

## Value Of Summer Recreation Events Cited By Director

The value of the recreation program to children of the community was emphasized this week by Franklin Whitney, Birmingham recreation director.

Whitney said that through such channels as radio, motion pictures, professional sports, comic books and television, constant pressure is exerted to keep the interest of the child from morning to night.

If the youngster interests himself in these activities alone he would have nothing but entertainment, he added.

**HOWEVER, THROUGH** the summer recreation program the child is offered more than entertainment, Whitney pointed out.

"By learning to swim, participating in dramatics, designing a pocket book, learning the safety rules involved in handling a rifle, the child accumulates useful knowledge besides enjoying himself," he said.

The director cited a recent investigation made concerning a recreational photograph taken in 1947 of 11 members of the evening band group.

Each person is still actively engaged in musical activities. Two are making their living by giving music lessons; two have played four years with college bands and orchestras; one is a music major at the University of Michigan; another has played in a symphony orchestra in Detroit and five are continuing their musical activities in the recreation program.

Construction on Jacobson's new \$250,000 store at W. Maple and Bates is rapidly nearing completion, the contractor reported this week.

The above architect's drawing shows how the store exterior will appear when finally completed.

Heating, plumbing and air conditioning facilities are about 80 per cent

### Children Complete Required Reading As Book Carnival Ends

The vacation reading carnival of Baldwin Public Library, created to introduce boys and girls to the various types of books and show them how much fun reading can be, will end its season soon.

Miss Audrey Kennedy, children's librarian, reports good weekly attendance and a keen interest on the part of Birmingham youngsters in good books.

To date eight children have completed the required number of books for summer reading. They

are Barbara Yingling, Bobby Yingling, Ann Baker, Mary Hawley, Becky Watts, Anne Ellsworth, Mary Taylor and Gary Gilliam.

MISS KENNEDY said Gary had completed his work while confined to his bed during the summer. He was aided by other members of the group and his mother.

Officers of the carnival are Barbara Yingling, president; Bobby Yingling, vice-president and Mary Taylor, secretary.

Nylon thread is stronger than steel wire of the same size, according to tests made by the Naval Research Laboratory.

complete, and finishing touches are being added to the basement.

The outside masonry and the roof are expected to be completed next week. Then construction crews will begin the interior work on the ground floor.

## FRANKLIN NEWS

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### Local Entertaining

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Holzsch of Fairview Road entertained at dinner last Saturday night in honor of their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Van Schyndels of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Favery of Lumber Road, their special calendar dotted with informal get-togethers, have served many a dinner from the grill in their spacious yard. Friends and neighbors on hand for dinner out-of-doors last Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quintell, Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dawson, and Mrs. Phillip A. Aard and Miss Cole Allard.

J. H. Holmes of Oak Court was host to a group of body design engineers of the Fisher Body corporation, Detroit, at a luncheon supper party last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Leo Miller of Franklin Court entertained members of her bridge club at her home last Tuesday afternoon. Luncheon and dancing preceded their card game. The club includes members from Walled Lake and Detroit.

### Franklin Campers

The Lynn Roberts are spending the weekend with the Al Griggs at their cottage at Kowadin near Traverse Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tracy and children have returned to their home on Oak Drive after spending their vacation at a cottage at Bellaire in northern Michigan.

Tommie and Johnnie Risk are spending their third season at Camp Presque Isle in northern Michigan, participating in riding, canoeing, aircraft and camp trips. Their friends Peter Green, Johnnie Zierer and Bobby Squiers, who enjoyed the summer at the same camp, have returned home.

Anthony Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carman Adams of Thirteen Mile road, is spending the summer at Camp Four Way Lodge at Torch Lake.

### Birthday Notes

Sharon Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Byers of Highland Road, celebrated her 12th birthday Wednesday, Aug. 16, by entertaining six of her young friends at dinner at the Detroit Yacht Club. She will leave this weekend for Glen Lake in northern Michigan, joining her brother Dennis at the summer home of their grandmother, Mrs. Omer Winn.

### Social Bits

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kick and their daughter Ann have made frequent trips to, and spent much time at, their summer home at Torch Lake. There they have entertained friends from Chicago, Birmingham, Berkeley and Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carnahan (Kay Nichols) made a weekend

stop at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nichols, returning from their honeymoon to South Haven where they will make their home.

### In the Swim

Among those in the Franklin area who need go no farther than the pool in their yard to swim are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roseberry, Dr. and Mrs. Leland Harley, Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. William Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Millard, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Greig, Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Bleich, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lawton, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Harold New

### Minister Honored

The Rev. Clifton Hoffman, pastor of the Unitarian Church at Fairhaven, Mass., formerly pastor of the Franklin Community Church, was guest speaker at the services Sunday, Aug. 13. A potluck luncheon was held in his honor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright of Normandy Road.

### Church Group Affairs

The Friendly Circle has been meeting every two weeks this summer to sew and make articles for the country fair, to be held Nov. 3 and Nov. 4 at the Franklin Community hall. The next sewing session will be held on Aug. 22 at the home of Mrs. Fred Warden on Kincaid drive.

The Evening Circle of the Women's Society of Christian Service has invited the Friendly Circle members and their children to a potluck luncheon and swimming at their August meeting, at the summer home of Mrs. Norman Currin, Macaday Lake. Those wishing to drive in caravan are to meet at the Franklin Community church at 11:30 a.m.

## Baldwin Library Acquires Quite A Collection of Oddities from Readers

By ALICE E. MORGAN

It is a well-known fact that librarians, all over the country, deplore the practice of turning down the corner of a page to mark your place in a book. There are some, however, who believe this is better than the use of some of the bookmarks they have sent back in returned books.

While Birmingham has never experienced the thrill (?) of finding a fried egg in a book, as did a New York librarian, nor a part of a sandwich such as turned up in a Boston library, they do run across odd items now and then.

Local librarians are still puzzled over the four hairs from a horse's man or tail, very neatly tied with a small piece of pink yarn. There must be some significance—but what is it?

RARELY DOES Baldwin library find money being used to mark a reader's stopping place, but it does find bills. Also the staff is aware of the fact that some of their readers have birthdays because the cards are left in the books.

Thank you notes are excellent bookmarks, along with love letters, pictures, scenic post cards, scraps of paper, shoe laces, valentines, handkerchiefs, chewing gum wrappers and odd bits of cloth.

Shopping lists seem to be among the top favorite and many a family divulges its taste in foods, preference in washing powders, cold cream, dog soap and tooth paste.

No doubt those shopping lists could prove of great importance should the library ever decide to branch out and do a commercial survey.

OF COURSE, bookmarks are not the only odd things to show up at the library. The things forgotten borrowers leave behind in their make up quite a list, too.

Because Baldwin library is kept quite warm, items of clothing are among the more numerous "leav-

ings". The library staff is storing mittens of all sizes, colors and sands. There are knitted mittens for tiny tots, ski mittens for the older members of the family and far-backed mittens for children and adults.

There are scarves and babushkas which also register every color. Cotton, wool and silk, they remain in a box in the storage room, patiently awaiting the arrival of their owners.

Belt and shoes, somehow become unattached from their wearers and find their way into the box, too.

MEN AND BOYS are prone to leave hats behind them and of course many a youngster goes home without his snow boots. The staff members gather them all together, place them in storage and wonder if they will ever be called for.

School students are not above leaving assignment slips in books for on the table at which they have been working. Nor do they always remember their note books, pencils, pens and rulers. The smaller set leaves whole pencil boxes and packages of crayons.

The young citizens are even forgetful about their treasures—loose. At present a very saucy looking little doll, with blond pig-tails is waiting for her owner.

There is an assortment of guns which make the storage room look like a police arsenal. A fire engine is also the temporary (they hope) property of the library staff.

And, last but not least, people "return" their own books to the local library, along with books from other libraries.

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**Last Rites Tuesday For Local Resident Killed in Tennessee**

Services were held in Forest Park, Ill., Tuesday for Mrs. Edgar Coombs of 738 Colonial court. Mrs. Coombs, 50, a native of Oak Park, Ill., was killed in an accident near Morristown, Tenn., on July 27. She, with her husband, were returning to their home here from Florida.

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