

Actually, due to the tempo of modern life, most people probably do not derive even 50 per cent of the wonderful pleasures and experiences that sports can offer. So many of the things we do and say are concerned only with surface facets of living.

Netters Travelled To Tennis Games

Two Birmingham boys took in the sights of part of the mid-west this summer while playing their favorite sport.

Jerry Flores, 219 Elm, and Steve Yarnall, 1009 Safford, took part in tennis tournaments in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, covering nearly 2,000 miles in jaunts from Birmingham to play in matches in four cities.

The two boys opened summer play July 8 in a closed state meet at Kalamazoo. Both boys advanced to the 16th round in singles and doubles matches.

The next tournament they entered was the Highland Park Open at Grand Haven, Mich. Again they advanced to the 16th round in tight play before losing out to Kenneth Holt and Ray Noble of Danville, Ohio.

IN THE NORTH-OHIO championship at Lakeside, Ohio, Flores teamed with Ann Thomas of Shaker Heights, Ohio, to make the semi-finals in mixed double play. Both boys lost the singles and doubles matches but received medals for play.

Physical handicaps struck the boys in the River Forest Open, River Forest, Ill., when Steve Yarnall sprained his ankle which forced him out of contention, and Flores contracted pleurisy and was unable to play.

Yarnall was runner-up at the Oakland Hills Country Club finals and was beaten by Bill Adams. Flores won both the men's and junior's singles championship at Orchard Lake Country club.

The boys worked at odd jobs through the summer here to finance their travels.

Smith was going to become so famous?

SMITH also has talked to a descendant of the Christian family on Pitcairn Island.

Before the present Korean war, he made contact with James Jensen, a Birmingham GI in the jungles of Korea, through the facilities of an operator in Seoul and the U. S. Army. It was then possible for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jensen to talk for an hour and a half to their son whom they had not seen for almost two years.

"It was perfect transmission," Smith remarks. "I have made literally hundreds of such contacts," Smith said. "I used to see regular schedules with the Pacific Islands as well as Germany, Italy and other places. Sometimes I missed my breakfast or was late for work."

DURING THE WAR Smith put in 600 hours with the Office of Civilian Defense, working with the War Emergency Radio Service. He helped to install the first emergency radio service station in Detroit.

Smith, who is in charge of the Detroit office of the Johnson Rubber Co., which specializes in rubber products for the auto industry, says of his hobby, "A great many people find a fascination in the hobby of amateur radio. I am one of a hundred thousand fans in the United States.

"There are 15 or more active amateur radio stations in Birmingham. One is operated by E. Dean Burnett (WABP) who has contacted all continents from his ham installation in his automobile and the airways."

Smith also can exhibit certificates from the DX Century Club, meaning that he has contacted over 100 different countries in various parts of the world for each certificate.

"I suppose I have made several thousand contacts with various countries during the past seven years," Smith said. "Some of these have been very interesting."

FOR A WHILE he was making contact with a radio operator in Leningrad, but one thing they didn't discuss was politics!

"He must have been pretty high up in the party ranks," Smith observed, because he spoke such perfect English and was allowed to have a very powerful station to be able to come through so clearly.

A confirmation card from Captain Kurt Carlson with a picture of the ill-fated ship Enterprise on the card is in Smith's possession.

"I had one from Kontiki, too," Smith said, "only now I can't prove it. I burned up a bunch of QSL cards when I was clearing things out, and the Kontiki card was among them. I didn't know



EUGENE HESZ, 812 Ridgedale, talks to an unidentified man and his two children in the stock exchange booth of the A. M. Kidder Co. of the Michigan state fair held last week in Detroit.

Legion Sponsors Blood Bank Here Next Wednesday

The Charles Edwards Post-American Legion, and its auxiliary, will sponsor a visit of the Red Cross Mobile blood bank in Birmingham on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Although donors may visit the Community House any time between 2 and 8 p.m., telephone and personal contacts are being made to schedule appointments and lesson waiting periods.

Donors may call George McHugh, 1281 W. 14 Mile, or Mrs. J. Robert Emerson, 1718 Holland, to make appointments.

Mrs. Bradlee Pruden, of the Red Cross will be chairman of the day.

In announcing the bank, McHugh said its main purpose was to build up reserves in the bank established through the Birmingham Council of Church Women for the convenience of city residents.

"Birmingham," he said, "is one of the very few communities which has a blood bank for all of its residents. This is known by surprisingly few of the people who live here."

"ALL THAT is necessary, when a blood transfusion is called for, is to contact the Oakland county chapter of the Red Cross in Pontiac and make the need known. The blood is delivered to the hospital through Red Cross facilities, without costs to the recipient."

"This system was established with the Red Cross through the efforts of our own Church Women's Council, and is one of the many services which the group is sponsoring for the benefit of the Birmingham people."

McHugh added that the six-hour

schedule would be able to care for 250 persons.

"Because of the number of persons who are rejected for various reasons," he stated, "we are hoping our total volunteers will pass that number."

Women who are pregnant or have a child under five years of age, those who are afflicted with heart disease or jaundice and those who have donated within the past 12 weeks are also excluded.

Rejection is also made on those who are receiving sulfa drugs, penicillin or aureomycin.

Recurrent attacks of malaria, providing there has been a lapse of two years since the last attack, does not bar donors.

Prospective donors are warned against the use of alcohol, fatty foods and cream, immediately before giving. However, all donors are advised to eat lightly just before their visit to the blood bank.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

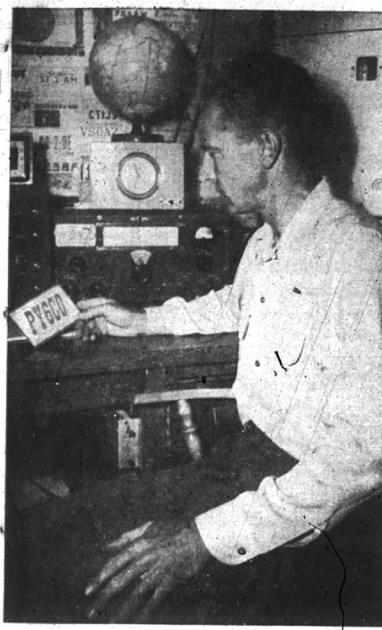
Enrollment Time Nears At YMCA

The annual Fall Membership Enrollment period for grade school boys and girls will take place from September 15 to October 4 according to an announcement by Bill Roberts, chairman of the 'Y' Membership Committee.

It will be the task of the people connected with program in the 'Y' to re-enroll approximately 300 youngsters whose memberships in the 'Y' and Gr-Y Clubs

Board of Education. Game room and lounge facilities offering table games, television, ping pong, shuffleboard, caroms, and the like are available from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Special classes in crafts and sports will be announced later.

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PHILIP SMITH HOLDS CONFIRMATION CARD "Postcards from around the world" (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Radio 'Ham' Began 21 Years Ago With Crystal Sets

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR, Special Writer for The Eccentric

Talking to people in such far away places as Siam, Tibet or Australia may seem exciting, but it is old stuff to Philip H. Smith, 1756 Yosemite, a "ham" radio operator.

For 21 years Smith has been a licensed amateur operator. He became interested in radio as a youngster about 12 years old and at first "fooled around" with the old crystal sets which he purchased for 69¢ apiece from an auto supply store.

From this simple beginning his hobby just grew and his knowledge of the complexities of radio grew right along with it.

Another "ham," J. W. Stark, then living in Detroit as did Smith, but now residing in Birmingham, happened to be the first person young Smith heard over the amateur air waves and was really the spark plug for getting Smith started with a "ham" radio station of his own.

Since that time, he has always had a radio station except during the past war period when the government banned all ham stations.

HIS PRESENT station W4HUD is a mighty powerful one of 1,000 watts.

Smith has made some of the equipment for it, but for the most part, purchased commercially made units.

"I have made so much radio equipment in the earlier years of my hobby," Smith said, "that in the last couple of years I decided to get a few commercially made pieces of equipment—for less money than it would cost me to make them."

His radio station is in a room in the basement and the walls of the room are covered with QSL cards from all over the world.

FOR THE uninitiated, QSL card means "confirmation." For example, if Smith happens to contact another radio operator in Ceylon (which Smith says is about as far away as you can get), he might ask for and receive a card by mail from the Ceylonese operator "confirming" the contact.

Simply—it is just proof that he really did talk to the man in Ceylon and this proof is necessary if any operator wishes to compete for awards in the various amateur radio club competitions.

"Smith has entered and won three such competitions and has the medals he received pinned on a

lamp by his desk. He was a winner in the 14th and 15th All-Section Sweepstakes in 1947 and 1948 which meant that in each case that he contacted more than 500 other "hams" in all sections of the United States in a 24-hour period. In 1949 he was winner in the 15th International DX Competition.

"A CERTAIN group of radio enthusiasts have divided the world into 40 zones," Smith explained, "and to win the International DX Competition, I had to contact someone from each of the 40 zones. Some of the zones, such as Tibet or N.E. China, are very difficult to contact because there are so few people living there who are amateur radio operators."

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