

B'ham Youngsters Had Fun This Summer

Photo story by JULIE CANDLER

"If any Birmingham mother heard that ago-old complaint, 'there's nothing for kids to do' this summer, it wasn't the city recreation department's fault.

Along with a tennis club, rifle range, tennis and golf instruction, swimming and music lessons, the recreation department sponsored a daily junior sports program at Birmingham high school, a day camp, and morning and afternoon activities at five playgrounds. They began as school ended and continued through Aug. 2.

From 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 each weekday, two directors were on hand at Quarton, Pierce, and Adams schools, and at Eton and Parkview parks. At Springdale

PLAYGROUND directors helped youngsters do handicraft work, took the non field trips, directed puppet shows, clothesline art shows, dress parades, and even pet shows.

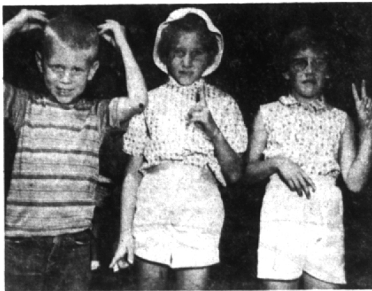
Altogether, hundreds of little pairs of hands were kept busy in the city's most successful summer recreation program to date.



More Fun Than A Barrel of Monkeys

Everybody had a circus at Adams school playground on "circus day". Among the events was this monkey act by (from left) Julie Webb, 5, and her 6-year-old sister, Janet, 7, 87 Oakland. The girls were stuffed

silk hose for their monkey-tails and painted on monkey faces. Peggy Davis and Frank Pauli supervised the playground's busy program.



Get the Signal?

The strange motions made here by David Anderson, 1668 Bowers, relate the Indian sign for "woman." Debbie Abbi, (center), 1770 Holland, shows how to say "man" Indian style. Linda McClintock, 1929 Holland, says "friend." The youngsters learned Indian sign language on visits to Springdale day camp, where they were taken by Eton school playground leaders on day a week.



Cooking Up Some Fun

"Bring your own" was the order of the day when they had a hobo cookout at Pierce school playground. Each youngster cooked his hamburger or hot dog for lunch at the event supervised by playground co-directors Bob Carrigan and Myrna Miller.



Sack Racers Go Hippety-Hop

Trudy McKewen blows the whistle, and the racers hop toward the goal line at Birmingham high school gymnasium. The potato sack race was an event of the final day at the high school, where about 75 young-

sters gathered daily for shuffleboard, archery, badminton, volleyball, ping pong, trampoline, basketball and other sports. Steve May was co-director of the program with Trudy.



They're Off to the Races

Adams bike riders rush from the start-line for a race down a roped off section of Oakland street. Playground co-director Peggy Davis is behind children at right.



Local Talent Displayed

In her "Easter bonnet", little Maddy Moshier entertains her Quarton playground friends with a rendition of "The Easter Parade." Among other acts billed at the talent show, held in the school library where a

piano was available, were a piano number by Kathy Van Thielen, and a ventriloquist's act by Jimmy Thorson. Robert Richards and Janie Delahanty directed the playground.

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