

# Wilmette Playground and Recreation Activities

## BALL GAME

More than 150 children attended the Cubs game last Monday at Wrigley field. The event was sponsored by the Wilmette Playground and Recreation Board and is an annual feature of their planned programs.

Two buses took the children from Vattman park to the home of the Cubs. Each group of twenty youngsters was supervised by one of the park instructors.

## Will Stay Open

Wilmette playgrounds will not close this week, it was announced by Daniel M. Davis, director of Wilmette recreation.

Mr. Davis states that the point system program will terminate this week but the parks will run on their regular schedules until school begins in September.

"Somehow," says Mr. Davis, "Wilmette people have confused the closing of the parks with the termination of our point system award method. This is not so, and the parks will run on precisely the same programs with, for a few exceptions, the same instructors in charge."

Billy Stade played a study match of four rounds to come out on top in the Vattman park croquet Tourney held this week at that park under the direction of the Wilmette playground and recreation board.

Billy eliminated Kenneth McCowan in the first bracket while Enio Amici beat Freddy Koerber in the outside bracket. Amici closely matched Slade until the final wicket when his pole shot went wide of the target.

## RETURN FROM WISCONSIN

Miss Betty Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. Beck, 411 Prairie avenue, and Miss Doree Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Hammond, 1617 Spencer avenue, returned Sunday night from Lauderdale Lake, Wis., where Miss Beck was a guest of the Hammonds for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Beck and their son, Robert, spent Friday of last week at the Hammond cottage at Lauderdale Lake.

## VISITORS FOR WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Quinlevan of 1928 Thornwood avenue had as their houseguests for a week Mrs. Joe Cantillon of Hickman, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Butler and their children, Billy, Jim, and Patsy, of Orlando, Fla. Mrs. Cantillon is Mrs. Butler's mother. The Quinlevans will be moving about the first of September to Milwaukee.

## MOTOR THROUGH EAST

Mrs. F. R. Kilner and her daughter, Joan, 430 Sheridan road, Kenilworth, who were in the East for five weeks, have returned home. They stopped off at several college campuses, toured the New England states, spent a week in New York, and Bar Harbor, Maine, and visited relatives, making the entire trip by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Peebles and their son, Don, Jr., of 1446 Asbury avenue, Hubbard Woods, are driving to Carlinville Friday to visit relatives over the week-end. Don, Jr., returned last week from Camp Tosebo, near Manistee, Mich., after a stay of six weeks.

## An Explanation

The Wilmette Playground and Recreation board, in regard to an article appearing in WILMETTE LIFE concerning the final standing of baseball clubs in the Senior Softball league, sponsored by our organization, wishes to state that the article in question appeared through an error committed by one of our secretaries.

We might add that, realizing publicity is a welcome service in promoting recreation activity in Wilmette, every endeavor is made to create interest through our publicity program. We, therefore, in order to stimulate this necessary interest, give our news writers the latitude of "editorializing" to a degree in the articles submitted by them, subject, in turn, to censorship by our offices.

We can assure those directly concerned that the article in question was indeed censored, its appearance having been attributable to an oversight by a member of the recreation staff.

The Playground and Recreation board sincerely regrets this error, and wishes to reassert its policy of dealing fairly and in a strictly unbiased manner with all individuals and groups coming within its sphere of activity. It offers sincere apology to the championship Knights of Columbus Baseball team, which was directly affected by this unfortunate and unwarranted publicity.

Daniel M. Davis  
Director of Recreation

## MOTOR EAST

Mr. and Mrs. John Prest, 1621 Walnut street, and their sons, Richard and William, have returned from a two weeks' motor trip east. They visited sisters of Mrs. Prest in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Westport, Conn., and then went on to Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Here they visited Mrs. Prest's two brothers who are trainers at the Saratoga race track.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Helen Louise Albee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Albee, 1518 Wilmette avenue, celebrated her eighth birthday Monday afternoon with a party for seven little friends. Her cousin, Coralyn Hurlburt of Chicago, is spending a few days with her as her houseguest.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith, 1768 Washington avenue, are expecting Mrs. Smith's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Micheal of East St. Louis, to arrive next week for a stay of a few days. They are at present touring in the East, and will stop here while en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Allison, 1535 Lake avenue, had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ennett of Penn Wynne, a suburb of Philadelphia. They are motoring home by way of Canada, Niagara Falls, and New York state.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carlson of Nevada, Iowa, are now in Wilmette visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holmes, 153 Maple avenue. Mr. Carlson is a brother of Mrs. Holmes.

## All-Day Hike

Twenty junior boys of Vattman park went on an all day "bike" hike last Saturday to the "Cabin-in-the-woods" Boy Scout Cabin west of Glencoe. The hike was under the supervision of the recreation board.

Leaving at 10 a.m. the cyclists were divided into three teams. Ten points were awarded to the team captained by Lee Butler for keeping the best formation throughout the seven mile grind.

A red and white war climaxed the outing and the hikers returned to Vattman park at 4 p.m.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Two special award programs were held this week at Vattman park and at village green. The programs were the highlight of the playground season, and marked the end of the point system. Medals were awarded to Vattman park high-pointers on Wednesday and to children at village green, today, Thursday. Both programs were from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Awards were made by Daniel M. Davis, director of Wilmette recreation.

Lee Butler from Vattman park won the gold medal award in the intermediate boys' class. Jimmie Schaefer and Phil Leekley, also from Vattman, placed second and third. The girls awards for that class were also from Vattman, with Shirley Anderson winning the gold medal, Lucy Nellis the silver and Jean Brady the bronze.

Alice Borre of village green placed first in the senior girls division. Lena Malizio was second and Pat Welter was given third prize. Ray Tri-

picchio was judged outstanding senior and presented with the gold medal, while Bill Morrison copped second, and Tom Anderson third.

Vattman park activity for the day was:  
12 noon-1 p.m. Picnic  
1-1:30 Croquet Tourney  
1-4 Handicraft Exhibit  
1:45-4 Fortune Telling  
2-2:30 Palm Reading  
2:30-3 Melo-drama Theatre  
2:30-3 Boxing Bouts  
1-4 Major Bowes; Concessions  
3-4 Medal Awards

## Today's Program

Village green program for today, August 18.  
1-4 Open House for Handicraft Display  
1:30-2 Boxing  
2:30-3 Dramatic Sketch  
2-2:30 Kickball and Baseball—Juniors  
3-4 Kickball and Baseball—Seniors  
3:30-3:45 Carnival  
3:45-4 Medal Awards

## MAINTAIN LEAD

The Aces of the Wilmette playground and recreation board's Fumble league maintained their undefeated rating by crushing Huerter's Post, 27 to 15. Paul Soule, Aces first sacker, copped hitting honors by pounding out four safe wallops.

The Optimists scored a 24 to 6 win over the American Legion.

## Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Aces	7	0	1.000
Optimists	4	2	.667
Huerter's Post	3	3	.500
Rotary	3	4	.429
American Legion	0	4	.000
N. W. Men's Club	0	3	.000

## Menace of Marihuana Is Subject of Discussion at the Optimist Meeting

The menace of marihuana, "weed of madness" was described at a meeting of the Wilmette Optimist club on Monday by Earle Albert Rowell, author, investigator, and lecturer.

"It takes only from three days to 10 weeks to make an incurable addict," he declared, displaying a leaf of the weed found on the North Shore. "The average victim of the narcotic has but five years of life before him."

Young people from the ages of 14 to 24 years are the most common victims, and once they acquire the habit they will go to any length, even murder, to obtain it.

## Accuses Japan

Mr. Rowell, who is to speak next month before the Wilmette Rotary club, declared that the Japanese government is financing the Chinese war and its armament program largely through the sale of marihuana.

Two large factories are maintained in the Japanese puppet state of Manchukuo, he declared, and the products are smuggled largely into the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, and China, Japan's present or potential enemies. The sale within the empire itself is restricted, he asserted.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stegman, 2141 Kenilworth avenue, have just returned with their daughter, Gayle, from a stay at Powers Lake, Wis., with Mrs. Stegman's mother, Mrs. L. H. Ruehl. While they were there Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mueller of Evanston spent a week-end with them. This week the Stegmans are expecting Mr. Stegman's brother, Herbert, and his family to arrive from Richmond, Ind., for a visit.