of the boy counselors, a very retiring Baptist Theological Student, Charles Mullins, is an expert in group games and the boys follow him around like Pres Piper of Hamelin. He is the joy of my life! Remember bubble and games - making a country p. q. out of the camp?

By an odd turn of circumstances, I have my most expert counselor at M.P.S. She is, in addition to being an excellent camp counselor, a home economics & become demonstration expert - an unusually happy combination for this camp. If the budget will permit, I will make her head counselor in charge of the whole recreation program. Maybe you recall her - Viola Koster who lives across the street from

L. F. A. H. And now for the rest of the staff - Bill Jackson - excellent boy counselor - has a conscience, a head, and much energy.

Grace Thomasson - graduate in music from Georgetown College and can play for folk dancing as well as for singing.

Florence Hoffman - young, inexperienced and a little heavy - but not entirely undesirable.

Martha Stark - Red Cross life saver and a scintillating personality.

Sadie is still the cook and the most popular person on the place - and I think she feels as interested in this place as you or Mr. Norman ever did.

I am still looking forward to your visiting us; and I still weigh every thing I do according to your approval & disapproval.

Devotedly,

Ethel Fitzhugh

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December 17, 1942

*Ans 12/20/42*

Miss Frances Ingram  
1212 Wakeling  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Ingram:

Yesterday in the Board Meeting of Louisville Fresh Air Home Mr. Norman definitely announced his retirement to be effective before the next meeting of the Board. Mr. Booth has acted as President during this past season because Mr. Norman was so busy in working on the War Fund Drive where he again did a good job as you know. In all probability Mr. Booth will take over but there is every indication that Mr. Norman's suggestion that the Presidency pass to a younger man will be seriously considered in the not too distant future.

The accompanying letter is being signed by the Louisville members of the Board to go along with a mint julep cup suitably engraved to acknowledge his twenty-five years of service. I will send you a copy of yesterday's minutes after they are completed after the Christmas rush.

Mrs. Brigham is doing costumes for forty-two children for three Christmas plays tomorrow night and has asked that I send you information about Naisom Jaha, address 239 East Madison Street, 7th Grade (First year Junior High.) *13 years old Jan. 27, 1943*

Under separate cover we are trying to make a more suitable recognition of the Christmas season. The family is waiting with ~~pat~~ breath to open the packages which came a few days ago.

Our best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year,

Sincerely,

*Harold L. Brigham*  
Harold L. Brigham.

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December 22, 1942

Mr. J. V. Norman  
648 Upland Road  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Norman:

The loss of two Normans in one year, one of them for twenty-five years the President of the Board, has been a great blow indeed to the Fresh Air Home, and this is alleviated only by the fact that we will still have the benefit of your services as a member of the Board and we confidently expect your son to renew his association when he returns. We can never adequately express our appreciation for the long and generous service you have rendered to a cause you have always been able to consider a major one in spite of the many pressures on your time. We need only hope that during the next twenty-five years the work at the Fresh Air Home shall be carried on on as sound and forward-looking a basis as it has been since 1917.

We made no attempt in the last meeting of the Board at an expression of our feelings and hope you will overlook the all too abrupt way in which your resignation was accepted.

As a token of our appreciation of the opportunity of working with you through periods of varying years we ask you to accept the accompanying gift with the best wishes from all of us and the hope that our past associations may continue for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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NORMAN, QUIRK & GRAHAM

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

J. VAN DYKE NORMAN  
ROBERT E. QUIRK  
GEORGE F. GRAHAM (DECEASED)  
JOHN K. CUNNINGHAM

LOUISVILLE  
KENTUCKY HOME LIFE BLDG.  
WASHINGTON  
INVESTMENT BLDG.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

December 28, 1942.

Miss Frances Ingram,  
1212 Wakelin St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Ingram:

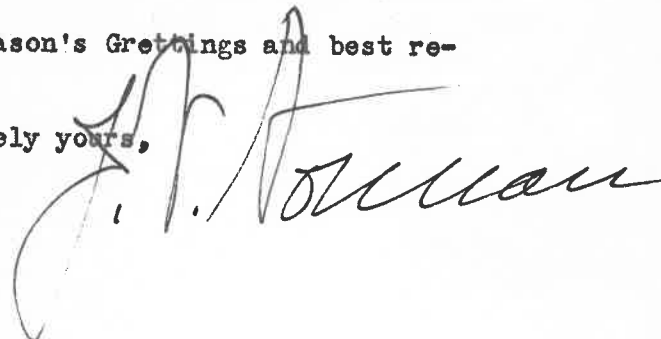
Your kind note of December 21st is very much appreciated. I must say it was quite a wrench for me to resign as President of the Louisville Fresh Air Home Board after such long service, but I felt that it was time for a change and particularly time for a younger man to take the responsibility. I will always be interested in the Home and will remain on the Board and assist my successor in any way I can.

While, as you know, we had many trying times, yet the work brought me a great deal of happiness because I felt I was really doing something for the poor and underprivileged women and children of Louisville. It is unnecessary, I am sure, for me to say this to you because I know that you have the same feeling and are entitled to it in double measure. I certainly appreciated the privilege of working with you and I must say that things have never been quite the same since you left.

Mrs. Norman joins me in the Season's Greetings and best regards,

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Sincerely yours,

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Ans.  
12:30  
Christmas letter

130 Vernon Ave Louisville, Kentucky  
Sou. Ky. August 21, 1944

Dear Miss Ingram -

Another summer is nearly gone and you did not get to Louisville. I am so disappointed. I am a little ashamed, too, that I did not write to you sooner to tell you about L. F. A. H. this season.

We opened on June 26 with a small crowd - but with an unusually good staff, counsellors and kitchen. It was so surprising to have assembled so many youth while persons in these war times that I must enumerate them and some of their vocations.

Mrs. Claypool who was with me part of last season came again to take charge of the cottage. She is a teacher, very sympathetic and mature (my age, almost).

Christine Coppage, a primary teacher in her thirties. She was with us last summer also.

Margaret Graham - a student from Berea who was imbued with the Berea

standards and a wealth of folk songs and dances.

Lora Adkins, also from Berea and a little more mature than Margaret.

Martha Barber - from Louisville - an excellent pianist, but she has much to learn along many lines.

Charles Watson in the Navy Reserve - only 17 years old, but had a very satisfactory manner with the boys.

Albert Brummer left an essential job and came to us on a volunteer basis because he wanted to do our kind of work.

Our head cook was wonderful with a grand disposition; so was the second cook and the janitor was the most versatile darkey I ever saw, quick as lightning, conscientious, good natured and took pride in first class work!

And the polis put an end to all this glorious outlook at the end of our first period - July 8!!! The staff stayed at camp and assisted with the packing

and we left there on July 15. The Board was very generous in the matter of salaries. To those who could get other employment, the Board made up any deficit there might be between the two salaries. Two of the counselors were paid in full for July, and I was paid for the whole summer. It's like a sabbatical leave at school.

I have enjoyed being at home this summer. My sister who is with me has been ill and of course, my mother and father, although wonderfully active for age 87, cannot do all that needs to be done around a house with a sick person in it.

Mr. Sammons was heart sick when we closed. He looks forward all winter to our opening, and he plans his work

so he can be at the camp most of the summer. (I don't see how we could ever get along without him.)

Although we were only at the camp three weeks, we had ordered water from the city three times - 5000 gallons. That is the first summer for ages that we have needed water until late in August.

We are having a good steady rain right now. but this is only the fourth rain this summer and all of these have been during the past two weeks.

Maybe you will come to D. this fall. Please do. And let me hear from you. I think of you often.

Love  
Ethel Atzberg

Louisville, Ky.  
June 25, 1946.

Dear Miss Ingram:

Your very grand letter  
and check arrived. You  
shouldn't have sent the  
check and I was tempted  
not to accept it. I was  
happy to drive you around  
when I could. It gave us  
a little chance for a visit.  
You are much too generous.

Naturally I do appreciate  
the the check and shall  
put it right back on the  
car for repairs. It is five-  
no six-year old now and  
needs quite a lot of repairs.

Dad I tell you that  
 Mrs Fitzhugh is going to  
 be out at Fresh Air Home  
 again this year. Her  
 sister Fannie is there with  
 her. They will have only  
 two weeks of regular P.A.H.  
 vegetation. Then the  
 Selection Army will have  
 a period and the Aged  
 group also a period.

The Aged group known  
 as the "Social Club"  
 meets regularly every  
 other week at N.H.

It is a group of people  
 over 65 <sup>years</sup> and on relief.

I hope to get a vacation