

ANNUAL
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1951

LANCASTER RECREATION ASSOCIATION

LANCASTER, PA.



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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE
LANCASTER RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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Richard H. Smith-----Vice-President
Theodore L. Brubaker-----2nd Vice-President
George S. Kutz-----Treasurer
J. Theodore Grosh-----Assistant Treasurer
Grant D. Brandon-----Secretary-Director

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Grant D. Brandon-----Director
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Ruth H. Taylor-----Supervisor of
Women's & Girls' Activities
Kathryn Schwarz-----Secretary & Supervisor of Crafts

To the Members of the Board of Directors:

This year your Recreation Association is planning two reports. The following report, which is statistical, is for the members of our Board. This report covers the activities, registrations and costs of the past year.

The second report will be a descriptive report of the work of our Association and will be presented after we are established in the new headquarters of the Grubb Mansion on Lime Street, which is now under construction. This report will also be sent to our community friends.

The new building, besides being the headquarters of the Recreation Association, with a portion of the building devoted to the city's use, will take the place of the old Craft Shop where Boys' and Girls' Clubs were held for many years. The new quarters will make possible more than double the activities of the old Craft Shop.

The staff of the Recreation Association realizes with each succeeding year that in spite of the large number of recreation programs held and the great number of individuals in each program, that the final success of its work is what happens to the individual in these groups. While we re-create in masses, we change to better and more satisfying forms of recreation as an individual.

Recreation groups have a place for the star, but they are

possibly more concerned with the novice - the beginner. For it is with the novice that the instructor is able to expose his personality which inspires the pupil to more proficient performance and greater satisfaction in his work. Real satisfaction, for example, either in a craft program or an athletic activity comes as skill in performance develops. The successful leader must give of his talent and of himself generously if this aim is to be accomplished.

-- Grant D. Brandon
Director of Recreation

<u>Playgrounds</u>	<u>O U T D O O R A C T I V I T I E S</u>			
	<u>Daily Hrs.</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Attendance Day</u>	<u>Attendance Evening</u>
BUCHANAN PARK	9:00-9:00	183	3784	2570
RODNEY PARK	9:00-9:00	210	3083	2553
JOHN FARNUM	9:00-9:00	173	2419	11805
SOUTH END	9:00-9:00	115	2069	2358
6TH WARD	9:00-9:00	415	5584	3628
ROCKLAND	9:00-9:00	137	3219	1804
HIGBEE	9:00-5:00	234	4277	
LAFAYETTE	9:00-9:00	300	5004	2338
HAUPT	9:00-5:00	98	1603	
GEORGE ROSS	9:00-5:00	125	2362	
CHESTNUT	9:00-9:00	82	1687	1021
ED. HAND	9:00-9:00	195	4234	3667
MC CASKEY	9:00-9:00	120	1884	983
*ST. MARY'S	9:00-5:00	<u>62</u>	<u>1053</u>	
		2449	42262	32727
Total Attendance Day & Evening - - - - -				78999
7 ST. SHOWERS (1 hr. per day)		7515		
2 WADING POOLS (1:00-4:00 daily)		<u>2340</u>		
Total Attendance Showers and Pools - - - - -				<u>9855</u>
Total - - - - -				84,854

5 Playgrounds were open for a pre season program from May 14 to June 22, from 6:00 to dark. The 14 playgrounds opened for the summer schedule June 25 to September 1.

*St. Mary's Playground privately supported.

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SUPERVISORS' INSTITUTE - This training period was held one week before the opening of the playgrounds. Instruction was given in handicraft, dramatics, folk dancing, leagues and tournaments, story-telling, music, first aid and counsel on many forms of activities.

HIKING CLUB - The Hiking Club, with a membership of 120 men and women held weekly hikes during the entire year.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS - 400 children were registered for the lessons, which have been sponsored by the Maple Grove Pool, the Lancaster New Era, and our Association for the past 20 years. 120 children successfully passed the swimming test and received certificates.

DAILY PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

Daily activities on the playgrounds included - Storytelling, Festivals, Treasure Hunts, Baby Shows, Fashion Shows, Doll Shows, Dog Shows, Scavenger Hunts, Pet Shows, Soap Bubble Contests, Handicraft Shows, Hobby Shows, and many other such programs were held daily, including baseball, volleyball, paddle tennis, quoits, and other athletic games.

BOYS' SOFTBALL - 10 Junior and 10 Senior Teams played a total of 80 games with 250 boys participating.

SOFTBALL ACCURACY CONTEST - 140 boys on 9 playgrounds participated. The 9 winners met at Edward Hand Playground to decide the city champion.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT - 92 boys and girls were entered in our 3-day Tournament held at Buchanan Park and F. & M. Courts. The winners were awarded trophies and a year's membership to the Lancaster Tennis Club.

FARNUM RECREATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE - 90 men participated in this Class A League. The winner of the League went to the finals of the State Softball Championships.

CITY-WIDE PAGEANT - A Pageant, "Johnny Stranger Sees the U.S.A." was held at Buchanan Park with 140 children participating.

HANDICRAFT DISPLAY - A daily handicraft period of sewing, painting, weaving, etc. was given on all the playgrounds during the summer, and a display of some 200 crafts made by the children was presented in a downtown show window at the end of the season.

JOSEPH LEE DAY - This is the Annual Play Day for the entire city - a summer highlight - and an afternoon of play for play's sake, followed by light refreshments.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL - 80 girls participated in the Volleyball League.

CITY-WIDE DOLL SHOW - Many hundreds of dolls were on display during Doll Show week, and 78 dolls were taken by the children to the final Contest at 6th Ward Park.

PICNIC KITS Our 4 picnic kits were in constant use during the summer, available to all interested groups, free.

I N D O O R A C T I V I T I E S

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Regis- tration</u>	<u>Average Nightly Atten- dance</u>
<u>M O N D A Y</u>				
Boys' Recreation Club	Lafayette School	6:30-9:00	175	110
Boys' Craft Club	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	70	28
Jr. Girls' Recreation Club	Higbee School	3:30-5:30	100	35
Sr. Girls' Recreation Club	Higbee School	7:00-9:00	69	20
Men's Basketball	Ed. Hand Jr.High	7:00-10:00	120	155
Men's Basketball	Reynolds Jr.High	7:00-10:00	60	75
<u>T U E S D A Y</u>				
Boys' Recreation Club	Fulton School	7:00-9:00	132	90
Girls' Recreation Club	Lafayette School	6:30-9:00	73	54
Sr. Girls' Craft Shop	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	65	22
Crippled Children Crafts	Chest Annex	9 -12:00 A.M.	10	8
<u>W E D N E S D A Y</u>				
Boys' Recreation Club	Lafayette School	6:30-9:00	175	110
Boys' Craft Club	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	70	28
Jr. Girls' Recreation Club	Stevens School	3:30-5:30	145	85
Men's Basketball	Ed. Hand Jr.High	7:00-10:00	60	75
Men's Basketball	Reynolds Jr.High	7:00-10:00	80	105
Women's Basketball	Geo. Wash.School	8:00-10:00	35	50
Adult Group	Geo. Wash.School	7:00-8:00	30	22
<u>T H U R S D A Y</u>				
Boys' Recreation Club	Fulton School	7:00-9:00	132	90
Boys' Craft Club	Craft Shop	7:00-9:00	70	28
Girls' Recreation Club	Lafayette School	7:00-9:00	73	54
Girls' Recreation Club	Fulton School	3:30-5:30	86	60
Jr. Girls' Craft Club	Craft Shop	4:00-5:30	105	50
Men's Basketball	Ed.Hand Jr.High	7:00-10:00	72	90
Men's Basketball	Reynolds Jr.High	7:00-10:00	50	65
Women's Basketball	Geo.Wash.School	6:30-9:30	60	75
<u>F R I D A Y</u>				
Adult Program	Lafayette School	8:00-10:00	25	20
Hospital Children's Crafts	General Hospital	10:00-11:45 A.M	12	12
Heart Haven Crafts	Heart Haven	3:00-4:00	18	18
<u>S A T U R D A Y</u>				
Community Dance	Y.W.C.A.	8:00-12:00 P.M.	250	250

1,902

Average weekly Attendance - 1,884

Note: The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Registration for 1951 was - 1020
 The 5 Boys' Clubs registered 377 boys and the 8 Girls' Clubs
 registered 643 girls. The activities in the clubs were
 handicraft, including woodcraft made with motor tools, gym
 activities, table games, dancing, dramatics and special events
 such as Hallowe'en Parties, Christmas Parties, Valentine,
 St. Patrick's, etc.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A community Agency, of necessity, must depend on help from many sources.

Our National Association is always ready with inspiration and advice.

The Mayor and City Council furnish our Association with office space and the sum of \$5,800.00 to pay supervision on the 6 City Parks for ten weeks and for Wading Pools and St. Showers.

The Lancaster School Board gave us the use of 4 grade schools and two junior high schools for the winter program, 7 school grounds for summer playgrounds and the sum of \$2,785.00 paid for supervision on the school grounds.

The Rev. Robert C. Batchelder of St. James Episcopal Church gave us permission to use the Parish House for Happy Hours Club meetings and for the Girls' Craft Shop Club.

The Rev. H.B. Strock of First Presbyterian Church gave us the use of the social rooms to conduct our Happy Hours Program.

Dr. Wm. H. Bollman of the First Reformed and Evangelical Church gave us permission to use the Sunday School Room for our staff meetings and training classes during the summer.

The Y.W.C.A. Board gave us the use of the gymnasium for our Community Dances and a meeting place for the Happy Hours Club.

The Lancaster Quota Club sponsored the Christmas Party for the Higbee Girls' Clubs.

The Soroptimist Club sponsored the Christmas Party for the Lafayette Girls' Clubs.

The Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. and the two Broadcasting Stations WGAL and WLAN kept the public well informed of our program.

The Optimist Club sponsored the Hallowe'en Party for the Fulton Boys' Club.

Many individual friends of the Association gave advice and assistance during the past year.

Our volunteer Recreation Board gave many hours to make possible the functioning of a Social Service Agency, one of the 18 Red Feather Agencies in the Lancaster County Community Chest.

CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER

Recognizing the need for developing better understanding between parents and children of today, we have attempted to build our recreational activities around interests that will offer more opportunities for parent and adult participation. Our second objective this year is to train and use volunteer leaders from the parents and adults in our immediate community. Such groups as the Mothers' Discussion group, Volunteer Leaders, and Community Service Club, are examples of this project.

<u>ACTIVITIES</u>			<u>Attendance</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>	4:00 p.m.	Brownies Meeting	11
		Boys' Gym.	25
		Recreation- Downstairs boys & girls	25
		5:00-5:30 - Active games & Brownies	11
	7:30 p.m.	Charm Class	8
		Teen-Age Club - 3rd Monday	43
		Literary Club - 3rd Monday	8
		Interracial Council - 1st Monday	25
		Older Boys Gym.	33
	<u>TUESDAY</u>	4:00 p.m.	Active Games - Girls 8-13
Younger Boys Gym - Dramatic Club			33
6:30 p.m.		Drama Group	12
7:30 p.m.		Parents' Meeting - 2nd Tuesday	18
		Volunteers - 3rd Tuesday	27
		Choral Group - Adult	12
		Lancaster Recreation Basketball League	45
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	4:00 p.m.	Crafts and Quiet Games	30
		Boys - 9-14 - Gym.	20
		Bible Story Hour	14
	7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts	23
		Girls' Basketball	12
	<u>THURSDAY</u>	4:00 p.m.	Crafts - Small children
Dancing - Folk, Square - 6-12			15
Boys - Gym.			37
7:30 p.m.		Recreation Club Room - Adults	18
		Older Boys Gym.	21
		Service League Comm. Recreation Activity	6
<u>FRIDAY</u>	4:00 p.m.	Crafts - Small children	30
		Rhythms - Nursery School	15
		Recreation - Boys & Girls downstairs	37
		Jr. Boys - Gym.	20
		Bible Story Hour	21
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts	10
		Basketball League	35
		Teensters Hop	60
	Daily - Day Nursery (Mon. thru Fri. 8:30-5:00 - - - -	15	
	Daily - School Hot Lunch Project (Mon. thru Fri.) - - -	70	
	(Sponsored by Lanc. Council Church Women)		
	750 women gave volunteer service as hostesses and committee for this Lunch Project.		
	Persons representing religious, fraternal, & civic groups participated and used the facilities - - - -	800	
	Visitors and Spectators at games, programs and special activities - - - - -	1000	
	Total -	2,699	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT CRISPUS ATTUCKS

November Bazaar
 Christmas Tree Lighting
 Brotherhood Week & Negro History Week
 National Music Week
 May Day Festival
 Summer Day Camp (June 18 to August 9)
 Week-end Interracial Work Camps
 (Sponsored by Interracial Council and
 Lancaster Council of Church Women)

STAFF

Ruby M. PayneExecutive Director
 A. Madeleine Cheek.....Creative Recreation Supv.
 Earl L. Foster.....Athletic Director
 Elizabeth C. Carter.....Supervisor, Day Nursery
 Amy Campbell.....Ass't Supv. Day Nursery
 Lula O. Tucker.....Dietician, Day Nursery

OUR THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to individuals, church organizations and service clubs, who have contributed gifts of service, equipment, toys, candy, books or clothing to our program during the year.

To the following for major gifts:

1. Central Mennonite Committee of Akron
2. The Kiwanis Club
3. Unitarian Church Service Committee
4. Junior Chamber of Commerce
5. Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
6. Needle Work Guild
7. Garvin's Dept. Store
8. Hager and Bros.
9. Saylor's Bakery
10. West End Fire Dept. of Lancaster
11. Armstrong Cork Company

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 1, 1950 - November 30, 1951

LANCASTER RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Receipts

Balance first of year		\$ 62.80
Community Chest	\$18,667.62	
City of Lancaster (Park Dept.)	5,800.00	
School District of Lancaster	2,785.00	
Basketball, Club & Craft Fees	<u>881.32</u>	
		\$ 28,133.94
Total Receipts - - - - -		\$ 28,196.74

Disbursements

Administrative Salaries	\$ 9,451.76	
Playground & Club Supervision	12,217.55	
Janitors in Clubs	653.00	
Equipment - Clubs & Playgrounds	3,529.58	
General Expense	<u>2,167.59</u>	
Total Disbursements - \$28,019.48		
Returned to Community Chest - -	<u>150.00</u>	
		\$ 28,169.48
Balance end of year - - - - -		<u>27.26</u>
		\$ 28,196.74

CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER

Receipts

Balance first of year		\$ 62.30
Community Chest	\$13,058.09	
Day Nursery Fees	1,620.45	
Balance of Malone Bequest	450.00	
Gifts	445.00	
Memberships & Basketball fees	<u>190.15</u>	
		\$ 15,763.69
Total Receipts - - - - -		15,825.99

Disbursements

Administrative Salaries	\$ 3,060.00	
Club Supervision	4,969.76	
Day Nursery Supervision	2,612.74	
Janitor Service	1,014.50	
Equipment & Supplies	772.66	
Food - Day Nursery	1,000.15	
General Expense	<u>2,369.45</u>	
Total Disbursements - - - - -		\$ 15,799.26
Balance on hand end of year. - - - -		<u>26.73</u>
		\$ 15,825.99

Lancaster History