



Medford's parks, ball fields and other recreation areas are filled with activity as the city's young people participate in the diversified summer program planned by the Medford Park and Recreation department. Tuesday afternoon Gretchen Morehead, here from Coulterville, Calif., to visit her grandmother, Mrs. E. M. Lovell, 123 Almond street, stops her weaving lesson to watch Michael Bonkowski during an arts and crafts lesson in Hawthorne park. Michael, who lives at 517 Spencer street, was constructing a brontosaurus under the supervision of the class instructor, Mrs. Sarah Watson.



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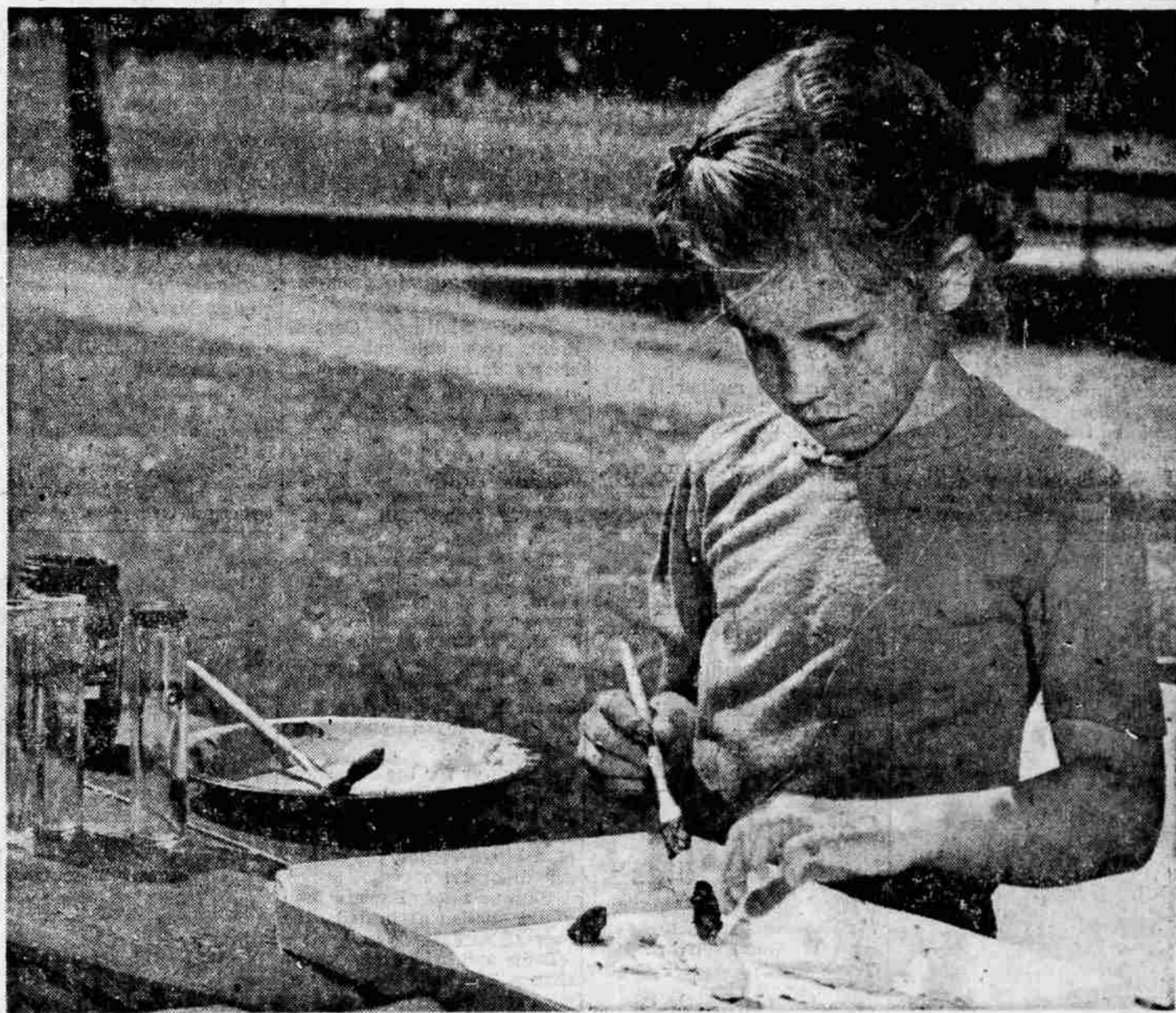
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Park and Pool

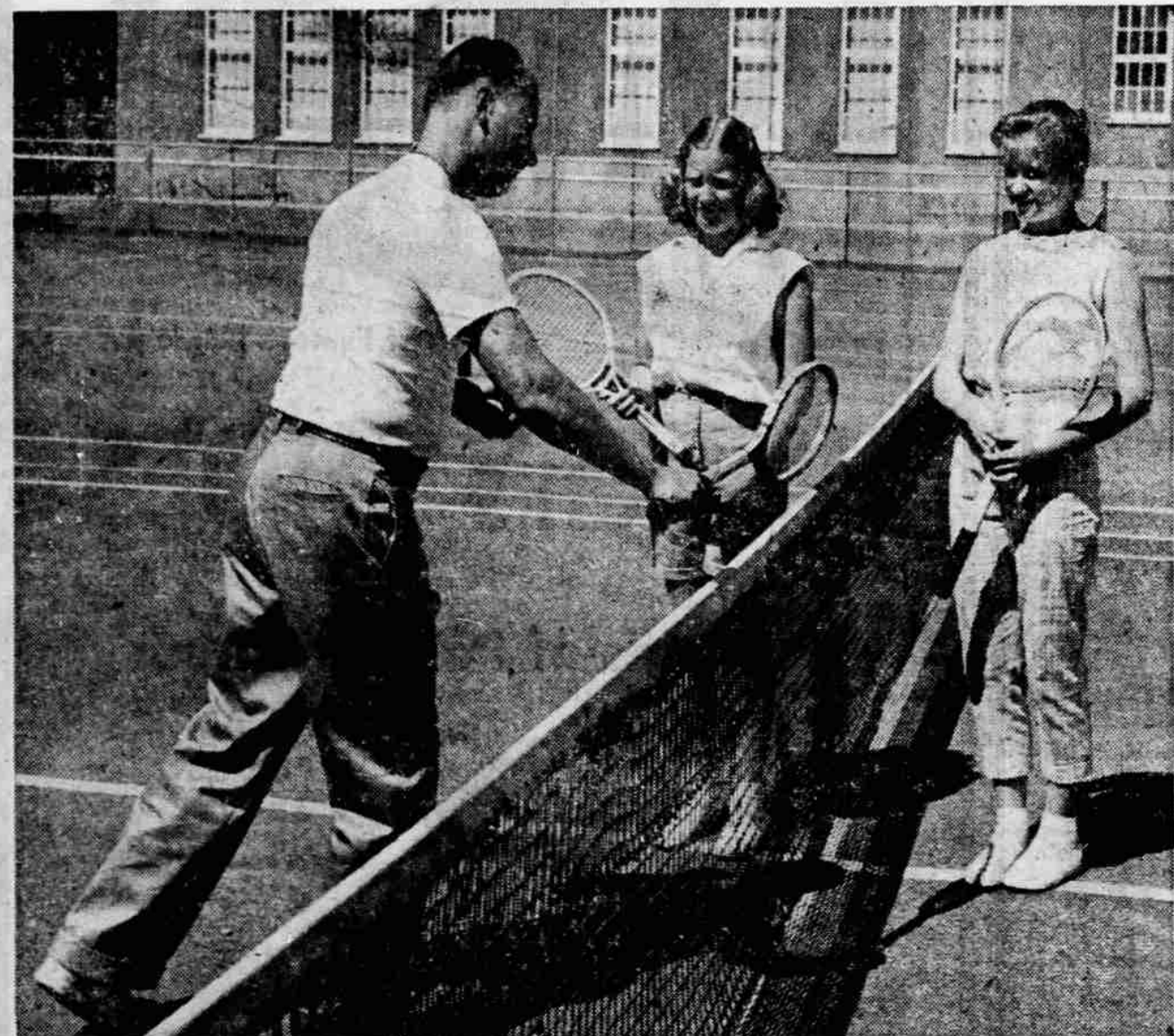
Morning baseball games at the playgrounds of the city's various grade schools are one of the most popular forms of summer recreation. Not enough boys were on hand at Wilson school Tuesday morning for a real game so those present were engaged in batting and fielding practice under the supervision of instructor Dean Benson. Jim Howard, at bat, is shown above connecting with a ball pitched by Gary Stevens. Tim Warren was catcher. Mike Barnum, playing first base, was out of camera range.



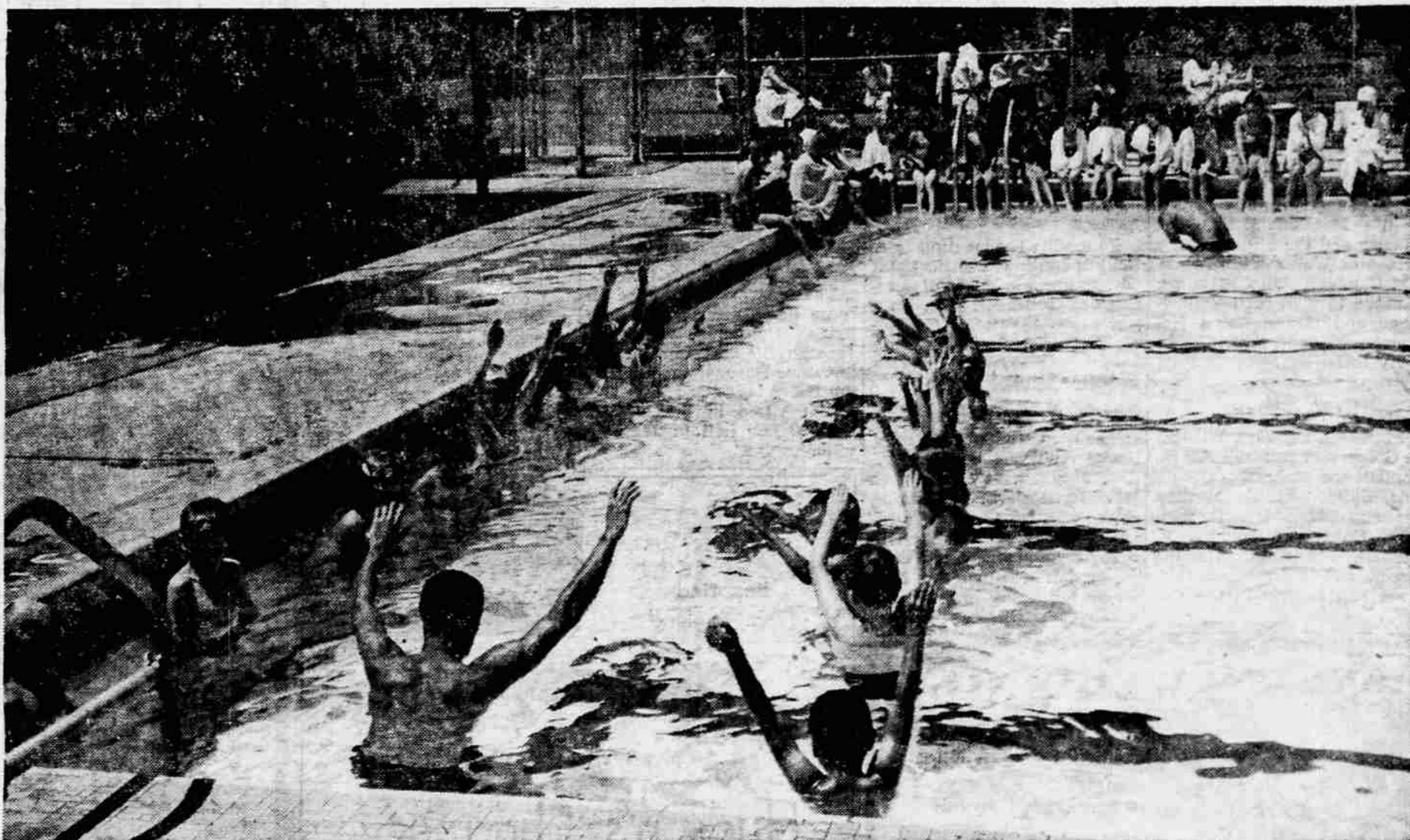
Youngsters of the Howard school district were competing in the broad jump event of a play day when The Mail Tribune photographer arrived Tuesday morning. Principal Harold Boner (at left) assisted by William Colley and Ronald Quakenbush, are supervising the recreational program at the school. The program, set up for six weeks, includes baseball, baton twirling, games, mimetics, archery and other activities; some days the youngsters are taken to Hawthorne park for swimming. The program closes July 23. Gary Burns, Crater High school sophomore, is shown jumping.



Gail Williams, on hand for the arts and crafts class in Hawthorne park Tuesday afternoon, was intent here on painting a doll which she had made. Gail, who lives at 412 Barnes avenue and attends Roosevelt school, made the head, feet and hands of her doll from a combination of ingredients found in the family kitchen, and used wire for arms and legs. The craft classes utilize such articles as empty cartons, cans, bottles and old newspapers to make toys and recreation equipment for youngsters. Two boys were playing chess.



Because they enjoy their tennis games so much, these two girls are willing to be on the court at Medford High school at 7 o'clock in the morning. Kathy Smith, 1015 Whitman avenue (center), and Laura Batzer, 933 South Holly street, were receiving a lesson in the backhand stroke Tuesday morning from Robert Huff, tennis coach for Medford High school. Kathy will be in the eighth grade at McCaughlin Junior High school next fall, while Laura will be a freshman at St. Mary's school.



Of all the summer sports, swimming is one of the most popular, particularly with the boys and girls. Every summer hundreds of youngsters learn to swim in the municipal pool in Hawthorne park. Tuesday two classes were in progress, and in the foreground of the picture here 18 younger boys and girls can be seen receiving instruction from Frank Rector. A charge of \$2 for 10 lessons is made, and a total of 210 are now enrolled. In addition to those who enjoy swimming in the Hawthorne pool, others swim at the YMCA or in public pools, and scores of valley families have private pools.