

# ARC Converts Mansion Into Magnificent Service Club, Faye Anderson Writes

By Barbara Fox

"One of the most interesting sights in Frankfurt is Palmgardens, huge Red Cross club and also one of the most interesting sights left in Frankfurt," Faye Anderson, who is with the Red Cross Recreational Unit in Frankfurt, Germany, has written her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson, 1146 Lake Park drive.

Faye and a couple of other girls were loaned a Polish driver and a jeep in order to reach Palmgardens, but the owner of the jeep had neglected to tell the driver where they were to go. So as Faye puts it, "With many signs and rest areas and much laughter as we made like palm trees trying to get him to understand us, we finally reached our destination."

When the jeep finally came to a

ballroom, oodles of smaller rooms and the most breathtaking indoor gardens I have ever seen," Faye commented.

"The place dates back to the 1850's when it belonged to a duke who had it developed into a botanical extravaganza. Its magnificence drew visitors from all over the world. In 1868 the duke, financially embarrassed due to the expenses incurred by the upkeep, was forced to close the gardens and offer it for sale. The people of Frankfurt realized the value of the estate and bought the entire collection and thus was the beginning of Palmgardens. When the huge palatial party house was formally opened in 1871 the social life of Frankfurt revolved around Palmgardens.

Dancing Every Night

"Hitler took over the gardens for his SS men and then the Americans rolled into Frankfurt to take over for the Army and use it as a mess hall. Last September the ARC took over and the Palmgardens became a club for the allied forces in the city of Frankfurt."

Dances are held every night.

### RECREATION ROUNDUP

**By The Wanderer**

#### TOURNAMENTS

Henry Parks has been crowned the marble champion of Birmingham. Henry is 15 years old and lives at 1138 Pierce Street. The runner-up is Tom Unger, who is only 10 and lives at 1544 Holland. Tom attends Adams School and is the thumb expert for that side of town. Tom believes that he can take over the city championship with one more year's practice.

Jack Donnelly emerged boys' playground tether tennis champion from 22 entries. The new champion is 14 and lives at 795 Purdy. Twelve year old Bob Mansfield successfully fought off all opponents to become the runner-up. Bob lives at 1409 Pierce Street. He attends the Barnum Y-Y club.

Girls' playground tether tennis winner is Gene Donnelly of 796 Purdy. Gene was able to win her championship award without too much difficulty.

The Jackson tournament found Sally Miller, 12, who resides at 1023 Floyd, an outstanding player. Sally easily called "around the world" with 20 jacks.

On July 31, the horseshoe and shuffle board tournaments will be held at Barnum School. Events will start at 2 P. M.

The Box Hockey championship will be held on August 5 at the Barnum playground.

The city swimming championship meet date has been changed from Wednesday, August 5, to Thursday, August 7, so as not to conflict with the outdoor dance held at the High School.

Football throwing and kicking contests will be held on August 7.

### ADAMS PLAYGROUND

Tether ball is very popular among the older boys at Adams playground. Bob Machas, Bill Anderson, Peter and John Hubert and Payson Chapman have been battling daily in preparation for the Adams championship. The girls on the playground have been using the craft room extensively for making paper beads and bookends.

### BARNUM WORKSHOP

The dragon kite which Jerry Gavett slaved over in the craft shop for a few days won him the boys' kite flying championship at the Pierce Field Kite Day. Shirley Ostermeyer, Beverly O'Leary, Gail Dingler and Neil Hammond have constructed wonderful plaques. Jerry Gravlin and Susan Albert are building doorstops and bookends.

Several box hockey courts have been constructed and will be in use shortly by the boys and girls in preparation for the coming box hockey tournament.

The first rounds of the senior men's and women's city tennis

championship are under way. Many of Birmingham's well-known players are entered and the city champ will find it hard going at the way.

### 200 Youngsters Participate in Swim Program

By Jim Milledrandt

With a total of 200 youngsters participating each day the swimming department of the Birmingham Recreation Board under the direction of Vincent Scott, continues new local football coach and Jacqueline Beck, is now full swing.

Second-time Miss Buck each supervises three classes, one of which include; beginner boys and girls, advanced boys and girls and a class for four year olds of the first class having one half hour and the latter receiving a full class instruction.

Great Success

The great enthusiasm over the success thus far particularly in the beginning departments. The children in this category are well grounded in the basic fundamentals such as the dead man's float and the basic kick and stroke.

The largest difficulty encountered by either Secocetine or Miss Buck is removing the fear of water from the minds of the younger students. This is being accomplished by persuading the youngsters to keep their heads up over the surface while practicing their strokes and kicks.

Next week a swimming meet is scheduled and the following week a water pageant has been planned. Definite dates have not been set for either affair.

### Local Girl Scouts Invited to Attend Camp Near Lapeer

Girl Scouts of Birmingham in Oakland County agree to an opportunity to enjoy living in the out-of-doors at Camp Sherwood located near Lapeer and sponsored by the Pontiac Girl Scout Council.

The camp, which can accommodate 100 campers, opened its twelfth season on Sunday, June 29, and will continue to operate until August 24.

Girl Scouts and their friends who attend this summer camp will participate in a program including swimming, boating, nature study, craft, dramatics and other activities.

Girl Scouts and their friends from 10 to 17 years may register for the one week camp period that begins August 17 to the 24th and may do so at the Girl Scout office, 310 National Bldg., Pontiac.

### Birmingham Boys Enjoying Selos At Nissokone

Pets Ladd, Ty and Garth Stanton, Al and Leo Batsell, Dick and Bobby Thalerker and Jim Bishop Birmingham kids at Camp Nissokone, are proving that the weather is a sign of good fun camp, according to Ed Kirber Y director.

These boys are donning gear ninety suits for the Klondike Derby which will be held in camp soon. The Gold Rush is on at all projects and the neighborhood streams for the bright yellow nuggets. A real prize is in store for that camper whose bag holds the greatest number of those nuggets. All properly identified by Douglas Salavarty, camp director.

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### Obituary

John J. Baase, 65 of South Woodward avenue, died July 2 at his home after a long illness. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Oct. 30, 1911, married Mabel A. Higley, who survives. He was graduated from St. Joseph commercial college in 1937.

In 1918 Mr. Baase, with his family, moved to Birmingham where they have since resided. He was a member of Holy Nam church.

Surviving besides his widow is one daughter, Phyllis, at home and one sister, Mrs. Stella Clemens of Detroit.

Rosary services were held at 8:15 Friday at the Manley Bailey funeral home, with funeral services at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from the Holy Nam Church. Burial was made in Roseland Park cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Ahearne, 62 of Ridgeway road, died suddenly Sunday at St. Joseph's hospital in Pontiac following a short illness.

She was born in Milan on Sept. 18, 1884, and attended the school there. On Jan. 24, 1932, she was married to Richard F. Ahearne, a Detroit, who died in 1940. Until a year ago when she moved to Birmingham, Mrs. Ahearne had made her home in Detroit and Cass Lake.

She is survived by a sister, Teresa A. Plunkett, and brother, William O. Plunkett, both of Birmingham.

Rosary services were said Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. at the Manley Bailey funeral home, with funeral services Wednesday from the Holy Nam church, of which she was a member. Burial was made in Mt. Elliott cemetery in Detroit.

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