

Summer Recreation Program

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ket shooting jamboree in which boys from all sections of Birmingham participated were held.

Craft Shop
The basic philosophy for operating the Barnum craft shop was to maintain a place where youngsters could work with standard tools and materials. Activities ranged from the creating of original art objects to offering an outlet for muscular endeavors of knocking boxes apart, driving nails and dabbing paint. The shop was open each afternoon during the eight weeks of summer. Although no special class periods were held, expert leadership was offered for those who were concentrating their activity on working with specific materials suggested by the staff. Jewelry making, modeling, wood painting, working and burning, metal shaping, leather working, doll creating

and finger painting were some of the activities featured in the displays.

Displays
Two displays of handicraft work were held during the past summer. The first featured the efforts of elementary age children who exhibited dolls which had been created and dressed on the playgrounds. Of these, 56 were chosen to be placed in the window of the Chamber of Commerce building for a week's display. The second exhibit consisted of selecting 250 articles which had been constructed on the playgrounds and in the craft shop from wood, paper, clay, leather, plastic, cloth, glass, wool, string and metal. These were placed on view so that an idea of the varied types of activity that occurred during handicraft periods could be demonstrated.

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Dramatics
For the first time in the history of Birmingham recreation, the Recreation Board was able to offer a complete program for those interested in drama. Several plays, a variety show and a children's pageant were produced for public enjoyment as a result of the endeavor. Opportunities were presented for those interested in gaining experience in directing, lighting, make-up, programs, publicity, concessions and stagecraft.

Fencing
Daily fencing classes were held each summer afternoon on the Barnum school playground. A competent instructor gave a complete course for boys and girls who wished to master beginning fundamentals. Complete fencing equipment was provided and frequent bouts were held. Ages of the fencers varied from five to 17 years.

Golf
Local citizens, nine years and

over, were encouraged to participate in a free golfing program which was held at Springdale Park. Free lessons were also provided for beginners every Wednesday morning. A golf tournament concluded the season.

Junior Olympics
It has been possible through the annual endeavor of the Side Line Quartet to offer a major experience in track and field activities for our boys and young adults of Birmingham. This year's event featured a member of the American Olympic track team, established new individual records and saw the first official use of the new Pierce field office for recreational purposes. All contestants were carefully supervised while participating in events and award ribbons were presented for outstanding performances.

Junior Police Academy
Few cities in the United States have taken advantage of the opportunities which exist during the summer for the formulating of a good rapport between law-enforcing officials and young citizens. The academy provided for Birmingham. This year's event featured a member of the American Olympic track team, established new individual records and saw the first official use of the new Pierce field office for recreational purposes. All contestants were carefully supervised while participating in events and award ribbons were presented for outstanding performances.

Music
Instrumental music activities offered included the day band, orchestra, advanced strings, advanced brass and beginning winds, beginning strings and night band. No individual was denied a part in the group because of age, sex or ability. Music was provided for the variety show and the summer picnic by the more experienced members of the group.

Picnics
One major picnic was held in Springdale Park during the past summer. Activities centered around the old-time box lunch, three-legged contests, potato races and ball games, predominating. Golf, tennis, schachard and hot dogs, also played their share in providing a good time for all.

Playgrounds
The Adams, Barnum, Quanton, and Pierce school playgrounds were staffed by experienced leaders for the summer season for half-day sessions. Activities conducted consisted of apparatus and during shooting contests. Morning sessions were devoted to boys of the later elementary and the high school age. Evening activities were provided for mothers and daughters. Approximately 5,000 rounds were fired at standard targets, balloons, apples, miniature animals and other interesting media during the eight weeks the range was in operation. The Birmingham police department provided several exhibitions of F. B. I. target work and safety

Rifle Shooting
The all-American sport of rifle shooting was provided for Birmingham as a recreational event for the first time during the past season. The course taught the proper methods of handling firearms in the home, on the hunting field, on the range and elsewhere. Standard safety practices at the range were established and maintained during instructional periods and during shooting contests. Morning sessions were devoted to boys of the later elementary and the high school age. Evening activities were provided for mothers and daughters. Approximately 5,000 rounds were fired at standard targets, balloons, apples, miniature animals and other interesting media during the eight weeks the range was in operation. The Birmingham police department provided several exhibitions of F. B. I. target work and safety

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Softball
The recreation board contributed \$425.00 for diamond maintenance and equipment for the joint Y. M. C. A. and City Recreation softball league this summer. Terry, St. James, Howarth and Pierce diamonds were used for three rounds of play by the six teams in the league association.

Special Events
At intervals of about every two weeks during the summer, special events were held in addition to the daily program. These included a bicycle day, boy's swim night, girl's swim night, picnic day, water carnival and a pool treasure hunt. This day suited two postponements because of the lack of sufficient wind and eventually was held at the Barnum playground. It was decided to discontinue this feature because of the uncertainty of choosing a windy day in advance.

The events which were most favored during the summer, the "Christmas" tree, the skilled riders obstacle course and bomb the bucket. Well over 100 riders competed for small prizes. About 30 events featured the girls and boys swim nights held at the Barnum pool. Activities were arranged to present equal opportunities for the different abilities and ages of the contestants. Water races, diving contests, and demonstrations were featured to illustrate the results of progressive instruction given during the past eight weeks. Because of the number of participants it has not been possible to have boys and girls perform during the same evening.

The annual water carnival featured the old American style entertainment was conducted by the pool instructors and the aid of the boys and girls of the daily swimming classes. Clowns, precision swimming, juggling and special acts illustrated a packed house.

T. S. Nature Hunt
The pool treasure hunt is never announced in advance because of the safety factors involved. The children know that whenever they are able to spot small coins on the bottom of the pool that the hidden treasure is on. It is during this event that many eyes open under water for the first time and the old "professionals" are able to leave the locker room with their pocket full of the hidden treasure. This year's hunt was held on the last day of the swimming season.

Swimming
Recreational and instructional swimming was provided in the Barnum pool during six months of the year. During the winter and spring months the pool was serviced and operated for boys and girls of the elementary school age on Saturday mornings. Activities consisted of classes in swimming fundamentals, diving and other water sports. One trained expert and three assistants supervised the pool. The summer program provided for swimmers and non-swimmers of all ages.

Tennis
It has been impossible to provide instructional facilities for summer tennis because the courts are so widely separated. However, special tournaments were held and some individual attention was given tennis beginners on the Barnum courts. The courts are equipped and maintained from March to November.

Baseball
Some activity which offered competition in a socialized environment was held almost daily for participants who desired to flip their muscles and match their wits against opponents of the same age and sex. Events were conducted in the following sports: box hockey, basketball, chess, checkers, rope jumping, treasure hiking, roller skating, table tennis, bubble gum, hopscotch, shuffle board, regular and miniature golf, kite flying, tether tennis, doll making, bicycling, badminton, horse shoes, boxing, tramping, tennis, craft construction, jack-pots, swimming, racing and diving, marbles, croquet, still walking, fencing, basketball, free basketball, rifle shooting and track and field. Winners were given various certificates.

Tramping
This new event was the outstanding hit of the past season. Expert instruction was given four hours each afternoon on the Barnum playground for boys and girls of all ages. The waiting line was continuous for eight weeks. Fundamentals and advance maneuvers were progressively taught so that the all-city tournament would be highlighted by exhibitions of considerable skill. Ages ranged from five to seventeen years.

Recommendations
Whitney also said that it was to be recommended that the existing recreational facilities of the city and the board of education be placed under the administration of the recreation board in the future. It is also hoped that a twilight playground program will be inaugurated next summer, in addition to the daily activities.

These facilities will be developed immediately.

Construction of a softball diamond with backstop in Poppleton park; a baseball diamond with backstop at St. James park; construction of a practice football field at the latter site; provide for winter skating there; construction of a softball diamond with backstop and a practice football field at Quanton school; provide for night game of softball or baseball; construct an outdoor swimming pool; add recreation facilities at Springdale park and modernize those now located there.

Church Parking
The city commissioners have been informed by Leo H. Kuhlman, trustee of the Lutheran church, 14 Mile road, that the church plans call for full off-street parking by those who will be attending their services. There are some 77,000 square feet of space available, Kuhlman reports, which will be more than adequate for their needs.

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