

City's Drama Unit Plans Variety Show

Naval Training Center, Great Navy He attended Lake Shore Lakes, Ill. Before entering the High School.

Recreation Roundup

If you are one of those individuals who abhors statistics, pass this paragraph quickly because it is included only for those inquisitive souls who like to go beyond the sensible point.

In other words a brief statistical summary of this summer's program, if written in numbers, probably would appear as follows: Number of rounds fired at the targets on the rifle range 10,000; the trampoline's 100 steel springs will react to 216,000 bounces; the pitching robot is expected to toss up 55,000 balls to batters who will hit about 5,000; 2,400,000 notes will be formed; 200,000 scraps, or pounded through muscains by youthful executors; nimble fingers will weave, braid and tangle 6,000 yards of handcraft materials along with mixing and pouring 200 pounds of moulding powder; 36 baseball bats will pound into the smallest of 70 baseballs; five heads will suffer noticeable bumps and three periods will be visited by 8,000 individuals, half of whom will tell us that this water is too cold, while the other half will state that the water is too hot; 100 more or less will learn to support themselves in the water by swimming; 12 performances will be given by the dramatics group; and incidentally one basketball, 200 ping pong balls, seven nets, 84 badminton birds, one diving board, 14 gallons of paint, three rockers, and seven swimming suits will not survive the season.

Rain will spoil about three half-days of activity and whooping cough, mumps and measles will cause most absences through illness.

Nancy Chapel, our playground supervisor at the Quanton field, tells us that big operations are under way in her neighborhood for an all-playground circus day on or about July 27. Dress-ups, a parade, acts, outdoor music and a special feature are being arranged for that morning.

In memory of the late "Bring 'em Back Alive" Frank Buck, the Recreation Board has been contemplating holding a turtle hunt at Quanton Lake. Two special prizes will be offered. One for the person who traps the largest turtle and the other for the person whose turtle wins the race back to the lake after the contest. All that remains to assure the hunt, is the establishing of safety rules and the desire on the parts of our

boys and girls to hold the contest. Are there enough youngsters in Birmingham who wish to match their wit, strength and stamina against those wild monsters of the Quanton jungle?

Although final rounds have not been completed for all-city rifle championship, excellent scores have been fired by Hayes Kavanagh, 9; Dick Lemoyne, 13; Ronald Thurston, 11; Perry Phelan, 10; Robert Thomson, 13; Richard Ward, 11 and Bob Stephenson, 10.

Top awards will be presented this week to all winners of the boys' division. The final match will bring together in all-city boys' team which will compete against a mixed school group.

David Phillips, 12, is the newly crowned recreation table tennis king for the 1950 playgrounds.

Old man weather caused last Thursday's postponement of the scheduled fencing match. It will be held today at the Broom played at 2:00 p.m. Three state champions are to give a demonstration of the three types of weapons used in this sport. Free fencing lessons will be held every Tuesday for those interested. Richard Perry of the Highland Park public school will conduct the activities.

While the highly competitive sports of football, basketball and track do have many points in their favor, they are definitely not activities for those of us who wish to continue exercising in a reasonable manner after we reach the age of 40.

On the other hand swimming, golf, tennis, softball, archery, dramatics, music, fencing and riflery have considerable carry-over values for extending the pre-erecting chair period of life. Too many of our youth are completely sold on sports which offer only a momentary interest after college. The Recreation Board attempts to emphasize those activities which can be an enjoyment throughout life. It was with this philosophy in mind that an attempt was made this summer to establish an instructional period for beginning tennis players. And although it was anticipated to furnish a 1 1/2 courts, and an expert instructor without charge, the Board found there was not quite enough interest to justify continuing this activity. It is hoped that enough parents will be concerned about this opportunity next year that they will see to it that their children get an excellent start in a splendid sport.

Isn't it strange that so many of our youngsters know so much about our two local theaters and so little about our library? How much do we know about the opportunities which have been arranged for this summer for the wholesome entertainment and the intellectual and social advancement of Birmingham youngsters? There are story telling periods, book reading clubs, and dramatics groups available for those who wish to actively participate in some of the finer experiences provided by the past.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Goad and sons Thomas and David of Glenhurst drive were among the passengers who "Lurlined to Hawaii" on Matson Lines luxury liner Lurline, from Los Angeles harbor on July 12. Mr. Goad is vice-president of the General Motors corporation.

Rent Control Question Cleared

Clearing up a point that he said has caused some misunderstanding, William C. Haines, area rent director, with offices in Detroit, stated today that if a community declares that federal rent control shall continue after December 31 of this year, by the methods provided in the new 1950 rent law, the federal government will continue to administer the local rent control program, through the rent office as now established.

The fact that the new federal rent law requires community action to retain rent control after the end of the year has led to some misunderstanding that control after December 31 would have to be municipally administered, said the rent director. Birmingham city commissioners have set next Monday evening, July 24, as the public hearing date for considering the advisability of removing local rent controls earlier than when they normally would expire on Dec. 31.

HAINES EXPLAINED that the affirmative action required by the new law, if Federal control is to extend beyond December 31, may be taken either by the common council or by popular referendum under local law, before December 31.

DeMund Tells of His Candidacy

Announcement of his candidacy as a Republican contender for election to Congress from the 17th District of Michigan was made this week by Robert J. DeMund, 34 years of age, Pontiac lawyer.

DeMund, married and the father of two children, veteran of World War II, is opposing incumbent Congressman George A. Dondero, of Royal Oak.

In his announcement DeMund declares that he will protect small business against monopoly, favors requiring large merchandising stores to refrain from selling items below cost, do away with all farm subsidies and animal and crop control. DeMund also favors sending of food and raw materials to Europe instead of cash contributions.

Lacking such "affirmative action" before that date, federal rent control ends in the community which falls to act on December 31. He added that the area rent administration of rent control here

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DeMund states he will do all in his power to keep taxes down, eliminate government's requirement for so many unnecessary reports from business, and support strict civil service and the merit system for government employees.

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The dramatic division of the Birmingham summer recreation program will stage a variety show in the Baldwin public library auditorium tomorrow afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock.

The show, which will be in charge of Barbara Ritter as mistress-of-ceremonies, will include Betsy McQueen's version of a Spike Jones presentation of "Children"; a recitation, "The Owl Critic" by Margaret Adams and solo numbers by Carroll Middleton.

Dorothy Schmidt will play Chopin's Prelude in A Major and "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia", which will be followed by a duet by Beverly Hill and Paul Leslie.

ANN AND JANET Collins with Ann McCourtney and Patsy Farnie will demonstrate choral speaking in their minstrel number.

Parents of children taking part in the dramatic work are invited to attend the program.

Dramatic directors have announced that this division is open to anyone in the city over five years of age. The group meets at the Baldwin public library, Monday through Friday, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Seaman on Newest Cruiser in Atlantic

C. L. Cummings, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cummings, 864 Truxway rd., Birmingham, Mich., is serving aboard the Navy's newest heavy cruiser, the USS Salem, which is operating with the Atlantic Fleet.

Flagship of the commander of the United States Mediterranean Fleet, the Saratog, recently visited ports in Portugal, Sicily, and Italy.

Cummings, who entered the Naval service Oct. 26, 1948, received his recruit training at the

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