

Roundabout the Playgrounds

The village wide jackstones tournament is the feature number of the eighth week of the Summer Playground program. Jackstones is an interesting game participated in largely by girls, the object of which is to see which of the contestants can continue the longest without making an error. Three girls from each playground will be selected to compete in the finals on Thursday afternoon.

The handcraft project for this week will consist of work with concreteola and wood and soap carving. Concreteola is a mixture invented by Mr. Lester Ball of the Manual Training Department of the Wilmette Schools, which clings readily to most any kind of a surface, it is applied readily with a brush.

Soap carving is an interesting project which most any child can do. Any soap coming in cakes may be used and

with the help of a pen knife the children carve out many different figures such as miniature rabbits, ducks, elephants, roosters, squirrels, etc. Carving from wood is rather a difficult task and only the larger boys do this type of work. Mud turtles and tortoises are the animals most frequently carved out of wood.

Wilmette Beach

(director, Mrs. J. P. Caldwell)

Raffia work has been started this week at the Beach. Various kinds of baskets are being woven by the girls in addition to napkin rings, sewing

baskets, shoe bags, etc. This week has been taken up with a great deal of interest and it is excellent training for the children. The doll making for the coming contest was finished last week and many interesting characters were devised.

The girls have been progressing rapidly in the badge tests. Bernice Penrod, Rosalyn Brown, Mary Elizabeth Schuttler, Annabelle Brown, and Nancy Butler have all passed the first tests.

The track team put up a gallant fight at the village wide meet last Thursday but had to be satisfied with third place.

The baseball team continued its winning streak by defeating Vattman Park at Vattman by the score of 27-7.

Last Wednesday, August 3rd, the playground had a very enjoyable picnic at Washington park.

Vattman Park

(director, Miss May Witcher)

Most of last week was spent in working up for the track meet that was held at the Village Green, July 29. A squad of 22 was sent to compete against the other playgrounds of Wilmette and 21 of them came back with points to their credit.

In all they amassed 100 points to gain an undisputed position in first place. Hail us! The Village Wide Track Champions! And Dorothy Davis of Vattman—the high point scorer!

There are about 75 children working on the athletic badge tests, and more are expected to enter soon.

The ball team met defeat in the hands of the Wilmette Beach team by a score of 27-7. It is hoped that someday someone will be able to beat the Beach.

Laurel Playground

(director, Miss Dorothea Mulholland)

On Wednesday, Laurel held a parade. Bicycles, wagons, carriages, scooters, Irish mails, etc., were decorated with a brilliant mixture of colored crepe paper. The parade's course went through the residential district around Laurel, and the Linden Ave. business district.

The same afternoon Laurel staged some thrilling scooter and wagon races. Johnny Turley piloted his scooter to victory in the first race. Luckily there were no serious mishaps, because the most astounding speed was gained. Elmer and Walter VonKempers drove their ball bearing coaster wagon to victory over a large field of entries. This race finished without an accident.

Colin Finlayson, Jack Allworth, Elmer VonKempers and Gret VonKempers have passed their first Badge Tests. Many more are striving towards the goal of passing their first tests and next week a large number should join the ranks of the fortunate winners.

The baseball team was beaten at this time the Village Green won by a score of 18-5. It was a good game, however, in spite of the large score.

Village Green

(director, Miss Lucy Reeser)

The Village Green acted as host to the 200 people and easily that number of athletes who turned out for the Village wide track meet. The track team was defeated and since someone had to be last the Green team played the true host and ended up in that position.

The baseball team made up for the track team's defeat by running away with the Laurel Playground team by a score of 18-5.

A local sand construction contest is being held to decide who will be sent to the Village Wide contest at the Beach the latter part of this week. The six best will compete in the contest.

The dolls are finished and a local contest will be held Monday the 8th of August to decide which were the winners.

This week has marked a very exciting and enjoyable one for the Village Green. The Baseball teams comeback caused a lot of rejoicing here.

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