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Summer Recreation Program Attracts 29,535 Players

Total supervised attendance of 29,535 was recorded for the Birmingham recreation board's summer program which concluded last Friday, according to Director Frank Whitney.

Attendance for individual activities were tennis, 998; riflery, 384; baseball schools, 1,140; craft shop, 2,800; swimming, 8,800; music, 1,600; radio dramas, 1,400; golf, 88; baseball league, 1,008; playgrounds, 11,100; field trips, 62 and special events, 155.

WHITNEY said that attendance counts were taken each morning and afternoon on all supervised playgrounds. He also pointed out that many individuals participated in more than one event.

Beginning tennis school held on the Hill school courts featured court rules, sportsmanship, game fundamentals, team play and individual coaching. Two all-city tournaments were held and all equipment except rackets provided by the board. Whitney pointed out.

Well over 20,500 rounds of ammunition were fired during the past two seasons by recreation rifle men on the police range. Target, water, chalk and turkey shots were held. Stressed were such fundamentals as proper handling of firearms, aiming, shooting positions, care of rifles and general range conduct.

RIFLES AND SHELLS were furnished for a small fee. The instructor said that city shooters appeared for the first time this year.

For the first time in local recreation history, two baseball schools were established for beginning hard ball players. Proper batting, fielding, team play, sportsmanship and game rules were points emphasized.

Barnum school craftshop offered work in molding, weaving, leather, painting, wood burning and rough wood working. Both supervised and unsupervised activities prevailed.

AS ALWAYS, water activities led all events in attendance with 8,800. Special emphasis was placed on teaching swimming fundamentals to beginners. Whitney stated, "Five daily classes were used solely for this purpose. The director said, 'Heavy attendance handicapped many teaching periods inasmuch as it was impossible to give much desired attention. Nevertheless, many non-swimmers at the beginning of the season were able to master enough advancing tests to be promoted to intermediate groups.'"

Other swimming activities included advanced diving instructions, use of water glasses and swim fins, kick boards and other water skills.

Family swim night proved especially popular. Whitney pointed out. One water carnival and a pool treasure hunt were also held.

MUSIC CLASSES were arranged to provide for all levels of achievement. Instruction for any one who desired to play an instrument was held daily at Hill school building.

Musicians in the advanced class attended evening sessions. Youngsters who had no previous musical experience were entered in an exploratory section and several found they had enough talent to qualify for serious consideration in instrument playing.

Radio workshop was a new offering this summer for teenagers and a total of eight radio broadcasts were given. Whitney stated that all phases of these shows were planned, developed and produced by the youths.

Birmingham is believed one of the first cities in the country to make this type of activity a regular part of the recreation program.

IN ADDITION to the baseball school, two Class A and B leagues were formed for boys 13 years and older.

Supervised playground activities were promoted at Adams, Quanton, Pierce, Barnum, Torrey and Pembroke. Events consisted primarily of handicraft, dress-up parades, picnics, treasure hunts, pet parades, circus and tournaments.

Unsupervised activities included golf at Springdale park, soccer pool at Howarth, softball on all

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Ralph M. Road, Wakeup Bank teller here, admits the strangest things happen to him. In another story in this issue he tells about tomatoes growing on potato vines in his garden. He also offered this Wanderer a startling fish story. "I can take you down to a small inland canal, near Monroe, where you can catch black bass without tackle of any kind," he declared. "All you need to do is anchor your boat close to the canal bank, stick two paddles alongside the boat, and the bass will jump into your boat. What happens, I guess, is that bass, feeling themselves hemmed in by the boat, its shadow, and the paddles,

resort to leaping away from what they believe is a dangerous situation. So they only can leap over the boat, and, of course, some of them don't leap far enough, and land in the boat." Mr. Road, fellow anglers, tells this story without the flicker of a smile on his face. And, as you may know, his vocation is that of a teller!

An unofficial course record of 56 strokes was set at Orchard Lake Country Club recently by Ed Errasti of St. Louis. Club officials state that sub-par rounds are very rare at the course.

If you happened to be around the business section during the early hours Thursday afternoon you no doubt "noticed" the three jet planes that went roaring over at low altitude. It was almost a physical blow to the ears as they approached, and more than one person was seen to duck and make a quick grab at the tops of their heads.

This Wanderer watched a flock of dove-eyed youngsters being shoved around the small hall between the Birmingham fire de-

partment last Thursday. They are all familiar with the helmeted, booted men and the big engines, but it's quite a revelation to them to see all the rest of the things which go to make up the life of the fire fighter. Coming up from the machine shop some of the little girls looked bored, others amazed, but every boy plainly showed that he thought he could have a wonderful time down there among those drills, saws and so forth.

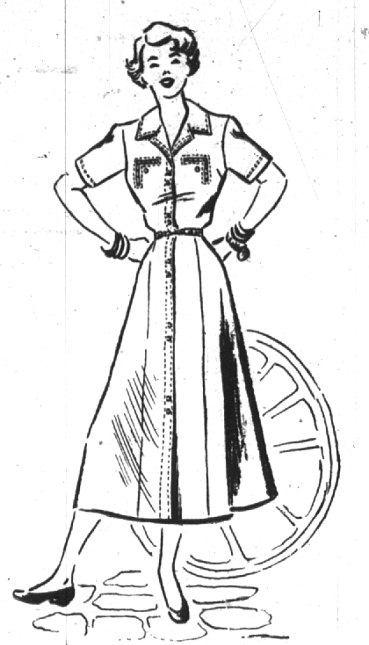
It's amusing to watch people (public, not city employees) as they walk through the halls of the municipal building. About 90 per cent stop for a drink. Some to a step or two past the fountain, turn back, take a couple of swallows and go their way. Wonder how many of them were really thirsty before they happened to see the cooler?

Something new has been added. Not long ago, one of the Birmingham police officers was driving in unmarked car while on patrol. During his tour of duty he stopped a lady for speeding and was informed that his action was not legal because his car did not carry the word "police" in large letters. When he assured her it was perfectly legal, the lady ended up by saying she did not think it was very sportsmanlike.

Leaving books is not the only job of a librarian. The July report of Baldwin public library showed that Birmingham people asked a total of 381 questions during the 27 working days that month. Your arithmetic will show you this averaged a bit over 14 questions per day.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—all the society editor about them.

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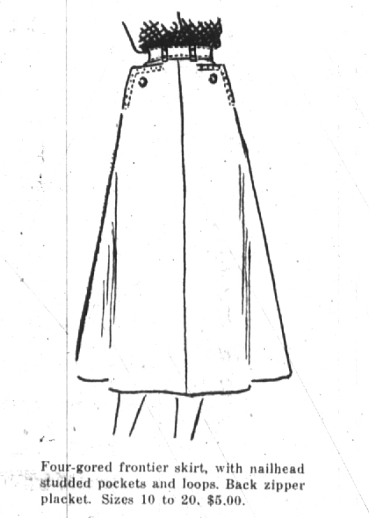
This snapped-down-the-front dress, in lightweight 6 ounce denim, flatters almost every type of figure. The stitching is white, and nickel nailheads trim the original set-in frontier pockets. Adjustable belt is studded with nailheads, and closed by two harness snaps. Sizes 10 to 20. \$11.25.

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