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## EXEC TIVE COMATTTEE

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Statistical reports dealing with the activities of human beings do not tell the whole story. We may say that se many people attended a giver activity a certain number of times. If this activity were a boys' club; behind that mere statement of attendance might be written the story of a boy's life, the direction of his loisure time activities, the friendship with boys of his own age, the joy and satisfaction of making a simple piece of handicraft, the absolute guarantee that while he is associated with the boys' club his activities will not be of an anti-social nature.

Our community activities are reaching a larger number of people each year. This has been made possible through the assistance of governmental agencies, such as: W.P.A., N.Y.A., etc. During this time our budget has made a steady decline from a peak of $\$ 14,300$. in 1930 to $\$ 7992$. in 1935.

There is a growing consciousness on the part of our people that taking care of and directing the leisure time activities of children, young people and in many cases adults, is a very necessary part of modern life. In spite of this and with the growing yearly attendance at all recreation activities, the fact remains that very few modern cities have either adequate equipment or leadership to take care of the enlarged leisure opportunity. The enlarging of a recreation program to what for the moment might be considered adequate, simply discloses greater possibilities and needs of our leisure conscious people.

Our recreation program which a few years ago aimed to take care of only a few small children on a summer playground has grown to include drama, music, major and minor sports for groups as well as individuals. These activities are not confined to children, but include the entire family.

We would like to pay tribute here to all the
character building agencies of our community; school authorities and others who have conerated with facilities to make this enlarged program possible.



## PRE SEASON

On May 15th, John Farnum Playground, Rodney Park and Fremont St. School Center were opened for outdoor activities from $5: 00$ to $8: 30 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$.

685 boys, girls and young men were registered at these 3 centers.

Total attendance for the season - 3255.
3 leaders were furnished by the Lancaster County Emergency Relief Board. Henry O. Fisher at John Farnum; Frank F. Fisher at Rodney Park; Richard Bear at Fremont St. School Center.

MARBLE TOURNAMENT

The Fourth Annual Marble Tournament was held in May, 1935.

2000 boys and girls were entered from the city and county.

The city play-off's were held from May 13 th to the 24 th at the 5 centers - John Farnum, West End, Rockland, 6th Ward and Market \& Lemon Sts.


16 Public Schools, 5 Parochial
Schools and 3 borough schools participated.
Countys participating: Lititz, New Holland, Strasburg, Quarryville, Leacock, Millersville, Denver, Christiana, Paradise, Columbia, Ephrata, Mit. Joy, Varietta, Elizabethtown and Nanheim.

The championship was won by Carl Nagle of Lititz, who was given the trip to Ocean City accompanied by Geo. W. Kirchner of the Lancaster New Era.
"Youth is life and life may be forever young."

## SUPERVISORS: TRAMITM CLASSES

The Supervisors' Training Classes were held the evenings of June 19 to 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 o' clock, in the Sunday School Room of the First Reformed Church.

Enrollment: 33 men, 29 women.
These classes were open to any persons interested in physical education and child activities. The program consisted of the following subjects: Inspirational talks on community responsibility, game demonstrations, boys' and girls' handicraft, folk dancing, first aid, story telling, dramatics, tournaments, leagues, special days, etc.

Talks were given by: Mr. N. M. Harnish, Dr. H. E. Grass, Rev. C. D. Sports, Mr. Arnold Fink, Mr. H. Mo over, Miss Vesta M. Miller, and Mr . Charles K. Brightbill, Miss Marian Shelmerdine and Miss Anna Kowalksa of the Reading Recreation Department.

Demonstrations and instructions were given by: Mr. Donald Witmer, Miss Anne Nellinger, lir. Richard Bear, and Kiss IVildred Ressel. The Director and lir. P.C. Gast were in general charge.

These classes are held each year previous to the opening of the playgrounds to prepare tho supervisors for their work during the summer months.


14 playgrounds were opened for the 1935 season on June 26 th, for a full time prow of of 9 weeks.

## PLAYGROUNDS

Buchanan Park

West End

Fremont

John Farnum

SUPERVISORS
Henry ilarkley

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Ann Edwards
Joseph Wen? en 3,136
Ane Frey
Franc: : Kirchner 6,338
Tina JoNerney
Ralph De Franco
32,921
Mary Monck

ATTENDANCE FOR SEASON
(By visits)
17,671


Substitute Supervisors during the soason:
Annabclle Wellor, Betty Lowis, Doruthy Coulter, Eliaz Fritz, Richard Altick and James Nestlo

WADINGPOOLS
Buchanan Park
Rodney Park

## H. Grant Hurst <br> 5,995

Rebecca Farmer
7,035
Total attendance at pools- 13,030


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Street Showers were opened July list on various streets to travel back and forth every day during the extremely hot weather.

The following streets were roped off every afternoon and guarded by a supervisor for half hour periods:

## Ann Street

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\frac{\text { Attendance }}{2,830} \text { for Season }
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Burrows Avenue 1,715
Chester Street 3,923
Ice Avenue 2,245
Water St. 2,930
Reservoir St. 3,400
Holland Avenue
Fremont St.

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1,065
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1,361
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Total for season:
19,469
Supervisors in charge: Robert Johns and Donald Horst.
This is made possible by the cooperation of the City Water Department.

FREESWIMMING LESSONS

For the fourth consecutive your, children of the city have had the opportunity to learn to swim free of charge. Classes sponsored by the Now Era, Maple Grove Park and the Lancaster Recreation and Playground Association, opened last year July lath until August 9th.

Approximately 300 boys and girls under 10 yours of age were given instruction every Friday morning for 5 lessons.

15 instructors from the Maple Grove Pool staff and the Playground Supervisor staff were engaged in this work.

Certificates of award were given those children having passed the diving test and swimming 20 feet.

100 boys and girls received certificates.

4 Twilight Centers were open from 5:00 until dark, the leadership being furnished by the Lancaster County Emergency Relief Board, from June 26 th to September 13 th.

## GROUNDS

Rodney Park
John Farnum 6th Ward Park North End

## SUPERVISORS

Frank F. Fischer
Henry 0. Fisher
Merritt Jeffers
Andrew F. Kritscher
Total Attendance

ATTENDANCE FOR SEASONS

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8,011
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5,473
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4,789
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1,837
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These supervisors sent daily reports to tho Emergency Relief office stating the number of games played, type of games, hours ground was open, attendance for the day, etc.

Each center was allowed to put on such roorcational work as best fitted the needs of the community. The leading activities were softball, tennis, quoits, handball, paddle tennis, etc.

The educational part of tho program was taken care of in the form of nature hikes, tours through plants, factories, coco, such as: Armstrong Linoleum Co., Lancaster Water Works, Sewage Disposal Plant, Safe Harbor Dam, Bell Telephone Co., etc.

A swimming moat was held at the Ephrata Pool under the direction of the North End Supervisor. Competitors from the 4 centers in the city and tho various county centers took part. Badges made at tho playground office ware awarded to tho winners. North End won.

The first special event put on by $\Omega 11$ tho playgrounds was THE IMDEPEDENCE DAY PROGRA July th. Beginning at 10:00 o' clock in the morning on each ground, a patriotic program was given: - "Salute to the Flag", reading of the "American Crood", and singing of patriotic songs, after which on athletic program for which badges of award were given the winners.


Buchanan, Rodney, Farnum, Sixth Ward and East Junior were open from 9:00 A.N. to 9:00 P. . All other grounds were open in the morning only.

This is an endeavor to keep the Fourth of July SAFE AND SANE.

On Wednosday, July 24 th, tho 14 playgrounds were practically deserted when at least 1000 children mado their way to llaplo Grove Park for the Annual Playgrounds Picnic.

The day ${ }^{1}$ s activitios commenced at 9:00 $0^{\prime}$ clock with a track moet hold in the park bascball diamond in the old quarry. At 2:00 o'clock tho annual swimming moet was held in the massive swimming pool.

Tho winners of the track meet and the swimming contest were awardod ribbons and given free tickets to the park amusements.
 HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT

All through the soason, iliss Anne Mollinger, our vory compotent Handicraft Instructor, dirocted the childron in malcing grond littlo useful things out of practically nothing.

Linolcum carving, as in tho past soveral yoars, held its superiority over other crafts. Pocketbooks made of yorn, modeling in plastor of Paris, sponge animals, wooly animals, stuffed dolls, hot dish mats and many other little noveltios wore carved or sewed from remnants of oilcloth, cretonne, scraps of linoleum, etc.

At the and of the season, Aug 8 to 12, the Annual Handicraft Exhibit was held in tho stororoon of 141 N . Queen Street. Hundrods of children from every playground in the city offered numerous pieces of work to be displayed at tho oxhibit.

KITE K^RNIVAL
The Annual Kite Karnival at Buchonan Park was held Wednesday, July 17 th. 100 boys and girls participated.

Kite materiol was distributed freo to 0.11 boys and girls dosiring to build a kite and instruction for construction was provided. The construction of the kitos lasted about three weeks. is a climax to this period of building and working, the Kite Karnival was held. There were many events on the list for the carnival and finally whon tho
scraps of wood and paper f om the constr action contest wore gathered up it was found that RODNEY P ak hod complied oi ft more points than its nearest rival, Fremont. Hess Park placed third with Buchanan and Sixth Ward respectively.

The day following the Kite Karnival, works was begun on model airplanes. Balsa wood, Jap tissue, glue, wire and 0.11 the matoricls necessary for making tho models were distributed free to the boys.

As a grand finale to the model

Tho Lancaster Aero Club cooperated with the Playground Association in staging this model contest, and Mr. J. P. Jones, Manager of the Airport, awarded a froe airplane ride to the boy who made the best duration flight of the day. CARL DEFRANCO was the winner of the airplane ride, but FiST JUNIOR playground accumulated enough points to bo declared an easy winner. Chief Judge: Sumner L. Brown, Ass't Judges: G. D. Brandon and Ralph DeFranco.

Richard Boar of the Emergency Relief staff and Kenneth Banzhof of the Playground staff were special supervisors in charge of this type of boys' handicraft.

WB PLY PROGRAM ON THE PLAyGROUNDS:
Sufficient space does not allow writing about sur weekly program in motrin". Fol loving is a brief outline:
it the wreak staff meetings on Saturday mornings, special events for the wok, arranged by tho supervisors in charge of the grounds are presented. So :0 of the events are: Pet, Doll, Costume Shows, Backward- Par ties, Circuses, Treasure Hunts, Fronts' Nite, Quoit and Paddle Tennis Tournaments, Story Tolling. Track Meets, Mask Making Contests and my other activities in which thousands of children eagerly pa: ti cipro,

Ribbons of award wore presented to the winners. These ribbons are made the office of the Playground Association. A linoleum bleak is cut by the art instructor for the printing. Printer's ink is used for tho stamping and this is covered with gold or silver dust before drying. The finished product is very attractive.

City Playground championships wore won in the following

## ANNUAL PLAY AND FOLK DLICE FESTIVAI

2000 paronts and frionds attonded the innual Play and Folk Danco Festival held in the spacious "bowl" at Buchanan Park, August 13, at 6:30 P.M.

This was tho first Folk Danco Fostival held and we feel proud to say it was successful.

Groups of little girls from every playground were taught a sories of folk danoes under the direction of Mr . Brandon, and whon arrangements were made for the festival, our Handicraft Instructor diroctod the making of peasant costumes out of cropo papor and romnants of material, which wero mado by the supervisors and mothers of the children. All the colors in the rainbow were used and made a lovely picture as the little girls danced, accompanied by the snecially arranged music of Ira Bowman's Orchestra. 200 children participated.

In betweon tho dances, speciol events were given, Pantomimos, Minstrel Shows, Tuabling ets and finally the Big Chariot Race which onded in a storm of applouse as "Ben Hur" drove his four "horses" to overwhelming victory.

THIS WAS THE LAST BIG EVENT OF THE SUIDER SEASON, and wo consider it the most successful festival we have had for many years.

His face may be dirty, he may look forlorn, His pants may bo shiny, his coat may be torn; But what groater joy can you get from a boy Than a smile on his face and a heart filled with joy.

So if you got weary while leading in play And feel just like quitting and running away, Just look in their faces and soon you'll take heart,
And have loads of fun whilo playing your part.
-- M. M. Harnish.


Combined Nature Study and Hikes have been held for adults in the city and county every spring and fall since 1929, with a competent leader in charge each wok.

A group of 35 hikers last year visited such places as: Lake Grub , Gable's Woods, Rohrerstow, Hammer Creek, Lititz, Little Conestoga, etc., where the study of flowers, ferns, birds, trees and rocks was made.

Volunteer Leaders:

> Dr. H. Justin Roddy
> Ir. Roy Palmer Rev. C. D. Spots
> Prof. Clifford Iarburger
> Mr. Wm. S. Gleim
> Mr. Di N. Harnish
> Mr. G. D. Brandon
> Dr. I. R. Gerhart
> Ir. H. B. Gehman

Note: The Association has 500 ft . of film at the office taken at different times on the various hikes.

## COIL UNITY PARTIES

These parties or dances for young people have been held at the Y.W.C.A., Saturday evenings during the fall, winter and spring months since 1922. This year they were opened October 26 th, and continled until April 4th. 23 parties were held.

The parties are chaperoned by leading citizens. The gym is decorated by the specific committee in charge and plans for the
 dance, such as: booking of orchestra, purchasing of prizes for the 2 feature dances of the evening, securing chaperones, taking charge of desk, etc., are made by the Board at a meeting held every Thursday evening previous to the dance on
the following Saturday.
Members of the Board consist of representatives from the following schools and organizations:
F. \& 1I. College, F. \& M. Academy, Millersville State Teachers College, Shippen School, Y.W.C.f., Theological Seminary, Lancaster Business College, Catholic Group, Industrial Group, Boy Scouts, Bowman School of Technology, DeMolay, Girl Reserves, and the Recreation and Playground Department.

The attendance at the dances this year was approximately between 100 and 175 every Saturday night, and it is estimated that between 800 and 1000 young men and women were registered.

## BASKETBALL FOR MEN

Through the cooperation of the Lancaster School Board, 500 young men have been given the opportunity to use the courts at the East and West Junior High Schools this year.

West Junior's 2 courts were open 2 nights a week - Mon. and Wed., from 7:00 to 10:00, allowing 6 teams and their opponents at one hour periods to play their games. East Junior's 2 courts were open 1 night a week, Monday, from 7:30 to 9:30 which allowed 3 teams and their opponents to play at one hour periods.

The season opened December IIth, 1935 and ran through to April 15th, 1936.

The supervisors in charge were: W.P.A. - Sherman Hill, Henry O. Fisher, Joseph Holzinger, Paul Bachman, Lioyd Sandt, Joseph Parr, Harry Lowry, John Ferguson, Ralph DeFranco and Wm, Iitchell; N.Y.A. - N. R. Simpson, Wm. Ciebere, Wm. Bracken and MacDonnel Lingenfelter

This activity was formerly carried on at the State Armory, but it was impossible to meet expenses and also to accommodate the great number of teams requesting playing space.

This year 37 teams requested courts, out of which 25 were accommodated.

4000 spectators attended the games this season.
"Important as it is to organize and direct the industry of the world, it is more important to organize and direct the leisure time of the world."

Through the cooperation of the Lancaster School Board in allowing us a wider use of their school buildings and the help of the W.P.A. and the $\mathbb{N} . \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{M}} . \mathrm{A}_{\text {。 }}$ in furnishing leadership, we have been able to enlarge our number of clubs this year.

365 boys and girls were registered in the various clubs.
Total attendance for the season $-5,840$
The olubs are open to the boys and girls in the neighborhood where clubs are located. Baskotball, pingpong, wrestling, harmonice class, leathercraft and woodwork are some of the activities carried on. They are open from 7:00 to 9:00 in the evening.

Jr. Boys' Club at Fremont St. School opened this year November 12th, 1935. Meets one night ar week (Tues.) Registration 110.

Sr. Boys' Club at Fremont St. Scholl opened January 30, 1936. Moots every Thursday evoning. Registration 50.

Girls' Club at Fromont St. School opened March 7, 1936. Meets every Friday evening. Registration 100.

Boys' Club at George Ross opened February 5, 1936. Meets every Wednesday evening. Registration 55.

Colored Boys' Club at Rockland St. School oponed for the first time this year February 28, 1936. Meets every Thursday evening and also Tuesday ovenings since March 31st. Registration 50 . boys and girls for rocreative play under wise guidance in a clean, wholesome, social environment, you have created one of the surest bulwarks against the development of delinquency."


## CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION AND COMMNNITY CENTER

The Recreation and Playground Association has a colored centor know as the Crispus Attucks Recreation and Community Center, under the vory capable direction of Mrs. R. MI. Payne, assisted by a small Boart of influential colored citizens.

The conter is open the entire year, and is a veritable beehive of aciivity. Clubs are held for all ages, from the tiny tots' story hour to adult classes in dramatics, choral work, sowinc, nursing, public hoolth, otc.

The Center sponsors yearly Negro Health Week and a Well Baby

Clinic to encourage the mothers of the comunity in the proper care of their children. Local Negro physicions assist this work: Dr, H. C. Bemby, Dr. John Victor Sterr tt and Dr. John H. Travis, Dentist.

Annual tributo and memorial services are held to Thaddeus Stevens. A Forum group neots regularly in an attempt to build better interracial relations.

During the winter months, with the assistance of the W.P.A., classes are held in Sewing, Handicraft, Drama, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Piano Instruction and discussion groups on Social Problems.

1000 persons registered in various clubs and classes of the Center. 300 weekly enrollment.


COR UNITY
DRAMATICS

210 young men and women were registered in the 7 different drama classes in the city. This is the second year we have been able to introduce drama into our wintor program and this was made possible by the W.P.A. furnishing the loadership.

Mir. Poul Nagy, Jr., and Mrs. Emlene Johnson, have been directing these classos since Jonuary 20 th.

16 plays havo been rehoarsod and 14 wore produced.
This project has meant a great doal to the young men and women of our community who are intorosted in drama. This has partially taken the place of the Drama Club of Lancaster disbanded scveral years ago.

Joy comes to us only as we use the gift that makes us different from every other human being. It is the voice of our souls. We must live in its expression or die in despair.

GRAND SUMMARY IT ATM INDANCE

|  | Registration | Total Attendance(By Visits) | Spectators |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pre Season Play Centers | 685 | 3255 | 1000 |
| Marble Tournament |  | 2000 | 500 |
| Supervisors' Training Classes | 62 | 75 |  |
| Summer Playgrounds (14) | 3500 | 139214 | 15000 |
| Wading Pools |  | 13030 |  |
| Street Showers |  | 19469 |  |
| Swimming Instructions | 300 | 1500 | 200 |
| Twilight Centers | 350 | 20110 | 6000 |
| Playground Picnic | 1000 | 1000 | 200 |
| Annual Kite Karnivel | 100 | 100 | 200 |
| Annual Play \& Folk Dance iustival | 200 |  | 2000 |
| Nature Hikes (10) | 35 | 350 |  |
| Community Parties (23) | 1000 | 3450 |  |
| Merits Basketball | 500 | 4500 | 4000 |
| Bras ' and Girls ' Clubs | 365 | 5840 |  |
| Lr untios | 210 | 210 | 1000 |
| C. ispus Attucks Center | 1000 | 13200 |  |
| GRiND TOTLL | 9,307 | 227,303 | 30,100 |

Our national head, the National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City, is always available as a source of inspiration and information. Mr. J. W. Faust, Regional Field Representative makes periodic visits to our city to counsel and advise. Mr. L. H. Weir, from the Parks Department, gave us one day to go over our Playground Association and present recommendations to our board. Specialists in other fields such as music, drama and publicity, are from time to time available.

The National Recreation Association maintains a regular bulletin service which contains new suggestions from the field along the lines of new developients throughout the country.
"To 'make others happy' except through liberating their powers and engaging them in activities that enlarge the meaning of life is to harm them and to indulge ourselves under cover of exercising a special virtue. . . . . To foster conditions that widen the horizon of others and give them command of their own powers, so that they can find their own happiness in their own fashion, is the way of 'social' action."

## FINANCIAL R PORT

## RECEIPTS

WELFARE FEDERATION

| Maintenance | $\$ 6792.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Replacement | 1200.00 |
| Balance on hand | 323.00 |
| beginning of year |  |

$\$ 8315.00$
FROM PUBLIC FUNDS
Receipts from City 500.00
Schuol District of Lanc. 960.00
Ro iund Salaries $\quad 45.00$
$1 \quad 1505.00$

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AT INISMRITION EXPENSES
Administrative Salaries $\quad 4320.00$
Office Supplies
37.71

Telegraph \& Telephone
42.56

Postage \& Printing
52.82

Misc. Administrative
53.38

## SERVICE EXPENSES

Servioe Salaries
fruto \& Upkeep
Educational Work
Athletic Supplies
Ropairs to Equipment
4506.47
3011.91
600.00
29.79
294.26
47.15
3983.11

## GENTRIL EXPENSES

Insuranco \& Taxes 110.00
National Association
Conference Expense
Ilisc. General Expense
Repleasment
Repleasment
50.00
25.00
53.38
1092.04

## GENER A L

The Recreation inice is used daily as a bureau of information. Requests are reccived for information on, how to equip a small backyard playground, where to secure equipment, how to arrange and obtain equipment for a social evening, material and plans for a picnic, educational moving pictures, books on recreation, etc. Materials and plans for all forms of recreation are in constant demand and are made available at the office.

Credit should be given the Community Committee from Rodney Park, the members of which for the past two years have staged a festival on the park grounds, raising sufficient funds to keep the park open until September 15 th.

The efforts of the members of the 6th Ward Memorial Park Association, who for the past ten years have shouldered the burden of rajsing yoarly the $\$ 500$ necessary to take care of the mortgage interest, are worthy of the highest commendation. This work has been supported by the ward and has been the means of saving the park to the present date. The officers are: Pres., W. E. Mloxander, Vice-Pres., Miss Anna 11 . Eby, Sec'y, Mr. Albert Seitz, Treas., Mr. Henry ${ }^{\text {E W Warren. }}$

The Recreation Association is very grateful to the Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., and their reporters who have so faithfully portrayed our work to the public.

The cooperation of the City Park Department in maintain ing Buchanan Park, Rodney Park and the 6th Ward Memorial Park in such excellent repair, was a great and important factor in the success of our worl.

The depression and the accompanying decrease in financial support has in some sections hindered the normal expansion of the recreation program; yet, on the other hand, it has assisted us in finding other methods and avenues of expression.



May The commen year befilled with yolden oppotumities

