

Recreation Roundup

There is a big party going on in the afternoon at Barnum pool these days. Some of the little customers are attempting to take advantage of the shadows in the locker rooms, and the attendants are sometimes receiving lead penalties for lies of the required dimes. Last week there was even a Missouri state tax taken used as the admission price. The attendants have seen a short course on identification of money and are now especially on the lookout for counterfeit tender.

The youngest set is urged to attend the playgrounds but there is a practical age limit. Dick Grimm, the fencing master, was conducting his usual afternoon class the other day when he discovered that one of the pupils had to hold the foil with both hands. Upon closer examination and questioning Dick found out that the lad was only three years old. Generally, most children are 5, 4, and 5 year old children are too young to participate in the playground activities.

A program can be too successful. The Thursday night "Family Swim" at Barnum pool is just that. So successful. A Coney Island size crowd is attending, but there are not sufficient facilities. The Recreation Board is forced to remind the swimmers that no child under 12 will be admitted on Thursday nights unless he is accompanied by a parent. There will be a careful check made at the door.

Police Chief Ralph Mosley gave Birmingham's kid sharpshooters a treat last Thursday at the rifle range. He demonstrated the FBI methods of pistol shooting from various positions and under many circumstances. The embryo FBI agents were so impressed, and while they were thus susceptible, the Chief talked to them about safe handling of firearms. These kids are now very favorably disposed toward the law enforcing body of this town.

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kids and teachers for many years as head custodian. One of the little patrons went to swim on Saturday, and was turned away at the door by Bill. He went home and told his mother that he didn't get to swim 'cause "Mr. Barnum" wouldn't let him in.

BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS

Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

It sounds like something out of a story book, but if you are a man between the ages of 17 and 40 and would like to take a two week's cruise in the Gulf of Mexico at no expense to you, all you must do is go out to the Naval Air Station at Grosse Ile and you can sign up for it right now.

Captain James P. Walker, commanding officer at Grosse Ile, has just announced that Air Group 59 of the Organized Reserve will be leaving for Pensacola on August 2 for a two week's tour of duty aboard an Aircraft Carrier. The ship will make one port of call at a foreign port during the two week's cruise.

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There are only a few billets open at this time. It's first come first served for an all expense tour on a United States aircraft carrier. Call or visit the Grosse Ile Naval Air Station to secure your place in the Naval Air Reserve.

Herman Erke Elected 2nd Vice-President of B'ham National

Herman Erke, assistant cashier at the Birmingham National Bank, last week was elected second vice-president at a meeting of the board of directors. Erke joined the bank's staff 2½ years ago.

Herbert H. Gardner, president of the bank, also announced that the directors have declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 60 cents per share to stockholders of record July 7.

"During the six months ending June 30, the bank experienced its best operating income after taxes in its history," Gardner stated.

Gardner has received word that he has been reappointed chairman of the bank management and research committee of the Michigan Bankers Association.

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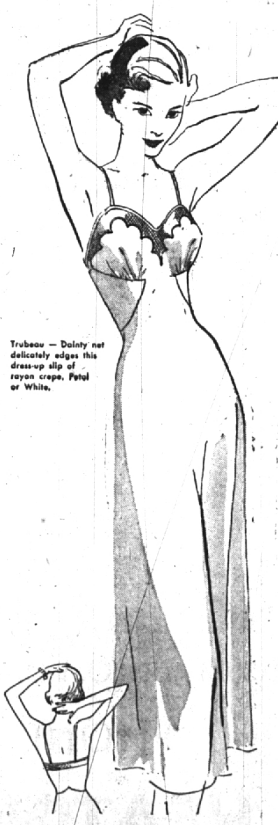
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