

Priebe Is Chosen Chairman of Dems' Jambalya Jamboree

Robert Priebe of Royal Oak has been named chairman of this year's Jambalya Jamboree by Oakland County Democratic Committee Chairman Sander M. Levin.

Priebe, who has been active in the Democratic Party affairs for six years, is a warehouseman and proprietor for the R. H. Anderson industrial installation firm in Detroit.

The jamboree will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the C.A.I. Building in Waterford.

MANAGER ANSWERS WOMAN'S LETTER

Swimming Pool History Reviewed

The following is a copy of a letter from Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare to Mrs. Shirley Fitzgerald of 1568 Yorkshire, Birmingham, whose letter proposing a municipal swimming pool appeared on Page 1-B of the July 25 issue of The Eccentric.

Dear Mrs. Fitzgerald:

The Birmingham City Commission reviewed your letter at the com-

mision meeting of July 22, 1963. It was the consensus of the commission that the administration should direct a letter to you answering in detail the several questions which you asked.

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THERE HAVE been a number of occasions when the Birmingham City Commission has received the advisability of installing a municipal swimming pool.

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A 24-PAGE report covering the objectives for which the committee was formed was submitted to the city commission on November 5, 1961.

At that time, the commission referred the report to the planning board, recreation board and member organizations of the Birmingham Community Council for their consideration and evaluation.

On June 2, 1962, the commission reviewed the report that had been received from the various boards and committees and noted in particular that the Birmingham Community Council, which represented 47 member organizations in this community, had gone on record as being in favor of completing the high school swimming pool and not being ready at the time to support the building of an outdoor pool.

AFTER REVIEWING the various reasons for not building a pool at that time, the commission agreed that the project of constructing an outdoor municipal pool would receive no further study until such time as there was some substantial sentiment in favor of such construction.

The recreation swimming program is conducted by the Birmingham Recreation Board, composed of representatives from the city commission and the Birmingham public school system.

Each year this board reviews all the recreation needs within the city and attempts to expand the program as the need arises. For example, several years ago the open swimming periods were only 45 minutes long; however, because of

the increase in interest, the open swimming periods have been increased to 1 1/2 hours in length.

This year there has been an unusually heavy demand for open swimming and we have had to divide the classes between the girls and boys in order to provide safe swimming conditions and yet give each participant equal opportunities to swim.

Because of this heavy demand, our open swimming program will be increased next year.

ONE OF the problems of a municipal pool is that a single pool requires greater travel time for some residents of the community than to one of the three pools located throughout the city, such as we now use. Perhaps you are unaware that we also conduct swimming programs at the Barnum and Seaholm schools.

A new program which was just introduced this year as a result of interest, such as yours, was the Teen Swimming Program at Seaholm School. This has been a successful program and will undoubtedly be included in next year's program.

IN SPITE OF the total hours scheduled, there still remains time available at the three existing schools in the city of Birmingham. However, we do have budget limitations as to the amount of money that can be expended for this specific type of recreation activity. Until such time as the three existing pools are used to their maximum, it would not appear advisable to consider constructing an additional pool in the city of Birmingham.

You recited as an example, two fine outdoor pools that exist in the city of Dearborn and the minimal fees which are charged for individuals over 17.

The tax base, however, is different in the city of Birmingham from that in Dearborn where approximately 60 per cent of the taxes are paid by industry.

In Birmingham the major share of the taxes are paid by residential property owners. I question that the pools have paid for themselves as I am advised that revenues from admissions do not pay operating costs.

IN REVIEWING your suggestion for limitations for reappointment of board members, the commission noted that a change in board membership is not necessarily an improvement and that there has been outstanding service by residents of the community who because of their training, experience and interest in the activity of the board have rendered invaluable service to the fellow citizens.

Over the years, the commission has not reappointed members to the various board, if, in the opinion of the commission, the members were not truly rendering a real service to the community.

It is through such letters as yours that new ideas can be expressed to the commission and the commission can be kept aware of the desires of the members of the community.

We would encourage you not only to express your interest through a letter such as you have written, but also to take the time on any Monday at 8 p.m. to attend the city commission meeting which is open to all.

L. R. GARE
City Manager

State Residents Pay More Taxes in '63

R. I. Nixon, Detroit District Director of Internal Revenue Service, reports that Internal Revenue receipts from Michigan taxpayers for fiscal year 1963, which ended June 30, were at an all time high of \$8.1 billion. This represents an increase of \$1.4 billion over the last fiscal year.

By type, corporation tax showed the largest increase of \$700 million over fiscal year 1962 while individual income increased \$341 million and excise taxes were up \$200 million. Total state taxes collected were up \$34 million with the only downward trend shown in the estate and gift classification which was decreased \$280,000.

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