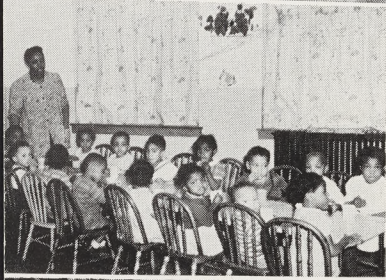


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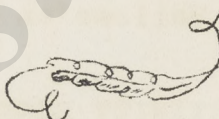
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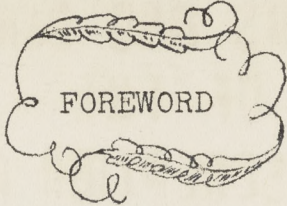
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Local pictures of Girls' Clubs and Boys' Clubs, Craft Shop, Hospital Recreation Program in Children's Ward, Crispus Attucks Day Nursery and Cooking Class.



FOREWORD

The year 1947 has been noted for the discussion and emphasis placed on juvenile delinquency. Some years have themes or catch words that seem to be in everyone's thoughts and expressions. Recreation has been given credit for many things, and justly so, but recreation is not a cure-all for many of society's ills and particularly delinquency.

Recreation is definitely a deterrent for delinquency, but it also has a much greater role. Recreation is the inherent birthright of every child and when left out of a child's life, problems of delinquency may arise. If we could provide a proper outlet for the normal urges and drives of our children, ninety percent or more of our normal child problems would be solved. Recreation provides a wholesome pattern for childhood expression of the play instinct by taking care of normal urges of youth.

Most childhood crime is the result of thwarting the natural drives of youth. Crime might be called misdirected play. Children do not ring door bells to annoy people when they know the people are not at home. There is no fun stealing fruit from a fruit stand if you are not going to be chased. Hallowe'en would not be fun in a ghost town.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ESSENTIAL - We must accept the challenge for physical expression through play, or pay the consequences. Not just an occasional game, but a well integrated program to not only take care of excessive animal spirits and growing muscles, but physical activities to develop fighting instincts, aggressiveness, rugged physical power and the finer traits of team play, sportsmanship and wholesome group cooperation in physical expression.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY - We must give ample opportunity for children to develop the social graces in order that they may be socially acceptable. A child out of tune with his social group will soon display unsocial activities. Every crime is unsocial and a transgression against the social order. Why does the boy continually offend in his school room and apparently enjoy being a

"hero" by being called before the principal?
Why are so many criminals apparently more
concerned about how the press treats their story
than of the physical consequences of their crime?

In our Recreation Clubs for boys and girls, we simulate an adult society where children learn by association with good leaders and also by doing the various jobs to be done and holding the various offices necessary to the smooth running of a club. Children in a social club are real people and are treated as such, thus their social needs are met. In the same way mental challenges are met as children and youths are given opportunity to do worthwhile things in a society of their own age.

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES - Every child has some creative ability, however simple, which should be allowed some form of expression. The expression of basic manipulative drives releases body tensions and balances the personality. It also develops the power of accomplishment. You have missed a great event if you have never witnessed the thrill that comes to a child when he finds out for the first time that he can make something - that something of himself has gone into the creation of a new object, however crude.

Solution of difficulties and problems strengthens character, the achievement gives a lift to the self-esteem. You have discovered an anchor of usefulness in creative expression as a means of transforming excess energy, ideas, and emotions into objects of beauty. Busy children do not become delinquent. I wish you could see the industry apparent in any of our craft programs, where children come of their own free will for the sheer joy of being able to make something. They spoil some wood, waste some paint, break some machinery, but what of it! They are developing well organized human beings - and incidentally creating skills that give children great joy and satisfaction in their lives and fill many otherwise idle moments with worthwhile projects.

Only three of the most important drives of youth have been mentioned. Satisfying answers must be supplied to these urges. The pity of it is that all the character building agencies in any of our cities can only scratch the surface of this problem. Think of the humdrum life of thousands of our children in poor neglected homes, where the only thrill they have are poor movies and cheap funnies.

Our challenge to youth must be with real things. It must be red blooded, it must have

excitement, danger, virility, competition, opportunities to make mistakes and correct them. Our leadership, from which our children pattern their lives must also be real. It must live what it teaches, realizing that every adult is a hero to some child and when heroes fall they leave a terrible wreck in their wake.

The child pattern is set at an early age. Someone must take the idle hours of youth and create therein beauty, or weeds will grow.

-- G. D. BRANDON

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

1947 saw a new venture undertaken by our Recreation Association.

Each year the number of people who reach the age of 60 increases. Many of these need help with their principle surplus commodity - TIME - if they are going to live all their lives.

These good people are an important part of our citizenry. They have a legitimate claim on our Association is we are going to fulfill our mission of RECREATION FOR ALL AGES. They are the people who have given us the success we enjoy. Even as they now take the role of retired people, their experience, sympathy, and kindly advice is a valuable asset to every community. Therefore, they have now an active place in our recreation program.

Our present group, temporarily called the "Golden Age Club", made up of retired people over 60 years of age, with a registration of 45 men and women, are planning and conducting monthly meetings along social, cultural, and recreational lines.

At the present, business meetings are held in the homes of the officers and the club's get-to-gethers are held in one of our downtown church social rooms. Expansion of the program and community plans are in the making. The programs to date have been planned to give the fullest opportunity for active participation rather than passive entertainment. The reception of the Club and participation of the members has been wholehearted. The need for such a program is indicated by the wide interest and enthusiasm of the members. The women of our Recreation Board, Mrs. B.F. Snaveley, Chairman, and Mrs. Walter K. Baer, have taken full responsibility for this new project.

13 PLAY GROUNDS

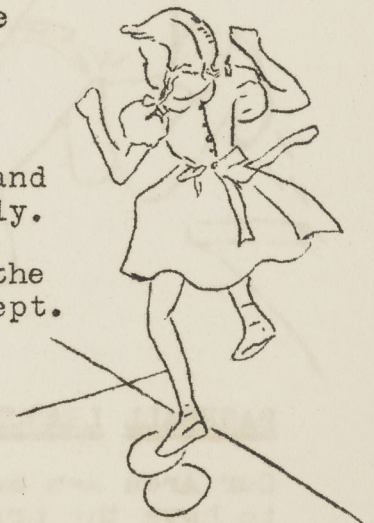
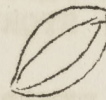
5000 CHILDREN
ATTENDED
DAILY

13 Playgrounds were open from June 23 to September 1. The City Park Department appropriated funds for supervision on the 6 City Parks - Buchanan, Rodney, John Farnum, Rockland & Green, South End, 6th Ward; and the School Board for supervision on the 7 School Grounds - George Ross, Edward Hand, Wickersham, Haupt, Reigart, Lafayette and Chestnut.

A total of 42 young men and women were employed to supervise the playgrounds. They were students and teachers from our local schools and colleges.

The 2 Wading Pools at Buchanan and Rodney City Parks were open daily.

Also 10 Street Showers through the cooperation of the City Water Dept. were operated daily.



WHAT WENT ON ON THE PLAYGROUNDS

Every Saturday morning the supervisors from all the playgrounds assembled for a staff meeting to plan the events and daily activities for the following week. Activities such as -

SOFTBALL LEAGUES - VOLLEYBALL
LEAGUES - PET SHOWS - DOLL SHOWS -- CIRCUSES
TREASURE HUNTS - LANTERN PARADES - HOBBY SHOWS
HOP SCOTCH TOURNAMENTS - PUSHMOBILE CONTESTS
FOLK DANCE FESTIVALS - AMATEUR SHOWS
STORY TELLING - ETC.

ANNUAL HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT

Several hundred pieces of crafts made by the children on the playgrounds were on display in a downtown show window for one week in August -- felt hats and purses, finger painted plates, plaster of Paris plaques, aluminum tooled plaques, stuffed animals, painted tiles, woven hot-pot holders and many other articles, some only novelties, but mostly attractive and useful little articles which become the property of the children who make them.

P L A Y D A Y

600 children turned out for this big annual event held at Buchanan Park. This is one day in the season when children forget their home ground as they join with children from other grounds in a round of simple games which they play for the sheer joy of playing. The only award is the pleasure of playing, and light refreshments made possible by the children's efforts in selling scrap paper.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

400 boys and girls registered for the lessons which are open to children 10 years of age and under. The Lancaster New Era, Maple Grove and our Association again sponsored these swimming lessons every Friday morning. Certificates were given for successfully swimming 25 feet.



BASEBALL LEAGUE Our Playground Champs were runners up in the City and County Midget League this year. Our Area Men Supervisors again made it possible for 200 boys to have the privilege to receive expert coaching in baseball.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL AND
BOYS' SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Both won by the Wickersham Playground children - which calls for congratulations! Mayor Cary presented the awards.

A P A N - A M E R I C A N
C A R N I V A L

Our Supervisor of Girls' Activities planned a very fitting closing event to the summer activities - A Pan - American Carnival - a pageant of songs and dances with children participating from all the playgrounds, presented at Buchanan Park during the last week of the playground season.

Music was furnished by a local band under the direction of Leigh E. Wittell.

This was a very gay and successful event.



RECREATION INSTITUTE
FOR PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

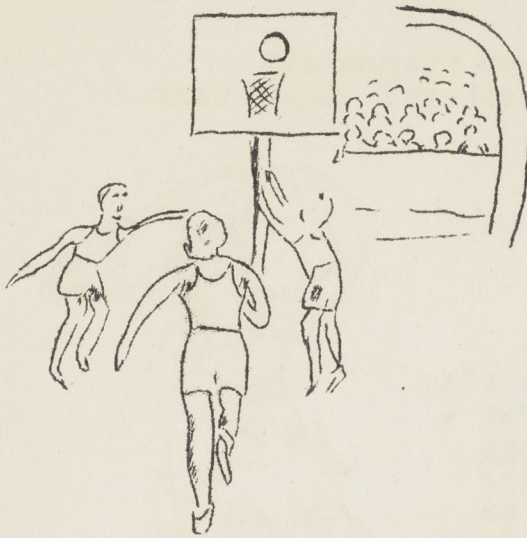
One week before the playgrounds opened, instruction in theory and practice was given in Handicraft, Puppetry, Folk Dancing, Dramatics and Games by the staff.

Guest speakers were: Our President, Mr. M. M. Harnish, Dr. H. M. J. Klein of Franklin and Marshall College, Mr. H. C. Kreisle, Commissioner, Department of Parks & Public Property; Mr. Wilbur L. Denune, Director, Community Chest; Miss Vesta M. Miller, R.N., Supervisor, Visiting Nurse Association; Mr. Sherman L. Hill, Director, Lancaster Boys' Club; Mrs. Wm. H. Bollman, Miss Mary Ann Sherrard, Physical Education Instructor, Edward Hand Jr. High School, and a New Era Staff Member.

H I K I N G C L U B

New interest was shown in hiking in 1947 with plans extending over the twelve months. During the spring and fall months hikes were held alternately Saturday and Sunday afternoons. During the summer months week-end hikes were taken to State parks. Winter plans include square dancing, educational talks and social activities. Officers of the Club are: Mr. Roy K. Albright, President, Mr. Caleb Bucher, Vice-President, Miss Amelia Nies, Secretary and Miss Margaret Hirsch, Treasurer.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES



MEN'S BASKETBALL

500 men used the Edward Hand and John Reynolds basketball floors, made available through the courtesy of the Lancaster School Board.

Over 50 teams used the 36 floor spaces 3 evenings a week from October to April.

BOYS' CRAFT SHOP

Located at the rear of 129 E. Orange St., the CRAFT SHOP, which is equipped with a variety of motor tools, was open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights for boys 9 years of age and over. 75 boys were registered.

BOYS' CLUB AT LAFAYETTE SCHOOL

Open from October to April, two nights a week, with over 100 boys registered, the supervisors had a well rounded program for the boys of the neighborhood, with special events at Christmas, Hallowe'en and Valentine.

WOMEN'S PROGRAM AT EDWARD HAND

Volleyball and basketball were the feature attractions for the women from several industrial plants, R.C.A., Armstrongs and Hamilton Watch Co., who participated in the Monday night program at Edward Hand Jr. High School during the winter season. Husbands of many of the girls joined the group for a coed program.

COMMUNITY DANCES

Monthly dances were held at the Y.W.C.A during the fall and winter months. 25 young people, representing all youth groups from the city and county were on the committee to plan these dances.

The average attendance at each dance was 250

GIRLS GIRLS CLUBS GIRLS CLUBS

600 ATTEND
WEEKLY



7 Girls' Clubs were open from October to April.

The Girls like their clubs - in fact one little girl was heard to say, "I just LOVE to come to club." There is always plenty to do - all kinds of crafts. It's nice to meet the girl friends and make hot dish mats, felt handbags or some coasters for Mother. It's fun to put on the victrola and dance awhile, or get the basketball and work off some energy. And at Hallowe'en and Christmas there's always an extra amount of fun, practicing for plays and carol singing and making decorations for the parties.

The Jr. Girls' Clubs are for girls 6 years of age to 11, the Sr. Girls' Clubs, 12 years of age and over. The Clubs are held once a week in school buildings, our Craft Shop, Rodney Recreation Center and St. John's Parish Hall.

Three of these clubs have received special attention from two of our local women's clubs - The Lancaster Quota Club in 1944 adopted the Girls' Clubs which meet in Higbee School, and the Soroptimist Club last year took on as a project the Girls' Club which meets at Lafayette School. These two civic women's clubs have freely given of their talents from among their members and have in many ways furthered the work of our girls' club program.



OPPORTUNITY CRAFT CLASS

In October our Women's Supervisor reopened the craft classes for children who are physically handicapped and met once a week at the Rodney Recreation Center. The children were transported from their homes to the Center by the Motor Corps of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross.

HOSPITAL WORK --



Our Women's Supervisor visited the children's wards in the Lancaster General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital once a week to conduct a recreation period. The program consisted mostly of simple crafts, such as working with construction paper, crayon work, weaving and special holiday novelties.

YES! WE TRY TO BE GOOD NEIGHBORS

The Recreation staff and files are available at all times for suggestions in preparing programs for all types of activities. Three picnic kits and game materials are in daily demand during the summer months for clubs, churches, offices, and family picnics.

The Association has three 16 mm. silent films in color depicting activities on summer Playgrounds, Hiking & Nature, and Boys' and Girls' Clubs. Also a small number of 35 mm. slides in color on Hiking activities. These have been loaned to many cities for promotional programs.

Our staff is called upon frequently to give talks and assistance to smaller neighboring communities desiring to start summer programs. Our Craft Instructor has many calls for assistance from individuals and groups in the city and county.

The Director served this past year as President of the Pennsylvania Recreation Association; Vice-President of the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and Vice-President of the Social Workers' Club of Lancaster.

The Director gave talks to the delegates at the State Institute of Probation and Parole Officers of Eastern Pennsylvania, the Rotary Club of East Petersburg, the Jr. Chamber of Commerce of Lancaster, several broadcasts over WLAN and WGAL and served on the Speakers' Bureau of the Community Chest.

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY SCHEDULE
OF INDOOR ACTIVITIES

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Regis- tration</u>
<u>Monday</u>			
Jr. Girls' Club	Higbee School	4:00-5:30	125
Sr. Girls' Club	Higbee School	7:00-9:00	75
Sr. Girls' Craft	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	50
Men's Basketball	Edward Hand	7:00-10:00	120
Men's Basketball	Reynolds High	7:00-10:00	120
Boys' Club	Lafayette School	7:00-9:00	75
Women's Volleyball	Edward Hand	7:00-10:00	50
<u>Tuesday</u>			
Jr. Girls' Club	Craft Shop	4:00-5:30	140
Girls' Club	Lafayette School	6:30-8:30	75
Children's Ward	General Hospital	10:00-11:30(am.)	15
Meeting of Community Dance Committee	Y. W. C. A.	7:00-7:30	25
Boys' Craft Club	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	50
Girls' Club	Rodney Center	7:00-9:00	30
<u>Wednesday</u>			
Girls' Club	St. John's Hall	4:00-5:30	140
Boys' Craft Shop	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	50
Boys' Club	Lafayette	7:00-9:00	80
Men's Basketball	Edward Hand	7:00-10:00	120
Men's Basketball	Reynolds High	7:00-10:00	120
<u>Thursday</u>			
Boys' Craft Club	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	50
Men's Basketball	Edward Hand	7:00-10:00	120
Men's Basketball	Reynolds High	7:00-10:00	120
<u>Friday</u>			
Children's Ward	St. Joseph's Hosp.	10:00-11:30(am.)	15
<u>Saturday</u>			
Hiking (Spring, Fall & Summer)		1:30-5:30	85
Community Dance (Last Sat. of month)	Y. W. C. A.	8:00-11:30	250
Total -			2,100

SUPERVISION -- 18 part-time supervisors (men and women) are in charge of the indoor activities, with a full-time Women's and Girls' Supervisor in general charge of the Girls' Clubs.

The CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER has a daily attendance of between 250 and 300 persons, with a registration of 1500.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(December 1, 1946 to November 30, 1947)

RECEIPTS

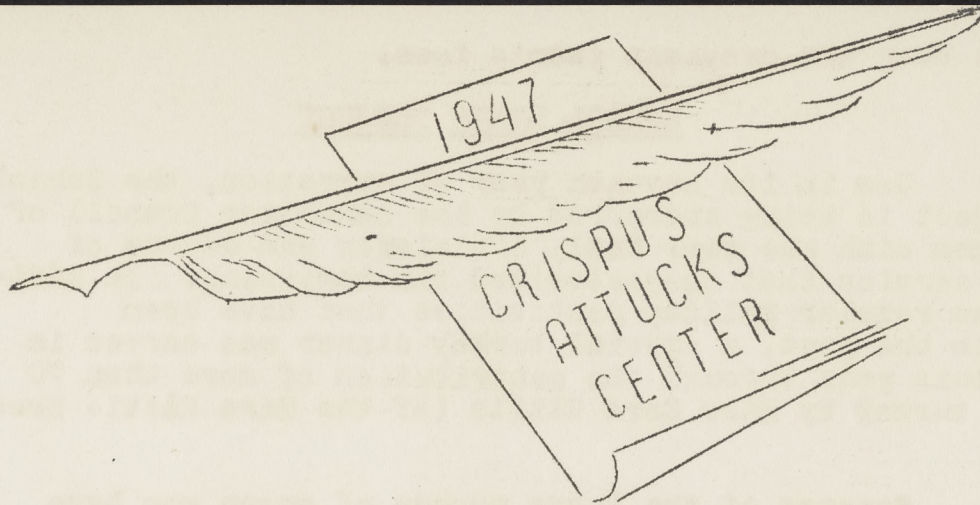
Balance on hand 1st of year	\$	32.38
 <u>Community Chest</u>		
Maintenance	\$12,782.16	
Replacement	350.00	
		\$13,132.16
 <u>Public Funds</u>		
City Park Dept.	5,000.00	
Soroptimist Club	88.00	
Refunds & Fees for Service	499.38	
		5,587.38
Total Receipts -		\$18,751.92

DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Administrative Expense</u>		
Salaries	5,700.00	
General Administration	343.52	
		6,043.52
 <u>Service Expense</u>		
Playground Supv.	5,303.10	
Equipment and Supplies	1,336.96	
Transportation	382.20	
General Expense, Insurance, publicity, etc.	233.32	
Club Supervision and Supplies	4,852.16	
Nat'l Recreation Ass'n	150.00	
		12,257.74
 <u>Replacement</u>		
Playground Apparatus and Club Equipment		350.00
Total Disbursements		18,651.26
Balance end of year		100.66
		\$18,751.92

CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
Bal. 1st of year	\$ 90.63	Total Administrative and service expense
Fees, dues, refunds and gifts	1451.22	
Community Chest:		\$9453.59
Maintenance	7930.34	Bal. end of yr.
Replacement	35.00	53.60
Total Income -	\$ 9507.19	\$ 9507.19



What tomorrow's world will be depends in a large measure on what today's children will be, for upon their shoulders will descend the responsibility of government and social practices. If tolerance, a desire for permanent peace, faith and real understanding among men are to be attributes of tomorrow's way of life, then today's children must be taught the value of these qualities. As much as we may shirk from the unpleasant thought, we cannot deny that few adults are converted (even by a war) to new and liberal patterns of thinking. It is therefore our responsibility as leaders of youth, to mould the plastic minds of children into the products of a new day - an era, in which the values of human life, personal freedom, fair play, and a feeling of spiritual as well as material security are too priceless to be sacrificed on the altar of greed, power and intolerance. We as recreation people, along with the leaders in the fields of religion and education must point out to our youth a philosophy of life that will hasten the moral, intellectual and spiritual revolution by which civilization will be saved. We realize it is a large order and time is at a premium. With the tools of a well balanced recreation program, we can and must teach subtle lessons in world citizenship.

Thinking in terms of the great and serious responsibility recreation must assume in today's world, we are endeavoring at Crispus Attucks to develop no activity without motivating it with better understanding and adjustment of human relations. We are fortunate in that we catch the child at his most formative period during the pre-school age.

DAY NURSERY

In the Day Nursery to the training in physical and health habits many attributes of good citizenship can be planted through informal play and conduct toward other children and teachers.

Correctly balanced meals, a weekly checkup by a registered nurse and physician assure and promote good health of the children. Training in rhythmic band, singing, playing group games, story-telling and simple dramatization, crayoning and cutting paper, are all a part of the nursery program. Supervised informal play periods help to develop habits of adjustment and cooperation. During the past year the Nursery afforded 3920 days of child care, served 11,760 meals, Parents' fees provided 44% of the operating expenses, an increase of ten

percent over the previous year's fees.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROJECT

Now in its seventh year of operation, the School Lunch Project is being sponsored by the Lancaster Council of Church Women with the same zeal, efficiency and degree of Christian service that characterized the beginning. In addition to the regular holiday festivities that have been featured in the past, a special turkey dinner was served in November this year through the contribution of more than 70 pounds of turkey by Miss Sara Kittle (of the Sara Kittle Dress Shop).

Because of the large number of women who have given so many hours of volunteer service, the project qualified for a General Electric refrigerator, a gift from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are proud to know that Lancaster is unique in the way in which this project is sponsored. During the past school year 12,214 meals were served, 7589 were free, 41 churches cooperated, 800 women gave service over a period of 159 days of operation.

C L U B S

Because we feel that some of the finest values derived from a recreation program may be developed through creative work, we are stressing this phase of our program. Again we have been fortunate in finding professionally trained volunteer leadership in creative dance group and a voice speaking choir. These two groups, together with the Nightingale Glee Club, will high-light the cultural activities. Through crafts, small as well as older children are being afforded an opportunity for expression.

WOMEN'S CLASS IN CERAMICS To meet a long felt need of mothers and young matrons to create with their hands, this winter a class in Ceramics was taught by Mrs. Marguerite Saunders. So much interest and enjoyment was derived that an advanced course will be offered.

NIGHTINGALE GLEE CLUB The Nightingale Glee Club high-lighted their year's work with a formal dance last March. It was in all respects a demonstration that cultural values can be carried over from one activity to another. If one sings lovely music then this social pattern should reflect such training.

THE JUNIOR GLEE CLUB gave a spring concert which was their initial public appearance as a unit. Many of the members of this group will soon be absorbed by the Nightingales.

SPECIAL FEATURES

The Center sponsored an Institute on Creative Recreation in October. Miss Grace Walker, Drama Specialist of the National Recreation Association, directed the Institute. The personnel of the class represented youth and youth leaders in a number of religious and social organizations in the city.

In her own inimitable way, Miss Walker accomplished in a week what ordinarily should require three. Because of her unusual personality, plus perfect mastery of her field, the class worked and enjoyed every moment of the course. The only regret was that it was all too brief. The carry over has been gratifying. A group from the Institute and Interracial Council gave a brief radio program during Armistice Week and plan to do other radio programs.

The Entertainment Committee from the Board of Directors has been sponsoring a series of talent nights. These programs have been very revealing and have given, not only our youth, but adults an opportunity to display special skills. The programs have been widely varied, including tumbling acts, vocal and instrumental numbers, skits, impersonations and impromptu radio imitations.

During the summer months we were happy to have the Conestoga Lodge of Elks use our gymnasium as a training room for their Junior Drum and Bugle Corps. This group of forty youth have been uniformed and furnished with instruments by the Elk Lodge. Although organized as late as May, they captured the prize for Junior Division in the Elks National Parade in Philadelphia last August.

Mount Horab Lodge #14 Free and Accepted Order of Masons, as the host lodge, held the annual St. John's Day Celebration of the Fifth Masonic District in the Auditorium of the Center in July. They also held their annual banquet and dance at the Center in December. Among the outstanding guests were Mr. James A. Jackson of Esso Marketers (N.N.C.) a member of the American Marketing Association, Dr. McKinney, President of Storer College and Rev. Rodgers, Race Relations, Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Cleveland.

The Lancaster Interracial Council has been expanding its program during the past year. In September a retreat for worship and discussion was held at Kepler Lodge. Several fine projects grew out of this meeting. A guidance and placement committee is working with the Junior and Senior High School students in an effort to encourage and steer them in compiling information on requisite courses for certain professions and vocations. Catalogues of schools and information about available scholarships for deserving students will be on file at the Center. At the present time the Council is completing plans for two week-end work camps to be held at the Center this month.

More than thirty talks were made by the Director to various civic and church groups in the city and county and one in Allentown. The Director served again on the Speakers' Bureau of the Community Chest Drive, and participated as a discussion leader in the Eastern Regional Recreation Conference which met in Washington last May under the National Recreation Association sponsorship.

NEW FEATURES

For a long period we have recognized and definitely been handicapped by the need for a trained athletic director. Our good parent, the Community Chest, has recognized this

need and enabled us to add to the staff, Mr. Rupert J. Tarver, as Athletic Director. Mr. Tarver came to us from New York University, where he was working on his Master's Degree in Physical Education. He has worked with the Police Athletic League of that city and the Y.M.C.A. and Boys' Club of Dallas Texas. We have every reason to believe that under his capable coaching some fine teams will be developed and good sportsmanship will be displayed in all their relationships.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HENRY HORWITZ

Over a period of seventeen years, many students at Franklin & Marshall College and the Evangelical Reformed Seminary, have given fine volunteer leadership to the Center's program.

Outstanding among these young men was Henry Horwitz of New York City. During the winters of '42 and '43, he gave freely of his time and services to Crispus Attucks. After graduation, Henry enlisted in the Infantry and gave his life in Germany for the great principles of social justice in which he believed.

A service of tribute to the life and deeds of our friend was held at the Center. Mr. Charles Horwitz, father of Henry, and other relations were present. A console radio was presented to the Center by Mr. Horwitz in memory of Henry's deep interest in our program. Dr. Charles D. Spotts and Rev. R. V. Moss were among those from Franklin & Marshall College who participated in the observance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our thanks to Mr. E. T. Attwell, of the National Recreation for finding Mr. Tarver for us.

To Miss Walker for the fine service she gave in directing the Institute on Creative Recreation.

Our gratitude to Crispus Attucks Day Nursery Auxiliary for sending Miss Gloria Wilson, Assistant Teacher in the Nursery, to the Child Care Summer School of Temple University.

To the Visiting Nurse Association and Dr. Paul F. Flecher for professional services in Well Baby Clinic and Day Nursery.

To the Y.W.C.A. and Trinity Lutheran Church for the use of their facilities during Institute on Creative Recreation.

To the many individuals and organizations who gave contributions, baskets, toys and other remembrances at Christmas time.

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

To the Friendship Train Committee for contributions of food.

To the Future Teachers of America of F. & M. College who again contributed money and food to our program.

To the Kiwanis Club who played Santa Claus to the Day Nursery Children leaving gifts of play equipment and apparatus.

To Tommy Nissley and his friends who collected and secured toys for the Christmas Party of the School Lunch Project.

To the Lancaster School of the Bible for Bible Story teachers.

To a great number of friends whom we have not mentioned, but who gave both material aid and service to our organization.

The Center serves as the official home of the Lancaster Interracial Council, the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Howard Bridgett Post #780 of the American Legion, and the Post's Women's Auxiliary. The building and facilities are used for special programs by both fraternal and church groups.

The average daily attendance is 250 to 300 persons covering an age range of 18 months to 50 years.

An average of 18 persons give volunteer service weekly as leaders of groups.

An additional 25 women volunteer to the School Lunch Project.

More than 50 volunteers serve on Boards and Committees.

The Center affords employment for 6 full-time and 2 part-time workers. The School Lunch Project employs 2 additional persons.

-- RUBY M. PAYNE
DIRECTOR,
CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION
AND COMMUNITY CENTER.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR

NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

--For the Recreation Magazine, which arrives monthly with its messages of inspiration and information; for the Bulletin Service, bringing helpful suggestions on how to do it; for the visits of Mr. J. W. Faust, the man we call our D. R. (District Representative) who brings us ideas from the field and assists us in straightening out problems that at times become complicated.

To Mr. Howard Braucher, President of the National Recreation Association, who has given through long years of struggle, leadership that has won national and international recognition, we give our thanks.

The N. R. A. as an organization is outstanding in its effort in interpreting recreational needs to the nation. Its assistance to thousands of communities is a factor in making people everywhere conscious of the enriching value of recreation.

"Recreation should be regarded and conducted as an educational and cultural force. This, of course, is merely saying that it should be recognized for what it really is. The character of the American people and of their civilization will no doubt depend as much on recreation as on education."

-- George S. Counts.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE ASSISTANCE FROM

The Mayor and City Council for office space in the Municipal Building, for the appropriation of \$5000 to pay for supervision on the City Parks for a ten weeks program, also Wading Pool and St. Shower facilities.

The Lancaster School Board for use of 2 grade schools and 2 junior high schools for our winter program and for the use of 7 school grounds for summer playgrounds and the sum of \$2055.00 paid to supervisors on the grounds.

The Y.W.C.A. for the use of the gymnasium for Community Dances.

The Rev. Robert C. Batchelder of St. James Episcopal Church, for the use of the Parish Hall on several occasions.

The Rev. Heber W. Becker of St. John's Episcopal Church for the use of the Parish Hall for one of our Girls' Clubs meeting weekly.

The Dr. Wm. H. Bollman of the First Reformed and Evangelical Church for the use of the Sunday School Room for our Training Institute and Saturday morning staff meetings during the playground season.

The Lancaster Quota Club, for financial assistance and sponsorship of the two Girls' Clubs held at Higbee School. This relationship is of several years duration.

The Lancaster Soroptimist Club, which in 1947 adopted the Girls' Club held at Lafayette School as a project. The club room was decorated by the Soroptimists, a monthly donation was given, also some volunteer leadership in the activities of the club. The climax of the year was the Christmas Party enjoyed by the girls with 20 members of the Soroptimist Club assisting.

The Rev. H. B. Strock of the First Presbyterian Church for the social room in the church which we used for the first meeting of the "Golden Age Club".

The Lancaster Newspapers for their news items of our work during the year.

The two Broadcasting Stations, WGAL and WLAN for spot news on various activities during the year.

The Rodney Park Parents' Association for use of their Center for a Girls' Club program one evening a week.

The Community Chest. The Recreation Association is one of the 16 Red Feather Agencies participating and cooperating in the community effort.

To many friends, too numerous to mention, who have assisted in anyway during the year.

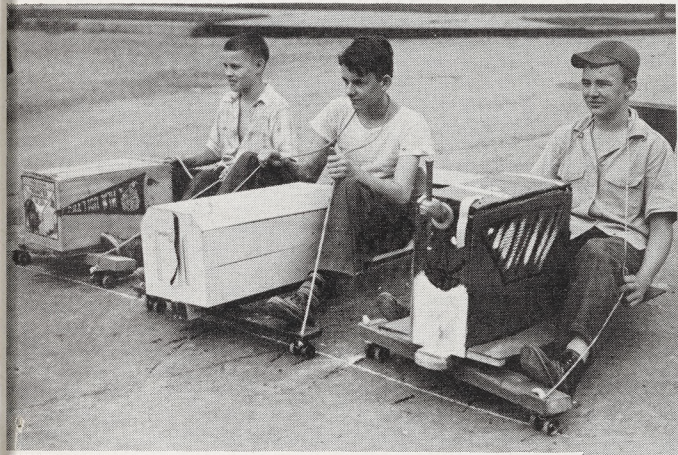
To members of the Recreation Board, who have given many valuable hours in planning the work of the Association.

"Keep young folks occupied in their spare time, give them plenty of elbow room for play, stimulate competitive sports, and half, at least, of the youth problem is solved."

-- Robert Moses

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Local pictures of
Playground Events,
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