

PLAYGROUND FIELD DAY IS BIG SUCCESS

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were judged by fifteen judges invited for the occasion. Ribbons were presented to the winners of first, second, and third place in each class. The line of march followed west on Central avenue to Sunset park.

At Sunset Park

After the parade the spectators were entertained at Sunset by the American Legion Drum and Bugle corps. Their races of all kinds were run for the children. There were running races, hopping races, sack races, three-legged races, etc.

Following the races a ball game was played between the Ravinia and Sunset playground junior teams. The Ravinia aggregation administered a crushing defeat to the Sunset team, 18-4. This brought to an end the hotly contested baseball competition that had continued throughout the whole season.

The horseshoe tournament came following the ball game. There were two classes in this event, intermediates and juniors. The intermediate event was won by Kenneth Wolff of Sunset. Jerry McCaffrey, also of Sunset, won the junior contest.

Exhibit Handicraft Work

The exhibition hall was opened for inspection at six-thirty. On exhibition was the work of each playground representing the work done in handicraft by all the children. The exhibit was managed by Miss Nancy Wright, instructor at Lincoln playground. In it were some really outstanding pieces of work. There were model castles and farms done in carved soap, pillows, door-stops, bird-houses, airplanes, boats, and every conceivable idea worked out in novel form. A display of photographs of various playground events throughout the season formed a background for the exhibit.

A professional clown entertained the children during the supper hour. Many of the people had brought picnic suppers to eat on the park grounds, and these also formed the audience for the clown. He did tumbling stunts and balancing tricks, all of which greatly amused the children.

Evening Program

At 7:30 the evening show began. This was the feature of the day, and was a great success. A loud-speaker amplifying apparatus had been installed by the Park board. Loud-speaker horns were hung in two corners of the dance floor, and made every word spoken heard over the whole park. 500 children sat in a huge semi-circle on the floor, and the railing was crowded with spectators.

The first number on the program was a play, "The Sentimental Scarecrow," presented by the Ravinia children under the direction of Miss Keaster. The feature part was played by Ellen Horn. Following the play a group of Miss Cancie's dancing students presented a Bunny dance, and another dance, a "Statue dance," was given by Miss Keaster's dancers. A group of dances by the West Ridge and Sunset children followed next. Three songs were sung by Miss June Gunkel, of Sunset, and a group of the little children danced a number titled "Roses and Butterflies."

The Ravinia tumbling team, under the direction of Howard Copp, gave an exhibition. Several of the Ravinia boys acted as clowns during the tumbling act and pleased the audience greatly. Feature stunts, such as front somersaults through a paper hoop, pyramids, head-stands, and other acts, were part of the Ravinia act.

The Sunset dancers next presented three numbers, a Kitten dance, "Lindy Lee," and a Policeman dance.

Lincoln Playground Play

One of the feature acts of the evening was the Lincoln playground play, "The Princess Who Could Not Cry." This was a one-act affair, and was put on with all the effects of a truly artistic production. Barbara Steele played the part of the princess.

Suzanne and Barbara Heller provided a great deal of entertainment with their dance presentations. Suzanne danced a Dutch dance, and the two girls together danced a "Jumping Jack" number, which they sang first. Both girls are expert tumblers, and the audience was thrilled by some of the daring feats in Barbara's dances.

Ravinia next presented the "Monkey" dance. In this six girls played the parts of the traditional monkeys of the Chinese legend "Hear no evil, say no evil, see no evil." Sunset presented a Japanese dance, and West Ridge entertained with another dance. Ruth Treager, of Sunset, danced a Highland fling, and the Sunset group closed the program with a waltz clog. The program, in its entirety, took about two hours. During the intermissions the Night Hawks, an entertaining trio, supplied music.

Supt. Laing Talks

Mr. Edward M. Laing, superintendent of parks for the Park board, spoke briefly, stressing the work that the Park board has done during the summer months in supplying the parents of Highland Park with suitable recreational facilities for those children who are not cared for in other ways during the vacation months. He pointed out that there is a fine playground staff of experienced workers; the registration, which six years ago was only fourteen, is today more than 1200 children. He spoke of the other Park board activities, skating rinks, bathing beaches, the weekly dances. Mr. Laing concluded by thanking the audience for its co-operation in making Playground Day such a great success.

Playground Staff

The playground staff this year has consisted of Mr. Harry L. Allen, director; Mr. Howard Copp, assistant director; Miss Katharine Cancie, Miss Wright, Miss Jacqueline Keaster, Miss Daly, Miss Irma Salo, Miss Osborn, Miss Tuma, Miss Grimson, Mr. T. Martin, and Mr. Fred Silber. Miss Flinn was the secretary.

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St. Mary's Episcopal school for girls at Knoxville, Illinois, from which a number of Waukegan and Lake county girls have graduated in the past 50 years, will not open this fall, says a report in a Waukegan newspaper. The 75-year-old educational institution was founded by Alexander Ewing in 1856 and in 1864 its name was changed to St. Mary's by C. W. Leffingwell, who took over its management and made it a lead-

ing fashionable school in the middle-west.

Declining enrollment is said to be the reason for closing. Teachers received their notices that the school would not open and Bishop Edward Fawcett has called a meeting of the trustees at Galesburg next week to consider the situation.

On Tuesday, August 25 the infantry and field artillery made an overnight hike to the Great Lakes Training station and the cavalry marched to Diamond Lake.

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