



# ANNUAL REPORT



1945

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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THE LANCASTER RECREATION  
ASSOCIATION AND CRISPUS  
ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER  
ARE COOPERATING AND PARTI-  
CIPATING AGENCIES OF THE  
WELFARE FEDERATION OF  
LANCASTER COUNTY.

To the Board of Directors of the  
Lancaster Recreation Association:

\* Forty-nine percent of the nonurban land in Pennsylvania has lost one-fourth to three-fourths of its topsoil. One and one-half percent has lost more than three-fourths of the topsoil and in some cases all of the topsoil and some subsoil.

Erosion in the realm of nature can be stopped by contour planting and wide reforestation of the waste lands. Nature in time is able to reclaim some of its lost glory. Unfortunately, in the realm of the human family, erosion during the growing period of our youth leaves a scar that in the majority of cases is indelible. The wasted hours of youth cause deep erosion leaving blighted lives that never quite reclaim the glory that was originally possible before the young life was abused by the eroding power of misused periods of time. Eroded land represents great waste of natural resources that effect only our material comfort and worldly possession. Erosion in the life of youth represents irretrievable loss in natural ability and character value and also causes rehabilitation problems which are always costly and never completely satisfactory.

Why do we still continue to place an ambulance at the foot of the cliff instead of the guard rail at the top, and in one grand chorus wail about juvenile delinquency as if it were something that was not a result of natural causes over which we could have control if we so desired. In the majority of cases, juvenile delinquents are kids who start acting like their parents.

The character building agencies of the average community are doing their best with too meagre budgets to keep youth during their leisure periods actively engaged in recreational and creative pursuits that will materially assist in building citizens of good character. Erosion of land is stopped by contour planting. Contour planting is simply an attempt to direct or change energy to a different channel; energy that not only would be lost but carry with it the real heart of the soil. Character building activities prevent erosion in human life the same way, by attempting to redirect energy into constructive channels.

The problem has become too great for the school, the church, the community agencies, and the home working alone to accomplish this great task. There has been, without doubt, a general letdown in moral and spiritual consciousness of individual responsibility for ones own acts. This is shown to its greatest degree in our youth because they are more susceptible to subtle influences and changes in personal community and national character. We cannot expect much change in youth until there is a noticeable change in the adult as represented in the

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\* Soil Erosion Survey of Pennsylvania, State College,  
Bulletin #354

home, the school, the church, the store, the factory, relations of capital to labor, of man to man, of race to race. In our struggle for freedom from oppression, we have lost some of the sacrificial glory of striving for peace and its responsibilities.

Let us first recognize that youth must have the leadership of all worthwhile agencies in the community to combat evil in all its forms. Let us also recognize that youth requires not only leadership, but also requires living examples of the good life: not just an occasional citizen willing to live by law and order, but an overwhelming majority who will stand for what they believe in decency and wholesome living. Until we secure a majority of citizens whose word is as good as their bond in thought and action, we will not experience much change in our youth.

Our Association in cooperation with other youth serving agencies will continue to offer a program which will endeavor to guide youth in its selection of worthwhile projects to take care of the golden hours of leisure -- hours that can mean so much to enrich young life when these hours are spent in creative recreation.

-- G. D. Brandon

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*"When leisure time is filled with idleness  
or only amusement, personality decays.  
With creative leisure time activities,  
personality develops."*

-- G. Arthur Casady



# SUMMER PROGRAM

Every summer is different and 1945 was no exception. The summer of 1944 reached a low peak in supervisor possibilities. We were reduced to using high school girls as supervisors without the assistance of any men for our athletic program. This handicap was overcome in 1945. With the assistance of additional funds from the City Park Department we engaged four experienced men designated as area supervisors for our boys program. Each of these men were responsible for the boys program on at least three of the playgrounds. This made it possible for the first time to offer hard ball to approximately 200 boys who were coached in the game. The renewed interest in this one game alone had a very noticeable reaction on our season's program.

## NEW PLAYGROUND

With the assistance of the P.T.A. at Wickersham School, this new ground was opened for the children of the district and proved an immediate leader in attendance and activities. This ground covers part of the territory of the old Reservoir Park playground which was small and inadequate.

13 Playgrounds were open for 10 weeks this season. The two extra weeks were made possible by additional funds from the City. The season - June 25 until August 31. Nine of the grounds were open from 9:00 A.M. to dark, the other four from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Approximately 3,000 children were registered.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Paper collection, started last year, was continued. The returns from this fund furnished refreshments for the very successful Play Day which reached an attendance of over 600. Interest in Play Day is growing. This feature illustrates play for play's sake. All ages coming together from every ground in the city and playing simple interesting games together. No special honors or awards are given. The day requires, however, very special organization to assure all the children an equal opportunity to participate.

## WADING POOLS AND STREET SHOWERS

The two wading pools at Rodney and Buchanan Parks were used daily as well as the nine portable street showers moved from place to place at half-hour intervals. This is made possible through the cooperation of the City Water Department.

## FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

For the 13th season free swimming lessons were given to children up to 10 years of age. This project was made possible by the Maple Grove Pool, Lancaster New Era and the Recreation Association. Approximately 400 children were registered. Certificates of award were given to children passing the final test.

## 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, "America, The Melting Pot", at Buchanan Park with each ground participating in songs and dances.

## HANDICRAFT DISPLAY



The annual display of crafts made by children on the playgrounds during the season were exhibited in

a downtown show window for one week. The Manufacturer's Association kindly allowed us the use of their window and the choice pieces taken from several thousand pieces made by the children during the summer, were placed on display. The most interesting feature in handicraft this year was the stuffed animal project. With material from mother's scrap bag many attractive turtles, cats, dogs and other animals were made. 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.

## SUPERVISION

The Summer Program was under the supervision 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
- 4 Men, Area Supervisors, responsible for 3 grounds each and the League Baseball
- 31 Young Women - 23 full-time, 8 part-time for the playgrounds,
- 7 Men - part-time for Evening Supervision (9 full-time and 3 evening part-time supervisors were paid directly by the School Board.)

### INSTITUTE FOR PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

One week of training is given the supervisors previous to opening the playgrounds. Classes were held in the Sunday School Room of the First Reformed and Evangelical Church and the Craft Classes were held at the Craft Shop. Guest Speakers were Hon. Dale E. Cary, Mayor of Lancaster; Dr. Theodore A. Distler, President of F. & M. College; Mr. M. M. Harnish, President, Lancaster Recreation Association; Mrs. William Bollman; Miss Vesta M. Miller, Supervisor of the Visiting Nurse Association; and Mr. George W. Kirchner, Sports Editor of the Lancaster New Era, supplemented by our staff Director, G. D. Brandon; Special Activities Director, Sherman L. Hill; Supervisor of Women's & Girls' Activities, Miss Marie A. Vatter; Supervisor of Handicrafts, Miss Kathryn Schwarz; Supervisor of Dramatics, Mrs. Katharine Gable. This institute is open to the public and is attended by teachers from our various social and character-building agencies.

### HIKING CLUB

During the spring and autumn months hikes were held alternately Saturday and Sunday afternoons. With the lifting of gasoline rationing we were able to travel to more distant points of interest for our fall hikes. These hikes are for adults, if children attend they must be accompanied by an adult. The registration is 178, with an average attendance of between 25 and 30. The Annual Meeting and election of officers was held in the early spring at which time films on nature were shown. Mr. Jay L. Bomberger is President, Miss Ruth Wagner, Vice-President and Miss Amelia Nies, Secretary.

*"Of all the stunts that men can do,  
From flying down to talking;  
The exercise that beats them all,  
Is just plain honest walking."*

*-- Henry Thacker*

## ASSISTANCE TO NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

The recreation office and staff are a source of information on all forms of recreation. Parties are planned, programs prepared, individual advice and council given, books on various activities loaned, 3 picnic kits in constant demand during the summer months, special assistance to teachers of crafts, teams requiring playing space outdoors and indoors, and the loaning of our 16 mm films to local and other groups. Our moving pictures were sent away as far as Oshawa, Canada.

The Director gave talks to Rotary Club, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania Social Workers at Gettysburg, Penna., was a member of the Speakers' Bureau for United Drive, and one of the speakers at F. & M. on Family Relationship Course, a discussion leader at National Recreation Congress, Atlantic City. Our Women's and Girls' Worker also gave recreation talks before the Quota Club and assisted in various group programs with other agencies.

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*"The right balance between work and leisure, the development of those wants which increase the value of work and of those tastes which increase the value of leisure are at the bottom of the problem of human education."*

-- Nicholas M. Butler





# INDOOR PROGRAM

## GIRLS' CLUBS

There were 8 girls' clubs in the year 1945.

The total membership of all the girls' clubs was 689.

Fifteen women supervised these clubs.

The activities carried on were handicraft, dancing, sewing, volleyball, shuffleboard, bowling, movies, badminton, dramatics, pingpong, hikes, parties in season, special features, singing and choral groups.

Each club is organized with officers. Some girls have proven themselves so efficient that they have been made "Junior Leaders". The girls hold meetings and decide on activities. In most clubs, 5¢ dues are collected to cover cost of parties.

At the conclusion of our winter work we awarded badges of merit for conduct, cooperation and work. Mrs. Frank Hall, Chairman of the Girls' Club Committee, of the Quota Club presented these badges to the girls at our Spring Revue. The Spring Revue, a show representing all the Girls' Clubs, was a closing feature for our winter program. About three hundred girls attended.

## BOYS' CLUBS

The club for boys which is held at Lafayette School, continues to operate two evenings a week from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., for the boys of the neighborhood, with over 100 boys registered. With the assistance of one school teacher and two young men from the Theological Seminary as supervisors, such activity as crafts, volleyball, ping-pong, bowling, shuffleboard and quiet games are conducted.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The return of many service men has made it necessary to ask the School Board for three evenings a week at the John Reynolds Jr. High School for Basketball.

One evening a week is given over to league games of the City and County Basketball League. The other two evenings are used for independent team games, six games an evening take care of twelve teams.

### CRAFT SHOP

After extensive repairs, the Craft Shop is again open as a Club for boys and girls from September to June. The junior girls have their crafts from 4:00 to 5:30 one afternoon a week, the senior girls one evening a week and the boys 3 evenings a week. During the summer months the shop is used for a training center, repair shop, and indoor center for sewing costumes and holding program rehearsals.

### WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' PROGRAM

Edward Hand Junior High School is open two nights a week for girls and women to play volleyball and basketball. Those who participated last year have returned and are eager to play. In addition to individual teams just gotten together from neighborhood groups, we have Armstrong Cork Co., R.C.A., and the Watch Factory has recently joined our program. Schedules have been arranged for these teams with various out-of-town teams in order to give the program more stimulus and to help make our program grow.

#### Girls' Clubs

The aims of our Girls' Clubs are as follows:

1. Cooperation
2. Appreciation of others
3. Skills of all kinds through games and crafts
4. Building good habits (Physically and mentally)
5. Worthy use of leisure time
6. To build better citizens

To the best of our ability we have tried to adhere to these aims through recreation which included all types of games, crafts, singing, dancing and dramatics. We feel that the result of our work does not come rapidly. It is a slow process, but we see results when some one comes up after an evening of recreation and thanks us for having a good time. The one evident sign that the girls are getting something worthwhile is their return to the club, since attendance is voluntary.

#### OPPORTUNITY CRAFT GROUP Rodney Park Recreation Building

The Opportunity Craft Group meet once a week under the supervision of our Girls' Worker, on Wednesday after-

noon from 2:00 - 4:00. The children participating have various physical handicaps, but they are all happy and seem to thoroughly enjoy belonging to our club. They bring little surprises of their own and like to make things for each other. The children are brought to and from the Club by the American Red Cross. We have six members.

The interests in this group are wide and varied. The ages of the children range from five years to fifteen years. The types of crafts are felt, woodwork, weaving, painting, construction work, and sewing; also various other crafts. In addition, the children are entertained by stories and songs on the victrola and parties on holidays.

This group is growing mentally by the fun and pleasure they get out of the crafts and association with each other. One of our members died a few months ago, at the age of six, and in a letter written by his parents they made this statement, "We appreciated your starting the Craft Club because it helped to make his short life a little brighter and happier while he was with us". This statement alone makes all our efforts and struggles to start this club seem very small when the reward means happiness and pleasure for others.

If any one reading this article knows of a child who is mentally fit but physically handicapped and they do not belong to our club, send the name to the Association Office.

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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

"Nurse! Nurse! What you got in that bag?"

"Nurse! help me paste this pitcher."

Yes, it is hospital time again and what fun we are having. Sally says, "Gee, it's fun in the hospital

when we do things like this. How often do you come? Will you be here tomorrow? What are you going to make next week?"

Our program in the hospital includes stories, puppet show, 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., etc.

The number of children we reach through the hospital ward is great and we average from 3 - 16 a week.

Many children are from the county as well as the city consequently, we cover a larger territory. There is quite a reunion when I find some of our children from our boys and girls clubs or playgrounds.

The anticipation shown by children when I start unpacking my bag is very gratifying especially when they start clapping their hands and say, "Gee, that's swell. May I make one for my baby sister and brother, too?"

Well, it's time to leave the hospital now. I'm afraid we'll have to stop. "Just a minute till I paste this. May I have a scissors? Quick give me the crayons. Alright let me have everything. Everybody happy?"

Chorus of voices, "Yes!"

"Well then I must go. Goodby."

"Goodby" and many times you can still hear their goodby far down the corridor.

#### COMMUNITY DANCES

The "Y" Dance, Saturday night, conducted by the Recreation Association with a volunteer board of young people representing 15 agencies in the city and county, lost some of its drawing power during the war. This activity has been successfully conducted 6 months out of the year for over 20 years. Due to scarcity of young men and bands, monthly dances were held instead of weekly during the autumn of 1945. Upon the return of our service men, this activity is expected to again be one of the most popular features of our winter program for the teen age group.

SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION OF WINTER ACTIVITIES

<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>REGISTRATION</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
Girls' Club - Higbee	205	4:00 - 5:30					
Girls' (Sr.) "	61	7:00 - 9:00					
Girls' Club - Craft Shop	110		4:00-5:30				
Girls' (Sr.) " "	40				7:00-9:00		
Girls' Club - Lafayette	95		7:00-9:00				
Girls' Club - Rodney	26			7:00-9:00			
Girls' Club - St. John's	77			4:00-5:30			
Women's Club - E. Jr.	100	7:00-10:00			7:00-10:00		
Crippled Children - Rodney	6			1:30-4:00			
Children's Ward - General Hospital	15		10:00-11:30				
Children's Ward - St. Joseph	15					10:00-11:30	
Boys' Club - Craft Shop	75	7:00-9:00	7:00-9:00	7:00-9:00			
Boys' Club - Lafayette	100	7:00-9:00		7:00-9:00			
Men's Basketball - Reynolds	225	7:00-10:00		7:00-10:00	7:00-10:00		
Men's Basketball - Ed. Hand	75			7:00-10:00			
Community Dance	500				7:00-7:30		8:00-11:30
Hiking Club	150						1:30-5:00 Alternate Sunday
Crispus Attucks Center	1505	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Bal. on hand 1st of year \$ 119.93

Welfare Federation

Maintenance \$11,713.00  
 Replacement 350.00  
12,063.00

Public Funds

City Park Dept 3,887.00  
 Gifts 41.13  
 Refunds 53.50  
 Handicraft 134.29  
 Quota Club 125.00  
 for Higbee  
 Girls' Club  
 Basketball Fees 82.84  
4,323.76

Total Receipts \$16,506.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative Expense

Salaries \$5,124.99  
 Office supplies 94.50  
 Postage 86.23  
 Telephone 76.95  
 Printing 55.59  
 Misc. Admin. 49.19  
\$ 5,487.45

Service Expense

Playground Sal. 5,359.17  
 Auto Upkeep 300.00  
 Supv. Travel 66.00  
 Club Supervision  
 and Supplies 3,291.74  
 Educational 33.42  
 Publicity 42.55  
 Athletic Sup. 772.32  
 Repairs 77.08  
 Insurance 115.99  
 Conference 75.00  
 National Ass'n 150.00  
 Handicraft 308.65  
 Replacement Equip 350.00  
10,941.92

Total Disbursements \$16,429.37

Balance 77.32

\$16,506.69

Note: \$2031.12 was paid by the Lancaster School Board directly to the supervisors on the School Grounds.

CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER:

Total Receipts \$7,705.49

Total Disbursements \$7,681.32

Balance 24.17

\$7,705.49

# CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER

Ruby M. Payne, Director

If business or wanderlust should carry you to a certain section of the seventh ward some evening around seven o'clock, you might be caught up in a surging crowd of children and adolescents all hurrying in the same direction. If you felt adventurous and let the crowd carry you along you would catch snatches of conversation such as "First on the pool table", "Who gets the gym floor tonight?", "The little boys get the ping-pong tables", "We get the boxing gloves", "The girls are in the craft shop", etc.

Suddenly there is an uproarious shout, "Here they come! Center's Open!" and then almost as if by magic the streets are cleared of children and you are whirled into the Crispus Attucks Center for an evening with never a dull moment.

The Crispus Attucks Center has tried to recognize the strenuous pressure and ever increasing demands that modern life and war time problems have brought upon the average parent. Realizing that the average home of today is unable to meet the emotional and social needs of its children adequately, more and more the Center has revamped its schedule of activities and hours to meet this emergency. We have tried to assist the child in making social adjustments and to help him build attitudes of good will toward his fellow citizens.

As in the past, we have endeavored to work in three major areas: 1. Health promotion, 2. Offer a well balanced recreational program, 3. Endeavor to build democratic ideals and attitudes toward persons of all races and creeds. It is in this third area especially that we have tried to teach through sharing talents, skills, facilities and leadership, a realization of our community responsibility.

## VOLUNTEERS

It is significant that despite the increased demands made upon the time and service of citizens during the days of war production, our volunteer help increased and was greatly enriched because people under the strain of war seemed to find surcease from worry and anxiety by helping others. From the ranks of the church, industry and social organizations many trained leaders have come to us.

Still most outstanding is the service of the Lancaster Council of Church Women, who for five years have conducted and supported the School Hot Lunch Program. During the busy days of war production approximately one hundred neighborhood children were served daily a well-balanced hot lunch while busy mothers kept the wheels of industry turning and fathers guarded and fought for the sacred rights of mankind in far-flung theatres of war.

### DAY NURSERY

Now three years old, the Crispus Attucks Day Nursery is an indispensable need in the community. During the past year it provided 3,829 child care hours and served 11,487 meals. Through the interest and support of the Unitarian Church Service Committee and the Day Nursery Auxiliary, we have acquired and equipped a playground adjoining the Center for the nursery children.

### SERVICES TO MEN IN SERVICE

Our older girls, organized as a USO Club, have attended the monthly parties held at the U.S. Naval Training Base, Bainbridge, Maryland, for Stewarts' Mates. Parties have also been held at the Center for sailors and soldiers. The facilities of the Center are used regularly by men on leave. A basketball team has been organized of discharged men who use the floor of the Center as their home floor.

### CLUBS

The usual organized clubs have been functioning with much interest and efficiency under trained volunteer leaders. It is gratifying to find that our program is now drawing dividends in leadership. Clubs are now being directed by young people who have come up through the activities of the Center and have taken leadership training courses.

Exceptional progress has been made by the Nightingale Glee Club of girls. Under the efficient volunteer leadership of Mrs. Leroy Kutz, graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music and now under the direction of Mrs. Hugh A. Heller, graduate of Carnegie Tech and Rochester School of Music, the girls have developed a taste for the finer productions in vocal arrangements. A number of programs have been given before church groups in the city and county. Each girl is trained to do solo work. A spring concert, a formal dance and a trip to Philadelphia to attend an artist's recital at the Academy of Music are objectives in the near future. Mr. Hardcastle, of our staff, organized the Glee Club and assists in the training.

### INTERRACIAL COUNCIL

The Lancaster Interracial Council, a child of the Center, has now grown up and is definitely recognized as one of Lancaster's most aggressive organizations in promoting good will and better understanding. The special feature of the program this winter has been the promotion of a series of interracial worship services. These services are held at different churches in the city and feature prominent speakers of the white, colored and Chinese races. An interdenominational and interracial volunteer choir under the direction of the choir director of the host church furnish the music for these services.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Board of Directors It is difficult to cite any particular group for service to the Center as so many organizations and individuals make our work possible, however, we do



feel that special mention should be made of the Board of Directors who have served in most cases for sixteen years and have so smoothly managed the administration of our program.

Club leadership Acknowledgement of club leadership is gratefully expressed to the youth group of the First Reformed Church, Covenant United Brethren Church. Also the many gifts of toys, candy, money, and garments received from the Junior Red Cross, Trois Point Girl Reserve Club, First 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.

Crispus Attucks Auxiliary We wish to express our appreciation to the Auxiliary which devotes its time to securing memberships and promoting projects to raise funds for additional equipment. Each year they have raised their quota in the Welfare campaign.

Conestoga Lodge of Elks No. 140 The Conestoga Lodge of Elks No. 140, has again outfitted with suits and suits the Junior Herd Team composed of boys of the Center. Through the Elks' Committee, this team is sponsored and transportation provided for out-of-town games. Their coach is a member of the State Athletic Committee of the Elks and is giving his service. We believe that in direct proportion as our Negro organization assumes financial and leadership responsibilities, will this segment of our population assume its rightful place in civil life.

#### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Infancy to 6 years	7th Ward Health Center	100
18 mos. to 5 years	Day Nursery	20
5 - 12 years	Hot Lunch Project	95
6 - 12 years	Games and Craft Groups, Tap and Folk Dancing, Athletics, Domestic Art, Bible Class	400
12 - 16 years	Organized Teams and Clubs, Craft Classes, Discussion Groups, Games, Music, Drama, Shopwork	300
16 years and up	Boards, Committees, Adult Classes, Parent Groups and outside organizations.	500
Total Participation		1415

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

## NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

It is a great source of strength to know that your local effort is continually being backed by a parent association. Such is our National Recreation Association, which is always available for all types of assistance. The monthly magazine RECREATION, and the bulletin service bring constant inspirational suggestions to bear on the local problems.

Our National President, Mr. Howard Braucher, with his finger on the pulse of the Recreation Movement seems to sense our needs and supplies through timely editorials and council much of the inspiration so greatly needed in trying situations.

Our District Representative, Mr. J. W. Faust, brings direct to our Association through his regular visits, the latest information regarding the movement.

Our grateful thanks to the National Recreation Association for its many expressions of assistance.

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## OUR THANKS

To the Mayor and City Council for office space in the Municipal Building, for the appropriation of \$3,887.00 to pay for supervision on the City Parks. Also for wading pool and street shower facilities.

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 \$2,031.12 paid to supervisors on the grounds. For the additional playground opened at John Wickersham for the first time last summer.

To the Y.W.C.A. Board and Secretaries for the use of the gymnasium for our Community Dances and for a meeting room for our Bond Sales group.

To the Rev. Heber W. Becker of St. John's Episcopal Church for the use of the Parish Hall for one of our newly formed Girls' Clubs one afternoon a week.

# OUR THANKS

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- To Dr. Wm. H. Bollman of the First Reformed and Evangelical Church for the use of the Sunday School Room for our Training Institute and for our Saturday morning staff meetings during the playground season.
- To the Lancaster Quota Club for their interest and financial assistance in the newly formed Girls' Club at Higbee School.
- To Miss Edna F. Schreiber, Orthopedic Nurse of the Lancaster County Society for Crippled Children, for assistance in our crippled children's craft class.
- To the American Red Cross Motor Corps for their assistance in transporting crippled children weekly to the craft class held at Rodney Park Center.
- To the Lancaster Newspapers, Inc., for their cooperation in acquainting and interpreting to the public the various phases of our work.
- To our many friends who have assisted us in any way during the year.
- To the Rodney Park Parents' Association, which is furnishing the building, heat, light and janitor service to make possible the neighborhood club program and the crippled children program.
- To the members of the Recreation Board, whose service may at times be taken for granted, but nevertheless is appreciated, and without which, organizations of the social service type could not function.
- To the Welfare Federation our thanks. The Recreation Association is one of the 16 participating and cooperating agencies in the community effort.

