

Recreation Bd. Sept. 8

Because of vacation periods the Birmingham recreation board will postpone its Sept. 1 meeting one week, Mrs. William Jackson, board chairman, said today that the next meeting would be on Sept. 8, in the commission room at 8 p.m. Following this, the regular "first Tuesday" schedule will be resumed.

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3RD ARMORED DIVISION, FORT KNOX, KY.—Private William F. Brumbaum, son of Mrs. E. F. Brumbaum, 1037 Adams, was chosen as the "Outstanding Trainee of the Day" for the 3rd Armored Division here. He was selected for this honor by the officers and cademen of his training unit, Company B, 36th Armored Infantry Battalion. Selection was based on his military bearing, initiative and devotion to duty. He entered the Army in May of this year.



PVT. EDWARD R. HAMPSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hampson, 1782 Hartshorn, Troy township, left August 12 for Fort Knox, Ky., after enlisting in the U. S. Army for three years. Hampson attended Troy High school and was a member of the Civil Air Patrol there for two years.



AS PART OF the training program aboard the destroyer USS Beatty Midshipman Ray E. Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Johnson, 656 Crabbrook road, Bloomfield Village, sends light signals from the bridge. He is senior at Dartmouth College. There are some 1,100 midshipmen representing 52 colleges and universities embarked in Midshipman Cruise "Charlie", an 11-ship training squadron under the command of Rear Admiral Richard P. Glass, USN.

NATURE NOW

Cabin at Clear Creek Model of Simplicity

By LYDIA KING FREHSE

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Night was falling when we came to the cabin on Clear Creek. An easy day's journey had brought us from Florissant to Silver Plume through one of the most rugged and picturesque sections of Colorado.

We traveled a highway empty of the cars of the casual tourist on a roundabout route from Colorado Springs to Denver.

Our road led us within sight of the state's two highest peaks, Mt. Massive and Mt. Elbert and on into Leadville.

In 1876 this town was the silver capital of the world, with a population of 30,000. Since then it has produced some 600 million dollars' worth of precious ores. Now it is reduced to a population of 4,000.

AFTER A steady upward climb of 12 miles we came to Climax Lake. Here, secluded in the wooded canyon walls, is the home of Jeanette MacDonald and many another on whom fame and fortune have smiled.

As we began to ascend the mountain the "world's highest road" travels through great valleys, circles tremendous cliffs and loops up and around the tree-clad slopes with a new vista of beauty opening at every turn.

The approach to Echo Lake, which shines like a blue mirror in the mountainside, is through a part of the great Arapaho National Forest. At some 11,000 feet between Echo and Summit Lakes, lies the weird region called "limberline".

HERE THE forests are checked by the fierce elements and the trees, gnarled and dwarfed, fight for their foothold on the bare rocks. Above this lies the tundra where plants take their last stand. We had come 1,500 miles to see it. Incredibly dwarfed by wind and weather the alpine flowers must bloom and set their seed in the brief mountain summer. We stood like giants in a world of miniatures.

Spread out at our feet were acres of tiny forget-me-nots and blue bells, fairy saxifrage and sandwort, moss campion and many other plants of the high alpine. All around us the sedums bloomed yellow and rose and purple, covering the rocky slopes like a bright carpet.

The last several hundred feet of the ascent winds through rocks steep and tortuous, but at last we reached the glassed-in observatory on the summit. Here the winds blew in an unbroken sweep and the temperature was 35 degrees.

THEY MAKE wonderful doughnuts inside the shelter and pile them on huge platters to serve them hot to all hungry mountaintoppers.

From our vantage point of 14,200 feet we were ready for a leisurely contemplation of the panorama spread out below us.

The day is clear and we can see beyond Denver some 75 miles away and into Kansas. Snow high above the most restricted foliage the plants are represented only by the age-old lichens encrusting the granite rocks. The landscape below is a patchwork quilt of light and dark green broken by cloud shadows and blotches of snow. It is a time to think of the majestic plan of the universe and mayhap to dream...

By late afternoon we are back at Idaho Springs and on our way to Central City where, in 1859, was made the first important gold discovery in Colorado.

THE MOUNTAIN sides are dotted with the rubble of deserted mines and their bowels are crisscrossed with tunnels which carried the rich ore to the surface. The town is restored to a semblance of its heyday when the streets teemed with the adventurer and the prospector. Now they are crowded with "summer people" whose sophisticated sports attire contrasts sharply with the faded square fronts of the old grocery store, the drug store and the saloon.

But it is in the restored opera house that the past comes to life each summer in the Central City Play Festival.

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