News About Birmingham's Summer Recreational Events, Baseball, Tennis

Need More Men For U.S. Maritime Service

To help meet increased quotas assigned to this area of the U. S. Maritime Service, Warrant Officer Robert Schrecengost, Detroit enrolling officer, today urged youths between 16 and 17½ and men between 26 and 50 to enlist for merchant marine training.

Schrecengost stressed that American merchant ships needed trained crews aboard in order that vital war material be kept moving to the fighting fronts. He said that the first supply convoy to the Normandy coast consisted mainly of American Liberty ships, and the famous English Channel has been renamed "Liberty Ship Lane."

Maritime Service recruiting office for this area are in the Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan.

Local Legion Team Wins And Loses In Junior Baseball Battles Last Week

Birmingham's Charles Edwards Post American Legion baseball team won one game and lost one during the last week of competition and one more game which was to be played Friday night as a make-up contest with Ferndale was halted after two innings when rain intervened.

The win came last Wednesday at Hazel Park when the local lads romped over their Legion representatives for the second time this season. The score this time was 9 to 3. George York was the winning pitcher and was the master from start to finish. The Parkers eased one run across in each of the third, fourth and sixth innings, but were behind from the beginning as Birmingham was moving along from a four run lead, enough to win, by the time Hazel Park scored their first run. The locals added a run in the fourth and three more in the fifth. The seventh inning provided one more run to end the scoring at nine and this total was accomplished on the same number of hits. York gave up five, all singles.

The locals didn't fare so well at Berkley Sunday, and were given the works by that smooth working nine, which has led the league from the beginning, 4 to 0. Jim Watt started on the mound for the locals and gave only two hits and one run until the fifth when he weakened and allowed four hits which accounted for two more runs. York took over the pitching chore in the sixth and gave up one hit in the seventh, but the fourth Berkley run was scored in the eighth when Howard Bailey, Berkley catcher, was hit by one of York's slants and moved to second by Gordon Baker's sacrifice, moved to third on an infield out and went on in when a pitch got past Bill Eade. The play at the plate was close, however, with York dropping the ball after making a tag on Bailey.

Bill Dalzell held the Birmingham bats in check all afternoon. He gave up a total of five hits and not more than one in any inning. A rally was nipped in the bud in the third for the locals as Watt was safe on a fielder's choice after forcing Jim Brandt for the first out and was thrown out at third after Thurston singled down the first base line. Art Reynolds' throw to Mike Potestio was just in time to change the picture to two away rather than two on and none out. It was the only impressive chance Birmingham had.

Sunday the Charles Edwards Juniors will go to Royal Oak for a second round game at Cass Field behind the Royal Oak high school. The Oak team nosed out the locals in an extra inning ball game, here, and this contest should be an equally thrilling affair.

Torrey Playground Field House Given New Coat of Paint

The children at the Torrey Playground have turned work into play and have painted the shed which holds their equipment. Everybody knows what a coat of paint will do to brighten things up. The work was done chiefly by Bob and Ed Smith, Bruce and Brian Lebow, but they had the willing help of many others.

Handicraft is popular at this playground and the children are spending much of their time modeling in clay, making hand plaques and leaf plaques. Some of the boys have made guns and letter openers out of wood and other children have made attractive pot holders by weaving.

In the religious training class the Rev. Max Moore has advanced Bob and Ed Smith and Bruce Lebow to the rank of staff sergeant. The highest rank to be obtained in this class is that of general. In order to obtain this ranking one must attend every class, and learn a memroy verse each week.

Girls and Boys Doing Weaving, Woodwork At Adams School

The girls, and some of the boys too, are making belts, headbands and bracelets by weaving colored yarn on short sticks of large macaroni. Some are making pot holders, and hot pads on Weave-its.

Wood work seems popular among both boys and girls. Several of the boys went down to the box factory on Maple and brought up several wagon loads of wood for everyone to use. Dick Wagner, Bob Keavy, Tommy Viers, John Hust and Russel Porteous were those ambitious ones.

Russel's sister, Carol, is adept at the macaroni weaving and helps the others when they get stuck.

Laurie Costello was the first one to use the loom and is now weaving a bright red scarf to keep her warm next winter.

Golf Made Easy

Marine Lt. Patty Berg and pro Johnny Revolta show you one way to make golf easy—at least for Patty. They're pictured at the Victory National Open, held recently at Chicago's Edgewater course.

Barnum Pool One Of City's Most Popular Spots

Barnum pool still continues to be one of the most popular recreational places in Birmingham. Many of the children are really learning to swim, others are making splendid progress in developing their swimming technique. Also some fine divers are being developed.

The evening classes are well attended and many adults are finding the Barnum pool a very pleasant place to cool off and relax after a hot and tiring day.

The following girls and boys have passed their swimming tests and have been advanced from the beginners' class to the intermediate class. Nancy Kendall, Beverly Gibb, Mary Alice Robinson, Barbara Bradwood, Lois Woodward, Ann Rutledge, Gerry Pillsbury, Sharon O'Gorman, Sue Minsel, Dorothy Johnson, Fannie Kehoe, Janet Lockow, Jean Donnelly, Sallie Carrier, Mary Dobbs, Carol Anderson, Judy Burns, Barbara Hostel, Beverly Yates, Donald Kalter, Earl Carten, Bob Pivitt, Herb Dodo, Donald and Ronald Rolph, Jimmie St. Jean, Bob Bouse, John MacGaffey, Glenn Emory, Lloyd Appel, Eddie Smith, Dut Paul, Fred Tewilliager, Art Belsath, Donald Helpen.

Tennis Keeps Big Groups Happy At Various Clubs

By CAROL CRANE

The fourth of July brought a new kind of celebration to the tennis crowd at Orchard Lake. Genaro Florez threw a fire cracker in their midst by announcing an in-the-hat tennis tournament. In fact there were two hats. In one of them were placed the names of the women contestants and in the other the names of the men. Then a name from each hat was matched and some really "mixed" doubles emerged.

Those to reach the semi-finals were Genaro Florez and Mrs. John McKinney Miller; Mrs. H. G. Little and Jerry Genn; Mrs. Ralph Rickenbaugh and Mr. Paul Penfield; and Mrs. G. Florez and Mr. R. Rickenbaugh. The winners of the tournament were Florez and Mrs. Miller, who defeated Mrs. Little and Jerry Genn. Silly prizes were given to the best players and everybody had a gay time.

Lot of Players Busy

Although excitement raged at Orchard Lake, to Cranbrook the Fourth was just another day and the tennis players kept right on swatting those balls back and forth. Summer students are allowed to choose daily from three sports, and in spite of the competition from swimming these sultry days, there is an enthusiastic turn-out for tennis. This, too, is in spite of the fact that good balls and shoes are out for the duration.

John Shuell is captain-elect of the Cranbrook varsity team, and others playing are: Jim Branstrom, Brewster Broder, Edward Dorsey, John Dreifus, Jim Evans, Bill Frank, John Frey, Jim Ginn, Hubert Goldman, Northcutt Hinman, Herbert Hordes, George Hoyt, Aben Johnson, Carlisle Jones, Bab Kasle, Fred Keydel, Tom Klein, Graham Laible, Gil Lazich, Dan Leithouser, Dan Levin, Bill McCarty, Leland Monroe, Dan Pino, Walter Randall, Dave Rice, Rudy Simons, Henry Whiting, and Dale Zimmerman.

New Summer Coaches

Since the resignation of Philler Curtis, tennis at Cranbrook is under the supervision of Paul Meilows of the mathematics department. He has had considerable coaching and tournament experience and was a member of the tennis varsity at Carleton College. Assistant tennis coach is Boyce Ricketts of the history department.

A tennis tournament is planned for the last two weeks of summer school. All interested summer school students are invited to enter. Both singles and doubles will be held.

Many Activities Are On Season's Program At Many Playgrounds

Checkers are proving a great favorite this summer at all playgrounds. This week elimination playoffs are being held and teams will be picked for a checker tournament.

The croquet fields are also busy and a croquet tournament is being arranged for an early date.

Another tournament coming up is horseshoe pitching. Strenuous practicing is going on at all fields.

All the tennis courts at the various playgrounds are busy nearly every afternoon and evening. Jane McKee, tennis instructor, plans to have a tournament going before very long. She is working hard on some promising material.

Series of Games Being Played At Two Playgrounds by Beginners and Intermediates Under Direction of John Brotzman

Baseball games for both beginners and intermediates are on the list at the various playgrounds, both groups using the field at Pierce school. John Brotzman, director of recreation for the summer, is in charge of the program and predicts some pretty well organized teams before the season is over.

Games have been under way this week on a regular schedule basis, with teams in each group representing Adams, Quarton, Barnum and Torrey schools or fields.

Monday Adams won from Barnum 9 to 0 in the Intermediate League while earlier Adams had won 9 to 7 from Barnum in a Beginners' League game.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 Quarton and Torrey Intermediates clash at Pierce school field. Barnum and Quarton Beginners play today at 2 p. m. and tomorrow Adams and Quarton have a game arranged.

Next week Monday Adams and Torrey Intermediates are to do battle whilt Barnum and Torrey Beginners play a game. Next Tuesday Adams and Barnum Beginners are to play and one week from this afternoon Quarton and Torrey Beginners will show their stuff.

In a Beginners game, Torrey and Adams, Tuesday afternoon, Bryce pitched and Allen caught for the winning Torrey team which scored 12 runs to 16 for Adams. Fohn was the pitcher and Dance the catcher for the losers. Adams had 10 hits and Torrey seven.

Circus Planned For July 28th

July 28 is the day of the Birmingham Recreation Playground Circus. It will be held at Pierce school behind canvas, not under canvas. Stunts and acts of all sorts have been arranged and practiced and a grand time has been planned for all. Parents and friends are being urged to "come and see what your child has learned to do and what a good time he has doing it."

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