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PLAYGROUNDS END SEASON

Officials Call Concluding
Summer Most Successful
In History

School officials declare today that the summer playground season this year, which ended last week, was the most successful in the history of the institution. Both Superintendent of Schools Clarence V. Vail and Playground Director A. L. Van Winkle say it was well worth the expenditure of effort and money.

The past season at Adams and Barnum fields proved more successful in many ways than previously it is reported, more events being scheduled and more sports being provided for everyone.

Three leagues were maintained this season: the Twilight league, the soft ball league and the junior league. Track meets and tennis games also were popular. Although Adams field did not draw as many boys as was expected, it is said, the large number which played at Barnum made up for it.

The fact that many boys go away to camp at some period during the summer, kept the quota of playground-users down, Mr. Vail said. In Birmingham, of course, there is not the same problem as found one finds in Detroit, but the popularity of Barnum field, evident by the number of youths who used it, shows that the expense was not wasted, he declared.

Ending of the season last Friday, found the Barnum school team the victors in the junior soft ball league, after defeating the Baldwin team who had won the first section of the series, three out of five games.

Standings in the church league, to the summer.

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The Grab Bag

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20,000 persons gathered at New York City and tried to enter a funeral chaise to view the body of a famous motion picture actor. A hundred persons were injured. Who was the actor?

Who is the United States Senator from Idaho who advocates recognition of the Russian Soviet Republics?

A United States senator from Wisconsin, who died in 1925, was succeeded by his son. Who was he?

Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg has been in the cabinet of President Coolidge since March 4, 1925. Whom did he succeed?

A world fifty spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Where does this passage appear in the Bible?

Today's Horoscope

Those born under this sign are gifted with strong individualities and have high noble ideals. They should use these qualities in inspiring others to follow them.

For answers to the foregoing questions see page 2 of this section.

WOOD ADVISES IN BORER WAR

Birmingham Man Finds Pest
Is Increasing in Numbers

More than the general cleanup of corn fields instituted last year by the department of agriculture is necessary to exterminate the deadly corn-borer, according to W. H. Wood, state conservation officer and feature writer for The Eccentric. Mr. Wood, who has recently made a study of the corn borer, finds it is getting worse in the southwestern part of Wayne County than it was last year, in spite of the pains taken to rid of it.

"I read the reports of the department of agriculture, which said that the borer had been decreased 50 per cent by the cleanup this spring, before I made my study," Mr. Wood said, "but when I visited in southwestern Wayne County I found that the borer had increased a good 75 per cent, in spite of the thorough cleanup."

"Eight From One Stalk"

"The farmer I was visiting said he had cleaned his corn field thoroughly both last fall and this spring, and still the borer had increased. He says he will not raise corn next year because it will be useless. Fields that had but a few borers last year were so full of them this year that nine out of every ten stalks contained the pests. I myself cut as many as eight borers from one stalk, and the farmer I was visiting said he had cut 12 out of one stalk. The farmers in this locality all report the same thing."

Mr. Wood believes the corn borer cannot be stamped out merely by cleaning up the corn field because every weed with a pithy stalk has a corn borer in it. "Even flowers in the garden are gnawed by the pest. It is up to the department of agriculture to see that all weeds along the roadside are destroyed and that the city folks who have gardens also help in the work of destroying the corn borer. Otherwise, we will have no more corn at all for any length of time."

Neglected Farms a Reason

One of the big reasons for the increase of the borers, in Mr. Wood's estimation, is that farms are allowed to grow weeds which harbor the borer.

"The agricultural department would do well to see that these weeds are cut and burned. In this manner, the borer would be destroyed to a great extent. I have found a great many borers in weed stalks in such places, even in Oakland county, and not far from our own village. There should be someone appointed to inspect these idle pieces of land, and see that the borer refugees were completely destroyed."

French chemists have perfected a process for extracting gasoline from lignite in commercial quantities.

Five Presidents were married twice, Tyler, Fillmore, Benjamin Harrison, Roosevelt and Wilson.

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Visitor Finds Reformatory Exhibit Interesting At Ionia County Fair

By FRED PETERSON

One of the most interesting exhibits at the Ionia County Fair Reformatory, not only not reformatory, but actually worse than when they went in. The one department of the reformatory, that is making an attempt, against great odds, to supply in the lives of those young fellows something they can use to advantage when they are out again among their young people, is not provided with the things necessary to conduct the work satisfactorily in reformatory.

It is doubtful whether all the inmates of the reformatory could be reformed, but an honest effort should be made by the state to provide some definite training for these boys. The state should at least not leave it entirely to the generosity of the manufacturers interested in the boys.

Turning out at least 10 boys a year well trained in some definite trade, such as carpentry, would be encouraged to make good use of this training would be a great credit to the state and would be worth any amount that might be expended for such training in the reformatory.

It is no wonder that too many

COUNTY AGENT ARRANGES MEETS

Vaughn Seeks Appointments With
Entries Into Poultry Exhibit
At State Fair

Harold M. Vaughn, Oakland County agricultural agent asks poultry raisers throughout the county to get in immediate touch with him if they are interested in entering the Michigan State Poultry Exhibit, which will visit the county Sept. 1 and 2. Entries for the Michigan State Fair and will make it a point to arrange conferences with all who are interested.

Mr. Vaughn may be reached at the Postoffice building, Pontiac.

HART RETURNS FROM COLUMBIA

Baldwin Principal Praizes University
In New York City; Resumes Duties Here

Educational advancement is offered to teachers at Columbia University, New York City, in which any instructor who is occupied with classes during the school term, can attain, according to Principal Melvin C. Hart, who returned Saturday, after taking the master's degree.

Mr. Hart indorses the school to Birmingham teachers who plan to work for added degrees, and who are employed throughout the school year. The course, he says, covers six weeks.

Teachers College at Columbia had an enrollment of approximately 15,000 students, according to Mr. Hart, who said that more than 100 from this state were taking courses there. Among those at Columbia from this section were Frank J. DuFrain, principal of Pontiac high school and George C. Soper, superintendent of Oakland schools. Several former Birmingham teachers were also enrolled.

William S. Toothaker, head of the science department at Baldwin High School, attended the college last year with Mr. Hart.

Mr. Hart, following his return from the east announces that he will be in his office at the school and will interview students and their parents in preparation for entrance here in September.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for the column. All communications must be signed but signatures will be kept confidential upon request.

URGES NEW POSTOFFICE

To The Editor: Birmingham has a new slogan now, which consists of three words: THE NEW POST OFFICE. Let us all shout it from the rooftops and stand solidly behind Postmaster James C. Galt in bringing it about, if possible. Write to your congressman and senator and request them to ask for an appropriation. The post office business here has outgrown its present quarters. Everyone who receives mail, and who does not, is aware of that fact and The Eccentric has repeatedly called attention to it. The other day, when I was in Okemos, I saw the local postoffice and felt ashamed of our own.

The Okemos postoffice is a peach, if that term can be applied to a building. Constructed of sandstone, with massive pillars on either side of the entrance, large windows assuring plenty of light, and a flagstaff in the middle on top of the edifice, it was not only good to look upon but evidently flawless from the standpoint of utility. As it is, it might well be a building for a national postoffice, suitable provision being made of course for the anticipated growth of our community. Moreover, it should also be borne in mind in this connection that Okemos is not much larger than Birmingham, for it only boasts of 12,000 inhabitants.

And when it comes to entrance, I think we can give the Okemosances and spades and still win. There is still another angle to this matter that should receive the serious consideration of the federal authorities and that is the fact that Uncle Sam will never be able to acquire a suitable site for the new postoffice any time and that the best location will be gone if he indulges in too much procrastination. As patriotic citizens, both from a national as well as local standpoint, it behooves us, therefore, to get busy without delay; write to your representatives in Congress today and get your clubs and associations to adopt resolutions to be forwarded to Washington. Remember, we will not get a new postoffice unless we ask for it.

Hugo Erickson, M. D.

An exchange seemingly had itself open to a charge of libel recently in a story concerning a "son." The item stated that the concern occupied six buildings in the manufacture of their rot and herb medicine.

A church at Sauktown, Ind., has secured a temporary minister by payment of one hen and five dozen eggs for each sermon.

FIGURES IN DEAL COVERT TALKS TO WORKERS



Judge Will Give President's
Address To Social Service Group

Judge Frank L. Covert, of the circuit court in Pontiac, will give the president's address at the Michigan State Conference of Social Workers Sept. 15, 16 and 17 in Battle Creek. Many other notable speakers are to be on the program.

General sessions of the conference will be devoted to Community Organization, Health, and Children's Work. All of these subjects pertain to the general theme of the conference—The Changing Emphasis in Social Work.

Following a new plan, much of the time of the conference will be given to institute and round-table discussions—taking the place of a continued series of addresses. This plan, it is believed, will be of much more practical benefit to workers in highly specialized departments where new ground is constantly being broken.

Four hundred persons are expected to attend the meetings. Programs can be obtained from the secretary, 31 City Hall, Battle Creek.

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