

ANNUAL REPORT

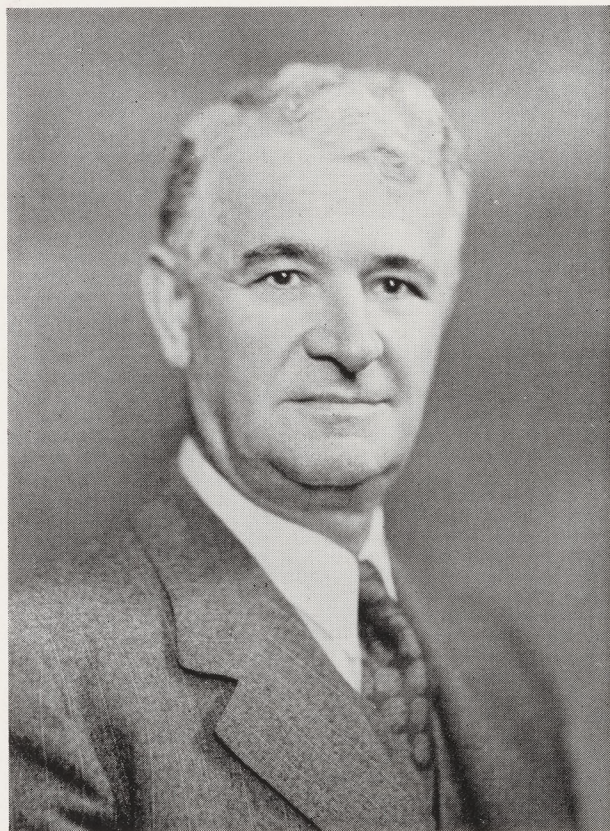
1946

*Lancaster*  
*Recreation Association*

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA



## 25 Years of Service



**M. M. HARNISH, Esq.**

The 1946 Report is dedicated to M. M. Harnish, Esq., for his 25 years of service as President of the Lancaster Recreation Association, Inc.

Due to Mr. Harnish's efforts, several outstanding advancements have been made as a result of his leadership. In 1936, a \$50,000 bond issue was floated to buy permanent playgrounds for the City of Lancaster—the John Farnum Playground, South End Playground and the 6th Ward Memorial Park. The 6th Ward property was the last available piece of land in that ward.

The Crispus Attucks Recreation Center is the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream of Mr. Harnish. His efforts in securing a suitable location, drawing up plans and insisting that the building be free from debt two years after its dedication, were greatly appreciated, not only by the Negro members of the Center, but by all citizens who have the welfare of our city at heart.

In September, 1941, Mr. Harnish was instrumental in securing Articles of Incorporation and Charter for the Recreation Association.

Mr. Harnish served as chairman of one of the Post-War Planning Committees. This committee made recommendations for the expansion of the recreational facilities in Lancaster and these recommendations are incorporated in the recent Baker Survey.

The Lancaster Recreation Association, Inc., is a member of the Community Chest. Mr. Harnish is one of the past Presidents and for 21 years has been an active Campaign worker for that organization.

Mr. Harnish has also been active in furthering the work of the National Recreation Association.

The continued enthusiasm of Mr. Harnish, as head of the Recreation Board during the past 25 years, is responsible, in a great measure, for the growing interest of our citizens in securing greater recreational opportunities for the youth of our city.

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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## FOREWORD

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In social and welfare work, the human element, which is always variable, makes the determining of exact results very difficult. Nevertheless, programs financed by public support should have a very definite object. Frequent stock taking or critical analysis of such a program is always helpful.

Recreation programs can be placed in very definite categories.

A. Physical and social programs endeavor to keep children happy doing worthwhile things that not only entertain them, but develop muscles, increase physical skills and coordination, and train children to be more acceptable socially.

B. Safety programs keep children off the streets and give them a chance to play safely on playgrounds during the summer months and in club centers during the winter season.

C. Cultural programs are made possible through dramatics, music and crafts which enrich and develop personality. This type of program brings kindred souls together in common experience. This thought is very ably expressed by Howard Braucher, in RECREATION magazine -- "Music and art and drama and adventure and romance are not something to dream about for another world, to be shared only when we have reached some future estate, but right now also, as we help to build the Kingdom in our neighborhood."

There may still be some good people who think that we can attain a certain degree of virtue aside from and in spite of this physical body. Most religious individuals now accept the theory that the body is not inherently evil or that good is to be found only in contemplation of the spiritual and supersensual. Educators are agreed that in all phases of work done in child development, the child cannot be treated in sections in an attempt to develop at one time one department of his life and at another time and under different circumstances another part of his life. Everything done in the field of child development is at all times contributing to or detracting from the complete development of the child's whole personality.



The understanding of this principle should make everyone working with children very conscious of his grave responsibility.

Our job is to surround the child with a rich variety of opportunities from which he may choose ways of expressing his recreational desires and emotions. Our leadership must picture idealistically the mosaic toward which we are working, then throw all energies toward completing the pattern, which has within it all the elements of growth and change.

In a world where there seems to be so many negative influences, it is imperative that we dramatize the good life with living leaders who have power and skill. The leader who dares to invade the inner sanctum of the growing life of childhood with an air of carelessness, insincerity, sham or questionable standards of personal living, had better beware. He is committing an unpardonable crime against our future.

The child is very close to the plan of creation. All of the elements of our future success or failure are wrapped up in him. The pattern that eventually emerges depends upon the leadership. The richest portion of our eternal significance is the influence or the example of our lives upon the men, women and children with whom we are privileged to associate. "Our moods, our gestures, the tone of our voice, mold the emotional attitudes of children and adults within the orbit of our influence." \*

The world of tomorrow means better children today. Most recreation departments have all the things they require to do a good job, but leadership is not a thing or a piece of equipment. Leadership is the vital spark that makes lives richer, Leadership comes high.

When will the average American city realize that in the realm of education, religion and recreation (the three most valuable factors in the lives of our junior citizens), that economy is a dangerous thing, and that we spend nationally four times as much yearly for crime as we spend for education, religion and recreation, and that our blind economy places an increasing burden and responsibility on our leadership, and that good leadership is the only true answer to a better world for tomorrow.

-- G. D. Brandon  
Director of Recreation

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\* "Peace of Mind", p. 63, by Joshua Liebman, Simon & Schuster, N. Y.

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# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The summer of 1946, with the return of our men from overseas, brought a new surge of enthusiasm for activities curtailed during the war years. Our evening playground period was again crowded with GI's eager to play baseball. Experienced male leadership was available to coach our boys in baseball and other games, and our people again had a sense of unity and freedom to enjoy the family picnics of former years.

Baseball reached its peak, not only in the number of boys playing the game, but in the many adults who enjoyed the game as spectators. The New Era, in cooperation with city and county clubs and recreation organizations, staged a Jr. Baseball Tournament with 62 teams participating. Our city recreation teams placed in the semi-finals.

## CITY PARKS

With an appropriation of \$4200 and an additional \$800 from the City's Department of Parks and Public Property, and with water and other facilities furnished by the Department of Water and the Park Department, we were able to operate the 6 City Parks from June 24 to September 1, from 9:00 A.M. to dark, and the 2 Wading Pools and 9 Street Showers daily.

Twenty-four young women and men were employed to supervise these grounds, also four men were employed as Area Supervisors to cover the grounds and take charge of the boys' programs, which included coaching the hard ball league for approximately 300 boys.

The City Parks supervised were:

Buchanan  
Rodney  
6th Ward  
South End  
Farnum  
Rockland and Green





# SCHOOL GROUNDS

The School Board furnished supervision for the 7 school grounds which were operated as playgrounds from June 24 to August 24.

Fourteen young men and women were employed as supervisors.

Grounds supervised: Chestnut, Haupt, Edward Hand, Reigart, Lafayette, George Ross & Wickersham.

These grounds were open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., with evening programs until dark at Edward Hand, Wickersham, Chestnut and Lafayette.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ON THE PLAYGROUNDS

PLAY DAY is a day of increasing delight for hundreds of children from all the city playgrounds. Arriving at Buchanan Park at 1:00 P.M., the children lose their own park identity and join with groups from all the grounds. In this new formation they compete in simple games for the sheer joy of playing, sing their songs and give their cheers, concluding the afternoon with refreshments made possible by their effort in paper salvage. 600 boys and girls attended Play Day.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS This was the 14th season for these free swimming lessons for children up to 10 years of age. The Maple Grove Pool, the Lancaster New Era and the Recreation Association cooperate in setting up this program in which approximately 400 children participate every year.

CHILDREN'S SHOWS Shows on individual grounds were held almost daily --  
Who has the longest plaits?  
Who's doll is the prettiest? Who has the most unusual pet? Which is the fattest baby? Who has the funniest hat? There were also Beetle Contests, Soap Bubble Contests, Fashion Shows, Story Telling, Festivals, Treasure Hunts, Hobby Shows, Dancing, Singing, Dramatics.



## HANDICRAFT

The Annual Handicraft Display of the crafts made by the children on the playgrounds were exhibited in a downtown show window. Among the new crafts were tooled aluminum plaques, woven film belts, Plaster of Paris pins, felt pictures, draw-string bags, etc. Several hundred pieces were on display.

The children have a daily period for handicraft on the playgrounds. They may sew, weave hotpot holders, make stuffed dolls and animals, paint tiles and many other crafts - some only novelties, but most are attractive useful little articles which become the property of the children.



## PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS' INSTITUTE

For one week, previous to the opening of the playgrounds, instructions in theory and practice were given in Handicraft, Puppetry, Folk Dancing, Dramatics and Games by the staff.

Guest speakers were: Mayor Dale E. Cary, Dr. D. L. Biemesderfer, President, Millersville S.T.C., Mr. M. M. Harnish, Mr. J. W. Faust of the National Recreation Association, New York; Miss Vesta M. Miller, R.N., Supervisor of the Visiting Nurse Association, Mrs. Wm. H. Bollman and a reporter from the newspapers.

## SUPERVISION

Aside from the 38 supervisors employed for the parks and school grounds and the 4 male Area Supervisors, the summer program was taken care of by 1 General Director, 1 Women's and Girls' Supervisor, 1 man for Special Activities, 1 part-time Supervisor of Handicraft and 1 Supervisor of Dramatics.

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"Play is one of the most important spiritual forces in the world. Bottle up play life of boys and girls or let it be perverted to evil ends and we have hurt their characters beyond any power of preaching to undo the wrong."

-- Harry Emerson Fosdick



## HIKING CLUB

For individuals confined to stores and offices, a few hours Saturday afternoon, hiking over hill and dale with kindred spirits, is not only very enjoyable, but a recreational activity highly desirable.

During the spring and autumn seasons, our Hiking Club takes to the fields every Saturday afternoon. The Club combines bird and nature study with hiking and, when possible, specialists in nature lore act as leaders. This Club has its own officers elected yearly.

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## OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

The recreation files and staff are a continual source of information for individuals and clubs in the preparation of all forms of recreational activities.

Four picnic kits are in daily use during the summer months for clubs, churches, offices and family picnics.

Our 16 mm colored moving picture films on clubs, playgrounds and hiking activities have been loaned to many cities for promotional work.

Forty members of the State Recreational group were guests of our Association in Lancaster last spring for a one day conference.

Our staff is called upon frequently to give talks before civic groups and P.T.A. organizations.

The staff also serves on the Speakers' Bureau during the Community Chest Drive, as well as assists on various teams and the public meetings of the Chest.

Our Director was a discussion leader on Youth Work at the National Recreation Congress held at Atlantic City in January.

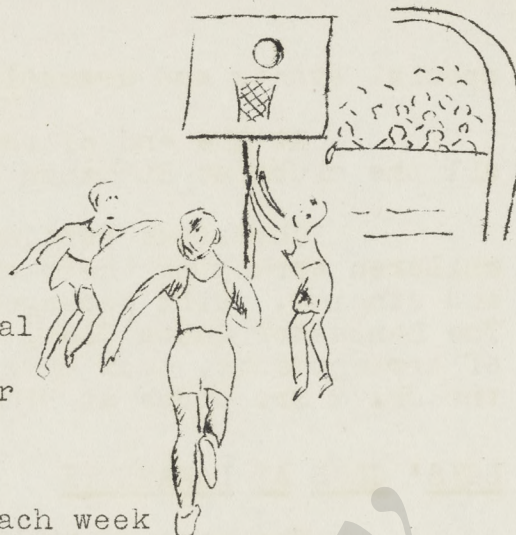
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"The proper use of leisure has created every civilization which has ever existed, and the improper use has killed each in turn."

-- George B. Cutten, President,  
Colgate University.



# INDOOR ACTIVITIES



## BASKETBALL

With the return of the GI's, basketball has had a revival of interest to the extent that practically every available floor in the city is being used.

Our Association has 30 basketball floor spaces in use each week 3 nights a week at Edward Hand Jr. High School and 3 nights a week at John Reynolds Jr. High School. 500 men are registered in the basketball program.

A new division this season is the "B" League consisting of 12 teams and a roster of 144 men playing one night a week at Edward Hand.

Basketball for young men working in offices and factories, is an excellent activity requiring skill, cooperation, team play and sportsmanship.

## GIRLS' AND BOYS' CLUBS

"The success of a democracy rests upon the individual's capacity for self-determination and voluntary group life."

Our Girls' and Boys' Clubs are organized entirely on the premise of democratic procedure in such a way that these youth groups practice self-government by electing their own officers and drawing up rules and regulations. The leadership exercises sympathetic understanding control, preventing mistakes, if possible, but conscious of the growth in personality attainable through their club experiences.

The 7 Girls' Clubs, which were open from October 1 to May 31, had a registration of 631 girls.

Three clubs met in the basements of Higbee and Lafayette Schools, one in St. John's Parish Hall, two in the Craft Shop and one in a reconditioned garage.

The club activities range from crafts to singing, dancing, active games, hikes, special celebrations





special events and dramatics.

At the end of the season a Play Day was held for all the clubs at Buchanan Park.

Christmas Parties were held at all the clubs, the children arranging their own programs with plays, dancing and singing. Gift packages of candy were given each child. The Lancaster Quota Club, with Mrs. Frank Hall, in charge of arrangements, took care of the Christmas Parties for the Jr. & Sr. Clubs at Higbee School.

#### BOYS' CLUB AT LAFAYETTE

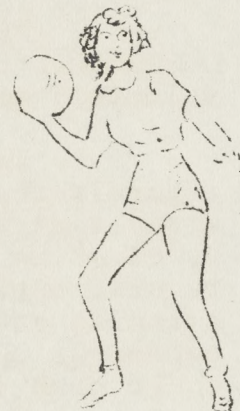
The boys of the neighborhood met at Lafayette School Monday and Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The program included active games, woodwork, basketball, etc. 100 boys were registered with an average attendance of 75 an evening. This club was open from October to April.

#### CRAFT SHOP FOR BOYS

The Craft Shop, located at the rear of 129 E. Orange St., was open for boys from October to April. 130 boys were registered. The sessions are held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The Shop is equipped with a variety of motor tools. The average attendance a night is from 25 to 30.

#### WOMEN'S PROGRAM AT EDWARD HAND

This program was held Monday and Thursday nights from October to April. The participants in the Women's Program came mostly from the local industries. The chief activities were basketball and volleyball. An interesting feature of this program which developed after the war, was the number of GIs who on returning, joined this class until the activity is now almost entirely a husband and wife program. Considerable rivalry existed between the girls from the Watch Factory, Armstrong Cork Co. and R.C.A.



#### COMMUNITY DANCES

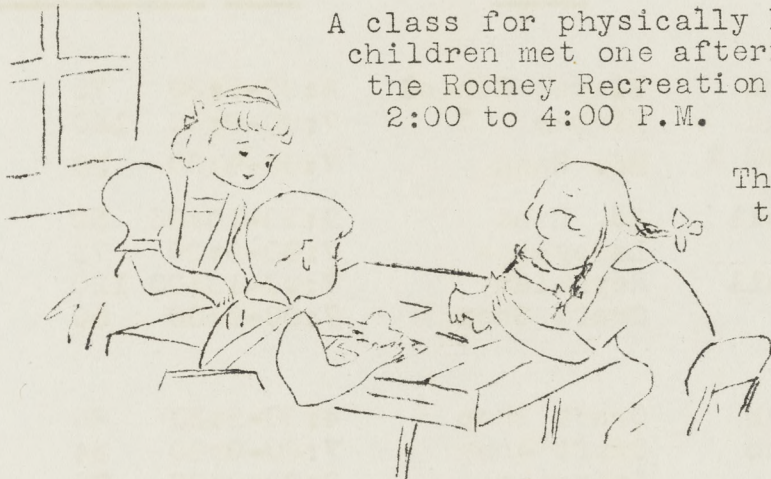
The "Y" Dance has again reached its old stride. This past year, in cooperation with the Hang-Out at the Y.W.C.A., the Community Dance Committee of 25 young people representing all youth groups in the city, held one dance a month, the last Saturday of the month.

The average attendance was from 225 to 250. This is a youth directed, youth controlled, self-supporting activity for the young people of the city and county.



R E C R E A T I O N  
F O R   S H U T - I N S

OPPORTUNITY CRAFT CLASS



A class for physically handicapped children met one afternoon a week at the Rodney Recreation Center from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

The children were transported from their homes to the Club by the Motor Corps of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The program consisted of weaving, painting, felt crafts and woodwork, stories and songs on the victrola and special holiday programs.

IN-BED-CLUB MAGAZINE

The In-Bed-Club Magazine was developed from the opportunity group. The circle enlarged to contact 75 definitely "shut-in" people, whose contributions of articles, poems, skits, drawings, biographies, were compiled and mimeographed by our Girls' Worker in the Recreation office. It was then sent out to the entire group.

This was a great morale builder, as many happy contacts were made through the magazine. It was published every two months. Our Girls' Worker also made many personal calls on members of this group, collecting the articles and bringing cheer. The group included a few adults with a place in the periodical for more mature articles. An interesting observation would be that the majority of articles were not of the sad mornful type, but hopeful and cheery even though they were written from a sick bed or a wheel chair.

HOSPITAL WORK

Our Girls' Worker conducts a recreation period one morning a week in the Children's Wards of the General Hospital, Tuesday, and at the St. Joseph's Hospital Friday. This program consists of simple crafts, such as working with construction paper, crayon work and weaving, also rhythm band practice, stories, puppetry, victrola music and special holiday celebrations. These periods greatly assist in making the child's stay in the hospital less of a trial.



SUMMARY OF WEEKLY SCHEDULE  
OF INDOOR ACTIVITIES

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Registration</u>
<u>Monday</u>			
Jr. Girls' Club	Higbee School	4:00-5:30	75
Sr. Girls' Club	Higbee "	7:00-9:00	150
Women's Program & Coed Program	Ed. Hand	7:00-9:00	50
Men's Basketball	Ed. Hand	9:00-10:00	50
Boys' Club	Lafayette	7:00-9:00	75
Men's Basketball	Reynolds	7:00-10:00	120
Boys' Crafts	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	50
<u>Tuesday</u>			
Jr. Girls' Club	Craft Shop	4:00-5:30	85
Sr. Girls' Club	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	34
Girls' Club	Lafayette	7:00-9:00	75
Girls' Club	Rodney	7:00-9:00	20
Craft Program Children's Ward	Lanc. General Hospital	10:00-11:30	15
Meeting of Community Dance Committee	Y.W.C.A.	7:00-7:30	35
<u>Wednesday</u>			
Girls' Club	St. John's	4:00-5:30	70
Boys' Crafts	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	30
Boys' Club	Lafayette	7:00-9:00	60
Men's Basketball	Reynolds	7:00-10:00	120
Men's Basketball	Ed. Hand	7:00-10:00	120
Crippled Children	Rodney Center (Winter of '46)		
<u>Thursday</u>			
Boys' Crafts	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	30
Men's Basketball	Reynolds	7:00-10:00	120
Men's "B" League Basketball	Ed. Hand	7:00-10:00	144
<u>Friday</u>			
Craft Program Children's Ward	St. Joseph's Hospital	10:00-11:30	15
<u>Saturday</u>			
Hiking (Fall and Spring)		1:30-5:30	85
Community Dance (Last Sat. of Month)	Y.W. Gym	8:00-11:30	250

Crispus Attucks Recreation Center - Daily attendance  
between 200 - 250. Registration 1500



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(December 1, 1945 to November 30, 1946)

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand 1st of year		\$ 77.32
<u>Community Chest</u>		
Maintenance	\$11,713.00	
" (additional)	323.21	
Replacement	350.00	
		12,386.21
<u>Public Funds</u>		
City Park Dept.	4,200.00	
" " (additional)	800.00	
Basketball Fees	142.88	
General Hosp. (crafts)	65.32	
Handicraft	130.95	
Quota Club	125.00	
Refunds	22.58	
		5,486.73
Total Receipts --		\$ 17,950.26

DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Administrative Expense</u>		
Salaries	5,200.00	
Office Supplies	90.72	
Telephone	73.02	
Postage	92.99	
Printing	63.11	
Misc. Admin.	40.13	
		5,559.97
<u>Service Expense</u>		
Playground Supv.	5,343.83	
Supv. Travel	63.00	
Auto Upkeep	300.00	
Club Supervision & Supplies	4,670.06	
Educational Work	51.92	
Athletic Supplies	709.24	
Repairs to Equip.	97.23	
Insurance	131.57	
Publicity	57.30	
Conference Expense	96.75	
Nat'l Recreation	150.00	
Handicraft	337.01	
		12,007.91
<u>Replacement</u>		
Playground Apparatus	350.00	
Total Disbursements --		17,917.88
Balance end of year		32.38
		\$ 17,950.26

CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER

Total Receipts	\$8001.93
" Disbursements	7911.30
Balance --	\$ 90.63



# CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER

RUBY M. PAYNE - DIRECTOR

In November, the Crispus Attucks Recreation and Community Center passed its seventeenth birthday. It is not progressive to look back, but it is expedient sometimes to pause to take inventory. In all the years of struggling toward higher objectives, whatever of success was attained, should be attributable, in a large measure, to the wise and faithful administration of a sincere and efficient Board of Directors.

During these seventeen years of pioneering in building community good will and service, one figure has been dominant, that of our late President, Mr. Franklin W. Hart. Heeding the words of the spiritual, "Hold On, Keep Your Hand on the Plow", Mr. Hart held on and turned a furrow unerringly straight so that his associates could follow in a direct path to the goal of a larger and better community. The memory and service of this ardent worker will long inspire his associates in their search for the deep and abiding satisfactions of life - "that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

In the early years of our existence, we were much concerned about the formal program organization that is necessary to afford outlets for skills and physical energy of normal youth. Much time was given to the mechanics of clubs and groups formed around interests varying from music to boxing. While we are still concerned that these activities be an integral part of the program, there is a major and over-all objective toward which we aim. It is the preparation and adjustment of the individual for global living, which is of deep concern to all agencies serving youth today. In this particular field of endeavor, I believe, recreation holds an enviable, as well as precarious position. We as recreation people work in the most precious material earth or heaven affords - humanity. Through correct interpretation, our service can transcend barriers of age, race, creed and color, and even the boredom of free time.

If we are to believe the forecasts of leaders in education, scientific research, the world is about to enter (as one educator says) an era of "bread and circuses". Our concern will not be how to survive an atomic age, but how to live in it. We will be faced with two problems - security and boredom. The latter due to a superabundance of free time made available through inventions of an atomic age. There will, therefore, be ever increasing demands upon recreation programs to teach the individual



how to use this time in ways enjoyable and profitable both to himself and his community.

### DAY NURSERY

During the past year, through the financial assistance of the Day Nursery Auxiliary and friends, we added to the staff of the Nursery a third worker, Miss Gloria Wilson. Gloria has been a participant in the program of the Center since she was three years old. We feel that her leadership now is like clipping a coupon dividend from the program. Through the capable management of Mrs. Carter, attendance and income from fees have increased. Mrs. Tucker, the dietician has contributed much to the physical well-being of the children. During the past year, the Nursery operated 237 days, afforded 3514 days of child care, served 10,542 meals. Parents' fees provided 34% of the operating expenses. Eight organizations and individuals gave money and services.

### SCHOOL LUNCH PROJECT

It is difficult to estimate in words the far-reaching effect of the fine volunteer service over a period of six years contributed by the Lancaster Council of Church Women, who sponsor the School Hot Lunch Project. At the present, without any government reimbursement, these fine women, through the aid of supporting churches and friends, are operating as usual. During the past school year 12,771 meals were served, 6,975 of which were free. 34 churches contributed and 770 women gave service over a period of 154 days.

### CLUBS

In our Club activities there has been a definite increase in attendance of children between five and seven years of age. One reason may be due to the fact that parents are working and children leave home younger. Children who formerly attended the Nursery come back to the Center after they are of school age, to become members of groups. We are aware that our best work for the future can be done at this age level. It is interesting how many children of parents who were members of the Center's family a few years ago, are now active in our groups. We are now reaping a crop of "grandchildren".

With the return of many of our service men, we are gaining additional volunteer leadership. Not only do these boys use the gym floor, but they also make the Center their temporary Post Headquarters.

Outstanding among the activities of the teen-age girls is the Nightingale Glee Club. Among the many appearances for the past year were a Spring Concert at the Center, a program at the Church of Our Father, Unitarian, The Evangelical and Reformed Churches of Mountville and New Providence and recently a Christmas Concert at St. Andrew's Evangelical and Reformed Church.



With the return to Lancaster of a former board member, Mrs. Rose Parker, we are able to offer under her instruction a class in sewing for women and a home-making class for girls of 7 to 10 years of age.

As in previous years, the Center was used for special meetings by various religious, fraternal and civic groups. We were especially happy to have had the evening program of World Community Day, held in our building. The fine participation of Greek, Jewish, Negro and other cultural groups was indicative of what world community fellowship can be.

We are glad to serve as the official meeting place for both the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P. and the Lancaster Interracial Council. The Council is sponsoring again this winter a series of Interracial Worship Services. It is cooperating in promoting neighborhood Festivals, bringing together interesting groups with varied cultural, national and religious, as well as racial backgrounds. Through interviews, conferences and contacts we attempt to help students interested in intercultural study.

The Director gave thirty-three talks before various church, school and civic groups in the city and county during the past year - served on the Speakers' Bureau of the Community Chest Drive, participated as a discussion leader and summarizer on the program of the National Recreation Congress at Atlantic City, and as a discussion leader at the Southern Area Conference of Recreation Workers in Jacksonville, Florida.

It was a privilege to again serve on the faculty of the 1st Senior Camp at Mensch Mill, under the directorship of Rev. N. W. Shollenberger.

An average of 275 individuals, varying in age from 18 months to 30 years used the Center daily.

Twenty persons gave volunteer service weekly as leaders of club groups and 25 women gave service as hostesses weekly for the Lunch Project.

Another 50 persons served on Boards and Committees.

The Center affords employment for five full-time and two part-time workers. This does not include two persons employed by the Lunch Project.

#### WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION -

To the National Recreation Association, for advice and help through their representatives, Mr. E. T. Attwell, and Miss Grace Walker, who visited us during the year.

To a host of local friends who have given materially and through service to the program.



To the individuals and organizations who made it possible for parties, baskets, gifts and all the other evidences of good will that make Christmas a memorable experience.

To the Lancaster Chapter of the Needlework Guild for garments for needy and worthy children.

To the Lancaster School of the Bible, for students who hold a weekly Bible Story Hour for the Nursery Children.

We shall not attempt to mention individuals, but cannot overlook Tommy Nissley, a lad who collected toys for over a hundred children and helped Santa distribute them at the Christmas Party for the Lunch Project children. We were happy to have as special guests at this party the sixth grade of John Henry Neff School of Neffsville and with them the teacher and principal. They sang carols around a huge tree (the gift of Mr. John J. Evans, Jr.) and then entered into the festivities of the party with the Crispus Attucks children.

To The Future Teachers of America of F. & M. College for contributions of food and money at Christmas time.

Last, but always first in our thinking, our deep gratitude to the Lancaster Recreation Association, our parent, whose counsel and cooperation through the years have lead us on to greater achievements.

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"The happiness that man's nature demands is impossible until the creative part of him is awakened, until his skill-hunger is satisfied. Man's happiness, the happiness for which he was created, comes from within himself."

-- L. P. Jacks



"In times like these invest in boys and girls. Men talk about buying stock at the bottom. When you invest in a boy or girl you are always buying at the bottom. You are sure that the youngster is going up and there is no telling how far. "I invite every man and woman in America to take a flyer in Childhood Preferred. I predict a great future for this security. It has investment merit combined with the most exciting speculative possibilities. You are sure to get a man or a woman; you may get a great man or a great woman."

-- Bruce Barton



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## *National Recreation Association*

In the rush of daily duties, which are necessary to maintain one's place in the sun, it is reasonably possible that at times an individual or organization might be forgetful, not only of the source from which it springs, but of the continuous flowing inspiration that is so necessary to growth.

The National Recreation Association is directly responsible for the birth of the recreation movement in our city over a quarter of a century ago and is still our source of inspiration and assistance when problems arise. Our grateful thanks to Mr. Howard Braucher, President of the National Recreation Association, and to members of his staff who have assisted us from time to time.

## *Our Thanks . . .*

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