

Recreation Spotlight

By JANE HARDIN and CAROLYN KANE

AT THE POOL

"Lock your bike," warns Mrs. Jacqueline Schaefer, pool supervisor. Children who have left the pool may ride it while you're swimming.

The pool is also plagued with a new bubble. Hard-working James Terry, Barnum custodian, spent three days cleaning filters and treating the water after one soap soaking. Showers are necessary but bubbles must be careful to rinse off all soap before entering the pool proper.

Several people with wool suits have appeared recently. These persons have been refused admittance since the wool lint plugs the filters.

Attention adults! The pool is open evenings, Monday through Friday from seven to nine, for grown-ups only. Very few people, however, take advantage of this convenient, inexpensive and healthful recreation. It's a good way to relax after disposing of the children.

ADAMS

"It's no cinch," reports John Sheldon, "to give the letters on personality pins." John has discovered that steady nerves and hands count most in this job.

Star dancing pupil of Gerry Mills is young Janet Lockrow. Maybe we'll read her name in lights someday?

Champion mallet swinger at Adams Play Center is Richard Bryce, amateur assistant supervisor, Dick Stewart. Others competing in the croquet tournament were Gilbert Sakko, Henry Price, Anne Miller, Mary Lou Gregory, and Janet Campbell.

PIERCE

Youth does have a way even with supervisors hardened to children's begging, says Wooten, supervisor at Pierce Play Center, couldn't refuse the pleadings of Beverly Osley and Marilyn Shira.

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who although under age, wanted to go on a strictly hen hike with the older girls. They were carried half way to Slespy Hollow but on the way back everyone was so tired that the tots walked too. The Torrey Terrors and the Pierce Slangers are preparing for a baseball game July 28.

TORREY

Anyone know where there is digging going on in town? Ditches deep on the way back everyone was so tired that the tots walked too. Clay in them? Peggy Hadjiky would appreciate news of such clay; call her at 682.

Led by Bob Stites and Norm Schwallie, assistant supervisors at Torrey and Pierce, respectively, boys from both play centers rode out on an all morning bicycle hike to Cranbros. They visited last Kingswood School where they ate lunch and then explored some new buildings which were just being finished. The boys left about noon on the long ride back to town.

Post Office Mural A Disappointment

Editor, The Eccentric:

When the postman brings The Eccentric this morn'g I see the time off from my household duties to spend a pleasant half hour reading its pages.

Many of the names are new ones to me but here and there I find old familiar ones. "The Wanderer" referred to the mural then being painted at the Post Office and seemed to think that probably there was no one now living in these parts who would be able to question the authenticity of the scene depicted.

No Birmingham People

Last week when the article on Lopez appeared in the paper, in which the artist explained the meaning of the mural and gave the names of the people depicted in the group, I was quite interested to note that not a single old time Birmingham resident was among those mentioned.

The artist may have gotten the original pictures from an old Oakland County history book, however, and I am sure Doctors Galbraith and LeBaron would enjoy a hearty laugh could they view themselves in the mural. The woman carrying a long cape and a shaker hat and holding a baby dressed in a night gown must really have been very uncomfortable on a summer day's picnic. Seems a waste to cut off a part of Sheriff Bloomberg's facial adornment in order to change his type. As to the reference to the Negrooid type, that aroused my ire, because I have several photographs of old time Birmingham residents. Even in those days there were many beautiful women and handsome men and they need no cosmetics to enhance their appearance.

I have a beautifully engraved, solid gold double locket which contains daguerrotype pictures of my father's parents, Grandmother in dress in a black silk gown with a lovely white collar and has gold loops in her ears and wears a beautiful white lace cap, such as the women wore in those days. Grandfather is dressed in black broadcloth has a winged collar and one of those soft black silk ties which went around the collar and hung to the front and tied in a couple of medium length ends. His waistcoat was white broadcloth. The locket is one hundred years old.

Other Photos

I also have photographs of Moses K. Talbot, Eugene Brooks, Horace A. Randall, Merrit Randall, MacAlister Randall (father of a 1949), James Van Every, who was a Louder. There are also several other pictures of old time Birmingham folk.

My grandmother, Mary Ann Hisee, was a school teacher and came to Birmingham with her parents between 1828 and 1830.

After I read the Lopez article my husband and I rode down to Birmingham and viewed the mural. I have always boasted to him about old time Birmingham and its people and he was anxious to see the mural. Could you have seen his face when he looked at it? I am sure you could not have blamed me for bursting out laughing. Far be it from me to wish any harm to befall dear old Birmingham nor its residents but in the event that a non-bomber be dropped in these unsettled times I trust it will blow that mural to Kingdom Come.

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