

FOUNTAINS DOUBLE FOR WADING POOLS

Children Find Relief From Heat in Small Parks Despite Lack of Facilities.

With only a few widely scattered swimming and wading pools available on city playgrounds to give thousands of children in Washington a refreshing dip on these midsummer days, the youngsters are being permitted to splash in many of the park fountains again this year.

Although Lieut. Col. E. S. Grant, 3d, director of public buildings and parks, does not believe it would be proper to have park fountains developed into permanent wading places, he is disposed to allow the carefree kiddies to paddle in some of these park basins as an expedient until the District of Columbia is adequately provided with regular bathing facilities.

Fountains Again in Use.
And the way the boys and girls who are fortunate enough to live near one of these small parks flock around the fountains on warm days to paddle and play under the cool spray emphasizes once more the advisability of pushing forward in Congress toward adequate bathing facilities for both young and old.

During the World War and for several years thereafter, while Washington was waiting for the enlargement of its water supply system, it was necessary to conserve filtered water in every way, and the fountains stood dry. Since the summer of 1925, however, it has been found possible to turn on a considerable number of them, restoring one of the attractive features of the park system of the Capital.

This season cool sprays are sparkling from 23 fountains all over the city and in approximately half of them gleeful, barefoot children are being allowed to take advantage of the shallow basins as wading pools.

Sprinkler Pipes May Follow.
The District Government has not put in use thus far this summer the score of sprinkler pipes that were set up on the streets last year to give children a shower on hot days. Although they may be set up later if the temperature soars, a definite decision has not been reached.

These sprinklers, pieces of perforated pipe mounted on wooden frames and attached to fire plugs, also were in the nature of an expedient pending the establishment of adequate bathing facilities. Officials found it difficult last year to place the sprinklers where they would not give rise to complaints.

Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, supervisor of playgrounds, believes the best way to use the sprinklers would be to install them inside the playgrounds. If that could be done, she pointed out, it would eliminate the objections that arise when the showers are erected on the streets and at the same time would keep the children under the watchful eye of a playground supervisor. The supervisors, Mrs. Rhodes said, could see to it that a child did not remain under the spray too long and would remind the youngsters to go home for dry clothes as soon as they finished playing under the sprinkler.

Difficulties Are Encountered.
There is some question, however, as to whether the water outlets on the playgrounds would give sufficient pressure to operate the sprinklers satisfactorily. It also would be necessary to build small platforms in the playgrounds beneath the sprinkler. Setting up of the sprinklers on the dirt surfaces of the playgrounds would make the yards muddy and interfere with other recreational activities.

With 29 regular municipal playgrounds and 42 school yards running as summer play centers, the department has only five wading pools and three swimming pools. Of this number two of the swimming pools and four of the wading basins are on white grounds, with one swimming and one wading pool on the colored grounds. These numbers do not include the municipal pool on the Monument grounds.

Mrs. Rhodes believes there should be either a swimming or wading pool on every playground. The few playgrounds that have been able to obtain appropriations for are able to capacity by the children who live near enough to make use of them.

Work to Start Soon.
The National Capital Park and Planning Commission has a detailed plan for the building up of a chain of bathing centers, the first two of which have been appropriated for and will be started before the present summer ends.

Specifications for the first two pools are being prepared now and bids probably will be sought within a few weeks. It will not be possible to build them in time for use this summer, but they will be in full readiness for service early next year. Of the first two bathing centers the one for the white population will be on the grounds of the new McKinley High School, near Second and E streets northeast, and one for colored near a new colored junior high school, at Twenty-fourth and N streets northwest.

The Park Commission has picked out seven other sites for additional bathing centers, on the theory that these facilities should be accessible to all parts of the city, but the legislation thus far enacted has authorized only two pools, the money for which is now available. The next Congress will be asked to turn its attention again to the question of providing Washington with adequate, safe and supervised bathing facilities, a problem that has occupied public attention continuously since the large Tidal Basin Beach was dismantled several summers ago.

May Need New Law.
The Office of Public Buildings and Parks believes it will need another authorizing law before additional pools in the proposed chain can be provided for. It is understood to be the intention of officials of that office to leave it to the appropriations committees of the Senate and House to determine how many more bathing pool centers should be provided for in the next annual supply bill.

Col. Grant is proceeding carefully with the designing and planning of the first two pools, on which construction soon will be started, because if Congress approves the Park Commission program for a chain of such water-recreational centers these plans will serve as a standard for future pools. The pools are being designed with every modern facility for safety and the purification of the water. There will be at each center a shallow pool for the children and a deeper one for the grown-ups.

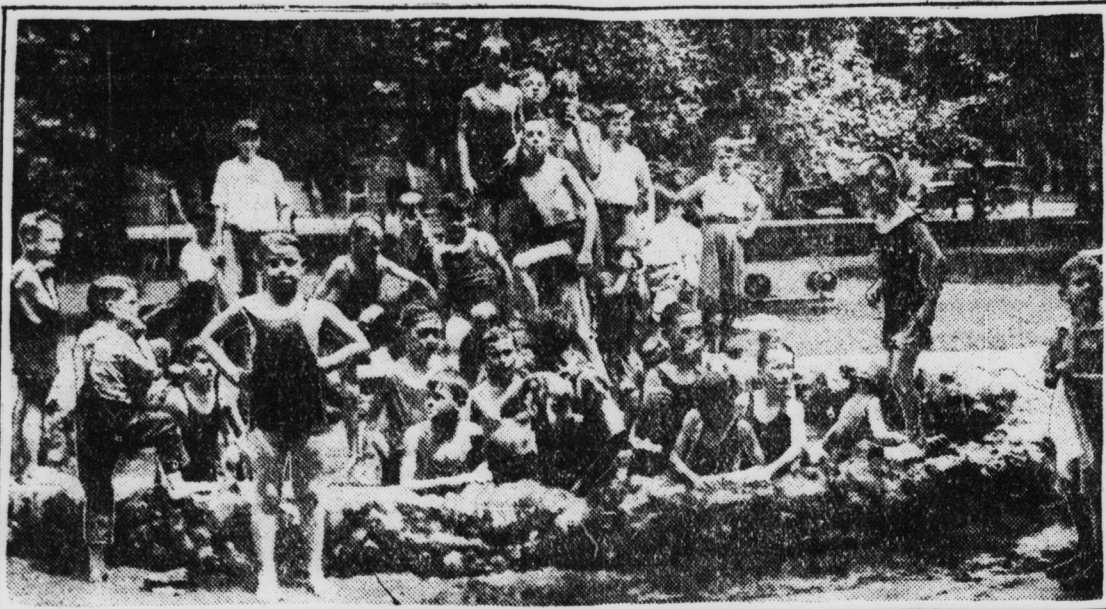
THREE THEFTS REPORTED.
Store, Home and Filling Station
Cash Drawer Robbed.

The store of Samuel Friedlander, 123 Nineteenth street southeast, was robbed of three cartons of cigarettes and \$10 in cash last night, police were informed today.

A thief gained entrance to the home of Bessie McMillen, 3649 Eleventh street, yesterday and stole a wrist watch, gold ring and \$15.00 in cash.

Ernest M. Cole, manager of a gas station at New York avenue and First street, reported the disappearance of \$21 from the cash register there yesterday afternoon.

A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR BATHING POOLS BUT IT HELPS



Without municipal bathing facilities, the children of Washington have turned to the fountains in parks, which are in full operation this year. Above, scene in Stanton Park. Below, at the Peace Monument.

BUSINESS REJECTS SOVIET HELP PLAN

Pierson Opposes Ivy L. Lee Idea to Establish Bureau in Moscow.

A suggestion of Ivy L. Lee of New York that the United States Chamber of Commerce establish a bureau in Moscow to advise American business and the Russian government on trade, etc., was emphatically rejected by Lewis E. Pierson, president of the chamber, yesterday. In a letter to Mr. Lee he said:

"We have received your letter suggesting that the Chamber of Commerce of the United States establish a bureau in Moscow for the purpose of advising both American business and the Russian government regarding the development of business with the American people."

"The executive committee of the National Chamber instructs me to advise you that in its opinion nothing but propaganda harmful to our country would result from such a move."

Business Resents "Insinuation."
"Your very full letter clearly states that all Russian trade, import and export, is not with individuals as in countries where liberty prevails, but is under the absolute, autocratic control of a small communistic group. Since our own government has wisely refused to recognize the Soviet regime your suggestion amounts to asking the representatives of American business in effect to repudiate the position of the representatives of the American people."

"The National Chamber by official action of its members organizations unanimously indorses the action of our Government. And we resent the implication in your letter that for commercial gain American business recognizes the Soviet regime, the Soviet regime which by the pronouncements of its leaders and by its deeds has proved to be one of continuous tyranny, bad faith, confiscation of property, and denial of individual rights."

Expression of Sympathy.
"We do not believe that it is possible to bring the Russian people back to normal conditions through trade relations as long as they are under the complete control of such insincere, unrepentant and misguided rulers as those who in the last 19 years have degraded the character and lowered the living standards of 140 millions of people."

"It is hardly necessary to dwell on the sympathy of American business for the Russian people in the trials forced upon them by their present rulers. Our Government, our business men, in fact our whole people, gave practical expression of that sympathy in their aid and service in saving 20 million of Russian people from starvation under the Soviet regime."

"Nor can the National Chamber forget the recent unfortunate experiences of other countries in dealing with the Soviets, whose every effort, short of open war, has been to overthrow the governments of those countries. It cannot, therefore, ask American business to trade with a political group whose system is that of selling for cash or its equivalent and buying with little cash and large credit in order to provide funds for propaganda designed to overturn existing governments and to maintain its grip on helpless millions of its own people."

"Trade relations prosper only when founded on mutual good faith and

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TOOTERS TO COMPETE.

500 Expected to Attend Field Day for Saxophonists.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
GERBER, Calif., July 23.—A saxophone field day, in which the unrestrained tooting of the instrument will win a prize instead of a complaint to police headquarters, has been arranged for some day in August. Promoters of the event expect the contests will attract 500 saxophonists. Orchestration pieces will be mailed to the entrants for a concert number.

Reassigned to Fort Hoyle.
Col. Henry G. Bishop, 15th Field Artillery, at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., has been reassigned to duty with the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Md.

D. A. R. ACTIVITIES

The Judge Lynn Chapter will give its annual benefit card party at the Mayflower Hotel Saturday afternoon, October 29. This is the one affair given each year by means of which the chapter raises the funds to carry on its educational and patriotic work.

Col. Tench Tilghman Chapter.—A large meeting was held Friday at the residence of the regent, Mrs. Enoch G. Johnson. Plans were made for next season's work and all committees are ready to begin activities which will be well under way throughout the summer. The title of the essay contest in the Montgomery County high schools, it was announced, is "Tench Tilghman's Ride." Austin B. Crane of Rockville was the winner of the essay on "Edmund Burke" this year. It is expected that all of the high schools will be represented in the next contest.

Mrs. Laura Griffith was elected to fill the office of second vice regent, and two names were presented for membership.

The following committee will be in charge of the formal presentation of the print of Gen. Montgomery to the county commissioners on September 6: Chairman, Miss Lucy L. Bowie; Mrs. W. H. Talbot, Mrs. Laura Griffith, Miss Lydanne and Miss Ma-gruder.

Mrs. William Chase, chairman of conservation, gave an account of the planting of the white birch trees in honor of the Nation's mothers in the Capital and White House grounds. Luncheon was served and a social hour spent before adjourning for the summer.

Bands to Play Irish Anthem.
"The Soldier's Song," regarded as the national air of the Irish Free State, has just been added to the collection of national anthems provided for army bands. The song has been furnished to the Army Music School and the Army Band here and will be distributed to all regimental and post bands.

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July Clearance

Fortunately for us July comes but once a year. For everybody knows July is the bug-a-boo month for retailers. Because it's too early to sell fall merchandise and too late to carry heavy summer stocks.

Women's hand made and embroidered gowns, 79c; women's and misses' brocaded girdles, 65c; 81x90-in. unbleached sheets (seconds), 51c; window shades (seconds), 29c; men's white duck and khaki trousers, \$1.25; men's imported linen knickers, \$1.25; women's and misses' flannel suits, \$4.97.

Tomorrow the July Clearance begins in The Hecht Co. Basement Store, with reductions prevailing on thousands of dollars worth of merchandise, of which the following are but a few examples.

Women's rayon hose, 27c; boys' summer knickers, 35c; women's straw and velvet hats, 19c; women's gingham or print dresses, 35c; brassieres, bandeaux and bandelettes, 15c; women's voile, nainsook and rayon underthings, 39c; girls' wash dresses, 47c; women's patent, white, satin, and colored kid shoes, \$1.65.

Also women's georgette and crepe dresses, \$4.47; women's "Butterfield" Normandy voile dresses, \$1.97; men's broadcloth shirts, 79c; men's nainsook union suits, 39c; men's Palm Beach suits, \$6.95; women's imported sandals, \$2.95; cretonnes, percales, gingham, voiles, a yard, 10c; infants' white Bedford cloth coats, 57c.

Look for these red signs marked "reduced"; they point the way to once-in-a-while savings, such as you rarely find, even in the Basement Store.

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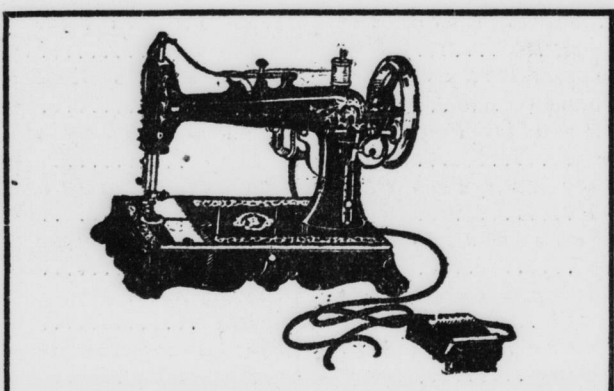
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