

1944 ANNUAL REPORT

LANCASTER RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Lancaster, Pennsylvania



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This is a volunteer Board which meets once a month to plan and approve the functions of the Lancaster Recreation Association in all matters of financial and program activities.

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CIATION AND CRISPUS ATTUCKS
RECREATION CENTER ARE CO-
OPERATING AND PARTICIPATING
AGENCIES OF THE WELFARE
FEDERATION OF LANCASTER COUNTY.

To the Board of Directors of the
Lancaster Recreation Association:

Since competition for portions of our community dollar is so keen, it is possible that our greatest asset, our children, may be neglected due to the fact they are not articulate in relation to their needs.

This report is a plea that through shortsighted planning or lack of planning we do not fail to conserve our greatest resource - our youth.

In the training of youth, the hours of the clock cannot be turned back. The golden hours of today, if not properly used, are time more than lost. These hours will never return for the youth who have passed through their hastening seconds. These seconds carry with them into eternity periods of time in which life is made, character formed and habits of a lifetime established. Life gives us many second chances, but even life cannot stand still while we as individuals, organizations, or communities are making up our minds what to do about certain situations that are helpful or harmful to the life of our children.

One is reminded of Roger Bacon's "Man of Brass", whose only contribution to posterity was three statements: "Time is!" "Time was!" "Time is past!" Clocks do not react kindly to being turned back, and life itself refuses absolutely to work in reverse or even to wait for a more opportune moment. There are teachable moments, as Dr. Jay B. Nash so ably describes, that are not only timely moments, but moments with chronological significance in the life of every child.

Our great country has access to and is using the engineering knowledge of the world in spanning space, utilizing nature's gifts and harnessing the unseen forces of the universe, yet in the application of knowledge to human engineering, we are still, by comparison, almost at a standstill.

Why are we as communities still more exercised in relation to our spending dollar about the relief of distressed humanity than we are in the prevention of a large portion of those distresses by insisting that:

1. Proper dissemination of the knowledge of healthful living be given.
2. Living conditions that are in keeping with advanced knowledge and good practice be assured.
3. Adequate provision for the expression of social recreational and creative urges of our youth be provided.

Heartstrings are always more easily played upon than headstrings, but common sense and intelligent thinking should direct our manner of approach to the present problems. Planning alone is not sufficient unless it is properly related to the expendable portion of our dollars.

Youth is our future, the only future we can actually guarantee that will perpetuate our dreams, desires and ambitions, but this future is going to be greatly delayed if we continue to disregard the claims of youth by neglecting to provide the facilities and opportunities for the normal cultivation and expressions of youthful desires and ambitions.

It is no state secret that many of our youth today are not expressing their desires and ambitions in a normal healthful manner and the blame of much of this misdirection of energy must be laid to the shortsighted planning or failure of planning on the part of the adult in the saddle. Unfortunately, aside from the heartaches youth on the rampage will create for him, the adult will not have to bear the complete results. Youth will eventually settle the score in loss of efficiency, dwarfed character and disillusionment.

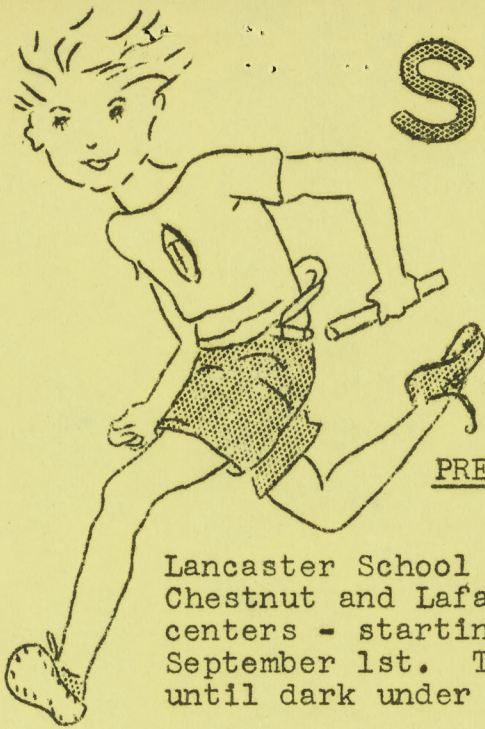
"Whatsoever a man soweth" actually guarantees a harvest as immutable as any law of nature which does not change even for a few supermen created in a period of plenty and easy sledding. Darker days to try men's souls are bound to come, and many individuals lacking in the sterling qualities developed only in and under stress are going to find the travel rough. Now is the time to prepare our youth, not only for tomorrow, but for today. This cannot be done by wishful thinking, but by an intelligent approach to and support of agencies dealing with youth, and if this job is going to be done it is going to cost more than the paltry sums spent in the past.

Is it too much to ask that there be provided sufficient clubs and playgrounds for the underprivileged children in our city in order that their social and recreational problems be adequately met.

-- G. D. Brandon
Director of Recreation

*The ideals of democracy have never been
dream-pictures, but goals.
The way forward toward our goals we will find
only through our own exertions,
Through tireless, patient and courageous exertion.*

-- Sigrid Undset



SUMMER PROGRAM

PLAYGROUNDS

PRE SEASON

Through the cooperation of the Lancaster School Board, 3 school grounds - Wickersham, Chestnut and Lafayette, were added to the list of evening centers - starting June 1st and continuing until September 1st. These grounds were open from 5:00 P.M. until dark under supervision.

SUMMER SEASON

13 Playgrounds were open for 8 weeks, June 26 to August 19. 7 of these were school grounds open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., with the exception of Edward Hand which was open from 9:00 A.M. to dark. The 6 parks were open from 9 A.M. until dark. Approximately 3000 children were registered for the summer program.

POST SEASON

With the assistance of an additional grant from the Park Department the 6 Park playgrounds remained open 2 weeks longer from 9:00 A.M. to dark, until September 2.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ON THE PLAYGROUNDS

WAR BONDS AND STAMPS were again sold on the playgrounds last summer. The children erected their own booths on each ground and Friday was the day set aside for this activity. Sales were mostly in 10¢ stamps.

PAPER COLLECTION was started last year with a total of \$20.00 worth of paper being collected.

WADING POOLS

The two wading pools at Rodney Park and Buchanan Park were open daily during the summer months from 1:00 until 4:00 P.M. These pools were maintained through the cooperation of the City Department of Parks and Water.

STREET SHOWERS

9 city fire hydrants were opened daily for half-hour periods in various sections of the city for children of the neighborhood. This activity is made possible also through the cooperation of the City Water Department.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

For the past 12 years, free swimming lessons have been given to children 10 years of age and under. This project was made possible by the Maple Grove Pool, the Lancaster New Era and the Recreation Association. 400 children were registered. Children passing the final swim test, are awarded certificates.

CITY-WIDE PAGEANT

Special features were held on each ground during the summer season, such as Story Telling, Festivals, Treasure Hunts, Baby Shows, Fashion Shows, Doll Shows, Pet Shows, Soap Bubble Contests, Beetle Contests, Model Plane Shows, Lantern Parades, Handicraft Shows and Hobby Shows. These came to a climax at the end of the season in a Patriotic Show at Buchanan Park with each ground participating.

HANDICRAFT DISPLAY

Several hundred pieces of Handicraft - the choice pieces taken from several thousand pieces made by the children - were placed on display in a downtown show window for ten days. Most of the craft materials used was scrap or non-essential materials. Aside from linoleum carving, one of the most popular crafts this year was hot dish mat weaving. Well over 1000 mats were made by the children. The craft articles, some of which are only novelties, but most of them useful articles, are the property of the children whose names appear in the exhibition display.

PLAY DAY

600 boys and girls participated in a city-wide Play Day at Buchanan Park. Refreshments were made possible through money collected in the paper drive.

LEADERS' CLUB

35 boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 years representing the 13 playgrounds, were members of the Leaders' Club. These children assisted the supervisors on the playgrounds in many little helpful ways. Badges of distinction were given each member at the meeting held in the Council Chamber.

BASEBALL

This year instructions on the fundamentals of baseball were given the boys of the playgrounds, and a League was formed. This was in addition to the regular Softball League which is a yearly affair.

SUPERVISION

The supervision of the summer activities was under the direction of the following staff:

- 1 General Director
- 1 Women's and Girls' Supervisor of Special Activities

- 1 Man for Special Activities
- 1 part-time Supervisor of Handicraft Activities
- 1 part-time Supervisor of Dramatics
- 26 young women supervisors - 18 full-time and 8 part-time for the Playgrounds - also 4 men part-time. The 8 women supervisors and the 4 part-time men on the school grounds were paid directly by the School Board.

Due to war conditions and high salaries in industry, most of our supervisors were of high school age. This was in part offset by the fact that most of the older boys usually on the playgrounds were employed.

INSTITUTE

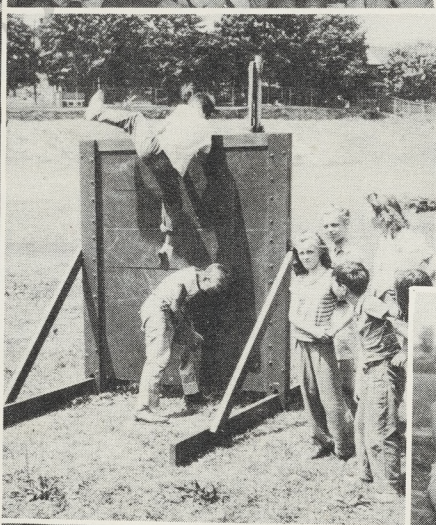
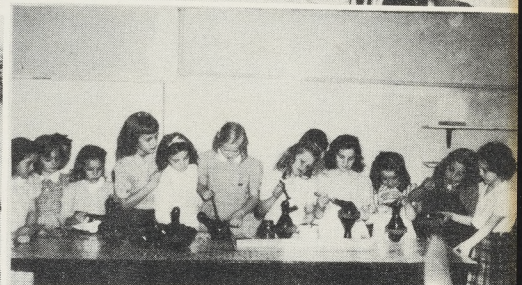
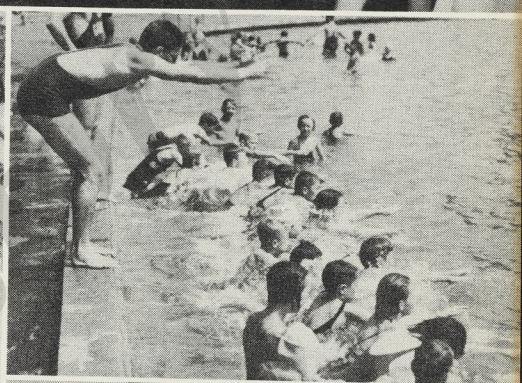
Our summer season is always preceded by one week of training. The guest speakers were Dr. Earl Franklin Fowler, Pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church and Miss Vesta M. Miller, R.N., Supervisor of the Visiting Nurse Association, supplemented by our staff, Director G. D. Brandon, Special Activities Director, Sherman L. Hill, Supervisor of Women's and Girls' Activities, Mrs. Richard H. Garth, Supervisor of Handicrafts, Miss Kathryn Schwarz, Supervisor of Dramatics, Mrs. Robert Olewiler. This institute is open to the public and is attended by teachers from our various social and character-building agencies.

HIKING CLUB

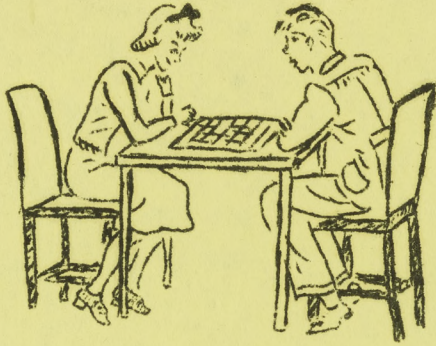
Our Hiking Club, which operates in the spring and fall, was as popular as usual. The average attendance is 30 hikers. Due to the number of people working in war industries on the shift plan, Sunday hikes were tried this fall for the first time and proved very popular. The Club alternated the hikes between Saturday and Sunday. The hikes this fall were continued up until the 1st of December when the weather became too cold for this activity. A mid-season get-together indoors is planned when pictures taken on the hikes are shown along with movies on various phases of nature lore. This is a self-sustaining activity conducted by a volunteer committee who participate in the hikes.

VICTORY GARDENS

Our Association is one of the cooperating groups in the city-wide Victory Garden project and is represented on its board by the Director.



Marble King



INDOOR PROGRAM

COMMUNITY DANCES

The Community Dances or "Y" Saturday Night Dance - the name used by the young people - are still the most popular events in the week for our older teen-age group. These dances are managed by a volunteer group of 30 young people representing 15 agencies in the city and county, such as schools, colleges, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. These dances start early in October and continue until April, running every Saturday evening in the Y.W.C.A. gymnasium for 6 months of the year. The average attendance is from 150 to 200, with approximately 1000 different young people registered. Every dance is open to our service men who attend and are given a special service men's rate of 25¢ including tax. These Dances have been a popular gathering place for the youth of our city since 1920.

BOYS' CLUBS

The Boys' Club at Lafayette School is open two evenings a week - Monday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 with approximately 150 boys registered. The activities are crafts, mostly woodwork; volleyball, ping-pong, bowling, shuffleboard, and group games are played with three supervisors in charge.

The Rodney Boys' Club is a new group formed in cooperation with the Rodney Park Parents' Association. The boys meet Tuesday evenings in the Rodney Community Building - an old garage fixed up for club purposes. This group has two supervisors and the usual activities in crafts and games. This group has occasional co-ed activities with the girls of the club who use the same building Friday evenings with our Women's and Girls' Worker supervising.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

3 nights a week, men's basketball programs were held at Edward Hand and John Reynolds Junior High Schools. 300 men used the courts at these two schools. Due to the scarcity of young men, the fall of 1944 basketball program required only the two nights at John Reynolds.

CRAFT SHOP

The Craft Shop at the rear of the Community Building was open 5 nights a week from September to May 31 - 1 night for girls and 4 nights for boys. This shop is well equipped with motor tools. 150 girls are registered and 100 boys.

Due to a slight fire in the garage below the Craft Shop, we have been unable to use the shop during the fall of 1944. Repairs are pending and we expect to resume our program early in 1945. The girls - one night program was moved to St. James Parish Hall through the courtesy of Rev. Robert C. Batchelder.

LANCASTER BOYS' CLUB, INC.

Although this club is financially a separate unit, our Director has been taking charge of the supervision, engaging the staff and purchasing the supplies and equipment for the club since its organization in 1941. This responsibility was transferred to Sherman L. Hill, their Boys' Club Director early in the spring of 1944.

ASSISTANCE TO NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

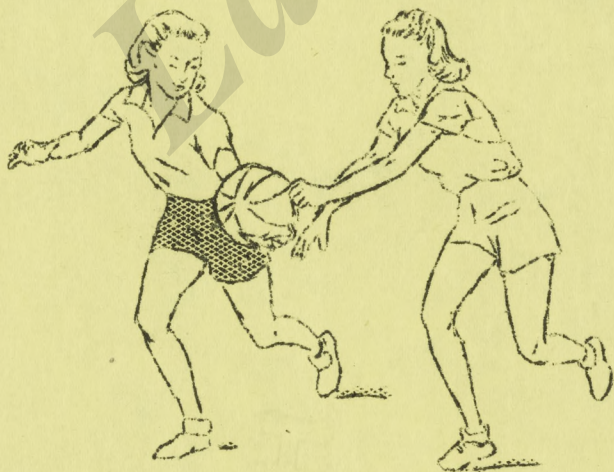
Advice and counsel has been given almost daily by the Director and at the office. Special talks were given to a Citizens' Committee on Recreation at Gap and a talk before the Lancaster County Sunday School Association. Both of these engagements were in October.

Our recreation books and files, especially of games for social parties and picnics, are open to the public. Also our picnic kits which have been used daily during the summer months by church groups and civic organizations.

Our 16 mm movies on playground and club activities have been loaned during the year to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, U.S.O. in Raleigh, N. C. and Public Relations Committee, Montreal, Canada. The movies are also used for local talks on various phases of recreation.

GIRLS CLUBS

The Girls' and Women's Program has been constantly widening because of the demand for wholesome recreation for this group. We not only have the young teen age to think of, but the young wife whose husband is in the service, the young girl whose friends and brothers are in other countries in combat and the exceptionally young girl, who has become blase and feels that it is childish to play games, dance, sing and associate with girls her own age, but prefers the company of members of the opposite sex far too old for her in many ways. In order to meet the ever growing demand we have opened five girls' and women's recreation centers. These centers have been opened where the demand has been the greatest, but these five centers by no means cover the demand in



the city. Right now we could open four more centers if we had the financial support.

The aim of all our girls' clubs is to attract the girls between the ages of 13 and 20. Therefore it has been necessary to alter our program somewhat from previous years to fit the needs of today.

The following is a resume of each club:

Higbee Girls' Club

Place--Higbee School at Dauphin and Rockland Streets
Time--4:00 to 6:00 (Girls 7-12)
7:00 to 9:00 (Girls 13 and over)
Activities--Handicraft, dancing, singing, sewing, volleyball, shuffle board, bowling, movies, badminton and quiet games.
Supervisors--Afternoon--3; evening--3;
Membership--154 girls and it is still growing.
Note: The Lancaster Quota Club has adopted this club as a project for the year.
Donations--Harry Boothman - Duck pins for bowling.
Duke St. P.T.A.--\$5.00
Jewish Women's Toy Organization--Use of tables in lounging room.
Quota Club--Refreshments for Christmas Party.

Rodney Girls' Club

Place--Rodney Recreation Building, Third Street
Time--4:00 to 6:00 (Girls 7-12)
7:00 to 9:00 (Girls 13 and over)
Activities--Handicraft, sewing, dancing, singing, quiet games and ping pong.
Supervisors--Afternoon--2; evening--2.
Membership--68 girls till December 1, 1944
Donations--Mr. Eshelman and Mrs. Charles Vogt--Curtains
Note: Members of the Rodney Recreation Association take charge two nights a week.

St. John's Girls' Club

Place--Parish House of St. John's Episcopal Church, corner of Mulberry and Chestnut Streets.
Time--4:00 to 6:00 (Girls 7-12)
7:00 to 9:00 (Girls 13 and over)
Activities--Volley ball, handicraft, dancing, singing, ping pong, movies, bowling, dramatics and quiet games.
Supervisors--Afternoon - 2 (One volunteer church worker, Miss Blanch Hartman); evening - 3.
Membership--110 girls till December 1, 1944.
Donations--Ladies' Bible Class in conjunction with the girls' club gave a cake sale and money (\$16.00) was given to the club to be used in the furnishing of a reading room.

CRAFT SHOP

Place--Craft Shop Building, located in the rear of the
Community Building.
Time--7:00 to 9:00
Activities--Crafts such as leather, felt, gimp, and wood
also crafts made with motor tools.
Supervisors--Evening--3
Membership--150 Girls

EDWARD HAND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Place--Edward Hand Junior High School
Time--7:00 to 10:00
Activities--Volley ball and basket ball for January,
February and March, Spring Hockey and Soft
Ball will start in April.
Supervisors--3
Membership--66

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HOSPITAL WORK



-- by Marie A. Vatter, Supervisor of
Women's and Girls' Activities....

Tuesday morning: 10:00 to 12:00 - Lancaster General Hospital
Children's Ward
Friday morning: 10:00 to 12:00 - St. Joseph's Hospital
Children's Ward.

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"The greatest thrill I get when walking down the hospital corridor is to hear the shouts of delight and joy from the children when they spy me (the Recreation woman) coming. Most of the children in both hospitals are cases which require a stay for only a few days and then they are gone. Occasionally, you have children who have to stay for several months and these are the ones who shout when they see you coming.

"Our program in the hospitals includes stories, puppet shows, sing songs, rhythm band, playing the victrola and showing the children how to make many things in handicraft work, such as construction work with paper, string macaronis, paint beads, pictures, crayon, weave, sew, carve, make yarn dolls, etc. etc.

"I would like to tell you about a little boy whose name is Bobbie. Bobbie cannot walk and may never be able to and he has been in the hospital for two years. He is only 9 years old and is just as happy as a lark and just as full of pep for a boy as a boy can be. One week we strung macaronis and painted them and when I came the next week I found

Mr. Bobbie had been the ring leader of a bunch of American Soldiers fighting the Germans in their beds in the hospital by having a battle with left-over macaroni. What I really want to tell you about Bobbie is that I taught him how to make hot pot holders. His parents bought him the supplies he needed and he started making these to sell, charging 25¢ a piece for them and Bobbie has made \$40.00 since the middle of October to the middle of December.

"Before I leave the hospital, I want to take you to the polio unit. Do you see the lady over closest to the window? Well, she's the one I want to talk about. After she had recovered from her polio she found she was handicapped and may never be able to walk. This doesn't daunt her spirit at all. She is as cheerful and as pleasant as can be. She takes the materials I bring in for her with great eagerness. Our experiment with her is only three weeks old and we have not received any results as we did with Bobbie as yet, but the Recreation Department and myself are hoping that some of the skills developed while convalescing may be used to an advantage later. This experiment with polio cases, now three in number has great possibilities for rehabilitation."

SUMMARY OF FACILITIES AND REGISTRATION

13 Playgrounds	3000	16 Softball Diamonds
10 Evening Playground Centers	2000	1 Regulation Diamond
2 Wading Pools	600	10 Paddle Tennis Courts
9 Street Showers	1000	13 Volleyball Courts
Free Swimming Classes	400	2 Horse-Shoe Courts
Craft Shop Boys	125	7 Shuffleboard Courts
Boys' Club at Lafayette	125	4 Ping-pong Tables
Boys' Club at Rodney	50	4 Picnic Kits
Girls' Club at Rodney	75	1 Power Motor Equipped Craft Shop
Girls' Club at Higbee	155	1 35 mm Projector (Silent)
Girls' Club at St. John's	125	1 16 mm Projector (Silent) with
Craft Shop Girls	150	300 ft. of Film
Women's Recreation - Ed. Hand	75	1 Technical Lending Library
3 Basketball Centers	300	Access to 16 mm Sound Projector
Lancaster Boys' Club, Inc.	200	
1 Social Dancing	1000	
1 Hiking Club	200	
1 Center for Colored People	<u>1505</u>	

Total Registration --- 11,085

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Bal. on hand 1st of yr.	\$	259.40
<u>Welfare Federation</u>		
Maintenance	\$11,638.52	
Replacement	<u>350.00</u>	
	\$11,988.52	
<u>Public Funds</u>		
Park Dept.	1,300.00	
Quota Club	125.00	
Refunds	18.67	
Basketball	190.00	
Handicraft	88.47	
Paper Collection	20.00	
Dividends & Sale		
of Bank Stock	<u>26.83</u>	
	\$ 1,768.97	
Total Receipts	\$14,016.89	

DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Administrative Expense</u>		
Admin. Salaries	\$5055.00	
Office Supplies	105.01	
Telephone	66.40	
Postage	57.16	
Printing	47.60	
Misc. Admin.	<u>48.00</u>	
	\$ 5,379.17	
<u>Service Expense</u>		
Salaries	3123.13	
Supv. Travel Exp.	86.40	
Auto Upkeep	300.00	
Clubs	3397.00	
Educational	58.46	
Ath. Supplies	624.62	
Equip. Repairs	47.47	
Insurance	93.04	
Publicity	16.40	
Conference	75.00	
Nat'l Rec. Ass'n	150.00	
Craft Supplies	<u>196.27</u>	
	\$ 8,167.79	
Replacement Equip.	<u>350.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$13,896.96	
Balance	<u>119.93</u>	
	\$14,016.89	

Note: \$1,200.00 was paid by the Lancaster School Board directly to the supervisors on the School Grounds.

Crispus Attucks Recreation Center:

Total Receipts	\$7,644.56	Total Disbursements	\$7,599.29
		Balance	<u>45.27</u>
			\$7,644.56

C R I S P U S A T T U C K S R E C R E A T I O N C E N T E R

"DO YOU KNOW YOUR CENTER" Ruby M. Payne, Director

We, who participate in the program of the Crispus Attucks Recreation Center, like to think of it as a concrete expression of community and Christian friendliness. The building as well as the promotion of the program of activities are possible only because hundreds of persons in our city and county have and are giving financial support and leadership to a community project that embraces all races, creeds and social levels in its scope of operation.

We like to think of the Center as a community laboratory where no dream or experiment toward better social adjustment of the individual or group is impossible; where no service is too insignificant to be accepted and finally where no effort is too tremendous if it leads to the development of finer, happier and healthier Americans.

As a member agency of the Welfare Federation and as an integral part of the Lancaster Recreation Association, we have enlisted and enjoy the cooperation of other character-building and health promoting agencies of the city, to develop a well-rounded program which meets the social need of all age groups from infancy to late adulthood.

CLINIC AND CLUBS

A Well Baby Clinic, professionally supervised by the Visiting Nurse Association and Dr. J. V. Sterrett; a Day Nursery, directed by a trained kindergarten teacher; organized clubs in crafts, sports, music, folk and square dancing, home-making; home-nursing and first aid; drama and Bible study; Boy and Girl Scout Troops; Girl Reserves; a Servicemen's Club which provides entertainment for men in uniform; forums, public programs and special parties are included in the regular activities.

HOT LUNCH PROJECT

A school Hot Lunch Project, sponsored by more than thirty Missionary Societies in the city now in its fourth year of operation serves daily lunches to children of working parents who come from three grade schools in our immediate neighborhood. To this project more than 75 women from various churches give volunteer service monthly.

INTERRACIAL COUNCIL

The Lancaster Interracial Council, representative of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, social religious, educational, and business leaders and students as well as lay people, has developed through the fellowship of interested citizens desiring to promote better attitudes toward all minority groups in our community. Forums, programs and a violin recital are among the educational and cultural activities of the Council. Mindful of the fine fellowship to be had through recreation during the summer the Council held outdoor meetings featuring corn and doggie roasts.

COMMUNITY FOLK FESTIVAL

A Community Folk Festival presented at McCaskey High School on the afternoon of November 19, 1944, was the highlight of our year's effort to promote better racial

understanding and definitely established a place in the community for the Interracial Council as one of the quiet yet potent forces that is accomplishing real values in social and racial adjustments. Under the efficient direction of Miss Grace Walker, Drama Specialist from the National Recreation Association, scenes were depicted by a cast of 200 persons representing racial and religious groups of our community which portrayed that regardless of racial origin or religious creed, America is the magnet which draws all people who love freedom. As the theme developed showing how Freedom plows all natural social and race lines away so that all become Americans, Italians, Greeks, Negroes, Ministers, Teachers, Doctors of Philosophy, Students and Lay People blended their talent through speech, choirs, choruses, interpretive and folk dances and drama to tell the story of America, the home of the free and brave. A grand finale "Life Every Voice and Sing" with the audience of 1600 persons participating, marked the closing scene.

Through the U.S.O. we are granted funds to transport girls for dancing partners for parties at the Indiantown Gap Military Reservation and to promote parties for service men here at the Center. Approximately between 300 and 400 service men were guests of the Crispus Attucks Center during the year at various times.

The Center is the official home of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It is also the hub around which the fraternal, religious and civic organizations center their community efforts.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Infancy to 6 years	7th Ward Health Center (25% white children)	150
18 mos. to 5 years	Day Nursery	25
5 to 12 years	Hot Lunch Project	80
6 to 10 years	Games & Craft Groups, Tap and Folk Dancing, Athletics, Domestic Art, Bible Class	550
10 to 16 years	Organized Teams, Craft Classes, Discussion Groups, Games, Music, Drama, Shopwork	400
16 years and up	Boards, Committees, Adult Classes, Parent Groups	300
Total -		1505

(Church, Fraternal, and other outside groups, also use the Center for social and business meetings.)

Acknowledgment of club leadership is gratefully expressed to the youth group of the First Reformed Church, the Reformed Theological Seminary, Calvary Independent Church and Covenant United Brethren Church. Also the many gifts of toys, candy, money, and garments received from the Junior Red Cross, Glen Mills Home for Boys, Trois Point Girl Reserve Club, 1st Methodist Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Women's Bible Classes of Willow Street Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Covenant United Brethren Needle Work Guild and other friends.

NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Our National Recreation Association is always ready and waiting to give every assistance possible in suggestions and plans. Their monthly magazine "RECREATION", and the Bulletin Service is filled with many human experiences from other cities, plans for developing all types of recreation expression, and helpful articles on all phases of recreation and kindred subjects.

To Mr. Howard Braucher, President of the National Recreation Association, our personal thanks for his timely inspiring editorials which give the reader the feeling that he is one to whom you may go for assistance and counsel.

To Mr. Faust, our District Representative, who visits us periodically with his helpful manner of guidance, our grateful acknowledgment.

To Mr. Atwell, who likewise visits our city at stated periods, or whenever we are in especial need of his help, our thanks.

To Miss Walker, the new Director of Special Activities for Negro People, our sincere thanks for assisting in our recent and very successful Interracial Folk Festival.

And to any other members of the National Staff, who have promptly and courteously answered our requests for assistance, our sincere thanks.

OUR THANKS

To the Mayor and City Council for office space in the Municipal Building, for the appropriation of \$1000. with an additional \$300. to pay for supervision on the City Parks. Also for wading pool and street shower facilities.

OUR THANKS

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- To the Lancaster School Board for the use of 2 grade schools and 2 junior high schools for our winter program, and also for the use of 7 school grounds for summer playgrounds and the sum of \$1200. to pay for the summer supervision on these grounds. For the additional 4 evening playground centers opened for the first time in the season of 1944.
- To the Y.W.C.A. Board and Secretaries for the use of the gymnasium for our Community Dances.
- To the Rev. Robert C. Batchelder of St. James Episcopal Church for the use of the gymnasium for our Craft Shop girls during the period the Craft Shop was closed for repair.
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