

# Wilmette Playground and Recreation Activities

## R. M. Johnston Guest Speaker at Closing Programs

R. M. Johnston, chairman of the Wilmette Playground and Recreation board, was the guest speaker at the closing programs of the two local playgrounds Friday of last week.

The Vattman park program began at 2 o'clock and the Village Green program at 3:30 o'clock. Each playground had a program of games, races and novelty numbers in addition to Mr. Johnston's address which he concluded by awarding medals to children who had won the most points during the summer.

Each playground displayed an exhibit of handicraft work, accomplished during the summer, and parents of the playground children were invited to inspect the display before the programs began. The Village Green program consisted of a playlet, "The Three Trees," and an exhibition ball game between the senior boys and girls.

The Vattman park program was as follows: ring games by the little children; shoe scramble for intermediate boys; waltz clog tap by the junior girls; ground tumbling, selected group, girls; balloon race, junior boys and girls; soft shoe tap number, older girls; sack race, boys and girls; trapeze exhibit, selected group, girls; presentation of awards, and ball games between boys and girls.

Children who received medals were: Dorothy Davis, Vattman park, 64 points; Blanche Kreusch, Village Green, 58 points; Eric Samuelson, Vattman park, 53 points; Howard Ball, Vattman park, 50 points; Nancy Henderson, Vattman park, 43 points; Marion Schneider, Village Green, 42 points; Marcia Anderson, Vattman park, 41 points; Ray Small, Vattman park, 40 points; Albion Pientka, Village Green, 38 points; Jimmv Steen, Vattman park, 38 points; Mary Ruth Fanckboner, Vattman park, 37 points; Dorothy Ortelgel, Village Green, 34 points; Peter Schaefer, Vattman park, 33 points; and Ray Tripicchio, Village Green, 32 points.

## Recreation Leaders Have Chance to Play

Following the close of the summer playgrounds and the adult recreation program, Daniel M. Davis, director of recreation, and his staff are beginning their vacations.

Mr. Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Davis and their daughter, Dorothy, left Monday for a camping trip in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. Their first stop will be Sturgeon Bay.

Glen W. Gathercoal, recreation assistant, with Mrs. Gathercoal and their son, Glen William Gathercoal II, departed Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Gathercoal's parents at Rockford, Ill. They will also make visits in Chatsworth and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley C. Stone with their three sons, Dudley Junior, Murray and Bill, will leave Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Stone's parents in Aurora. Mrs. Stone and the boys will remain at Aurora for two weeks while Mr. Stone takes a hunting trip.

Miss Joe Skidmore will spend her vacation in Chicago.

Mrs. Gertrude Fanckboner, playground instructor at Vattman park this summer, plans to spend her vacation in Wilmette after a visit with her sister in Decatur.

## TELLS PLAY VALUE

Lawes, Warden of Sing Sing, Says More  
Playgrounds Would Mean Fewer  
Police Stations

Village Manager C. M. Osborn discovered the following paragraphs in a copy of an address made by Lewis E. Lawes, warden of Sing Sing prison, and sent them to Daniel M. Davis, Wilmette director of recreation, who has submitted them for publication. The paragraphs, reprinted from the New York Times magazine of July 31, 1932, are significant in that they show the importance of proper recreational programs in the curbing of juvenile delinquency.

"The More Properly Managed Clubs and Playgrounds We Shall Have, the Less Police Stations We Shall Need," is the caption of the following article:

Educators are generally agreed that the function of the school does not end with the close of the school day. If its aim is to influence the social outlook of its pupils, the school must concern itself in a large measure with the social life of its wards. What does the child do with its leisure? Where does it play and how? What are its preferences in companionship? What are its inclinations? The school is interested because the kind and character of a child's use of time after school hours affects behavior, its attitude toward authority and study and has an intimate relationship to retardation and truancy.

### Supervised Play Essential

In this particular field the school must compete with those undesirable associations that are formed in pool rooms and on street corners. The adequately equipped boys' club and kindred organizations, the supervised playground, are as essential as the classroom to rounding out the education of the youngster. Wholesome leisure makes for good character. "Children will follow leadership," is the comment of the New York school report, "and upon the character of that leadership to a large extent depends what type of citizen the child will make." The more properly managed clubs and playgrounds we have, the less police stations we shall need.

It is a sad commentary on the wealth and foresight of most of our great centers of population that only about 20 percent of their children of school age can find accommodation in playgrounds and clubs during the long summer vacation. However else budgets are restricted in other departments, this feature of our educational program must be enlarged. Furnish the opportunity for wholesome recreation and groupings, and there will be less gangsterism and ultimately less delinquency and crime. Is not provision of this opportunity a proper responsibility of the school? Does it not merge with socialization in education? The sooner this view is more generally appreciated, the quicker and easier we shall be able to cope with incipient criminality.

### Tremendous Responsibility

I realize, of course, that I am advocating the saddling of a tremendous responsibility upon the schools. The system has been running a sluggish course during the century of its existence and it will require strong leadership and determined minds to change that. Now and then an enlightened voice is raised in warning. Here and there we observe experiments that have had effective results. We of the prison service are deeply concerned with the problem. Boys and men who are brought to our doors are notoriously lacking in social responsibility. They are not only unskilled in any trade, but are without the training to adapt themselves to any vocation.

You cannot whip obedience into the boy. You cannot scare him into clean thinking and right living. You might subdue him for the moment. But there will remain the antagonism that will seek expression in dubious adventures. However willing the police may be—its Crime Prevention bureau is a splendid example of its cooperation—it cannot lead. It can only threaten. It cannot provide the leadership that will hold the imagination of the youngster.

## Hoffman Florists Win League Title

Hoffman Florists' playground ball team added another league championship to its list this summer by finishing four games ahead of its nearest competitor in the Playground and Recreation board's summer "Fast pitching" playground ball league.

The team lost only one game during the season, winning a total of nineteen games. The victorious team was also champion of the playground ball league last year and at the present time is leading the field in the "soft pitching" league this summer with a total of seventeen victories and two defeats.

Kenilworth Ice finished in second place in the "fast pitching" league and Ridge Pharmacy had second place in the "slow pitching" league at the beginning of the last week of play. The "fast pitching" league finished the schedule last Friday evening, while final games in the other league will be played tomorrow evening.

## League Games

Results of recent games in the Men's Playground ball league follow:

Lynam's Texaco's (10)	Methodists (15)
G. Jones	W. Rogers
E. Horn	E. Berol
R. Morran	T. Wheeler
J. Iverson	C. Nordberg
P. Jones	V. Wyle
B. Berndston	F. Schmitz
R. Horn	J. Everson
C. Hill	B. Lindsley
P. Hoelz	G. Geppert
A. Boyajian	G. Stone

Ridge Pharmacy (14)	Washington Parks (11)
H. Peters	G. Ludwig
D. Miller	H. Sieren
J. Miller	P. Bleser
E. Waters	E. Ingram
T. Schinler	B. Ferrarini
B. Braun	B. Hurd
S. Thalmann	B. Digges
G. Bleser	B. Field
S. Kraft	E. Brammer
H. Marquardt	D. Chester

Joe's Tigers (8)	Washington Parks (8)
P. Winters	G. Ludwig
F. Schaefer	V. Hurd
P. Kaspar	T. Schinler
H. Boll	E. Bleser
R. Hoffman	T. Schopen
H. Kneip	G. Bleser
B. Streif	H. Sieren
M. Kneip	B. Ferrarini
F. Baron	D. Lynch
G. Schaefer	

Baha'i (15)	Methodists (13)
J. Pahlman	E. Berol
L. Pahlman	R. Wyle
James Sheridan	W. Rogers
John Sheridan	T. Wheeler
S. Kraft	J. Moore
S. Weld	C. Geppert
J. Cawkwell	B. Lindsley
G. Krauss	G. Stone
J. Woodhead	H. Stone
S. Campbell	C. Hill

Lynam Texacos (1)	Washington Parks (15)
G. Jones	E. Berol
E. Horn	G. Schopen
B. Berndston	D. Evans
J. Iverson	B. Hurd
P. Jones	B. Fields
L. Steffens	B. Digges
R. Horn	E. Ingram
P. Morran	B. Ferrarini
A. Boyajian	G. Ludwig
J. Bagnall	H. Sieren

Baha'i (23)	Baptists (11)
J. Sheridan	E. Meier
John Sheridan	A. Hoffmann
J. Krauss	R. Chester
H. Stone	J. Schaefer
S. Weld	W. Meier
R. Sweet	E. Bremm
J. Kraft	R. Blaylock
S. Campbell	G. Williams
S. Woodhead	L. Blaylock
J. Pahlman	P. William

## Elsie Paterson Annexes Tennis Title in Wilmette

Miss Elsie Paterson, 1625 Central avenue, won the women's singles tennis championship Monday evening by defeating Jane Krier, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2, in the final match. Both the new champion and the runner-up had won their semi-final matches with large margins, Miss Paterson defeating Kay Naper, 6-4, 6-3, and Miss Krier defeating Elsie Thelen, 6-2, 6-3.

The consolation tournament in the women's division is still in the semi-final round with matches scheduled between Betty McCann and Dorothy Bersch and between Peggy Walker and Dorothy Schinler.

Twin brothers, Wayne and Stanley Cochran, won all the prizes in the boys' tournament, with Wayne taking the gold medal for winning the tournament and Stanley the silver medal for finishing first in the consolation tournament.

One semi-final match remains to be played before the championship games in the men's tournament. It will be between George Thelen and Harold Schaefer. The winner of that match will meet Clifford Darling in the final match to determine the Wilmette champion.

C. B. Cochran and Charles McCann will clash in the final match of the consolation tournament this week.

Ridge Pharmacy (9)	J. Moore
H. Peters	Joe's
D. Miller	Ralph Hoffman
J. Miller	F. Schaefer
C. Grater	B. Russell
R. Waters	H. Ball
A. Bauer	R. Wenter
T. Schinler	B. Streif
V. Davis	J. Kneip
H. Marguardt	R. Borre
I. Burhans	M. Kneip
	P. Kaspar

Baptists (7)	Lynam's Texacos (10)
J. Cicchini	R. Berndtson
H. Peters	J. Iverson
J. Hoffmann	E. Horn
E. Bremer	P. Jones
S. Keil	G. Jones
A. Schaefer	R. Moran
H. Marquardt	J. Bagnall
D. Huck	G. Huck
J. Hires	D. Huck
	A. Boyajian

Baha'i (5)	Washington Parks (16)
J. Krauss	G. Ludwig
L. Lynch	H. Sieren
R. Sweet	J. Harrison
S. Weld	E. Ingram
H. Krafthefer	B. Ferrarini
J. Pahlman	B. Hurd
L. Pahlman	D. Evans
J. Sheridan	B. Fields
Jim Sheridan	B. Digges
E. Bleser	G. Schopen

Team standings in men's playground ball leagues:

Slow Pitching League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hoffman Florists	17	2	.894
Ridge Pharmacy	12	7	.631
Lynam's Texacos	11	8	.579
Washington Parks	10	8	.556
Methodists	10	9	.526
Baha'i	10	9	.526
Joe's Tigers	2	15	.117
Baptists	2	16	.112

Fast Pitching League (Final standings)			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Hoffman Florists	19	1	.950
Kenilworth Ice	15	5	.750
St. Joseph	13	7	.650
Ankora Coffee A. C.	12	7	.631
Schultz & Nord	8	12	.400
Wilmette Tailors	6	14	.300
West End Florists	5	15	.250
St. John's	2	18	.100