

ANNUAL REPORT

1952



GRUBB MANSION, 135 N. LIME ST., LANCASTER, PA.

LANCASTER RECREATION
ASSOCIATION

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LANCASTER RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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The Lancaster Recreation Association and the Crispus Attucks
 Recreation Center are member agencies of the Community
 Chest.

To Members of The Board of Directors and Friends:

The Lancaster Recreation Association is very grateful to the City Administration for its effort in making available the Old Grubb Mansion in Musser Park to be used as office headquarters and craft center for the boys and girls in the central part of our city.

The old mansion, one of the few remaining landmarks of former grandeur, after many years of repose, now resounds to the voices of laughter and happiness of boys and girls as they develop skills in various forms of crafts and engage in social activities.

The ballroom of the mansion, beautifully decorated, has become a center for all forms of community group gatherings. This is a much needed addition to the city's municipal growth. The large band shell to the east of the mansion facing Musser Park, is also in great demand for band concerts, religious services and patriotic gatherings. The city government is to be congratulated on this move in its civic development and should feel considerable pride in having the foresight to acquire, equip and maintain this valuable center for such a variety of community projects.

The plan culminating in the remodeling and redecorating of the building and adjacent Musser Park, was started under Mayor Cary and finished during the administration of Mayor Kendig C. Bare.

The Recreation Association is acutely aware of the many rapid changes in our social order and endeavors to adapt its program to meet some of these changes.

The modern tendency, not only for the child but also for the adult is to be allowed to be swallowed up in a maze of activities and things that, to a degree, cause him to lose his individuality. Becoming part of a group is good socially, but the allegiance to the group often causes mass thinking and action that destroys the personal initiative so valuable.

Much of our rugged individuality of former days is lost in this controlled group action. While many of our activities are on the group level, to teach the child the value of a cooperative effort and social responsibility, a large part of our program is in the field of developing the individual skills and appreciation of artistic accomplishment with one's own hands and mind. Very few activities develop the ego and pride in personal accomplishment in the young child like the ability and skill to actually create something that has beauty and utility.

Our craft program, a major portion of every club program, has a strong appeal to boys and girls. The steps in skill development are so logical that the child's appreciation of his developing skill is recognized early in the program. When something of the individual becomes a tangible creation under his very eyes in the period of one class session, development is sure and lasting.

Comenius, a 17th Century educator said, "An individual who works with materials not only makes things, but makes himself." And as an eighteenth century motto reminds us, "No handcraft can with our art compare, for pots are made of what the potters are."

Through wholesome recreation our individual frequently finds himself as he discovers something he can do well. This may develop into a valuable hobby or leisure time interest. Recreation that does not have a by-product of personal development in some phase of human interest and improvement, is time wasted.

Grant D. Brandon, *Director*

OUTDOOR PROGRAM



Wickersham Playground

SUMMER RECREATION

Baseball games in the meadow, three-leg races, strawberry socials, hoop rolling, and a Sunday ride in the surrey helped fulfill Grandpa's need for recreation.

These forms of recreation have been replaced in modern urban life by the summer playground program with its storytelling hour, baseball leagues, doll shows, tennis and archery tournaments, pet shows, and many other activities which are held on the 13 city playgrounds for a 10 week summer program.



Leaders in Training

LEADERSHIP

The uncomplicated form of recreation that was typical in Grandpa's day permitted anyone with some natural ability to become a leader, but with the complexities of our day, leaders must be qualified in many forms of activity. To produce competent leadership, a week of intensive instruction under actual playground situations is given to prospective supervisors prior to the opening of the summer playground program.

SPECIAL EVENTS



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 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 — 110 boys and girls were entered in our 3-day Tournament held at McCaskey High School.

HANDICRAFT DISPLAY — A daily handicraft period during which a wide variety of crafts such as sewing, painting, carving, doll making, 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.

PLAY DAY—This past year two playdays were held so that more children could participate. One at Buchanan and the other at Edward Hand. Balloons were released from each area with return cards attached. 35 cards were returned, some as far away as New Jersey. Refreshments were served at the end of games.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — 100 girls participated in the Volleyball League.

CITY-WIDE DOLL SHOW — 120 dolls made on the playgrounds were displayed at 6th Ward Park during the annual city-wide doll show. Trophies were awarded to the six winning contestants.

PARENTS' NIGHTS — At the end of the playgrounds season, all the grounds held parents' nights in which skills learned on the playground were demonstrated and handicrafts were displayed.

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

ARCHERY TOURNAMENT — Four weeks of instruction was followed by a tournament at McCaskey High School Playground in which 58 boys and girls participated.

FREE SWIMMING

Learning to swim in the good old days meant a trip to the swimming hole in the company of an older brother. The instruction usually consisted of a frank challenge to swim after a push from a log into deep water.

The old swimming hole is missing in the panoramic scene of city life today, but a better and safer opportunity for swimming instruction has taken its place.

For twenty-one years, the Lancaster Recreation Association, in cooperation with the Lancaster New Era and the Maple Grove Pool, has given free Swimming Lessons to children ten years of age and under.



REGISTRATION

Playgrounds	Daily Hrs.	Regis- tration	Attend. Day	Attend Evening
BUCHANAN PARK	9:00-9:00	183	4203	1938
RODNEY PARK	9:00-9:00	210	3668	3349
JOHN FARNUM	9:00-9:00	173	3691	4321
SOUTH END	9:00-9:00	115	3105	2693
6TH WARD	9:00-9:00	415	3889	3968
ROCKLAND	9:00-9:00	137	1546	2084
HIGBEE	9:00-5:00	234	2679	
LAFAYETTE	9:00-9:00	300	2594	2242
HAUPT	9:00-5:00	98	1179	
GEORGE ROSS	9:00-5:00	125	1826	
ED. HAND	9:00-9:00	195	2736	3754
CHESTNUT	9:00-9:00	82	1141	928
MC CASKEY	9:00-9:00	120	3435	2793
		2449	35692	28073
Total Attendance Day and Evening				63765
7 ST. SHOWERS (1 hr. per day) 6 weeks				3158
2 WADING POOLS (1:00-4:00 daily) 6 weeks				3167
Total Attendance - Showers and Pools				6325
			Total	70,090

5 Playgrounds were open for a pre-season program from May 12 to June 20, from 6:00 P.M. to dark. The 14 playgrounds opened for the summer schedule June 23 to August 29.

BOYS' RECREATION CLUBS

The leisure hours of a boy in the "Gay Nineties" were taken up with group singing in the parlor around the family organ, corn popping, sleigh rides, taffy pulls, corn husking bees, and many activities in the large family group.

Today the mechanical age is upon us and many boys pursue hobbies and recreational activities that cannot be supplied by most homes. Woodworking, ceramics, leather craft, model making, along with fellowship activities, such as games, parties, basketball teams, and group singing, now fill the leisure hours of a modern boy in our Boys Recreation Club Program.

Four clubs, strategically located throughout the city, are the hubs around which many neighborhood activities for boys revolve. The clubs are located in Wickersham, Fulton and Lafayette Schools, and in the Grubb Mansion in Musser Park.



GIRLS' RECREATION CLUBS



When Grandmother was a girl, the greatest art a girl could master was that of home-making. An unchallenged fact, woman's place was definitely in the home. Recreation in the form of quilting bees and parlor games provided fun for family groups while church socials supplied needed contacts outside the home.

Today women are leaving the home in ever increasing numbers to take their places in industry, business, and the professions. More and more the care of the leisure time of little girls is being given over to the trained leaders of group work organizations.

Eight clubs for girls aged 6 - 16 in our community supplement family recreation with a program of handicrafts, games, dancing, dramatics, and special activities such as parties, amateur shows, and athletic tournaments. The eight girls groups comprise the Lancaster Girls Club, a branch of Girls Clubs of America. The six centers in which the clubs meet are Wickersham, Lafayette, Fulton, Stevens, and Higbee Schools; and the Grubb Mansion.

SPECIAL FEATURES

BASKETBALL

The barrel hoop and the peach basket goal has been replaced today with indoor courts. Through the courtesy of the Lancaster School Board, 60 teams are using these basketball courts, which are open a total of 33 hours each week.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN PROGRAM

Each Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 12:00 you will find a group of physically handicapped children and adults engaged in recreational craft work in the Grubb Mansion. The Recreation Association staff serve as instructors, assisted by volunteers from the Lancaster County Crippled Children and Adults Society.

HOSPITAL

Children confined to bed by illness help to pass the weary hours by participating in the handicraft program directed by the Recreation Association in the General Hospital's Children's Ward every Monday from 10:00 to 12:00 A.M.



HEART HAVEN

The Recreation Association's handicraft program at Heart Haven stresses the importance of projects as a means of occupying the minds and hands of the children over an extended period of time. The Friday morning craft class meets the needs for creative satisfaction in children convalescing from Rheumatic Heart Disease.

HAPPY HOURS CLUB



The Golden Age period of our retired citizens is becoming recognized as not only an increasing problem economically and socially, but as a potential storehouse of talent and experience volunteer possibilities for community betterment.

These valuable citizens can no longer be shelved and pigeon-holed as antiques of a passing decade. They are vital, enthusiastic, articulate individuals who by their force of character are making a place for themselves.

When an individual by strength of body and tenacity of will has reached his four score plus, he is not a piece of Dresden china to be put carefully in a case to be admired and revered. The strength developed is still in a going concern which should be given its rightful place in the community, with due recognition for a slower pace, but the slower pace does not necessarily mean, as in many cases, elimination from the race which so often brings oblivion and forgetfulness. No! Our Senior Citizens have a revered place in the hearts of the younger generation, but they still have much to offer which will successfully bridge the past and the present.

The Lancaster group calling themselves Happy Hours Club, arrange and conduct their own programs drawing mostly on the talent from the group. They also put on programs for other groups in our institutions, and some of them act as instructors for a crippled childrens craft program, for one of the Red Feather agencies.

"You get out of life exactly what you put in; no more, no less. If you don't get anything out, it is because you didn't put anything in."

HOBBY SHOWS

County Fairs served as the only means of exchanging ideas and encouraging leisure time pursuits. Grandma exhibited her best quilts, preserves, jellies and hooked rugs, while Grandpa took pride in his exhibit of choice apples, giant potatoes, or a prize Hereford.

We like to think of our Hobby Shows as a counterpart to its country cousin, the County Fair. Exchange of ideas, contacts with other hobbyists, a prize to one who deserves credit for a job well done, are some of the aims of the Hobby Show.

The Hobby Show is conducted each year in cooperation with the Lancaster Optimist Club.



SCHEDULE

Activity	Place	Time	Regis- tration	Ave. Att.
<i>MONDAY</i>				
Sr. Boys Craft Club - Grubb Mansion		6:30- 9:00	45	22
Boys Rec. Club - Lafayette Sch.		6:30- 9:00	210	95
Boys Rec. Club - Fulton Sch.		7:00- 9:00	120	78
Girls Craft Club - Grubb Mansion		7:00- 9:00	58	33
Girls Rec. Club - Wickersham Sch.		6:30- 9:00	216	116
Girls Rec. Club - Higbee Sch.		7:00- 9:00	125	45
Hosp. Crafts (Children)-Gen. Hosp.		10:00-12:00		10
Men's Basketball-Hand Jr. High Sch.		7:00-10:00	120	150
Men's Basketball - Reynolds Jr. High		7:00-10:00	70	95
Girl's Basketball - Geo. Wash. Sch.		7:00-10:00	90	110
<i>TUESDAY</i>				
Boys Rec. Club - Wickersham Sch.		6:30- 9:00	145	97
Girls Craft Club (Jr.)-Grubb Man.		3:30- 5:30	28	20
Girls Rec. Club - Lafayette Sch.		7:00- 9:00	150	60
Men's Basketball - Geo. Wash. Sch.		7:00-10:00	70	90
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>				
Jr. Boys' Craft Club-Grubb Mansion		3:30- 5:30	25	16
Sr. Boys' Craft Club-Grubb Mansion		6:30- 9:00	45	22
Boys Rec. Club - Lafayette School		6:30- 9:00	210	95
Boys Rec. Club - Fulton School		7:00- 9:00	120	78
Girls Craft Club - Grubb Mansion		7:00- 9:00	28	20
Girls Rec. Club - Wickersham Sch.		6:30- 9:00	216	116
Girls Rec. Club - Stevens School		3:30- 5:30	118	53
Crippled Child Crafts-Grubb Man.		9:30-12:00	10	7
Men's Basketball-Hand Jr. High Sch.		7:00-10:00	75	110
Men's Basketball-Reynolds Jr. High		7:00-10:00	60	85
Adult Rec. Group-Geo. Wash. Sch.		7:00- 8:00	30	22
Women's Bask'ball-Geo. Wash. Sch.		8:00-10:00	35	50

THURSDAY

Sr. Boys Craft Club-Grubb Mansion	6:30- 9:00	45	22
Girls Rec. Club - Lafayette School	7:00- 9:00	150	60
Girls Rec. Club - Fulton School	3:30- 5:30	110	55
Men's Bask'ball-Hand Jr. High Sch.	7:00-10:00	75	120
Men's Basketball-Reynolds Jr. High	7:00-10:00	80	110
Men's Basketball-Geo. Wash. Sch.	7:00-10:00	70	95

FRIDAY

Jr. Boys Craft Club-Grubb Mansion	6:30- 9:00	25	16
Boys Rec. Club-Wickersham School	6:30- 9:00	145	97
Heart Haven Crafts - Heart Haven	10:00-12:00		18

SATURDAY

Men's Basketball-Geo. Wash. Sch.	9:00-12:00	60	70
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Happy Hours Club (Retired men and women)
Meets 3rd Thursday each month.

Hiking Club Meets weekly for hiking on Saturday or Sundays.

Crispus Attucks Recreation Center
Daily program 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

"True play, like true work, should never tire because it should never seem trivial. If the job is right and the man is right, the play is right".

— Bishop Bayne

CRISPUS ATTUCKS

Like every individual, so every organization must be accountable to society for its stewardship. Especially important is that stewardship which holds in trust the moulding and guiding of the children and youth, who are tomorrow's citizens.

Today with more than half the world cold and hungry and torn between fears and distrust of the other half, the Crispus Attucks Center approaches its task with great humility. The task of helping youth to accept their responsibility in building a world in which all children and people may laugh, play, work, and worship, a world in which the dignity of the individual again becomes a reality offers us a tremendous challenge.

The following is our account to the community of the past year's efforts. In this we set forth the tools and methods used to develop attitudes in happy, peaceful living with others by seeking to understand that the needs and aspirations of all the peoples must be met, just as our own are satisfied, if we are to have a world where peace shall dwell.

Ruby M. Cook (Payne), *Director*



A Group of Weekend Work Campers at the Center

DAY NURSERY



Boys in Day Nursery examine "Prof" the elephant presented by the Kiwanis Club.

The Day Nursery, operating Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., afforded 2,482 child care hours for a total enrollment of 41 children.

The Nursery teaches group living, prepares for kindergarten by training and speech habits, muscle coordination, group singing, and supplies trained supervision for children at all times.

"Man reveals himself most fully in his worship and in his play. In what he places first and what he does first when he is free."

—Howard Braucher



Group from Creative Dance Program in the Pageant, "Christmas Comes to the Village Green". This phase of our program includes children from nursery age thru young adults.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Approximately 85 to 100 jr. and sr. boys and girls participate in the basketball and gym program.

The Center is used by the City and County Basketball League and the Eastern Pennsylvania Basketball League.

Other year around activities include volleyball, tumbling, boxing, badmitten, softball and track.

CRAFTS

A varied crafts program for both children and adults is offered daily.

MONDAY

Afternoon
4:00-5:30 P.M.

Boys & Girls
6-10 Yrs.

Gym Boys
8-11 Yrs.

Brownies

Cooking (girls)
8-11 Yrs.

Evening
7:30-10:00 P.M.

Gym—Older Boys
16 Yrs. & Up

Interracial
Council

1st Monday

Nursery Mothers

2nd Monday

Teen Age Club

3rd Monday

Chorus Girls
14 Yrs. & Up

TUESDAY

Afternoon
4:00-5:30 P.M.

Boys Gym

Crafts 5-8 Yrs.
Girls & Boys

Service League

Game Room
Boys 10-14

Evening
7:30-10:00 P.M.

Drama Group
Verse Speaking

Boys Gym 7:30-8:30
13-15 Yrs.

Volunteer Leaders
4th Tuesday

Brownie & Girl
Scouts Committee

4th Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

Afternoon
4:00-5:30 P.M.

Boys Gym
Crafts 9-16 Yrs.

Bible Story Hour
(Pre School Age)

Evening
7:30-10:00 P.M.

Adult Figure
Clinic (Women)

Girl Scouts

Boys Woodcraft

Girls Basketball
Practice

THURSDAY

Afternoon
4:00 P.M.

Boys Gym
8-14 Yrs.

Drama (Girls)
9-12 Yrs.

Story Telling

Boys Woodcraft
7-10 Yrs.

Evening
7:30-10:00 P.M.

Adult Forum

Cards (Adults)

Movies

2nd Thursday

Crafts (Adults)

FRIDAY

Afternoon
4:00 P.M.

Crafts
5-8 Yrs.

Creative Dance
Girls 8-12 Yrs.

Good News Club

Nursery Children

Evening
7:30-10:00 P.M.

Boys Gym
7:00-8:30

Boy Scouts

Girls Basketball

Day Nursery 2-5 Yrs. Daily Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Acknowledgements for Special Gifts or Services to the program from the following:

Kiwanis Club

Unitarian Service Committee

Piersol

Westenberger, Maley & Myers

Lancaster School of the Bible

Child Evangelism

The Forty-ET-Eight

To many individuals who gave time and service as volunteer leaders of various groups.

To our National Recreation Association for counsel, leadership and program material all through the year.

STAFF

Ruby M. Cook (Payne).....	Executive Director
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Earl L. Foster.....	Athletic Director
Elizabeth C. Carter.....	Supervisor, Day Nursery
Leona Cooper.....	Ass't Supv. Day Nursery
Lula O. Tucker.....	Dietician, Day Nursery

SCHEDULE

1. Game Room — open daily 4 : -5:30 and 7:30 - 10:00 P.M.
2. Hot Lunch Project — Sponsored by Council of Church Women
Daily — Monday - Friday, from Oct. 1 to May 31.
3. Interracial Work Camp — November 30, Dec. 1, 2, '51
January 11, 12, 13, '52 — February 29, March 1 & 2, '52
May 1, 2, 3, '52

Gymnasium used by City League Teams — Inter-City League.

Special events of Fraternal and Civic Groups held in Center, such as an installation of I.B.P.O.E. of W., Masonic and Eastern Star, public meetings, church and civic entertainments.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 1, 1951 — November 30, 1952

LANCASTER RECREATION ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS

Balance first of year		\$ 177.26
Community Chest	\$ 21,357.80	
City of Lancaster(Park Dept.)	5,800.00	
School Dist. of Lancaster	2,965.65	
Basketball, Club & Craft Fees	1,809.17	
Soroptimist Club	15.00	
		31,947.62
TOTAL INCOME —		\$ 32,124.88

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative Salaries	\$ 10,000.00	
Playgrounds & Club Supervision	14,443.53	
Club Janitors	1,071.00	
Equipment—Clubs & Playgrounds	3,813.41	
General Expense	2,568.75	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS —		31,896.69
Balance end of year —		228.19
		\$ 32,124.88

CRISPUS ATTUCKS RECREATION CENTER

RECEIPTS

Balance first of year		\$ 26.73
Community Chest	\$ 13,784.33	
Day Nursery Fees	1,919.70	
Membership & Basketball Fees	104.75	
Gifts & Refunds	156.97	
		\$ 15,965.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS —		\$ 15,992.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative Salaries	3,227.98	
Club Supervision	5,850.05	
Day Nursery Supervision	2,379.93	
Janitor Service	989.00	
Equipment & Supplies	462.88	
Food — Day Nursery	912.42	
General Expense	2,008.83	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS —		\$ 15,881.09
Balance end of year		111.39
		\$ 15,992.48

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

Our National Association is always ready with inspiration and advice. We look forward to the periodic visits from Mr. J. W. Faust, District Representative.

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 10 weeks and for Wading Pools and Street Showers.

The Lancaster School Board gave us the use of 6 grade schools and two junior high schools for the winter program, 7 school grounds for summer playgrounds and the sum of \$ 2,965.65 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 1st Presbyterian Church gave us the use of the social rooms to conduct our Happy Hours Program.

Dr. Wm. H. Bollman of the 1st Reformed and Evangelical Church gave us permission to use the Sunday School Room for our staff meetings and training classes during the summer.

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's donation of \$ 200 for equipping the Photograph Club Room in Grubb Mansion.

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 Co. Community Chest.

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Lancaster History

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