

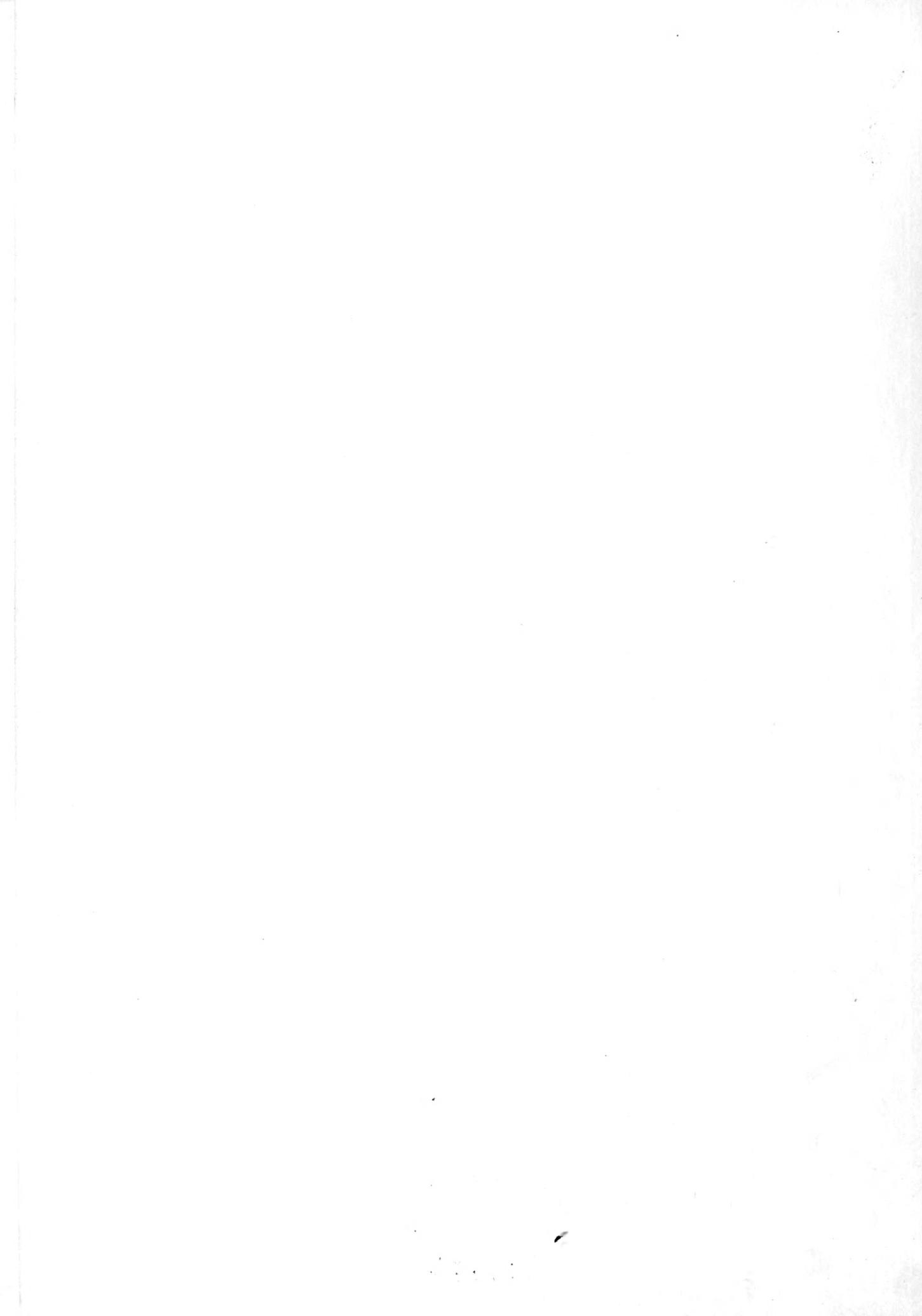
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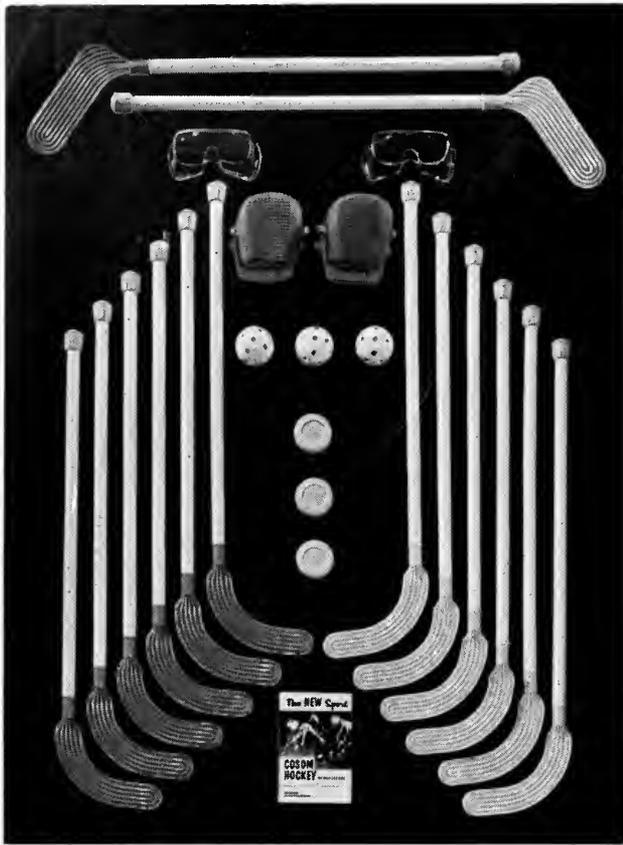


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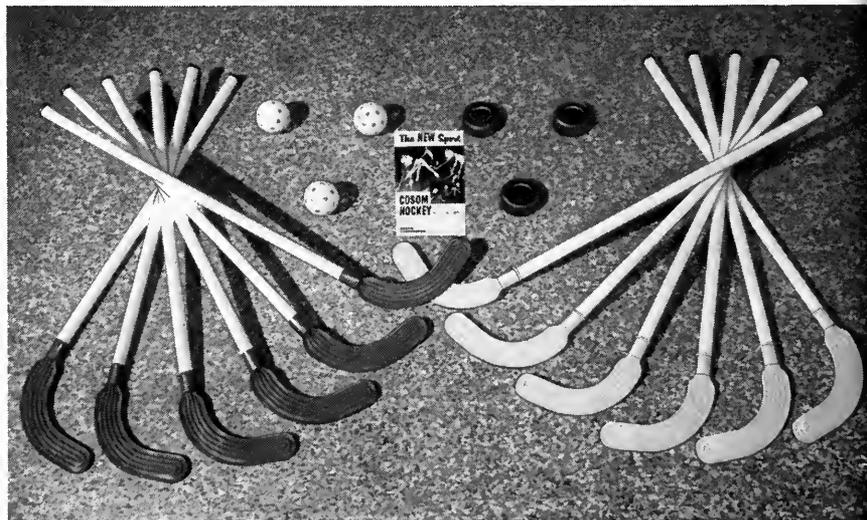
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**On the Cover**

Even to the corners of a great city, such as New York, winter brings beauty with its magic tracery of snow. This is the playground at the Otilie Home for Children in Jamaica, New York. Photo by Jean Wolcott, former program director with institutionalized and disturbed children, now on the staff of RECREATION. (Photo taken with a Rolleicord, F22, 1/250 sec.)

**Next Month**

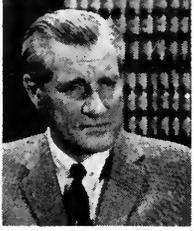
The international flavor of this issue will mark the celebration of Brotherhood Week, February 21-28. "New Vigor in French Sports," by C. R. Agnew, Jr., will give an excellent picture of a newly invigorated national program. In keeping with the season, we will take a look at winter sports and examine jam can curling in Winnipeg and new T-bars in Duluth. You won't want to miss a look at the host city for the 1965 National Recreation Congress, "Beautiful Minneapolis." If any of your music or performing arts groups has ever discussed the possibility of making a recording, you will need the know-how offered in "Don't Waste a Good Performance." If you have fiscal problems, you'll want to examine "What's in a Budget?" in which Joseph Curits takes a fresh look at what should be included and what could be deleted in this annual headache.

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# AN AFFLUENT SLUMLAND

Eric Sevareid



WITH BREATH-taking rapidity we are destroying all that was lovely to look at and are turning America into a prison house of the spirit. What was once the fairest of lands has become, by an increasing number of competent judgments, the ugliest community of man on earth. Little wonder that European tourists are reluctant to come here; what is there for them to look at in most of what a British publication calls "the mess that is man-made America"?

The affluent society, with relentless, singleminded energy, is turning our cities, most of suburbia and most of our roadways into the most affluent slum on earth. There is not the slightest doubt any longer that we are losing our very special, God-given chance to create in this country a form, an order, a high civilization; this simply cannot be done in a physical setting of crashing vulgarity in the cities and dreary uniformity in the suburbs.

What is happening to New York, our richest city, a wonder of the world, once beautiful and thrilling as a Christmas tree, is pure vandalism in the name of economic necessities. . . . All eminent designers and city planners whose views are on record are appalled by the gigantic Pan American building astride Grand Central Station. In its own category, this is surely the cultural crime of the century.

What makes a true and successful city is mixture, variety. As Peter Blake pro-

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MR. SEVAREID is a well-known news analyst and news correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System. This material is taken from a guest editorial he prepared for the American Landmarks Celebration.

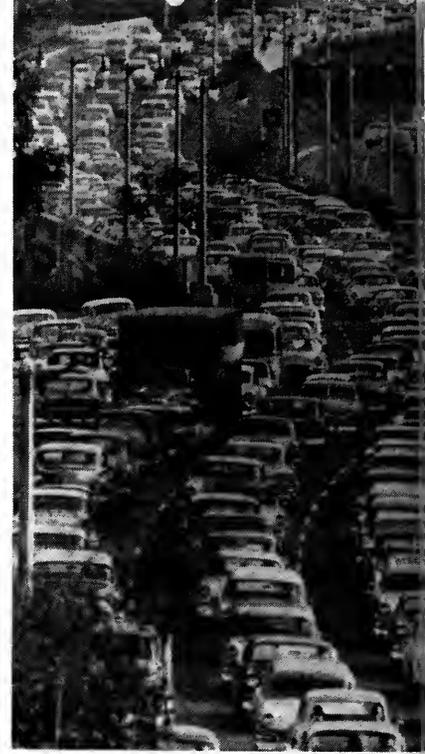
jects it [in his recent book *God's Own Junkyard*], our cities are becoming totally "ghettofied" in terms of usage: "Office ghettos, industrial ghettos, apartment ghettos, amusement ghettos . . . shopping ghettos . . . medical-center-ghettos . . . so that most areas of the city will be alive for mere fractions of each day or week, and as deserted as Wall Street on a weekend the rest of the time."

From this "cancer of uniformity, of dreariness," the great cities are dying at the core of their spirit. Downtown Los Angeles seems dead already; downtown Detroit is dying; downtown New Orleans is in the throes, and even San Francisco now shows the blight.

The complex of forces doing this are intricate and powerful, but not unstoppable as Blake has demonstrated. Nor do the endless, dreary rows of the real-estate developer's suburbia have to be repeated. There are far better ways; it can be done if people generally understand this, and will be done if people generally learn just where and how to express their demands and apply their pressure. None of the present horror was inevitable.

Endless vistas of townscape as well as landscape have been violated in the interests of what Blake calls "carscape." Much of our landscape can be restored to view by laws aimed at the billboard lobby. Who can disagree with Gov. Brown of California: "When a man throws an empty cigarette package from an automobile . . . he is liable to a fine of \$50. When a man throws a billboard across a view he is liable to be richly rewarded. I see little difference between the damage done by these two litterbugs."

Surely, there is a vested public interest in the American landscape and surely it is nonsense to say, as courts and other authorities have said, that economic interest is a necessity while es-



None of the present horror of our carscaped, ghettofied cities and neon-signed roadways was inevitable.

thetic interest is a luxury. It is nonsense to say that what is beautiful and what is ugly are not subject to definition; that there are no standards. If we do not attempt to erect such standards and enforce them, we are lost.

There is a fundamental moral and there ought to be a fundamental legal difference between ugly movies, ugly TV commercials, ugly music, ugly books and ugly buildings, highways and streets. The former can be avoided; we have a choice. The latter cannot be avoided; we have no choice at all. #

# LETTERS

## Weir Honor

Sirs:  
 Congratulations to the National Recreation Association on its decision to establish a special field service in honor of L. H. Weir. This service is almost identical to the service so efficiently provided by Mr. Weir for many years. We, at Indiana University, are proud to claim Mr. Weir as a graduate. Immediately following his death in 1949 we established the L. H. Weir Annual Recreation Banquet and the L. H. Weir Award to the most outstanding graduate student. Speakers at the banquet have included Joe Prendergast, Bob Crawford, Paul Douglass, Harold Meyer, and Bill Frederickson. The Weir Recognition Award has been received by Stu Case, George Wilson, Duke Regier, Ted Deppe, and others. A doctoral study on the life, philosophy, and contributions of Mr. Weir is well under way by Cleo Skelton.

GARRETT G. EPPLEY, *Professor of Recreation and Park Administration, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

## No Surprise

Sirs:  
 Heartiest congratulations on the selection of RECREATION as the first prize winner in the 1964 awards competition sponsored by the Educational Press Association of America. This richly deserved recognition came as no surprise to the legion of readers of RECREATION. We have long regarded it as outstandingly excellent. Best wishes for the continued success and recognition of this splendid voice of recreation.

C. C. BREAM, JR., *Chief, Recreation, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.*

## Free Play Package

Sirs:  
 Last year you ran an offer of a free catalogue from our organization in our free materials [Resource Guide] section. We were so impressed with the interest shown by your members in our plays, and so appreciative of your assistance, that we decided to extend a special offer that should interest your readers.

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ning comedy-drama (*A Thing of beauty*).

There are no charges or strings attached to this offer, although it does represent a \$3.75 value. It's just our way of saying "Thank you" to your members for their interest, and to you for your help. We do feel that your readers will be most interested in the reading copies of the plays we will be sending them.

SHUBERT FENDRICH, *Pioneer Drama Service, Cody, Wyoming*

## Safe Bicycle Paths

Sirs:

According to The Travelers Insurance Companies about five hundred cyclists are killed and fifty thousand injured each year in collisions with motor vehicles. A modern adequate bicycle path should meet the following requirements:

1. Be wide enough for at least two riders to pedal side by side.
2. Be long enough, at least five miles, to make the ride interesting.
3. Be hard-surfaced to avoid tire damage. Cinders, sand, gravel, shells are unsuitable.
4. Avoid motor crossings wherever possible.
5. Should end or run through points of scenic or historic interest.
6. Be as far away as possible from motor highways. Noise and exhaust fumes are not conducive to a pleasant and relaxing ride. There should be an access road to the cycling path.
7. Be level . . . but a few rolling hills might make it more interesting. It might be planned along a lake, river, or ocean front, or along an old canal towpath, or along an abandoned railroad right-of-way.

8. Have shade trees for more pleasurable summer cycling.

9. Have a bicycle-rental station at either or one end. Rental from the concession would provide funds for the maintenance of the path.

10. Be clear of debris, glass, and sand. Water pools should be drained off.

ROLAND C. GEIST, *Secretary of the Bicycle Touring League of America and instructor in bicycling at Theodore Roosevelt High School, Bronx, New York.*

• See also "Cycling for Fitness," *Recreation*, October 1964; "Bike Pike," December 1964; and "New Courses for Old Paths," Pages 17-19 of this issue.—Ed.



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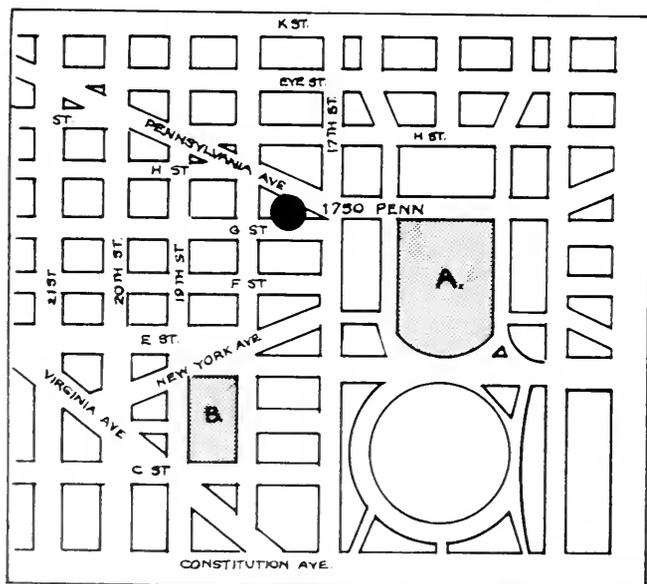
## NRA ADDS NEW OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

AS A PART of its expansion program, the National Recreation Association has re-established an office in Washington, D.C. to give special attention to federal and state recreation matters. With the greatly increased activity of the federal government in recreation and the growing amount of federal funds available to state and local governments for recreation, the NRA recognizes that the communities and recreation agencies it serves need more help than ever before in their relationships with federal agencies. Federal agencies also need the help and services which the NRA can provide through its long and deep experience in community recreation matters.

The new NRA Washington staff will analyze, interpret, and report all pending federal and state recreation legislation, and actively involve the NRA and its Service Associates and Affiliates in the development of federal recreation related activities. A part of the new Washington service will be the periodic publication of *The Washington Letter*, the NRA which will automatically be sent to all affiliated agencies as an additional service. The first *Washington Letter* published in November, dealt with "Federal Assistance Programs Available to States, Local Government, and Non-Profit Agencies for Resources."

The relationships the NRA has established with key federal agencies over the years will be particularly helpful in increasing the effectiveness of the Washington office. From 1946 to 1963, the Association had an office in the U. S. Department of Interior and provided a staff person who served as executive secretary of the Federal Inter-Agency Committee on Recreation. This committee was disbanded in 1963 after the establishment of the Recreation Advisory Council by Executive Order of the President and the establishment of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation by the Secretary of the Interior.

The new office will be strategically located just one block from the White House and two blocks from the Department of Interior. We extend an invitation to our friends to make it a point to visit the NRA's new office when in Washington.



NRA's Washington office (black dot) is strategically located just one block from the White House (A), two blocks from the Department of the Interior (B), and other federal offices.

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



**Edward W. Bradley**, superintendent of recreation and physical education and health teacher of the public school system in Milltown, New Jersey, was

honored at two different occasions at the annual convention of the New Jersey Education Association in November. It is the world's largest educational conclave, bringing together forty thousand teachers. Mr. Bradley was the recipient of the Honor Fellow Award of the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, an affiliate of the NJEA, the association's highest tribute to a teacher, presented annually to teachers who have made outstanding contributions in the teaching profession. On the last day of the convention, Mr. Bradley was honored at the NJEA "VIP" Dinner for his outstanding services as a teacher and superintendent of recreation, largely because of his outstanding leadership and contributions in the cause of physical fitness. Mr. Bradley was honored recently at the White House for being selected as one of twelve national recipients of the United States Outstanding Physical Fitness Leadership Award sponsored by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and the President's Council on Physical Fitness. Mr. Bradley was chosen from two million teachers, doctors, and recreation personnel from all over the United States.

**William H. Freeberg**, chairman of the department of recreation and outdoor education at Southern Illinois University, is currently in Washington, D.C., to help develop a nationwide recreation project for the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation. Dr. Freeberg said the project will encourage development of recreation programs for the retarded in large metropolitan areas and some smaller municipalities. It includes encouragement of the development of recreation studies in universities. Dr.

Freeberg has directed an institute to train staff members for camps for the mentally retarded, held the past two years at SIU's Little Grassy Lake Camp facilities.

**Robert Lobdell**, superintendent of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in St. Paul, Minnesota, has resigned to accept a civil-service appointment with the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation as an urban recreation coordinator working out of the BOR regional office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr. Lobdell's first assignment in his new position will be to assist in making a study of all the outdoor recreation potential of the upper Mississippi River basin, including land and water use for public, private, and commercial recreation uses.



The new swimming pool in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, will be named after the city's park and recreation director, **George Ward**, by act of the Saskatoon City Council. The council acted upon an unanimous resolution of the Parks and Recreation Board which asked that the pool be called the "George Ward Pool" after "a man who has devoted his life to the development of recreation facilities, the promotion of sport, and willingly served the citizens of our city."

**Harold Schick**, superintendent of state parks and recreation for the Oregon State Highway Department, has resigned to become superintendent of the Fairmount Park Commission in Philadelphia. The commission supervises all city parks in this historic city. Mr. Schick had been with the Highway Department since July, 1962. Since Schick became Oregon state parks superintendent in 1962 the highway department has added eight new state parks to the system, bringing the total to almost two hundred parks and way-sides. Parks attendance during that period increased from 11,500,000 to an estimated 15,000,000 for 1964. Mr. Schick's new duties will include supervision of seventy-seven hundred park



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**Velma Ruth Baker** is the Fourth Army's new staff service club director, returning to the five-state area special services assignment from the U.S. Army Europe where she served as assistant chief of service clubs. She is also technical supervisor of dayroom activities in Fourth Army. Miss Baker received the second highest Army civilian employe award for meritorious civilian service during a prior assignment as Fourth Army staff service club director.

Under her administration and technical supervision are some twenty service clubs within the states of Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. During twenty years of government employe service Miss Baker has served in Europe twice, Guam, England and the WAC Training Center at Fort Lee, Virginia. She first served with the Navy at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida, as a recreation specialist.

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**Chase Hammond**, director of parks and recreation in Muskegon, and **Ed McGowan**, first deputy superintendent of parks and recreation in Detroit, were appointed to the new Michigan Youth Commission by Governor George Romney.

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**Rhodell Owens**, director of parks in Peoria, Illinois, was named local public works official of the year by the Peoria Downtown Kiwanis Club. In presenting the award to Mr. Owens, the chairman of the awards committee, Associate Circuit Judge Robert Hunt, pointed out that in the past year the Peoria Park District under Mr. Owens has merged services of the park and city recreation agencies, acquired a thousand additional acres of land, acquired a new golf course, nature center, ice-skating rink, and golf clubhouse, expanded its zoo program, progressed in plans for a new golf course, and adopted plans for a new park and marina.

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**Dr. Donald Bridgeman** is on sabbatical leave from Springfield College to direct a special project for the National Recreation Association. The



*NRA's flying researcher Dr. Bridgeman.*

NRA has been granted a fixed-price contract with the Corps of Engineers to develop a technical manual on playground equipment and area layout to use on Corps installations in relation to family housing. It is to include recommendations both for preschool and elementary school children. Because the manual must be suitable for application to all geographical areas of United States, a special visitation will be made to approximately forty cities throughout the entire United States. Installations selected by the Corps in each geographical region will also be visited. Selected playground equipment manufacturers and surfacing materials concerns will also be visited.

The project will be concerned with the safety of equipment, the amount of supervision needed, the construction and maintenance features, the contribution to physical development of the child, popularity with children, et cetera. Surfacing and general layout and design will also be a part of the project. As a technical manual of the government, it will be available to the public. The project is to be completed by April 1, 1965. Dr. Bridgeman is a licensed pilot and will fly to various areas in his private plane.

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**William Penn Mott, Jr.**, general manager of the East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland, California, has been appointed special consultant to the Australian government on matters of park administration and will spend the month of January in Canberra. All his expenses are being paid by the Australian government. He will be on leave without pay. Mr. Mott has served as consultant on many similar projects throughout the United States and in 1960, at the request of the U. S. Department of State, served as special consultant to the Costa Rican govern-

ment. His Australian appointment came at the invitation of R. Kingsland secretary of the Department of Interior, Commonwealth of Australia. Secretary Kingsland has requested Mr. Mott to examine the work, policies, and methods of park administration now under way in Canberra as well as to suggest policy improvements, report on the adequacy of recreation and playground facilities in comparison with American and overseas trends, make suggestions for future development and recommend changes.

At present, Canberra has some sixty-five hundred acres of developed parkland and a master plan for capital works and landscape treatment in the city. Mr. Mott has been asked to examine policies connected with this development. The present population of Canberra is about eighty thousand with a growth rate of about ten percent per year. The Australian government currently spends about \$2,775,000 a year on landscape development and maintenance.

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After more than thirty-eight years with the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department, **Agnes de La Barre**, retired in November. Her education included studies at the Art Institute, Handicraft Guild and Walker Art Gallery in Minneapolis and the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. Organizer and director of Los Angeles Barnsdall and Rustic Canyon Arts and Crafts centers, Miss de La Barre through her skill and efforts, brought recognition to the department for the quality of its art program. The one man and group shows and the department annual art exhibits she arranged constituted important events on the Los Angeles Art Calendar. A member of many college, civic and church groups, Miss de La Barre has often given lectures and demonstrations at schools, churches, clubs, and on radio and TV programs. She plans to operate a private creative art workshop for children in Pacific Palisades, California.

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**New officers** of the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Society for 1965 are: President, **Harry W. Ash**, South Orange; First Vice-President, **Robert**

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The United States is a nation on wheels, according to a pamphlet just released by the Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Commerce. Among its 185,000,000 people, 90,000,000 drivers operate 76,000,000 automobiles, trucks, and buses on 500,000 miles of roads and streets, traveling 738,000,000,000 miles a year (1961). There is a vehicle for every two and a half persons; twenty-two vehicles for every mile of road; a mile of road for each square mile of land.

For this growing tide of traffic, much of it concentrated on major routes and in cities, the federal government and the states, as partners, have undertaken history's biggest peacetime program of public works—construction of a 41,000-mile national system of interstate and defense highways. For this coast-to-coast key network, the federal government is paying nine-tenths of the cost. Completion of the system, scheduled for 1972, will cost \$41,000,000.

Everything about the job of building the interstate system is spectacular. The average mile in rural areas will cost \$639,000; the average urban mile, \$3,658,000. The heaviest traffic loads lie in the urban areas; consequently, the urban portions of the system include only thirteen percent of the total mileage but will take forty-five percent of the total cost.

The pamphlet, *America's Lifelines—Federal Aid for Highways*, is for sale by the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for fifteen cents.

## THEN THE ROOF FELL IN

**W**E HAVE COME through fire, water, and brimstone, since our December issue of RECREATION was published, in order to bring you this January issue *at all*. During the night of December 6, when our January and some of February copy was awaiting processing at the printing plant, disaster struck—fire broke out and raged through everything. As a result, only rubble, ashes, and icicles remained to go to press come the cold gray dawn. Even the roof fell in. This disaster meant chaos and inevitable delay, and thus it is that we greet you later than we planned. Only through

the prodigious effort of the staff of Jersey Printing Company and its owner, and the staff of RECREATION as well, is this issue on your desk today to bid you a belated HAPPY NEW YEAR! We thank them one and all.

Fortunately, we had copies of *everything*. This emphasizes one of the first lessons for editors: *never* send anything to the printer—or to anyone, even yourself—without having a carbon copy or other copy. Hold to this rule with all your might, and may only good fortune befall you in 1965.

▶ AMERICA has become a litter-filled and defaced nation of pigs, according to an angry article, "America Down the Drain," in the November 16, 1964 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, by Robert H. Boyle. It is a closely written document decrying the obscenities being perpetrated on the land throughout the nation. A comment by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall is printed with the article. He calls Boyle's anger "fully justified," and he says he hopes Boyle's sense of outrage will be contagious. Both Udall and Boyle state that unless conservation-minded people unite and act the blight will continue.

▶ THE REPORT of a panel of non-government experts in social welfare,

which calls Mobilization for Youth a meritorious pioneering demonstration in the national effort against delinquency and poverty, has been released by Acting Attorney-General Nicholas Katzenbach, chairman of the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime.

The eight-man panel, which includes a settlement house director, an educator, a leading criminologist, a social work official, two foundation officials, an economist, and an attorney, unanimously recommended "continued support for the full MFY program."

The panel, which regularly advises the President's Committee on grants made under the Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Offenses Control Act, made a special investigation following recent allegations by several New York newspapers of fiscal mismanagement, subversive infiltration of the MFY staff, and improper program activities. Specific objections to the program were directed to the community organization programs for involving residents in neighborhood affairs, which often took the form of protest. The panel, however, addressed its report not to the specific allegations but to the general effectiveness of the total MFY program. Its investigations involved a three-day site visit to the Mobilization for Youth area in New York City's Lower East Side, including observation of classes and job training, meetings with staff, board, and city officials, and discussions with residents affected by the program.

The panel concluded its statements by suggesting that "the issues raised in our discussion of the Community

## 60 IN '66

**O**NE MORE YEAR, and the National Recreation Association will be sixty years of age! These years have covered the long trek from the sandlots of Boston and the White House during the presidency of Teddy Roosevelt, to recreation, not only for children but for all ages, and to Washington once again as NRA opens its brand new office at 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, just one block from the White House. The biggest celebration of the occasion will once more occur in Washington, this time during the 1966 National Recreation Congress.

The Association has adapted to changing needs through the years, and as it moves ahead with great anticipation to the exciting chal-

lenges of the next sixty, it rededicates itself to service and to expanding to meet the rapid social changes and the needs of the populace and the nation, in the promising leisure of a new era. NRA's anniversary theme will be "Free Time—Horizons Unlimited." It brings back the words of Joseph Lee, then president, on the Association's twenty-fifth birthday: "Leisure for everybody, a condition that we in America are now approaching is a new thing under the sun—the most revolutionary thing that ever happened. It means the coming of something unheard of in all history—the opportunity of every man to live. . . ." We have reached it; it is here.

Organization Program need to be faced by all anti-delinquency programs, and particularly by MFY because it has progressed the furthest in this area and is the most knowledgeable of these programs."

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

▶ **PEOPLE WHO GIVE** federal, state or local governments scenic rights to their property may deduct the value of the rights from their income tax, according to a recent ruling by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service. The ruling was the result of a successful effort to block the construction of a high-rise apartment project on the Merrywood estate, Mrs. John F. Kennedy's girlhood home on the Virginia side of the Potomac, near Washington. According to a UPI statement, government officials foresaw a side application to the ruling, particularly near population centers where private development threatens to spoil the view from public recreation areas.

In giving the government "scenic easements" on their land, a score of people near Merrywood, have voluntarily agreed to keep their property residential and not build anything over forty feet.

▶ **THE AVERAGE EMPLOYEE** has gained the equivalent of nineteen days off a year since World War II, as a result of more holidays, longer vacations, and shorter workdays, according to a bi-monthly business report of the Chase Manhattan Bank. The report estimates forty percent of all managers, officials, and owners work more than forty-eight hours a week, compared with only twenty percent of the total employment labor force.

▶ **A THREE-WEEK COURSE** of intensive study, designed for persons from other countries who are directors of park systems or are otherwise responsible for the administration of national

parks and equivalent reserves, will be presented by the Department of the Interior in cooperation with the School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan, May 10-29. The Department of Agriculture and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources will assist with the conduct of the course and the field studies. The purpose of the course is to review legislation, policy, planning, and new developments in national parks, with emphasis on the preservation and wise use of these resources.

▶ **THE International Recreation Association** has published *Global View of Recreation*, a 172-page publication which highlights organized recreation programs for persons of all ages in twenty-nine countries. Its publication coincided with the convening of the World Recreation Congress in Osaka and Kyoto, Japan, October 2-7, 1964. The report is available for \$3.25 from IRA, 345 East 46th Street, New York 10017.

▶ **THE 53RD Anniversary** of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. will be celebrated March 7-13.

▶ **THE INFLUX** of pleasure and business visitors to the United States from overseas countries continued strong in October. The total for the month was 93,838, up 31.4 percent over the October 1963 volume. This brings the 1964 ten-month total to 845,268, a rise of 34.5 percent over the January-October 1963 amount, and 110,000 more than the pleasure and business visitors who came in all of 1963, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce.

▶ **THE Public Housing Authority** is becoming increasingly concerned with good design, esthetics, better site planning, recreation space—functional and attractive, greater cooperation with lo-

cal community agencies in planning and use of facilities and other commendable interests, reports Arthur Todd, director of NRA Field Service after a recent visit to Washington, and conference with Marian Neprud, chairman of the Community Service Programs Section of PHA. "Further more," he says, "it is doing something about it." The authority has engaged an outstanding architect, Albert Mayer of New York, as a consultant and there are architects in each region who serve as advisors. Mr. Mayer has conducted a series of design conferences in each PHA region attended by architects, local and regional officials. Now NAHRO has a Ford Foundation grant to hold a series of sub-regional design conferences around the country. In addition to housing officials and architects, it hopes to add representatives of local agencies, the kind that may use or conduct programs in housing projects or have programs and services outside which housing tenants use. NRA will be asked to help with these conferences.

Over two thousand communities now have public housing. Many are medium-size or small towns. One problem of PHA is public relations. *Too few local leaders—agency executives, recreation executives and others—realize the extent to which they can influence planning decisions or how they can work together.*

"We explored ways," says Mr. Todd "in which a committee of recreation executives—possibly NRA's National Advisory Committee on Recreation Administration—could get more information on the problems encountered by recreation departments in working with housing authorities and vice versa. A committee might also conduct a campaign to educate recreation leaders about the possibilities of cooperation with housing authorities. The housing people could do the same with their officials."

▶ **A SERIES** of three conferences designed to familiarize those interested in and concerned with administration of the grants-in-aid portion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program has been completed by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

▶ **ALL-OUT EFFORT.** Vice-President Elect Hubert H. Humphrey has urged "an all-out effort" by American amateur athletic organizations during the next four years in order to assure another "great U.S. performance" in the Olympics in 1968. In a special statement, he congratulated private sports organizations on "our superb U.S. achievement in the Tokyo Olympics."

## COMING EVENTS

**Annual Convention, National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, January 19-21, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Chicago.** For further information, write to the association at 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

**Second International Convention, Christian Camp and Conference Association, March 30-April 2, Baptist Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin.** For further information, write to CCA, 14312 Runnymede Street, Van Nuys, California.

**Annual Conference of State Executives on Aging, May 2-5, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.** Sponsored by Office of Aging, Welfare Administration, U.S. De-

partment of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C. 20201.

**National Safe Boating Week, July 4-10.** For further information write to Capt. D. W. Sinclair, Recreational Boating Safety Division, United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C.

**National Conference on Health Services and 1965 National Health Forum.** Four consecutive forums: San Francisco, September 8-10; Chicago, September 15-18; Atlanta, September 22-25; Philadelphia, September 29-October 2. For further information, write to National Commission on Community Health Services and National Health Council, 7815 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

# As The Snow Flies



## Recreation is New Hampshire winter crop

Harvel E. Winkley

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S farmland does not stand idle when snow blankets the countryside. Outdoor recreation enthusiasts in the Granite State are heading for "back-forty" pastures in increasing numbers for winter recreation activities. The trend stems from the country's population squeeze. Demands are soaring for more open space leisure time activities. Farmers are keeping pace by turning low-producing cropland into pay-as-you-play recreation enterprises.

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service

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provides the necessary land-use planning aid. Other federal and state agencies provide additional help in line with Secretary of Agriculture Freeman's objectives. The latter hopes to convert much unnecessary cropland into recreation areas that will increase family farm income. For example, on George White's 169-acre dairy farm in Gilford, New Hampshire, skiers swishing downhill replace the grazing cows of summertime.

The White farm hosts the Laconia Outing Club when snow arrives. A small warming hut built by club members—complete with stove, bubbling coffee pot and a picture window—serves as the base for skiing activities. A tow rope, powered by an old car engine, pulls skiers up the six hundred-foot slope. The tow includes a homemade safety gate approved by state inspectors. During weekends and school holidays, twenty-five families—toddlers and

grandparents included—enjoy the farm "schussing" and brisk country air.

Norman Hubbard's Pleasant View Farm in Laconia does a special job when the community holds the annual world's championship dogsled races. The course, starting in town, runs twenty miles through the Belknap County farmland. Considerable training and conditioning from both driver and dogs are needed for the grueling race. Therefore, Mr. Hubbard provides a practice track on his 425-acre farm. Drivers and dog teams from all over New Hampshire's lake regions take advantage of Pleasant View's eight-mile race course.

Downstate in Amherst, Orson Bragdon, an active dairy farmer and Soil Conservation District supervisor, has a ski tow in his pasture. The six hundred-foot rope tow cost him \$750 to build several years ago. Today, he estimates the same installation would cost \$2,000. Skiers pay Mr. Bragdon a dollar each for afternoon skiing privileges during weekends and school holidays. The winter recreation projects has added \$1,000 gross to the farm's income.

Dozens of other farm-based winter and summer recreation sites already dot New Hampshire's countryside; others are being planned or built. Camping sites, hunting preserves, swimming, picnic and fishing areas, and wildlife developments are gradually taking their place amid farm crops, pastures and farm woodlots across the state. It all adds up to better land use, improved family farm incomes and more tourist attractions for New Hampshire. #

• For other articles on farmland converted to recreation use, see "Recreation Harvest," *Recreation*, January 1964 and "Recreation Use of Farm Lands," December 1962.—Ed.

# RECREATION'S CHANGING ROLE

*Equalization of wages is changing  
composition of neighborhoods*

Eva Schindler-Rainman

**S**INGULAR AND SIGNIFICANT social changes are affecting every person in the United States, with far-reaching implications for the recreation field. We are seeing not only the increase in the movement of people from one place to another, but the change of composition in communities and neighborhoods. This change of composition involves not only racial groups moving into areas where they have not been able to live before, but also the mixing in some neighborhoods of different social strata. This means that the professional person and the well-paid vocational person like the plumber may live in the same neighborhood. This change is coming about because of the equalization of wages between the professional and some of the labor groups. We often think of change of community composition only as racial mixture.

We are seeing emigration of people from all over the United States and from other countries, and this is changing the composition of communities. In Los Angeles, we have many foreign students living with American families and adding a new element to community life. These different and changing compositions at the center of a community affect the recreation system. The implication here is clearly that planning for recreation must encompass knowledge about the changing community and its everchanging needs.

An upheaval in employment potential is affecting all communities, whether they are upper, middle or lower class. We see an increase of employment in some areas, such as the space field, and a decrease in other specialties, particularly where automation has taken over. One of the groups having difficulty in employment are civil and mechanical

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engineers, who heretofore could find jobs all over the map at good rates of pay. Now it is very difficult to find steady employment since most engineering firms are dependent upon government contracts, and, when these are cancelled or completed, engineers are laid off. They must have tremendous mobility or they find themselves out of a job entirely. Recreation must serve a shifting population.

There are different groups of people out of work, ranging from the unskilled to the highly specialized. We see in this picture a great effort to retrain people who can no longer find a job in their particular area of competence, but this is a big question: "Retraining for what?" The implication for recreation is clear. We must educate people to spend their leisure in successful and satisfying ways. Not only will the work week be shorter, but unemployment may increase giving people more time even if they do not want it.

**C**HANGES in the American family are an important aspect of change in general. Subsumed under this might be the whole area of many more women working. This includes women who do not have to work, but who are no longer satisfied with staying at home. Some find work available whether it is in their professional field, such as teaching, nursing, social work, law, or whether it is in clerical or sales work. With fewer mothers at home, there are more children available for recreation opportunities.

Women are having more children sooner, and therefore have a longer period of work life ahead of them. The nuclear family is very different from the extended family of several generations ago. Early marriage and independent family units all have implications from program. We need to develop programs for young mothers who find it difficult to raise children in new communities and who are very respon-

re to mothers' groups where they can meet others who have similar experiences and problems. Nonworking mothers are dependent of younger children sooner and need to seek recreation outlets other than at home. And, again, the recreation system becomes an important part of the possibility for those outlets.

It is not normal in the 1960's for young families to be dependent on their parents except perhaps financially for a short period of time. Therefore, they must seek their outlets in other areas. Furthermore, life expectancy is on the increase, and therefore there is a larger range of customers; that is, the very young, the middle-aged, and the very old can be considered as potential patrons of a recreation system. The question I would like to raise here is: "Do we really have programs that meet the needs of all of these kinds of people, or do we still have programs that we think worked ten years ago and therefore no change is necessary?"

ANOTHER CHANGE that is not often discussed but certainly is extant is the change in institutional services that we are seeing all the way across the United States. Historically it was the private agencies that did the experimenting with new programs; today, it is the public agency, whether recreation, public welfare, public health, or others which have the money from the federal government to do the experimenting. Increasingly, federal monies are available for all kinds of programs, and the emphasis is on using federal monies to develop new local programs. Has recreation availed itself of this opportunity and, if not, why not?

Certainly we are also living at a time of social revolution. There is increasing emphasis on serving the poor, on giving opportunity to the culturally deprived, and building on the strengths of these people to help them meet the needs and problems of their communities and to develop programs that will serve them best. One of the things that recreation might look into is, "How can you help people in underserved neighborhoods know what opportunities are available?" The civil rights struggle is another part of this revolution and means that we have to look increasingly to see whether we are serving equally all segments of the population.

An increased emphasis on education, regardless of socioeconomic background, is another change we are seeing. It is part of the social revolution also. Might recreation centers take part in this new emphasis in interest by developing study dens where youngsters who do not have the kind of home where a quiet room is available might avail themselves of one or two rooms in the center for the purpose of doing their homework? Might it not be possible to develop volunteers who could tutor and help these youngsters?

THERE IS ALSO increasing interest in the world of arts, and the implications here for recreation programs are manifold. These changes have additional implications for recreation; they may already be happening; and some we need to be aware of and taking part in.

Since change is all around us, are recreation programs changing too? *To what degree? In what way?* Increased services to the poor must be developed. This implies, in turn,

that perhaps the professional person who serves in recreation centers needs to have additional formal education or some specialized in-service training.

Increasing cooperation will be necessary between community agencies so that a total service may be given to the people rather than overlapping or underlapping services. It seems imperative that professional people—committees, advisory boards, whatever—need to examine a total neighborhood or a total community and together plan how to serve that community best. Recreation needs to be included, or needs to include itself, in such a planning group. The neighborhood must be represented on such a planning group by the patrons or clients who live in the area. After all, it is they who are going to be affected by the decisions made and the services rendered.

Increasing study of the communities by the professionals and by the advisory committees is necessary, because it will be very important that programs be tailored to the needs of the people in the community. This may mean that what happens at one recreation center may be quite different from what happens at another. For instance, there might be neighborhoods where sports need to be increased and crafts and arts decreased; or where a fine-arts program is needed most because someone else is taking care of the athletic activities.

Increasing involvement of citizens in planning programs and as volunteers in giving services is needed. Increasing use of volunteers on all levels would certainly help extend and enlarge recreation programs, and would involve in a different way some of the citizens who live in the community. For some people it is very recreational to be a volunteer, helping with an activity rather than participating in it.

A larger range of program needs to be envisioned, whether this is in the area of sports, arts, study dens, tutorial programs, discussion groups, or whatever area. There is really no beginning or ending to what comprises recreation for people.

As recreation professionals we have to sharpen our skills in working with people. We need to know a great deal more about what makes people behave as they do; what are the differences between various groups in our society; and what is their value system and life style and to what extent can we tailor programs in relation to these.

More programs for single men are needed. In welfare programs there is no place for him. In many of the structured organizations there is no place for him. The churches have been in the forefront of offering some program for single men, but recreation centers, too, have a responsibility in this area. Since it is not the most acceptable middle-class social habit to be single and male, this means that we have really not integrated this group into our programs. This group includes the young adult and the middle-aged single man as well as the senior citizen.

Development of a series of activities and programs to enhance man's creativity and ability to depend on himself rather than on others is necessary. New creative ideas and ways of involving people must be developed if recreation is to play the important part it can in the years ahead when there will be much less time to work and much more leisure time. #

# REACHING YOUR PUBLICS

## *Publicity and public relations for parks and recreation leaders*

Eric Lindsay

**T**O TALK of publicity and public relations is to talk of things we see and do every day of our lives. There is nothing mysterious about it and there is no magic formula for conducting either or both publicity work and public relations work. At the outset, let's separate the two subjects to avoid any confusion.

Publicity is the thing we see every day in our newspapers, in television news, in magazines, on outdoor billboards, on bus car cards, in neon lights, on banners, on sidewalk stencils. Just about everywhere you look in any North American community you are confronted with publicity.

The objective of this vast flood of publicity, in all its forms, is to convince you, the consumer, to use a product; to buy something; to get up and go somewhere; to sleep well, to wake up refreshed; to smell good; to run, not walk to the nearest marketplace and spend your money. Yes, some publicity almost goes so far as to tell you to drop dead—but when you do please specify Joe Ghoul's Mortuary for the burial.

Public relations, on the other hand, might best be summed up in the simple phrase: How You Get Along With People. PR means your *relations* with various groups, with various individuals, with various *publics*. As leaders in parks and recreation, who are your publics? From the viewpoint of a park and recreation board or commission or department, the most important and most valuable of all the publics with whom your relations must always be topnotch is that body of voting opinion known as the taxpayer or the ratepayer.

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Parks and recreation commissions, wherever they are, as long as they are dependent on the public purse for money for their acquisition, administration, and development programs, must be constantly aware of the delicate sensibilities of the taxpayer. Like all of us, he can react in any way he wishes to the publicity hammers that crash against his skull. He can buy or he can get up and go or he can stay home and refuse to spend his money and thereby put the lie to the advertising industry's contention that anything will sell if it is publicized violently enough and long enough.

The same thing holds true for the taxpayer when he is asked to make a decision that will cost him money in connection with parks and recreation. Assume his being invited on a certain date to mark a ballot asking him to support a money bylaw for a couple of million dollars with which the local park commission intends to have a swank new community center constructed. The taxpayer is free to make up his own mind about whether to mark a YES or a NO on the ballot. If his majority decision is NO, then parks and recreation is set back until the taxpayer can be asked again, and perhaps even a third time, to approve this request for more of his hard-earned cash.

**S**OME parks and recreation departments have had excellent results in going to John Q. Taxpayer for funds and you can be sure there was a great deal of what we might call the organizing type of public relations behind some of these successful money bylaw campaigns. It is not fair then to suggest that a continuing program of maintaining good relations with the taxpayer all year round, year after year, can help create a receptive attitude for the day when the taxpayer is invited into a polling booth to mark a ballot

committing himself to pay out more money for parks and recreation?

In the plainest and simplest terms PR is being nice to people. Playground leaders, for example, are key public relations men and women for your particular parks and recreation department during the summer. They deal with the children of the people who pay the bills in your community. They can therefore help improve the taxpayer's impression about parks and gain his support.

With the public, during a disagreement, you have to *dance on eggs*. The taxpayer-complainant may be wrong and you may be right. However, remember that he thinks he's as right as you think he's wrong. So my suggestion would be that you give the complainant the benefit of the doubt in any particular problem situation. Make him feel good about his side of the case. And when the park board comes to him for a million dollars in the next local election, he will be first in line to hand over the money to support people like you.

As to publicity, its primary aim would seem to be to increase participation at your locality. Here is a brief checklist to follow:

- For daily newspapers whose news columns are in great demand, and therefore difficult to invade, you must MAKE the news and the paper will cover it. Watch for the special things like identical twins, individual achievements, quaint situations for picture possibilities. Then tell the newspaper editor about them.

- For weekly newspapers, which are traditionally short of staff, you should write your news and even take your own photographs and submit them to the editor.

- Radio and TV departments also like you to deliver your news items to them since they concentrate on the major spot news of the day. Should you be planning a special event such as a gala day, then you can ask the radio and TV news editors to mention it as a public service and you might find them pleased to help you.

You need both the public eye and the public purse. That's why you need publicity and PR. You can't afford to be perfunctory in this area. #

# The Case of the Adirondacks

*The changing use  
of a resource-based  
recreation area*

William B. Conroy

**D**URING THIS CENTURY in the United States, there has been a rising demand for recreation areas with scenic physical landscapes—often a forested setting with numerous lakes interspersed between mountains and hills. Within such an environment, vacationers can enjoy a wide range of activities, from the more arduous sports of hiking and swimming to the quieter pursuits of picnicking and sightseeing.

Consider the Adirondack area in northern New York State, within the borders of Adirondack State Park and encompassing almost all of the state's Adirondack mountain region. This area accounts for a fifth of the total area of New York. It has been historically a highland region of great scenic beauty. Its mountains rise two thousand feet above the valley floors, where are found a great share of the Adirondacks' two

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thousand lakes. The thin glacial soil is today eighty-five percent forested, with a mixture of hard maple, yellow and paper birch, beech, red spruce, balsam fir, aspen, and, in a few remote areas, stands of white pine and hemlock—survivors of the days of extensive logging.

The climate of the area is harsh with a January mean temperature of 17° F and a July mean of 65° F. Total annual snowfall varies from 130 inches in the western part of the mountains to seventy inches in the east.

The Adirondacks have long been recognized as a recreation area for the sportsman and tourist, and today the business of recreation is the only major economic activity. Through trial and error, the mountains have proved not generally useful for most other economic pursuits. Today, forty percent of the land within Adirondack Park is state-owned forest preserve. The remaining sixty percent is in private hands.

A study of past and present recreation development of the mountains enables one to identify fairly distinct periods of use. Before 1841, the Adirondacks were virtually unused as a recre-

*Wilderness country. The high peak area of the Adirondacks region which covers a fifth of the total area of New York State.*



ation area. Accessibility to the mountains was poor and travel through them worse still. Those who wished to go into the Adirondacks had to endure a wagon ride over teeth-rattling potholes on roads used by lumber wagons. The general slowness of transportation virtually eliminated most of the population of a city like New York from enjoying the attractions of the mountains. The common man of the day did not have the leisure time—or the money—to make the trip. The wealthy did not have to travel as far as the Adirondacks, for Long Island, described in those days as a hunting and fishing paradise, lay much closer.

There was a general lack of knowledge about the Adirondacks at this time. No land survey had been made, and it was generally felt that the mountains were smaller in size than the Catskills. What little recreation activity there was before 1841 involved hunting, fishing, and sightseeing. Occasionally, the wealthy and socially elite groups who sipped mineral water on the piazzas of hotels at Saratoga would travel north into the mountains to visit the ruins of Fort William Henry at Lake George.

In the second period of use, from 1841 to 1865, a small but increasing number of sportsmen entered the mountains and the first lodging facilities to accommodate them began to appear, encouraged by the extension of the railroad which reached the fringes of the area and new steamboat transportation available on Lake George and Lake Champlain. Also, by the 1840's, many people were developing an increasing distaste for the growing urban-industrial environments they found themselves in, and they longed for the natural settings they had once known. Coupled with this was the development of the physical recreation movement, which was to bloom forth in the East in the 1850's. New England intellectuals took the lead in pointing out that Americans, who had once achieved their exercise through the strenuous physical activity required on the frontier and small farm, were undergoing a physical decline.

In the next period of recreation use, from 1865 to 1920, the Adirondacks were heavily patronized by the wealthy

and well-to-do classes, who vacationed at the many resort hotels built during this period or who built their own ornate camps, often on large private preserves. The great increase in recreation use of the mountains in this period after 1865 is explained by the great improvement in accessibility to them afforded by the extension of the railroad into, and, in one case, entirely through, the mountains. Hotel construction occurred along the shores of lakes adjacent to these new lines.

In addition to this, there appeared, in 1869, a book written by the Reverend William Henry Harrison Murray, called *Adventures In The Wilderness*. This volume, not unlike other works already published on the mountains, caused somewhat of a rush of tourists to the Adirondacks. A key to understanding the book's impact was the fact that it gave explicit instructions as to how to travel to the mountains, and where accommodations might be found. The sudden influx of tourists into the Adirondacks overtaxed the meager accommodations then in existence and stimulated hotel building. Murray's book was soon followed by the appearance of several annually published guide books.

In the latter part of this period from 1865 to 1920, the Adirondacks enjoyed their greatest popularity as a playground for the wealthy. The hotel industry boomed—as did the building of ornate camps—and wealthy persons like J. P. Morgan often traveled weekly, in the summers, from New York City to the mountains in private railroad cars. It was during this time that the forests in the mountains were closed—"locked up" as the natives described it. The Adirondack State Park was created and all squatters on state land within the park were removed. A strict interpretation of the "forever wild" amendment to the state constitution in 1894 prevented any public recreation development on state land. Also, huge private preserves were carved out of the Adirondack forests, fenced off and patrolled by private game wardens.

**A** TRANSITIONAL PERIOD of recreation use occurred from 1920 to 1941, with the advent of the family automobile and the hard-surfaced highway. Interest in the Adirondacks as a play-

ground for the wealthy declined, due to heavy property taxes, the lure of other areas, and the loss of exclusiveness. The wooden resort hotels of the previous era experienced a sharp drop in business, as both the vacationing clientele and their habits changed. Hotels on lakes remote from major highways were the first to close down, and overnight cabins, restaurants, and recreation attractions developed in newly emerging tourist centers, catering to the families of middle and low income traveling by automobile. The state during this period altered its policy slightly to allow for the construction of a number of campsites and trails on forest preserve land.

In the period from 1945 to 1963, the new trends of recreation use evident in the prewar era became more accentuated. To meet increased demand, more lodging facilities of the overnight type, particularly the motel, were built. Attractions for sightseeing motorists, in the form of fantasy lands, natural exhibits, and historic places, appeared. New ski centers were built, mainly on private land. New campsites were built on state lands although their availability continued to fall further and further behind the demand for them.

The case of the Adirondacks has indicated that changes which have occurred in the recreation use of this particular resource—based recreation area have been in large part due to five related cultural developments:

- Demographic movement in surrounding areas.
- Improvement in American living standards.
- Evolution of ideas about recreation and about the Adirondacks as a recreation area within the American culture.
- Improvement in accessibility to and through the mountains.
- Changes in landownership and landowner policy.

The case of the Adirondacks suggests that studies of changes that have occurred and will occur in the use of other American recreation areas with similar natural attributes and where use of the land for recreation has no other serious economic competitors must include not only available quantifiable data, but also such factors as political decisions and changing cultural ideas about outdoor recreation. #

# NEW COURSES FOR OLD PATHS

HIKERS, cyclists, and horseback riders whose trails, paths and byways have been steadily winding before the steady encroachment of housing developments and highways, finally have some hope that urbanization will not totally engulf them. Communities are eyeing abandoned railroad rights-of-way, dry river beds, old towpaths, and similar obsolescent properties with a determination to convert these areas into new trails. Park and recreation administrators should examine the new Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (RECREATION, November 1964) for assistance in this regard and also note the progress made in various communities across the country.

## Triple Coincidence

REPRESENTATIVE Henry S. Reuss (D-Wis.), an outdoorsman and member of the board of the American Youth Hostels, recently presented a

plan for using abandoned railroad rights of way to develop an extensive network of hiking and bicycling trails throughout the country. "A happy triple coincidence—the physical fitness program, abandonment of railroad rights-of-way, and two measures passed by Congress this year—has given the United States an opportunity we mustn't miss to improve our grossly inadequate facilities for hiking and cycling," says Rep. Reuss. "For years, Americans traveling in Europe have enjoyed the marvelous hiking and cycling facilities there and wished we had something to match them. The heavy use of the few hiking and cycling trails we have—such as the C & O Towpath from Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Maryland, or the cycling roads on Nantucket—show that Americans like to go places under their own power.

"Establishment of networks of hiking and cycling trails like those in the Netherlands, Germany, and Great Britain

would give us a great new recreation asset," declares Rep. Reuss. "Three circumstances have converged to make this the time to catch up with Europe! There is renewed interest in the physical fitness of our people and a sharper realization that too many Americans have become soft as a result of spectator sports and the lack of good opportunities for vigorous outdoor recreation. Long stretches of railroad rights-of-way, which are ideally suited for development as biking and hiking trails, are being abandoned every year. Since the heyday of railroading in 1918, an estimated forty thousand miles of railroad rights-of-way have been abandoned, and quite a bit of it never used for any other purpose. In the last six years alone, railroads have ended service on eighty-two hundred miles of rights-of-way. If the trend toward railroad mergers continues, the abandonment of parallel lines may well make land available at an even faster rate. Acts passed

*A scenic roads and parkways study now being undertaken by the United States Department of Commerce is exploring the possibilities of abandoned parcels and strips of land, such as old railroad rights-of-way, for future trails for cycling, walking, hiking.*



by the 88th Congress provide the means for buying and developing the rights-of-way. The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act provides as much as \$90,000,000 a year for states and localities for acquisition and development of land for recreation purposes. Edward F. Crafts, director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation which administers the act, told me that 'projects to increase bicycling opportunity are among the kinds of projects which will be eligible to receive assistance.' The Economic Opportunity Act provides, in the Job Corps and in the work-training program, manpower that could be used to develop railroad rights-of-way for recreation."

Since railroads usually remove the tracks and ties, the road bed could be prepared for cycling merely by smoothing it out, Rep. Reuss points out. Wayside shelters and paving would be optional. In some cases, old bridges might have to be strengthened or replaced by light suspension structures.

There are already several pilot efforts to use abandoned railroad rights-of-way for recreation—on a thirty-mile stretch near Sparta, Wisconsin, and on old ways between Chicago and Elgin, Illinois, and between Baltimore and the Pennsylvania state line.

"There are many other opportunities to turn relatively useless long, narrow strips of land into real community assets with federal help, if citizens and state and local governments will take the initiative," Rep. Reuss stresses. At his suggestion, an exploration of bicycling paths and of railroad rights-of-way suitable for recreation use is being included in the Department of Commerce's Scenic Roads and Parkways Study, scheduled for completion late next year.

## Illinois Prairie Path

**M**ANY GROUPS in the Midwest are putting on an active campaign to establish an Illinois Prairie Path system along the right-of-way of the defunct Chicago-Aurora and Elgin Railway. The proposed path has received the enthusiastic endorsement of many groups and individuals who see the project as one which they can utilize for their own programs, which can provide

a good community service, which can establish a green ribbon of beauty from Cook and Kane Counties through DuPage County.

The Prairie Path is one of the proposals of the Open Lands Project of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago. The Open Lands Project, a Chicago foundation-supported program, has as its objective the acquisition, preservation and conservation of open land in the total metropolitan area. The Welfare Council is a federation of 268 health, recreation and social service agencies in Cook, Lake, and DuPage Counties, combining their strength to create a better environment for living. The council includes not only the youth-serving, recreation, public parks and forest preserve agencies, but also the health and family welfare groups that are equally aware of the importance of open playlands for a balanced life. The proposed Prairie Path has many ramifications:

**Background.** About five years ago, the Chicago Aurora and Elgin Railway ceased operation after many years of providing commuter service to Chicago from its western suburbs. Since then the right-of-way has been abandoned, the tracks and ties have been sold and removed, the stations have been sold or rented.

**Present Uses.** In addition to ownership by the railroad, Commonwealth Edison maintains power lines over the major portion of the right of way. This company purchased many of the railroad rights over the years and has acquired fee title to a portion of the right-of-way. It also has perpetual easements over the entire system for its power lines. In some areas the original landowners have cultivated portions of the right of way. The remainder of the property is standing idle. There is some usage of the road bed as an alley and a dumping ground.

**Some Proposed Uses.** Consideration has been given by the State Highway Department to an inter-community highway on the right-of-way. This has encountered opposition in the suburban towns (like Lombard, Glen Ellyn, Wheaton) because it would mean added traffic *through* the centers of these communities. Suburban officials would much prefer the establishment of park-



*A nation of trail blazers must now protect its few remaining wilderness paths and lay out new ones wherever it can.*

ing lots to provide easier shopping in the towns. Some communities are pursuing this use.

With the anticipated need for water from Lake Michigan to supply the growing communities in DuPage County and with a need to make provision for sewage collection and disposal, the DuPage County Board of Supervisors would like to acquire the right-of-way for these purposes. It would need the continuity of the entire right-of-way. A future monorail development is another use.

**Proposed Ownership.** In order to retain the continuity of the right-of-way for multiple use, the DuPage County Board of Supervisors is being urged to acquire the entire rights of the railroad in DuPage County. Similar bodies in Cook and Kane Counties should acquire the sections in their counties.

**Financing.** The proposed purchase of access rights to the entire right-of-way would have to be done by the county. The transportation fund is a source for purchase—in order to hold the right-of-way for possible highway or monorail development in the future and for the Prairie Path now. Provision will need to be made for supervision and maintenance of the path. This may come from Forest Preserve funds or from some, as yet to be determined, body. The acquisition of rights to the

property should take place as quickly as possible.

**Possible Development.** Separate paths for hikers, cyclists, and riders would give to all an encouraging opportunity for exercise and education. The paths vary in width from 45 to 150 feet and could lend itself well to development. Some development ideas:

Garden clubs may wish to plan certain areas.

Men's clubs might install picnic benches.

Civic groups could drill wells and build privies.

Youth groups may engage in cleanup projects.

Audubon groups might set out plants to attract birds.

Sports clubs may clean streams.

Scout groups may develop trail markers.

Naturalists may set out simple identification markers.

Property owners could consider renting youth hostel stop-overs and camping facilities.

Simple supply stores may be established.

Village stores and restaurants could find new customers.

Rental of bicycles and horses would be possible.

**Community Projects.** A wide variety of possibilities exist for communities to beautify the areas through which the path runs and to make the path a beauty spot through all of the communities. Parking lots will undoubtedly be necessary in some locations, but it is hoped that a section of the right-of-way might be reserved for hikers, riders, and cyclists passing through the villages. Some provision will need to be made in communities for parking bicycles and tying up horses, in order to permit access to the shopping areas through which the path will undoubtedly travel. There may be places in the future for group camp sites off the Prairie Path on private property but accessible to it. There may be connecting paths along the Prairie Path to extend hiking, riding, and cycling opportunities to an even more extensive route. Consideration is being given to possible links between Algine and Aurora along the Fox River perhaps even a water route.

**Strip Film.** A ten-minute film strip with recorded commentary has been produced by the Open Lands Project, to call attention to the possibilities of the Illinois Prairie Path. Arrangements are being made to have the film shown at meetings and affairs throughout the area.

## Bicycle Channel

**T**HE LIFE of a pedestrian or bicyclist is an extremely dangerous one, if not unbearable, in Southern California where only limited public transportation is available. There are more cars in California per person than in any other state of the union. In California, the city of Pico Rivera, with a population of fifty thousand is geographically sliced into ten sections by major streets and highways. The elongated city, bounded on the east and on the west by the San Gabriel and the Rio Hondo River Channels, offers little or no room for the citizen to hike or bicycle without crossing a major thoroughfare within three-quarters of a mile.

The number of bicyclists involved with automobile accidents was mounting. The city took steps to correct the bicycling problem by installing a safety program in all the local schools through classroom visitations of a specially trained officer. The Pico Rivera Park and Recreation Commission also took this problem on for study, and ultimately recommended that the river channels bordering the city be explored for recreation uses. As the channel floor is of concrete with a width greater than sixty feet, it appeared ideal for the bicycling program. The Rio Hondo River is normally dry year-round except during the rainy season or when the Los Angeles County Department of Flood Control releases stored and controlled water to replenish underground storage basins. This department has complete jurisdiction over the river, its bed, channel, and adjacent properties.

Written and verbal communications were exchanged for over a year between the city and the Los Angeles County Department of Flood Control. After considerable negotiation, both the city and the county established procedures whereby local citizens are able to take advantage of a supervised fifteen-mile bicycle-trails program in the Rio Hondo

River Channel and its concrete bed.

On April 2, 1964 the Los Angeles Flood Control issued a permit to the city of Pico Rivera for use of the channels with some of the following conditions:

- Proper liability insurance be provided the district covering proposed use.
- Each trip be thoroughly supervised.
- Notification be given the Department of Flood Control in advance of each scheduled trip.

This was a major breakthrough as far as a recreation pursuit in flood control properties.

Setting up of the first "test ride" was done in conjunction with Warren Asa, Western regional director of the American Youth Hostels. A member of the city's recreation staff attended a hostel training program, thereby learning of potential problems of group bicycling. The local bicycle shops were contacted regarding the new program. Each agreed to assist in publicizing it and offered other assistance wherever needed. The initial test ride took place on Saturday, May 30.

William J. Pacifico, director of parks and recreation in Pico Rivera, says, "Here is one area of need that was solved by two political agencies. The cost of the new program was minimal, as no new trails had to be acquired and developed. The taxpayer has gained through this new program, taking advantage of a facility that had already existed, but was put to a new use." (For another example of cooperative effort in Pico Rivera, see "To Better Advantage." RECREATION, April 1964.)

## A Break for Pedestrians

**C**ERTAIN Paris streets are being reserved strictly for pedestrians, reports *France Actuelle*. During various designated hours, no vehicle may enter, circulate or park in them. So far, eighteen streets and heaven knows how many happy walkers and shoppers have benefited from these newly decreed restrictions against wheels, motor noises and fumes. Tourists will particularly appreciate the ban on motor traffic during periods of the day and night in the picturesque narrow streets of Montmartre.

# RECREATION AREA STANDARDS: The City

Leslie Lynch



TODAY, when we face the problems of rapidly increasing population and urbanization, when the importance of public open space for recreation and conservation is more widely recognized, it is helpful for cities to know where they stand as to such areas in relation to their own needs and standards and in relation to other cities. Open space and streets constitute the framework or skeleton on which the city is built. If that framework is well conceived and planned, the city can grow old gracefully and can build and rebuild through the centuries without radically changing the framework.

With the knowledge of city planning now available in the United States, it is tragic that the new urban areas being built at such a tremendous rate since World War II are so uninteresting in pattern and so deficient in open space. Open space not only does much to make the urban environment attractive but it enhances and stabilizes property values. Besides, open space helps to keep the ground water table at a proper level and helps to preserve the delicate balances in nature that are so important.

Accurate and up-to-date information in the acreage of parks and other recreation areas in cities is not readily available. The *Recreation and Park Yearbook—1961* is the only compilation of such information and it is not complete because some municipalities do not report at all and many do not give complete information. Most cities report their park and other municipally owned recreation areas quite accurately, but many do not report the acreage of recreation area on school sites. It is probable also that some of the

parks owned by cities are outside their city limits, but there is no indication of this fact in their report. Consequently the figures on the percentage of the city area in public recreation lands are in some cases inaccurate. However, in spite of the inaccuracies, the information given in the accompanying table is of interest and of value in a general way.

The table lists the fifty largest cities in the United States with their populations as given in the 1960 report of the Bureau of the Census. Information as to the land area and the population per square mile is also taken from the Census report. Of the fifty cities listed, four did not report for the *Recreation and Park Yearbook—1961*; therefore the computations involve only the forty-six cities that did report acreages.

The significant information gleaned from this table and the conclusions or assumptions drawn therefrom are set forth in the following paragraphs.

1. Considering as a unit the forty-six cities that reported recreation acreages for the *Recreation and Park Yearbook—1961*, the following information is gained from the table:

- For all forty-six cities, there were 7.0 acres of recreation area per thousand of the population in 1960.
- For all forty-six cities, the area in recreation comprised 7.8 percent of the total land area within the city limits.
- The total population gain between 1950 and 1960 was 6.7 percent.
- The average gross density of population in 1960 was 7,118 per square mile.

2. Eleven (24%) of the forty-six cities have ten acres or more of park and other recreation area per thousand of the 1960 population. Considering these eleven cities as a unit, there were 19.4 acres of recreation area per 1000 of the 1960 population; twelve percent of the city area was in recreation

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**RECREATION LAND AREA STATISTICS FOR THE FIFTY LARGEST CITIES  
ARRANGED IN ORDER OF ACRES PER 1000 OF THE 1960 POPULATION**

Cities	Recreation Area 1960			Population Statistics 1960		
	Acres per 1000	Percent of City Area	Total Acres	Total	Change 1950-60	Per Sq. Mi.
Phoenix, Ariz.	51.8	19.0	22,757	439,170	311.1	2,343
Denver, Colo.	32.2	35.1	15,927	493,887	18.8	6,956
Fort Worth, Texas	26.9	10.7	9,586	356,268	27.8	2,536
Portland, Oregon	19.1	16.5	7,109	372,676	-0.3	5,546
San Diego, Calif.	14.1	6.5	8,054	573,224	71.4	2,979
Tulsa, Okla.	13.9	11.9	3,634	261,685	43.2	5,475
Dallas, Texas	13.0	4.9	8,808	679,684	56.4	2,428
Omaha, Nebr.	11.7	10.8	3,540	301,598	20.1	5,891
Minneapolis, Minn.	11.5	15.3	5,533	482,872	-7.4	8,546
Louisville, Ky.	10.5	11.2	4,100	390,639	5.8	6,841
Cincinnati, Ohio	10.1	10.2	5,059	502,550	-0.3	6,501
Washington, D.C.	9.9	19.2	7,531	763,956	-4.8	12,442
Honolulu, Hawaii	9.9	5.4	2,914	294,194	18.6	3,506
Columbus, Ohio	9.0	7.4	4,242	471,316	25.4	5,296
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8.9	1.4	2,882	324,253	33.2	1,009
Kansas City, Mo.	8.6	4.9	4,100	475,539	4.1	3,664
Los Angeles, Calif.	8.0	7.7	19,856	2,479,015	25.8	5,451
Oakland, Calif.	8.0	8.6	2,928	367,548	-4.4	6,935
Indianapolis, Ind.	7.9	8.3	3,762	476,258	11.5	6,689
Memphis, Tenn.	7.9	4.8	3,948	497,524	25.6	3,881
Baltimore, Md.	7.5	13.9	7,052	939,024	-1.1	11,886
Toledo, Ohio	7.4	7.7	2,362	318,003	4.7	6,598
Dayton, Ohio	7.3	8.8	1,903	262,332	7.6	7,808
Long Beach, Calif.	7.2	8.4	2,461	344,168	37.2	7,498
Rochester, N.Y.	6.6	9.0	2,103	318,611	-4.2	8,753
Seattle, Wash.	6.3	6.2	3,500	557,087	19.1	6,295
St. Louis, Mo.	6.3	12.0	4,692	750,026	-12.5	12,296
St. Paul, Minn.	6.1	5.7	1,907	313,411	0.7	6,004
Atlanta, Ga.	5.1	3.0	2,500	487,455	47.1	3,802
Cleveland, Ohio	5.1	8.7	4,500	876,050	-4.2	10,789
San Francisco, Calif.	5.1	12.4	3,774	740,316	-4.5	15,553
Boston, Mass.	5.0	11.3	3,455	697,197	-13.0	14,586
Houston, Texas	4.9	2.2	4,604	938,219	57.4	2,860
San Antonio, Texas	4.8	2.8	2,827	587,718	43.9	3,662
Philadelphia, Pa.	4.7	11.5	9,378	2,002,512	-3.3	15,743
New York, N.Y.	4.7	18.2	36,663	7,781,984	-1.4	24,697
Norfolk, Va.	4.7	4.5	1,427	305,872	43.3	6,117
Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.8	6.6	2,274	604,332	-10.7	11,171
Birmingham, Ala.	3.7	2.6	1,256	340,887	4.6	4,576
Detroit, Mich.	3.7	6.8	6,106	1,670,144	-9.7	11,964
Miami, Fla.	3.1	4.1	900	291,688	17.0	8,529
New Orleans, La.	2.7	1.3	1,708	627,525	10.0	3,157
Akron, Ohio	2.1	1.7	600	290,351	5.7	5,387
Chicago, Ill.	2.1	5.3	7,627	3,550,404	-1.9	15,836
Buffalo, N.Y.	2.0	4.2	1,069	532,759	-8.2	13,522
Tampa, Fla.	0.9	0.5	249	274,970	120.5	3,235
Milwaukee, Wis.	—	—	*	741,324	16.3	8,137
Newark, N.J.	—	—	*	405,220	-7.6	17,170
El Paso, Texas	—	—	*	276,687	112.0	2,414
Jersey City, N.J.	—	—	*	276,101	-7.7	21,239
<b>For 46 Cities</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>263,167</b>	<b>37,406,901</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7,118</b>

Note: Recreation area statistics from *Recreation and Park Yearbook—1961*  
Populations and city areas from the U.S. Census reports

\* Recreation area not reported in the *Recreation and Park Yearbook—1961*

area, there was a 28.7 percent increase of population between 1950 and 1960, and the population density was 3.952 per square mile in 1960. Only three of the cities had more than 19.4 acres of recreation area per thousand population. Only one of the cities had a density of population in excess of eight thousand per square mile and it lost 7.4 percent in

population between 1950 and 1960. The seven cities which have population densities of less than six thousand per square mile will probably increase considerably in population; therefore, at least three of the seven should increase their recreation area in order to retain their desirable proportion of open space.

3. Twenty-two (46%) of the forty-six cities gained ten percent or more in population between 1950 and 1960. Considering the twenty-two cities as a unit; the population gain was 35.9 percent; there were 10.8 acres of recreation area per thousand of the 1960 population; the population density was 3,724 per square mile; and only 6.3 percent of the city area was for recreation space. Seven of the cities had more than ten acres of recreation area per thousand of the 1960 population, but, with a few exceptions, the recreation area should be considerably increased soon because the population will greatly increase undoubtedly. With four exceptions these were Southern or Far Western cities.

4. Seventeen (37%) of the forty-six cities lost populations ranging from 0.3 to 13 percent between 1950 and 1960. Considering the seventeen cities as a unit, the population density was 14,638 per square mile. Although 11.6 percent of the city area was in recreation area, there were only 5.1 acres of such space per thousand population. With a few exceptions, the density of the population and inadequacy of open space for recreation were undoubtedly strongly contributing causes of the decrease in population. With perhaps two or three exceptions, the open space for recreation should be increased in these cities through the years ahead.

These statistics show that the generally accepted standard for municipalities of ten acres of recreation area per thousand of the population is not only a highly desirable goal but one that is being surpassed by many cities. The figures also show that cities which are rapidly increasing in population need to be very active in providing additional open space for recreation or the desirable ratio of open space to population will be lost. Cities are primarily places in which to live. Consequently they should be beautiful, spacious, planned for convenience. Open space for recreation is one of the very important factors contributing permanently to all three requirements. #

**W**HEN THE thirteen colonies became one, there were six hundred acres for every man, woman, and child. Today, we are down to 13½ acres. In twenty-five years there will be only eight. (In Connecticut today, it is one acre per person.) . . . We often read that our land is being developed at the rate of three thousand acres a day and most of that is being done in our metropolitan areas . . . All of these facts and many more . . . [point] up the necessity for a thorough analysis of the use of our land and water resources to determine how . . . recreation needs may be met. — ALLEN T. EDMUNDS, *National Park Service*.



*How many children today are denied an opportunity to hunt and fish?*

## FEDERA

**Jerome P. Anderson**

**O**VER TWENTY-THREE different pieces of federal legislation are available to parks and recreation departments for the acquisition of recreation lands. Administrators should constantly examine and review these as they seek to expand their areas, facilities, and programs. Acts such as the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (*Pittman-Robertson*) and the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration and Management Projects Act (*Dingell-Johnson*) make available certain funds for the restoration of fishing and hunting areas and annually amount to sizeable funds for the development of more recreation lands. Others are related to the game and fishing aspects of recreation such as the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958 and the latest, the National Wildlife Refuge Revenue Sharing Act (*Public Law 88-523*). All of these acts relating to hunting and fishing may serve to emphasize that you may want to include more of these activities in your recreation programs. The more of this you can include in your overall approach to recreation, the more people you can serve. How many children today are denied an opportunity to hunt and fish because there are no facilities near enough? How many have never held a fishing rod?

The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (*Public Law 566*) makes available funds on a sharing basis for the improvement of small watersheds. Washington has received some 2,137 applications, with 569 approved for operations involving over 32,523,000 acres; 1,002 have been approved for planning assistance. Every state, with the exception of Alaska, is participating in this program.

The Area Redevelopment Act has been used by many areas, many communities, many organizations for the development of recreation lands, as well as acquisition. The flow has slowed down presently, but this is not a source to be ignored completely by sections of the country qualifying for consideration.

Under the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962, particularly Title IV, the availability of loans to individuals and associations has received widespread acceptance in a number of sections of the country. Overnight the complexion of recreation land development and acquisition took on a rosy glow to private enterprise.

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The River and Harbors Act of 1962, along with the Flood Control Act of 1962, added an entirely different emphasis to recreation as far as the Corps of Engineers was concerned. The corps was not the only agency affected by this change. To the contrary, this was additional recognition of the import and impact of recreation. Using recreation as a basis for economic justification of projects and the evaluation of recreation impact on existing projects have come of age. Through this act communities can obtain park and recreation areas.

The Surplus Property Act of 1944 has now been with us for twenty years, but how many here have made use of this opportunity to acquire land under this act for their recreation program? Many times there are very desirable tracts of federally owned land that become available. Sometimes there are adjacent to existing recreation installations small areas that would materially benefit a recreation program. Give this matter of surplus lands your attention. Granted, at times there are features that make for awkward arrangements; however, the good points can easily outweigh the adverse. At fifty percent of the appraised value when the area is to be used for park and recreation purposes, the cost is attractive.

Another act that closely parallels the Surplus Property Act is the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of 1954 which deals primarily with lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, the Public Domain. For the most part these lands lie from the Rocky Mountains west but there are isolated tracts in a few of the Southern states. Perhaps the most appealing item about this act is that the lands sell for \$2.50 per acre and lease for \$.25 per acre per year to qualified organizations. If you are interested in more detailed information on how and where to proceed to find out about public domain land, communicate with the Bureau of Land Management.

Additional legislation may more properly be referred to as a series of acts: The Housing Acts of 1949, 1954, 1961 and 1964. It is within this series of acts we find the Housing and Home Finance Agency with the various programs, more familiarly known as the Open Space Land Program, the 701 Grants, et cetera.

A new addition to the list of legislative measures at your disposal is the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Exactly how and where all aspects of this new legislation will unfold are yet to be determined. I cite it at this time as I foresee

*Administrators who wish to expand their areas and facilities should constantly examine current legislation!*

## LEGISLATION for LAND ACQUISITION

Several places within its setup where organizations or political subdivisions may receive assistance in land acquisition. This is particularly true within Title III, special programs to combat poverty in rural areas. There will be grants available to low-income rural families for assistance, and among those items mentioned are participation in cooperative associations and participation in nonagricultural enterprises which will enable such families to supplement their income. These could well be recreation-type enterprises. Granted this form of assistance is not available for the municipal or political subdivision agency involved with recreation. However, there may be other aspects of providing technical assistance and guidance under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 that may involve your organizations.

SEVERAL OF THE ACTS should receive special emphasis and consideration in recreation land acquisition programs:

**The Surplus Property Act of 1944.** Constantly changing needs and advances in technology make for the release of lands that have been in public ownership. The General Services Administration, as custodian of all federal lands, advises federal agencies when certain parcels are considered excess by the operating agency. If there is no further need for the land by any federal agency, the tracts may then be declared surplus to the needs of the government. At this time, the availability of such lands may be passed on to appropriate state officials. If it is land that has recreation potential, the Bureau will make certain that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation liaison official designated by the governor will be informed that this land is available. Here is where you need to be making your needs known within your own state. You should have the framework organization to receive and, in turn, pass on this data as soon as it becomes known. Time is of essence to make your desires known to the General Services Administration. There have been unfortunate occasions where a state outdoor recreation agency was not advised in time to make its needs known and the surplus land then passed on to commercial ownership. We do not have so much land and facility available at the previously mentioned fifty percent appraised value to be used for park and recreation purposes that we can trust our luck to being advised well enough in advance to take action.

**The Open Space Land Program** of the Housing and Home Finance Agency. A recent summary on the first three

years of this program provides some very interesting figures. Some of these statistics show that many people are not using the opportunities that exist for the acquisition of land. For the period of the fiscal years 1962-1964, the number of grants ran: Far West, 23%; Northeast, 22.8%; Midwest, 22%; Mid-Atlantic, 19.2%; but only eight percent for the South and five percent for the Southwest. Surely this does not mean that the South and Southwest have no need for additional open space land nor does it mean that the Far West is the shortest on land? Hardly! It shows an awareness of an aid program of some 20-30 percent funds being available. Open space land can be a good adjunct to your recreation land acquisition program. Check into it. Use it.

**The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.** The bureau is an agency in the Department of the Interior established to serve as the focal point in the federal government for the many agencies concerned with outdoor recreation. The bureau's policy guidelines for outdoor recreation matters stem from the Organic Act (*Public Law 88-29*) which specifies the activities concerning outdoor recreation, such as research, regional cooperation, technical assistance and nationwide outdoor recreation planning. (*RECREATION has published a number of articles on the BOR: "Outdoor Recreation for America," October 1963; "Outdoor Recreation in America," March and April 1962; "The President's Plan for Expanding Recreation Areas," April 1962.*)

**The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965** (*Public Law 88-578*) is a source of financing outdoor recreation. Appropriations will be made from this fund to provide outdoor recreation areas and facilities at local, state, and federal levels. The fund became effective January 1, 1965, and the life of the fund is twenty-five years. About sixty percent of the fund will be available for state purposes; that is, available to the state and to the political subdivisions of the state, forty percent of the fund will be available to certain federal agencies for outdoor recreation needs. (*Specific provisions of the act were covered in RECREATION, November 1964.*)

It has been said that the land in which we live belongs to a vast family of which many are dead, few are living, and countless numbers are still unborn. Here, we have a vast opportunity, wholly apart from economics and the dollar sign, to recognize a debt to the past and to assume a responsibility to the future. #

# A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## Stay-at-Home Recreation

**T**HE BUILDER who limits a planned apartment community to the basic "four walls and a ceiling" and fails to consider the varied recreation needs of "increasingly sophisticated" tenants is considerably behind the times in this competitive age, in the opinion of one of New York City's apartment house builders. With sports and other recreation activities now in the realm of big business, builders can no longer afford "to be merely landlords," says Samuel J. Lefrak, whose forty-acre \$150,000,000 apartment complex rising in Forest Hills, Queens, will eventually house twenty-five thousand persons. This residential community, known as Lefrak City, already houses fifteen thousand persons.

Mr. Lefrak says that in planning Lefrak City he was aware that increased leisure time and rising personal income have spurred Americans to seek diversified year-round recreation pursuits and to look for a share of these in apartment developments. Another factor taken into account was the frustrating traffic jams during the mass summer exodus to the country and the beaches. "Apartment house builders," he says, "would find it to their advantage to offer their tenants stay-at-home recreation facilities that would make the bumper-to-bumper struggle unnecessary."

Americans are now spending upwards of \$40,000,000,000 a year on a wide diversity of sports and recreation,

according to figures from government and private sources compiled by the Institute of Life Insurance. "Since recreation is so important, we have made certain that facilities to satisfy this need have an important place in our planned community," Mr. Lefrak declares. "Besides, our program may save tenants some money which they might otherwise be spending for outside recreation."

Lefrak City tenants have had a wide variety of recreation features, such as swimming races, water polo contests, fashion shows, beauty contests, dancing exhibitions, karate and judo demonstrations, magic and puppet shows, treasure hunts, broadcasting at pool sites by disc jockeys, buffet suppers, and dancing to various types of bands. The supervised swimming pools dotting the forty-acre site are kept open on unusually hot evenings for both adults and children. Other facilities in Lefrak City include a baseball diamond and a general field area for football and soccer, basketball courts, teenage clubrooms, tennis courts, golf practice greens, ice and roller skating areas, nursery and kindergarten schools. Construction of an indoor pool, a health club and a sauna is underway. Eighty percent of the forty-acre site has been reserved for gardens and recreation areas.

## Broad Jump

**B**ROAD EXPANSION of summer sports fitness camps for boys nine to fourteen years of age was approved recently

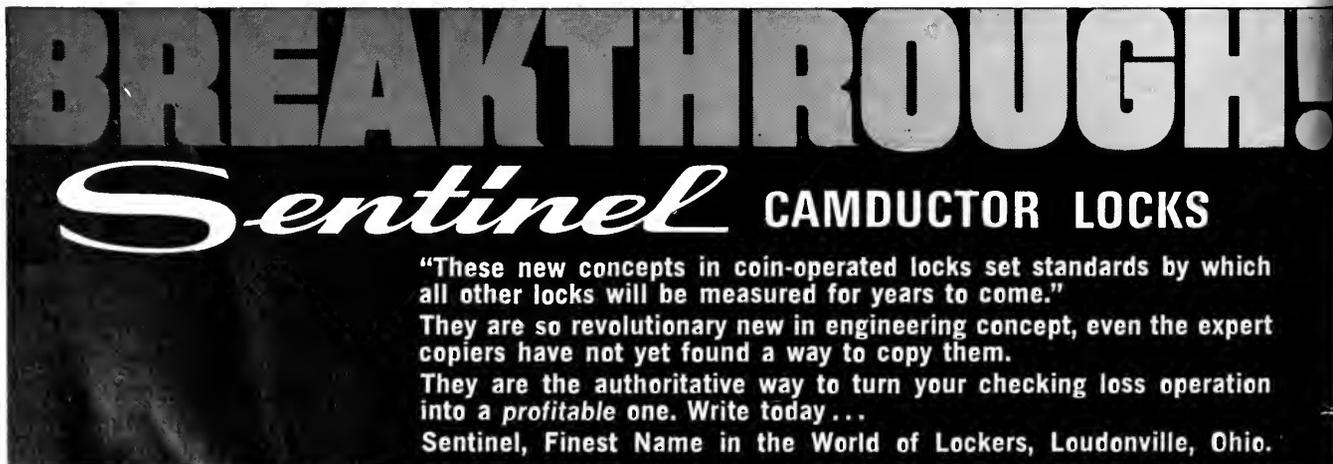
by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission. Plans for the summer of 1965 call for increasing the number of recreation centers offering the program from six to twenty. However, the number of camps provided will depend upon the availability of the type of topflight leadership essential to the sports-fitness program.

Upon recommendation of the staff of the Recreation and Parks Department, the commission decided that the fee for each camp would remain at \$10. The enrollment fee covers attendance at two hour sessions held four days a week for five weeks. Two accredited physical education instructors trained to coach boys in physical fitness supervised each camp last year. Krauss-Weber physical fitness tests are given to enrollees at initial sessions of each day camp and again at the final sessions. Those who increase their skills by one or more points are presented certificates at final day exhibitions.

## Recreation Education

**A** NEW ERA in adult continuing education is opening at North Carolina State University which is preparing a series of short courses, conferences and seminars on various aspects of parks and recreation. These programs will be designed and promoted so as to appeal to the professional as well as lay persons. Cooperating in this new venture in continuing education are the

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# WORLD RECREATION CONGRESS JAPAN 1964

Thomas E. Rivers

THE FIVE HUNDRED delegates from thirty countries at the World Recreation Congress in Japan had seven days filled with information, inspiration and flowship. They included representatives from the United States, government officials, representatives of industry, labor, education, and a great variety of play, recreation, and leisure-time agencies, as well as members of three royal families. Men and women of many cultures, colors, religions and economic levels were moved by a single purpose-making life more meaningful.

The setting was superb. It combined the glamorous features of old Japan with the dynamic developments of a modern nation building for the future. Messages from United Nations Secretary General U Thant, President Lyndon B. Johnson, H.R.H. Prince Philip, H.I.H. the Shah, and many others hailed the World Recreation Congress.

Said Secretary General Thant, "Constructive and creative use of leisure is becoming a world-wide influence in building better understanding between peoples of different cultural heritages. This is essential for a peaceful world . . . helping to create a climate where peace can flourish."

President Johnson wrote, "The desirable objectives of this congress have been made known throughout the world . . . it will help to promote understanding, good will, and peace among all nations. These laudable objectives, always worthy of emphasis, are particularly important now . . ." "Red" Kelley, the world's best-known hockey player, now a member of the Canadian Parliament, speaking for Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson, declared Canada's interest in and support of recreation for all peoples.

In six plenary sessions and thirty-one section meetings, a wide variety of pertinent problems were discussed by 150 program participants, opening up the basic aspects of play, recreation, and leisure-time services. The goals which bind us together were stressed throughout the week. My keynote address, "Walking Together Into the Age of Leisure," outlined the economic, social, and scientific basis for the leisure age; proclaimed IRA goals as leisure freedom for all mankind, adequate facilities, trained leadership, and a united approach to building understanding between nations; then challenged the world recreation leaders to go out from the congress "to help build together a new civilization, a new kind of life for man where his quality will be determined more by his leisure than by his labor."

Dean Scarfe of Canada, concluding a scholarly address on "Play in Education," said: "Play is not only vital to childhood, but the spirit of play is vital to all humanity, the basis of most of the happiness of mankind, the means by which humanity advances creatively, scientifically, intellectually, and socially. Not only is it vital to childhood, but the spirit of play is vital to all mankind." This is reminiscent of Joseph Lee, John Finley, Howard Braucher, and C. M. Goethe, the great pioneers in the U.S. play and recreation movement, but with a difference. At no time in history has this basic educational concept had such an opportunity to influence human happiness. The message

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was received gladly by representatives of nations in all stages of economic, social and political development.

The Congress Resolutions Committee, composed of delegates from eight countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America, declared continuance of the congress "essential to the progress and unity of the world recreation movement," and urged each country to organize a central national voluntary agency that would concern itself primarily with play, recreation and leisure-time aspects of life. The committee declared that leadership for the leisure age is essential and recommended long-term professional training and called on government and voluntary agencies to lend their active support to a world-wide development of national parks, reserves, and natural areas "in order to preserve our natural heritage for man's spiritual benefits and physical needs."

The tours, consultation service and exhibits were of a high order and rounded out the total experience of the delegates. The exhibit, "Recreation in the United States," was an outstanding example of cooperation on the part of some fourteen national, state, and local recreation agencies in the United States. It was planned, organized, and financed by a committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Norman P. Miller of the University of California in Los Angeles.

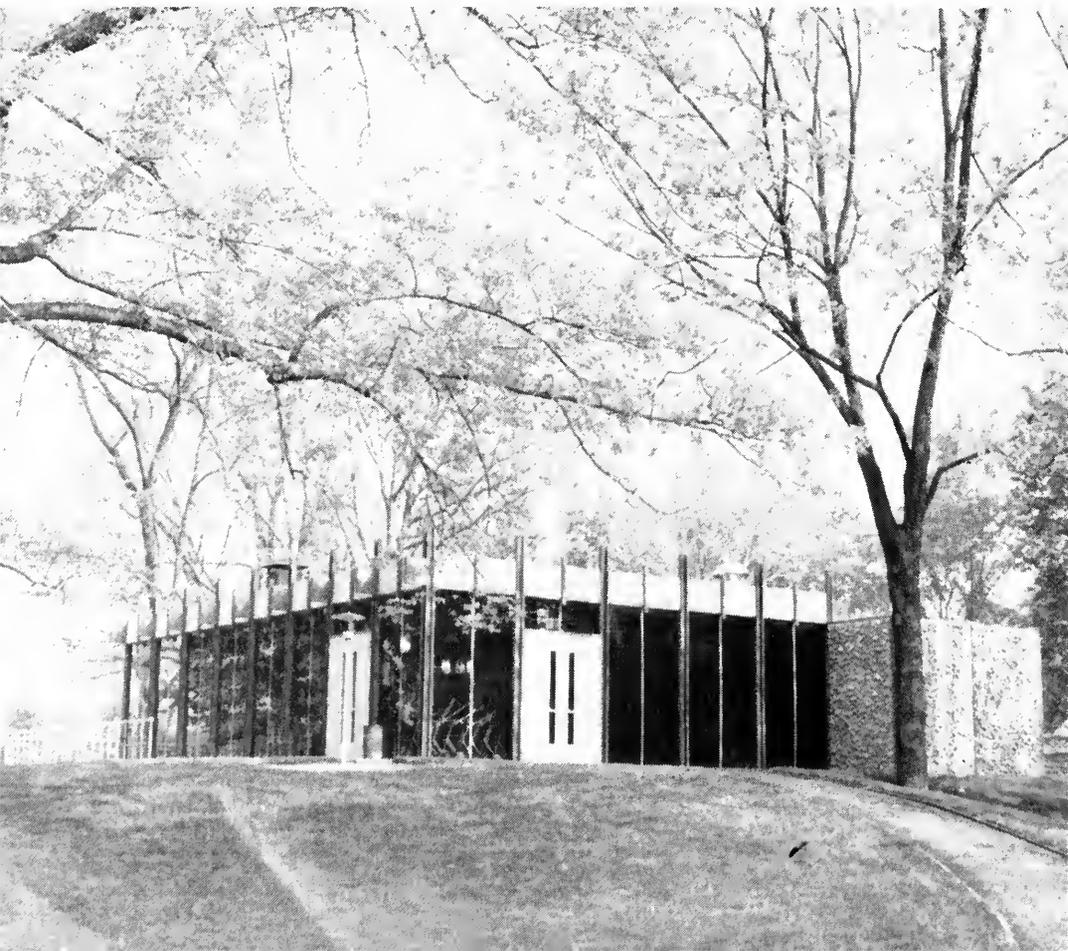
Interwoven with the discussions were colorful demonstrations of Japanese music and dances, a series of receptions by mayors and governors, climaxed by an unforgettable party given the delegates by H.I.H. Prince Mikasa, honorary president of the Congress, and Princess Mikasa. These affairs exemplified the warmth and creativity of Japanese hospitality.

I wish fervently that all who have helped or will help to finance IRA world service could have clasped hands as we did at the final session with men and women from six continents and islands of the sea singing "Auld Lang Syne."

# NEW FORMS AND FACADES Rec



*Lakefront administration building of recreation department in Oakland, California provides superior working space for staff.*



*Glass and Bayport-limestone recreation center in Flint, Michigan, was designed for maximum year-round use and complements a high-income, high-value residential area.*

“go modern” to meet present and future programs

New recreation facilities are assuming many shapes and forms and performing many functions. The three pictured below—a boathouse, recreation center and a swimming pool—give some idea of new designs, locations and uses. Details of these new facilities follow.

## ALMOST IN FAIRYLAND

THE NEW OFFICES of the Oakland Recreation Department are in the main boathouse on Lake Merritt, which is downtown Oakland. Lake Merritt is



Enclosure of recreation complex in Hershey, Pennsylvania, is a circular building, half of which rolls on a track.



Hershey's new outdoor-indoor pool. Two southern quadrants of wall roof section are movable. Two 2-horsepower, two-speed gear motors drive each section. It takes approximately



five minutes to open the doors while opening simultaneously. Limit switches for speed controls and hydraulic bumpers for open and closed positions have been installed for safety.

## FUNCTIONAL AND BEAUTIFUL

a saltwater tidal lake connected with the Oakland Estuary in San Francisco Bay. The lake itself, in Lakeside Park, is three and a quarter miles in circumference and is controlled and programmed by the Oakland Recreation Department. Activities on the lake include sailing, canoeing, rowboat and electric boat rentals, activity by the Oakland Women's Rowing Club, the Lake Merritt Rowing Club, and related activities. Directly across the lake from ORD's offices is Fairyland, the internationally known children's fantasyland play area. ORD also operates a sailboat house adjacent to Fairyland, where the major portion of boat rentals are made.

The offices, themselves, take up the major portion of the main boathouse, which is comprised of two wings which extend out over the water and the main body of the structure. One wing is given over entirely to the administrative officers and secretarial help. The central section of the boathouse houses the finance and personnel sections, along with some program supervisors. A professional library, meeting room, and staff lounge complete the structure.

A number of sailboats and racing shells are stored in the center section to complement storage in the sailboat house on the opposite shore. Present plans call for the underside of the administrative wing to be turned over to storage of racing shells, which get up to sixty feet length for the eight place boats.

Several long docks extend from the base of the boathouse out into Lake Merritt to accommodate the many boating activities and a mooring place for the ninety place launches that the department operates. The tugboat *Ann* and two crash boats operated by the department also have their home base at the main boathouse.

In the distance are the Oakland Hills, which feature beautiful residential areas. The boathouse has one of the most beautiful settings for any recreation department's central office in the United States. It is not uncommon for the staff to look out of the office windows and see a fleet of sailboats going by, wild ducks flying down the lake, and a slight haze over the distant hills.—GORDON J. GUETZLAFF, *Executive Director of Program, Oakland, California.*

THE GLASS and Bayport-limestone recreation center and clubhouse in C. S. Mott Park, Flint, Michigan, was designed for maximum year-round use. It serves as headquarters for the nine-hole golf course located near center of city, which is heavily used, especially by junior golfers. It also serves balance of park as a recreation center with rest-rooms, lounge with TV, a first-class refreshment service bar with latest equipment for serving sandwiches, soft drinks, coffee and hot chocolate, short-order foods, candy, et cetera. It is also used for group meetings, dinners, et cetera when not in use by public. Its winter use is primarily for the interrelated winter sports facilities: ice skating, skiing, coasting, tobogganing. Some of the building's more important features follow:

- The 42'-by-60' center, designed by Ellis, Arndt and Truesdell of Flint, has an automatic, gas-heat system with blowers for ventilation (can be adapted for future air-conditioning).
- A quarry tile floor, which is good for golf spikes in summer, is easy to clean, and is covered with plywood during winter for use as an ice-skate changing room.
- An excellent view. The center is located on a hillside with front entrance leading to street level but rear of building facing park (golf course, river, and wooded area). Has floor-to-ceiling plate-glass tinted windows for full view.
- Walls made of cast-in place Bayport limestone (one of few buildings of this type).
- A four-sided, hooded fireplace in northwest corner of lounge, a beautiful feature, much appreciated by golfers and winter-sports enthusiasts.
- Extensive landscaping. The front-street side features cut-stone walls, terraces, wrought-iron railings, and azaleas, evergreens, and ground-cover. This was most important as the recreation center is located in a high-income, high-value residential area. The neighbors were apprehensive about the building until it was completed. Now, they are very proud of it as a complement to their beautiful homes.—DONALD F.

SINN, *Associate Professor in the Recreation Department of San Jose State College, California.* Mr. Sinn was superintendent of parks and recreation in Flint, Michigan, when the C. S. Mott Center was planned and constructed.

## ON COCOA AVENUE

ONE OF THE MOST modern recreation centers in the United States the Cocoa Avenue Plaza in Hershey, Pennsylvania, provides a host of facilities for year-round enjoyment. Indoor social activities occupy the multi-purpose room and the lounge. Outside facilities include volleyball and badminton courts, playground, softball field and grass play areas. The outdoor facilities also include four professional tennis courts made of Grasstex, and two practice courts, all lighted for night play.

Cynosure of the complex is the circular building, half of which is constructed on rolling wheels on a track. The motor-driven half-circle can be opened to completely expose the pool for outdoor swimming, or it can be closed to permit swimming during inclement weather and during the winter months. The pool itself is of monolithic concrete construction, completely tiled, and contains lights and heated water. It is built and marked to competitive NCAA and AAU standards and contains both one meter and three meter diving facilities.

Atglen stone accentuates the decor of the lounge, snack bar, and office section. The circular building is basically concrete, concrete block and steel, finished in decorative aluminum and geocoustic materials. Soft accent lighting and landscape plantings add to its appeal.

The plaza was presented by Hershey Chocolate Corporation for the use of employes of the Hershey enterprises and residents of Derry Township.—JOHN ZERBE, *Director of Recreation, Hershey Community Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania.*

• For other modern facilities, see "Illinois' Flying Saucer," *Recreation*, September 1964; "Menninger Patient Center," May 1964; "Multi-Level Zoo," June 1964; "Oak Park Ice Rink," November 1964; "Drop Anchor at the Fair," February 1964.—Ed.



# THE MAGIC YO-YO

Herbert Rothgarber

LET ME TELL YOU a story of how a children's opera started in an elementary school and made its way to all the playgrounds of Oceanside, New York. It begins in Elementary School #8 in Oceanside where I teach music. We are extremely operaminded—my pupils in School #8 and I. As members of the Metropolitan Opera Guild, it has been my privilege to take hundreds of our students to opera performances and rehearsals of works studied in great detail for many months in school prior to the trip. The enthusiasm and genuine love for this medium generated among these ordinary, typical suburban youngsters was such that they formed their own opera clubs and did all that they could to further their appreciation of various works in the repertoire.

I cannot recall how many times I have been asked by members of my chorus to allow them to perform an opera. At one time I considered Mozart's *Bastien et Bastienne*, but even this youthful work seemed far beyond their ability. Finally, the idea occurred to me one day in July of 1962 to write an opera which could be performed by ordinary school children. Nine months later I completed *The Magic Yo-Yo*.

MR. ROTHGARBER, an elementary-school music instructor, serves as music director for the summer recreation program in Oceanside, New York.



Some purists will still prefer Mozart but in Oceanside, New York, youngsters go for pure Rothgarber and his opera about Jimmy, a little boy who just "can't with it."

In three acts and taking an hour and a half to perform, *The Magic Yo-Yo* has an abundance of choral work, solos, duets, ensemble arias, and recitative. At the outset I was determined to relate it to the idiom of children, their speech, their ways of acting and reacting, and their ways of thinking. I also tried to start where I found the children to be; namely, on the level of musical comedy, and to lead them from there to a higher plateau. Therefore, my score reflects musical comedy, operetta, and shades of grand opera. As for musical influences I have tried to emulate subtly, for my students' benefit, the styles of Gilbert and Sullivan, Mozart, Verdi, and Wagner. For the musical interludes and in the big dance sequence I have remained pure Rothgarber whose esthetic is the modern school. During the baseball scene and in several other spots the children sing to a contemporary dissonant musical accompaniment.

*The Magic Yo-Yo* deals with the events of two days in the life of young Jimmy Jackson, a nonconforming, day-dreaming, atypical lad of about ten which cause him to take stock of himself, evaluate himself, and to grow.

It is the day before the big test. The children are worried, especially about Jimmy who just can't "get with it." Jimmy arrives on the scene late because he has found something on his way to school—a magic yo-yo. When the children enter the building, Jimmy remains

outside to play with it, and while playing a genie appears. Jimmy discovers it is magical, and that Tenny-Weeny, the genie, will appear any time he plays it three times.

The rest of the work deals with the way in which the genie helps Jimmy to pass the test and to form a new image of himself. I have also made a small plea to my students to accept nonconformity in this work.

*The Magic Yo-Yo* was first performed in June of 1963 at two PTA meetings. It was then shown four more times to the various school grades. From there it was taken up by the Oceanside Recreation Department under the leadership of Joseph W. Halper, director of recreation. Every summer in conjunction with Kiwanis, Oceanside Recreation sponsors a Summer Music Festival at Nathan's Famous Gardens. Here the top-flight musical talent in the nation is brought to the community free of charge. I was privileged this past summer to have my work performed (July thirtieth) at Nathan's and seven other times at each of the recreation playground centers in Oceanside where the forty children in the cast performed out of doors on a portable recreation stage.

The results were stupendous. Time and time again, I saw children in the audience ranging in age from five to

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## COLOR ENHANCES YOUR BAZAAR

**B**AZAAR! The very word brings visions of fun, gaiety, and excitement. It also brings visions of profit, since the main reason for having a bazaar is to raise funds. Bazaars are still one of the best ways to provide for the sponsoring groups while giving pleasure and value to customers. It can be a large, elaborate affair, covering acres and interesting the entire community, or a small sale held in a single room and organized by and for members and a few friends. Whatever its size and scope, the job of producing a bazaar is a big one and the fundamentals of running it remains the same. Organization with imagination is the key to success and although the actual event may be months or even a year away, it is never too early to start planning and organizing.

The first step is to set up committees. Most operations work out best if under the supervision of a single chairman who will oversee all committees and coordinate activities. Choose committee chairmen for the following: publicity, decorations, food, pricing, booths, handmade articles for sale, finance, and clean-up. Each chairman then selects his or her own committee members.

One of the most important choices is a publicity chairman. Publicity brings customers by inviting people to attend; therefore, it cannot be a last-minute effort. Your publicity campaign should begin with announcement of the selection of committees and should gain momentum, hitting its peak immediately before the bazaar opens. Publicity includes newspapers, radio and TV stations, posters, letters of invitation to other organizations, and any other

means of calling attention to the event.

How can you provide a spirit of fun and gaiety, the happy atmosphere so essential to a successful bazaar, without a large outlay of funds? The answer is



*Bottle corks make amusing party favors and gay lapel pins with just a little embellishment and lots of imagination.*

*color!* Color lifts spirits, transforms ordinary into beautiful, provides the carnival, fairy-tale atmosphere that makes your bazaar an exciting, be-dazzling marketplace.

It is easy to put *color* into your bazaar. Consider a few simple possibilities: hanging mobiles, balloons, skirts or tent coverings for booths, streamers, even party aprons or hair bows for salespeople to make them easily identifiable. Booths usually are simple affairs consisting of large tables with or without uprights and canopy. Uprights can be anything from broomstick handles to sturdy wooden beams. Brightly dyed sheets, tablecloths, or nylon parachutes can be tacked atop for a colorful awning, used for a skirt around the table, or striped and wrapped gaily around poles or used as a trellis effect.

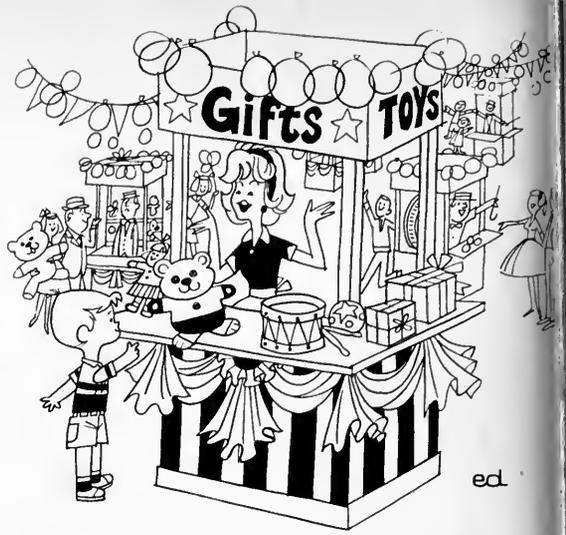
The heart of your bazaar will be the selling of handmade articles. These are

the biggest moneymakers, since materials and labor are usually donated by club members, and items can be sold at a complete profit. Assess the wealth and tastes of your community before you begin to solicit any items; for, as in any kind of business, it pays to know your market.

Bazaar chairmen agree that the popular price range is \$.25 to \$3.00, and popular items are eye-catching, colorful versions of everyday things. There is also a demand for unusual novel items like wall hangings, trivets, quill pens or a unique topiary tree.

Many charming items can be "mass produced" by a relatively small group in an afternoon or evening, if all the materials and equipment needed are at hand. Have someone demonstrate how to make a basic item and encourage everyone to finish and decorate in her own fashion. Even "assembly-line items" emerge with individual designs and personalities. An added dividend is that so-called "no-talent" people suddenly find that they do, indeed, have a talent for creating and designing beautiful and useful items. These could be simple and quickly-made items, such as gay feather dusters, games, corsages and bouquets, dolls, tally cards, and so on. Don't forget to enlist senior citizens, teenagers—even the preteens in the project.

Step-by-step directions that tell how to plan, organize, publicize and run a successful bazaar can be found in the *Craft & Bazaar Book*, available for \$.25 from the Rit Home Service Department, Best Foods Division, Corn Products Company, 1437 West Morris Street, Indianapolis 46206. #



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# ART for ENJOYMENT'S SAKE



## *Tips on teaching—for recreation leaders*

Barla Shaw

FOR A recreation arts-and-crafts program to succeed, it must differ from the school's program. It can best do this by offering the child a freedom of choice, expression, and movement. This can only be made possible by a good deal of planning and a system of organization that is not regimented.

During an eight-week recreation arts-and-crafts program for primary children, I presented over fifty ideas, with the proper materials, with which the children could work. My program was set up in such a way that each child could choose from a variety of at least six activities weekly: one craft project, one piece of sculpture, two interesting art forms, and two among various drawing medias such as India ink, charcoal, colored chalk, and so on. The crafts projects included such items as balsa wood airplanes, leather wallets, and hammered bracelets. Sculpture pieces were made from wood, steel wool, tinfoil, sawdust, gummed paper, and wood. The art forms included stenciling, printing, string painting, marbling, tie and dye, and collages.

A notice was sent home with the children after the first week of the program, explaining the objectives and listing the activities for the following week. These weekly notices continued and kept the parents informed, helped to get materials from home, and also were good as far as public relations was concerned.

It was necessary to have the assistance of a few volunteers always. Each volunteer would pick one of the projects and stay with it, for the entire period, to help any interested children. Volunteers were also greatly needed in the setting-up process as each table had to be completely supplied by the time the children arrived—so that, as soon as a brief ex-

planation of each project had been given, along with showing a sample of it, the child was ready to begin. In this way he need waste no time in selecting the table that interested him most. The child would stay at this table until his project was complete, and then would be free to choose his remaining projects from the other tables at work around him. Some children can complete as many as four activities in an hour; others may do only one. It makes no difference as long as the child is actively pursuing an artistic achievement. We always tried to keep back materials available so if a child wanted to make something from another week's lesson, he was welcome to do so. There was a box of assorted materials always handy for people who wanted to try out an idea not featured in the program itself.

THE SAMPLES made to stimulate the children's interest were not left in view to be copied, but were put aside to be exhibited on the final work session of the program. Children were also requested to bring back some of their work to put on display. The highlight of the final session was not the display, but the invitation to the parents to participate in an actual work session. These parents were not to come and observe, but to put on their old clothes and actually work with the children. Then, their work was framed like that of the children, given a title, labeled, and shown to the group for approval.

With this type of program, children wait eagerly to participate, give any type of project a try, work independently; but, mostly, they gain a feeling of satisfaction from conquering some artistic skills that before had been taught in a strait jacket and did not take their personalities into consideration. To some, this brings a sense of amazement; for, as one youngster so aptly put it, "What a recreation program—with no potholders, lanyards, or baskets! I can't believe it." #

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# The FAMILY and the COMMUNITY

*We face increased possibilities and responsibilities  
for wise use of leisure time*

A. F. Wileden



ONE MAJOR REASON why the community approach to family recreation is so important today is because the family as a social group is frequently failing to meet this need within the family circle. Either because of a lack of concern or of inability to cope with the situation, the family, including the rural family, is letting the forces of our time bore in upon it and undermine its effectiveness. This has resulted in the lessening of the family as a vitally functioning social group until the point is reached where the family group itself, or some agency that is concerned with the family, turns to the community or some group within the community to take up where the family is failing.

Some people think the church should do this, others look to the school, some to certain special interest organizations such as YMCA or Scouts or 4H clubs, and others turn to specially created government departments or agencies. No one of these can do the task; what is needed is to alert them to the opportunity before them and, at the same time, bring them all together in terms of a comprehensive program of service both to individuals and to families.

The function of the community in our society, however you define it, is to serve people. Communities as a social system have developed as a functional aspect of our system of social organization and will persist only as long as they help people to meet basic needs and desires. The use of our increasing leisure is one of these areas of desires and

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needs and one aspect of community development is concerned with these desires and needs. However, the field of recreation, and the facilities and services that contribute to it, are exceedingly and increasingly complex. Up to this point we have thought of the use of leisure from the point of view of the consumer, the person with nonwork time on his hands and a desire to make a best use of it. We have been thinking about activities and programs including what might be considered as physical, social, or cultural in nature that can contribute to one's personal satisfaction and well being. We have been thinking in terms of the potential contribution to personal needs of both public agencies and of private organizations and of the uniting of the efforts of those two sets of forces in terms of a planned and balanced program to people and to families.

TODAY, the community has even another duty to perform; that is to view recreation as a resource and develop and preserve this resource in a way that it can be most useful and most satisfying to people. This involves another whole group of specialized and highly trained professional people: Our planners and developers who must study land from the point of view of its best uses and see that suitable areas are set aside (zoned, if you please) for development of parks, playgrounds, shooting preserves, lakes, streams, and forested areas for public use. Then, there are the people whose task it is to develop these areas—plant or protect the trees and

I HOPE succeeding generations will be able to be idle. I hope that nine-tenths of their time will be leisure time; that they may enjoy their days, and the earth, and the beauty of this beautiful world. . . . —RICHARD JEFFERIES (1848-1887).

floral growth, preserve and, at times stock them with fish and game, and even build the lakes that are such a vital part of such a program. This area also holds great potential for family recreation, but it must be planned for and developed largely at public expense. Community, county, state, and national attention is absolutely necessary if this is to be done. The recent resource and development programs of the federal government are a significant move in this direction.

Along with this program, and closely identified with it, are the people who help to develop and to preserve the historical, esthetic, and cultural aspects—a recreation emphasis, those who study and record the developments of both past and present whether it be in magazines or books, dramatic production or musical expression. Then there are our increasing numbers of craftsmen and painters producing art, for sale perhaps, but for others as well as themselves to enjoy; and our so-often-forgotten libraries with a potential for the future far beyond the thinking of many of us. Those services, so often ignored when we think of recreation, have a significance that is steadily increasing: both our nation and our people grow older.

With increased leisure on our hands we have both increased possibilities and responsibilities for the wise use of the leisure. In this, the family, as a social group has a major responsibility; but the community also has a responsibility. There are certain things of a group nature which the community, or some larger unit of our society out beyond the family, must do. One of these is concerned with preservation and development of our recreation potential and resource—both physical and human. We would hope, however, that in the process the family, as a major social group in our society would be encouraged, stimulated, and helped to develop the recreation side of their family living.



*Do you and your board pass an efficiency test?*

AMONG THE BOARD MEMBERS you have met I am sure you will always remember Mrs. Gray, the eager beaver, who comes to board meetings, wants to upset the agenda by emergency projects that must have Action day! You have also met Mr. Black who has missed three or four meetings or came in late. He obviously has not read the agenda or the minutes of the last meeting, but he wants to review every action taken since he last showed up, have the facts in hand before he makes a "considered decision." Or he "nit-picks" to show his thoroughness. His relative, Mr. White, throws cold water on every idea presented under the impression that all ideas expressed are so much hot air. When hot air meets ice, cold water results.

Mrs. Rust makes "deals": "I'll vote for your project if you'll vote for mine."

Mr. Brown is the B-O-R-E-D fellow who yawns, reads the newspaper, takes a nap (sometimes snores), and wonders aloud, "What am I doing here, anyway?" Everyone else understands the same.

Remember the chronic volunteers, Mrs. Plum and Mr. Sue? Their names appear on all the important boards in town, but they never come to meetings when work is to be done. Since their names become familiar to the community through board affiliations, groups looking for talent say, "He must be good. Let's get him, too." He graciously ac-

cepts. His name is imprinted on the stationery. The only good accruing is the personal publicity obtained from the listing. Power structure or not, we need some Indians along with the chiefs. The chief who doesn't hold up his own weight really isn't much good to an organization.

Mrs. Green is willing to do anything, but her potential is limited. Her sister, Mrs. Emerald does what she wants to do very well, but cools off quickly when details come up that bore her.

What do you recall about Miss Lavender who says, "This is fine, but girls, we should have done it this other way"? She uses hindsight instead of foresight.

Mrs. Oxblood knows just how the agency should be run and probably tries to do it. Mr. Turquoise and Mrs. Auburn procrastinate until both the board chairman and the executive get ulcers. In the end they may get the job done creditably, or perhaps someone else has to be called in at the last minute to finish the job on a crash basis.

Then, there is *the* board member we are all looking for, the "perfect jewel," probably the busiest person on the board, who never misses a meeting, accepts assignments, and carries them through with a minimum of direction. We all have *some* board members like that, even though they are hard to find.

WE MAY GRIPE about our boards but are we really being fair to them, all the varied shades of them? Are they being used to the limits of their capacity? Do we spend enough time looking for their hidden capacities, the talents that may not show on the surface? Are we really "combing the woods" for new talent? Once appointed, has our orientation been sufficient to develop interest and maintain it?

One board decided it wanted to involve some of the younger members of the organization in responsible committee positions. It found that they were enthusiastic, had some ready-made talents, and that they *had* previously been timid about pushing themselves forward for fear that they might be misunderstood.

It is also important to retain the interest of persons who

# HOW GOOD IS YOUR BOARD?

by E. Pike



have served on the board, and who, for one reason, or another are no longer on it. Some organizations have the policy of "striking" out a member after he has served as president or chairman. On the day he relinquishes office, everyone sighs, "What are we going to do without you?" Then it may be ten years before he is asked to serve again. "Retired" board members are often particularly valuable to involve at the beginning of the year orientation sessions for new members.

When new board members are added, particularly when several take office at the same time, at least one full meeting should be devoted to orientation. This will save time later for other important business. The orientation offers opportunity for staff and seasoned board members to get acquainted. New members can ask questions; older ones can supply information about board jobs and the policies of the organization.

Each new board member should be given a written "job" description. In this way, he can learn what is expected of him. He should be supplied with "historical records," accounts of what happened in previous years which give new members background and helping them to see their duties as part of an on-going organizational pattern. Supplying records should be part of the responsibility of each board member. When a term is finished, every member should provide the agency or organization with a written record of what happened during his term, to be passed on to his successor. He should also return the materials inherited from his predecessor.

Another helpful form of record keeping is the "policy sheet." These are written statements of policy decisions that are expected to be used as blueprints for action for some time to come. They may amplify constitution and bylaws, or the policy may be the result of board action which otherwise would be buried in minutes. How many times have you heard someone say, "I know we decided to do this. It must be in the minutes some place, but, for the life of me, I can't locate it."

**B**OARD PERSONNEL are not usually professionally trained. They are busy at other tasks for a livelihood. They do not have time to devote more than a few hours each month to their board duties. Therefore, they should not assume administrative responsibilities, either separately or collectively. No professional administrator worth his salt can operate efficiently under conditions where one, two, or every member of a board is trying to tell him what to do. Too many hands on the rudder can sink the ship.

The administrator should not dictate to his board on policy matters. He should be available if asked, sensitive to board wishes, have a working relationship with each member so that matters can be discussed intelligently. When such rapport has been established between an administrator who knows his business and a board that knows its place, everyone benefits.

In many agencies, board members *do* wear two hats. One hat is for board or committee activities. The other is worn when the board member performs volunteer service in the agency. Duties may range anywhere—licking stamps to

teaching craft classes, keeping books, to answering telephone.

Staff procedures need to be clearly defined and understood both by the volunteer and paid staff. The best results when it is understood that the volunteer working in the agency accepts supervision from the staff director or staff member directly in charge of the activity. No board member should regard himself or be regarded as the "boss" when he comes to work.

Another thing important to efficient board functioning is operation on a business-like basis. This means holding regularly scheduled meetings at regularly scheduled places, using a prearranged agenda. New and controversial matters not on the agenda should be deferred until proper study is made. If possible, regular board meetings should be accomplished in a definitely stated span of time, so that members will know approximately how many hours they must spend. Special meetings, when needed, should also be conducted in a similar manner.

Individual board members should not only be willing to devote time to regular meetings, they should also be willing to carry out efficiently committee or elective office assignments. Each one should, if the time comes, be willing to accept chairmanship of the board. Part of the chairman's efficiency comes from his or her familiarity with action that has taken place previously, with reminders from the kind of complete written records mentioned earlier. It is also true that some of this efficiency comes from "osmosis," from knowing circumstances surrounding certain actions, from acquaintance with the personalities with whom the chairman has been associated on the board. After working with people in these relationships for a time, it is usually easier to assess the potential of other members for the particular job to be done.

**W**E ALSO CONFRONT the current tendency to appoint or elect large unwieldy boards without compensating in other organization to get the jobs done. A small group, such as an executive committee, should have authority to act on certain matters between board meetings. Likewise, project committees can be appointed. These can be dissolved when the assignment is completed. This is better practice than parceling out a variety of tasks as busy work for many standing committees. The more members, the less individual responsibility each one takes on a board. Absenteeism takes its toll; often inertia results.

The administrator is the "go-between" from board to staff. Except where specifically requested by the administrator, no staff member should go directly to a board member. Likewise, the board member should respect the authority of the administrator by not contacting a staff member directly. Staff members should recognize the chain of command, which, by the way, should be clearly defined, in an official chart of organization understood by all.

Staff and line members should operate through staff and line supervisors with the right to go to the administrative head of the agency if the occasion warrants and satisfactory solutions cannot be reached through immediate supervisors. If board action is eventually required, the process should

rate through the administrator. Elementary as this is, these simple principles of administrative organization involving board members are often ignored, with resultant damage to sensitive relationships within an organization. Boards assume an additional responsibility in agency operations. They are excellent sounding boards of public, or membership, opinion. They can aid the administrator to sell a program by spreading information about it. The board represents the public and the membership regardless of whether members are appointed or elected. What the board reflects the custodianship of the agency just as much as does the work of the individual staff members. No board member, any more than staff, can afford to operate in a vacuum, ignoring the needs and desires of those who use the facilities and who pay the bills.

WE STILL have not solved all of the problems involved in working together *on* boards or *as* boards. If we are to be well-informed members, it is imperative that we know what other agencies and groups are doing, all kinds, not just our favorite variety. We must keep open minds for the other fellow's "side." We should know about public activities anyway as well as private agency work. By and large, most of us have been guilty of doing too much talking to ourselves and not enough fanning out, not enough listening. As a result,

none of us know enough about the other fellow.

We do not make enough offers to help on worthy related causes or join with other groups in achievement of common objectives; partly, perhaps, because we fear loss of identity. All of us have that very human tendency to protect that identity, whether individual or group. It takes strong leadership to joint groups together in accomplishment of an objective when credit is shared. Competition is good under some conditions, but where it halts the flow of progress, the end is not worth the means.

We should do some searching self-evaluation along these lines: Where does my group fit into the community picture? What is my individual responsibility as a board member to assist in performing priority community service? How does my board establish priorities? Are plans made or do priorities just happen? In a critical community or agency situation, how does my board function? Has each member had opportunity to acquire sufficient background of policy and factual information to function intelligently in making a decision? It cannot be assumed that board members automatically achieve this knowledge. What can we do about it?

We can have better boards producing greater results if we spend a little time assessing what we do and why we do it. #

## MARY GUBERNAT RETIREES

MARY BUCHANNAN GUBERNAT accepted employment with the National Recreation Association over forty-six years ago, and upon her retirement, on January 1, 1965, she will have set a record for continuous uninterrupted service of any employee in the history of the Association. In fact, it is hard to imagine the headquarters offices without her. As a staff member of the NRA Recreation Personnel Service, she has been in charge of placement of recreation personnel in agencies throughout the country and abroad and has counseled countless recreation leaders. Her early work on the administrative staff included various tasks with special attention to the reception office. Additional personnel activities were added and later

she was assigned full time to her present position.

During her long and faithful service with the Association she has registered hundreds of leaders for recreation as a career field, interviewed many hundreds of persons, and handled a large volume of jobs in both public and private agencies. To many in the field, she is a warm and trusted friend, whose interest in their problems extended far beyond the duties of her job. In some cases, she has counseled two generations, as sons have followed fathers into the recreation field.

At the age of eighteen, Mary started catching the 6:25 AM train in Plainfield, New Jersey, for work in New York City. Now, after over eight thousand round trips and over a half mil-

lion miles later, she has truly earned her retirement. Turning down an offer to continue, she states, "The work, I like it, but the trip I can't take it longer." Actually she has spent approximately three years of her life on the road, traveling to and from work.

Insight into her characteristics over the years reveals an honest, loyal, and conscientious staff member—as evidenced in part by the fact that she has turned back to the Association over two years of unused sick and emergency leave. This type of devotion and service is an example that both management and employees might well ponder in their hearts. Mary Gubernat will be missed by her coworkers at NRA headquarters and by recreation leaders around the world.



Mary Gubernat (right) counsels a job applicant.

# TOWARD UNDERSTANDING

Anne New

**R**ECREATION executives and policy-makers talk a good deal about the incredible amounts of free time our citizens have and will have; the challenge of this free time; and the need for dynamic new concepts to help people make the best use of it. But how many people, even the community leaders you see every day, truly understand the problem and its many ramifications? How many have truly faced up to implications of leisure in the lives of retired men and women; of boys growing up to jobs that will inevitably provide shorter and shorter hours of work and more and more time off; of a society that could find in boredom the urge to self-destruction?

If our communities are ever to plan intelligently for these and other problems, there must be far wider understanding of what they are and far greater agreement on what should be done not just by so-called "recreation agencies," but by all groups that affect our society, including the church, business, the schools, and the many social planning and social service groups.

Believing this, the National Recreation Association undertook to develop, with a committee of the National Social Welfare Assembly, a program for discussion of the impact of increasing leisure. An all-day workshop held in New York at the offices of the assembly was attended by representatives of thirty national organizations as well as nearby local groups. The findings of the workshop were made available to a number of community planning councils that had agreed to discuss them in the light of their own local situation.

The reports of these discussions, in turn, were digested and have now been made the basis of a series of questions for discussion which can be used by community groups. Analysis revealed that a first discussion gets people to

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think. A second discussion—or more—should be scheduled to follow up on what groups actually did about ideas they discussed.

Leaders in recreation have a special obligation to all community leaders face and understand the problem of leisure. *You* can plan such a meeting. It may be limited to one club or one church group as a starter, or it may be set up to include a speaker who outlines the present and future situation to the representatives of many community groups—who then discuss and report on what conclusions, if any, they have been able to reach. Here are the questions the NRA will be glad to give you further help and advice in setting up your meeting. In any case, won't you write and tell us what you did? Your experience will encourage and guide others.

## OUTLINE FOR DISCUSSION

### THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP

1. Are staff and volunteer leadership in existing agencies ready to accept the new concept of additional free time?
2. What is the responsibility of staff and volunteer leaders who assume leadership in interpreting the need for new programs and projects?

### PROGRAMS AND ATTITUDES

1. Are some agencies too concerned with helping people develop leisure *skills* and not enough concerned with helping people develop sound *attitudes* toward leisure as well?
2. How can people have learning experiences in which they make a decision as well as satisfaction in activities? Are informal and formal educational groups prepared to assist people wherever they may be—in unions, places of employment, neighborhood groups, church and fraternal groups?
3. Can agencies undertake a prevention program through all resources into an early start with preschool children?

# ASURE

en and families, building up over the years a population able to utilize all its capacities and make good use of available services? How about classes in "how-to-use-time" for all ages to learn how to plan and to select activities?

Do we feel that we cannot do too much creatively with our current adults?

Yes, what are the implications for youth agencies? Where among adults is a group that can set the pace and establish a point of view that will be accepted by other adults as well as children? (One suggestion was young housewives who have great potential leadership ability and are available for volunteer work.)

Is it important to modify traditional goals when working with new groups; for example, what about boys' groups that stress job preparation with little regard for increasing free time?

How can individuals have experience in giving of themselves to help others?

Is "middle-class" thinking hampering teachers and parents of free-time activities? The privileged group, which has used leisure as a status symbol, now uses overwork—something now thought of for low-income groups. Does this create a cleavage between teachers and children from low-income families?

If, as one group felt, one of the grave problems is a lack of time for family life, how can agencies help people make wise decisions about use of time, without at the same time adding to the fragmentation of the time people have available?

How can we help even those with little free time to get the most of what they have?

## AGENCIES AND THE COMMUNITY APPROACH

Should community agencies work toward seven-day-

a-week services and an eighteen-hour-day service . . . short-term programs . . . drop-in activities . . . organized alumni groups . . . coordinated welcoming and aloha activities.

2. Concerning young people who do not avail themselves of agency services—are they "hard-to-reach" or are the agencies "hard-to-reach"?

3. Where should program take place in order to reach groups that traditionally do not seek out agency services?

4. How about a community-service center (representing all kinds of services) to assist people in locating agencies and to find people who need help? Is this the kind of vehicle that would help people find their way—no matter how young, old, handicapped, deprived? Is the elementary-school facility an appropriate location?

5. Why not, on a community basis (accepting our various resistances and lack of know-how), consider bringing community services to where people go for other services—the grocery store, barbershop, beer, laundry, library, medical doctor, eliminating all hurdles in the path to community service? (The mobility of people, the multiplicity of services and complexity of needs require statesmanship of a new order.)

6. Shouldn't agencies, and communities, do more to speed up their reaction to changing situation, especially rapid changes brought about by automation and job shifts?

7. Are public and private agencies geared to handle the problem inherent in the changing situation of increased available time for leisure use?

8. If public and private agencies cannot meet the new free-time needs, do we need an entirely new group of agencies to do this?

9. Could total community planning meet recreation needs in use of free time? Could present services meet the needs if they were coordinated on a community level or would more still be needed? #



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**W**HEN TAKING a long-range look at the recreation field of the future, one cannot fail to recognize the growing opportunities and need for more and more trained female personnel in this comparatively new profession. Automation, the shorter workweek, and longer life span are contributing to wider horizons for free-time activities than ever before imagined in the history of our country. New fields are developing and old ones are growing which are opening more and larger doors to qualified women who can get the jobs done and want to give service.

Women in recreation operate in many types of settings. The field has many facets; however, the demand for women is greater in some areas of specialization and in certain sections of the country than in others. Listed below are some of the doors which are open to qualified female recreators:

**Public Recreation.** Today, there is hardly a community, regardless of size, which does not have a recreation program in some form. Opportunities for women are many and varied. They range from playground leaders to heads of departments. Program supervisors and directors of recreation centers are in demand. Newly organized programs for senior citizens and the handicapped require recreation specialists with patience and a love for people. Women are ideally suited for this kind of work.

**Industrial Recreation.** Industry, recognizing a definite need for the morale and welfare of its employes, along with improving their working conditions, has begun to build recreation programs. These programs reach far beyond the narrow confines of the "oldlook recreation," which consisted largely of a baseball or softball team. As a result, more and more women are being hired to plan and supervise a variety of recreation activities designed to catch and hold the interest of all employes and their families.

**Commercial Recreation.** Although motivated by opportunity to make a profit, without which it would not exist, commercial recreation constitutes a well-known pattern of organized recreation within the United States. Professional

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sports, movies, theater, radio, television, travel, entertainment, and amusement in hundreds of forms are among the most widespread types of commercial enterprise. Qualified women with recreation backgrounds are needed to serve as commentators, plan related programs, arrange tours, serve as social directors in hotels and on passenger ships, direct plays and other entertainment activities.

**Rural Recreation.** Long recognized as an essential part of American life, recreation in rural areas is growing in leaps and bounds. Extension work, 4H clubs, the grange, and other groups are leading the way in this important phase of recreation. More and more women recreation leaders are required to plan and direct these activities.

**Church Recreation.** Church and synagogue recreation is growing beyond the concept of Sunday evening socials and church picnics. Churches of all denominations are thinking in terms of making religion a real force in the everyday life of the youth of our nation. One way of doing this is to make the parish house a real community center all during the week and not just on Sundays. Women recreation leaders are ideal for this kind of work.

**Institutional Recreation.** Schools and colleges, orphanages and prisons are using recreation as a tool in the formation of character. Modern education has combined the goal of teaching knowledge with the role of teaching people how to live. Opportunities for professional female leadership in these specialized fields are increasing rapidly.

**Hospital Recreation.** Recreation for patients, originally considered largely in terms of helping to pass long hours of idleness enforced by illness, now has become an integral part of hospital care. Although much of this work was done by the Red Cross during war years, the various military services now have established civilian therapy jobs in military hospitals. The plan has spread to veterans, state, municipal, and private hospitals. Recreation therapy is now a recognized part of medical treatment requiring not only recreation skills, but also more specific training in the use of such skills in proper relation to medical treatment. Since the female temperament is ideally suited to this kind of work, women are in great demand for such positions.

**American Red Cross.** The American Red Cross recruits young women for recreation work overseas to supplement recreation activities provided by the Armed Forces. Assignments vary according to needs. Some opportunities also are available in the United States for women with recreation backgrounds.

**Armed Forces Recreation.** A comprehensive recreation program is recognized by the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force as an invaluable aid in the development of well adjusted, physically fit men and women in service. The success of this program depends, to great extent, on civilians who are employed to assist personnel services and

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full-time information center for people and chronically ill patients been established in Kansas City, Missouri. The center, sponsored by the National Health and Welfare Council financed by a three-year \$190,000 grant from the U.S. Public Health Service will assemble and disseminate information on community resources to the needs of those over forty-five years of age and the chronically ill of all ages. Information will be maintained on facilities and services in the areas of physical retardation and mental illness; physical disability, including cerebral palsy, congenital birth defects, blindness, deafness, et cetera; and such long-term illnesses as tuberculosis, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. Kansas City physicians may refer their patients to, or directly consult, the staff of the new center at any time.

Information will be available for people and for chronically ill patients on friendly visitors, nursing homes, family casework and individual counseling services, outpatient clinics, health fairs, recreation activities, Social Security claims, and veteran benefits. Information will also be maintained on such services as camping for the handicapped, care and training for physically retarded, vocational services, counseling for blind persons, speech therapy, transportation for the disabled, outpatient physical therapy, dental treatment, and recreation.

The center policy does not include direct payments of any kind to persons or organizations for care or services. It does not include the purchase of care or services on behalf of an individual, or the provision of counseling beyond referral to existing service agencies. For further information, contact the Aging and Chronically Ill Information Center, 320 East 10th, Kansas City, Missouri.

A record attendance of 2,138 was achieved this summer at day camps co-sponsored for the handicapped by the Recreation Division of the Park Department in Seattle, Washington, and the King County Park and Recreation Departments. The camp sessions, held at Hamlin Park, Camp Long, and

Camp Denny, were nine weeks in duration, extending from June 22 to August 19. Hikes, cookouts, nature studies, games and craft work were featured activities. Teenage members of Spade, Red Cross and Girl Scout groups, together with young people from areas adjoining the parks, assisted recreation division staff members in supervising the program.

This year's total attendance exceeds the 1963 number by 1,285, it was noted by Barbara Mumford, city recreation division specialist for the handicapped. Broader public information service was credited with almost doubling the previous year's attendance figure.

Another recreation division program, special swim classes for handicapped persons, was initiated this year at two Seattle locations. At West Seattle Community Pool, swim lessons, co-sponsored by the West Seattle Pool organization, were conducted from June 25 to August 19. At Evans Pool, handicapped persons were provided swimming instructions by members of the city's recreation division staff assisted by teenage volunteers including members of Red Cross and Spade groups. Evans Pool classes extended from June 26 to August 14. Total attendance for the two series was 944.

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# GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PROGRAM PLANNING

*Intelligent program planning  
gives the best possible variety  
of opportunity for the money available*

Reynold E. Carlson, Theodore R. Deppe, and Janet R. MacLean

**W**hat are some guiding principles for planning that have evolved from the experience of leaders through the years? Principles of program planning that community leaders might consider are here summarized:

**1. The recreation program should attempt to meet the individual and group needs and desires of the people.** The final test of success or failure in a program will lie in its ability to satisfy the people for whom the program was planned. If needs are not met, desires not fulfilled, the participants feel no inclination to return to the program.

Basic psychological needs are universal. Each individual seeks new experience, recognition, security, response, a feeling of belonging, or a search for esthetic rewards. Individuals find satisfactions for these universal desires in a variety of ways. A game of chess may satisfy an old man's wish to relate to others, whereas the teenager may appease the same desire by attending a party or a dance. The adult may find esthetic expression in the symphony concert, whereas the nursery tot creates through his finger painting. In a world in which it becomes increasingly difficult to find satisfactions in the work day, it is the responsibility of the recreation program to gratify expressed needs, stimulate new interests, and develop skills to explore those interests in alignment with the total objectives of the sponsoring agency.

**2. The program should be diversified.** All too often, recreation connotes only sports and games. The effective community program must include: sports and games; arts and crafts; dramatic activities; music; dance; literary, mental, and linguistic outlets; service to others; social recreation; camping and outdoor recreation; hobbies; and special events.

The program should be in careful balance to include opportunities for: active and passive recreation physical, so-

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cial, cultural, and creative activities; programs that allow individuals with varying degrees of skill to participate; programs that allow progress in proficiency within the activity; indoor and outdoor interests; activities for individual as well as for group participation; and interests that involve long-range as well as short-term participation.

**3. The program should provide equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, social status, economic needs, sex, age, interest, or mental or physical capacity.** Although it is often expedient to run programs on the basis of the "greatest good for the greatest number" wise program planning for community recreation will include activities for all ages, for both sexes, and for groups with special interest, varying ability, or economic, geographic, or social problems.

**AGE.** Program opportunities must not be limited to any one age grouping. Some programs should be provided especially for youngsters, teenagers, adults, or the aged; other programs should attract mixed age groups by cross-cutting the interests of entire families or other social units. The young adults and adults are all too frequently ignored in favor of an accent on youth needs.

**SEX.** Opportunities should be offered in equal balance to meet the needs and interests of each sex. Other programs should seek to offer wholesome outlets for co-recreation at many ages.

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS.** Community recreation should not be apportioned according to one's ability to pay, nor should the recreation program be dedicated to the needs of only the lower social or economic strata. Recreation must provide basic recreation outlets for rich and poor alike.

**MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CAPACITY.** Communities are increasing their awareness of their responsibility to provide programs for the atypical child or adult. The mentally retarded, the physically handicapped, and the homebound are getting a fairer share of consideration in the program, but there is need for greater concentration in these areas.

**SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS.** Although leadership and facilities are sometimes hard to find in the daily program for those who would like to indulge in sculpture, sailing, composing symphonies, or discussing philosophies, the skillful program planner will make every attempt to create outlets for those special interests through specialists, hobby groups, classes, or volunteer leaders.

**RACE, CREED, OR ETHNIC GROUPS.** It seems superfluous to mention that any program organized on democratic principles will avoid prejudices for or against racial or religious groups. Racial discrimination is one of the basic issues that recreation administrators, along with other community leaders, must face. Too often, program planning ignores particular needs of ethnic groups in special neighborhoods.

**4. Programs should be offered at a wide variety of times to meet the diverse living schedules of the population.** Timing is important to the success of any program. Activities must be available during the times when people are free to participate. Too frequently, the morning hours, the weekends, and the winter months are overlooked, as program emphasis is geared too strongly to school children or working adults. Although there is a credible tendency to avoid interference with church services on Sunday, many agencies also close their doors on Saturday, a day when families might best avail themselves of community offerings.

The center that operates only in the afternoon and evening neglects the early rising aged, who often do not care to travel at night. The playground that operates adult programs only in the evening ignores the many workers who labor on the night shift.

**5. Recreation programs for the community should be planned and coordinated to make best use of community facilities and personnel resources.** No one organization in the community is capable of satisfying all of the leisure needs and interests of the people. It is important that there be cooperative planning and coordination among individuals or agencies that offer recreation programs so that intelligent use can be made of existing facilities, leadership, and finance. For example, youth agencies frequently use churches, schools, and city recreation facilities for their programs. Inservice training institutes should utilize capable leaders from all community agencies. Efficient cooperation will prevent needless duplication of programs or facilities or will fill voids in these areas. Involvement of participants and leaders in planning will also aid in successful programming.

**6. Quality leadership must be employed as the backbone of successful recreation offerings.** The capabilities of the leaders will make or break the programs. Optimum recreation outlets are possible only when qualified, professional leaders are employed and given authority parallel with their responsibilities.

**7. Adequate financial backing is necessary, if programs are to succeed.** Intelligent program planning gives the best possible variety of opportunity for the money available. Many activities must be free to the participants in order that equal access for participation is possible. Other activities may be properly financed by fees and

charges. Creative planning, careful coordination and intelligent evaluation will produce the maximum in recreation benefits for the number of dollars expended.

**8. Best practices to insure the safety and health of the participants must be employed.** There is an ever-increasing emphasis on the responsibility of the sponsoring organization for insuring adequately safe and healthful conditions for those who are participating in recreation. Albert Whitney (*in Family Recreation and Safety, New York University Center for Safety Education*) comments on the relation between safety and recreation as follows:

"Teach a boy to play football safely, or to sail a boat safely, or to use a gun safely; in each case, you are showing him how he can have a good adventure instead of a bad one. Instead of the bad adventure of breaking his collarbone, he can have the good adventure of carrying the ball across the goal line; instead of the bad adventure of tipping his boat over . . . he can have the good adventure of sailing on to a thrilling finish; instead of ending his hunting adventure with a bullet through his leg, he can have the better adventure of the chase. . . ."

"From this point of view, the relation between safety and recreation is immediately clear. Safety rids us of the bad adventure and opens the way for the good adventure, but it remains for recreation actually to bring the good adventure. We must not put the children off the streets (for playing in the streets is better than no playing at all), unless we can furnish them with other, safe places in which to play. The two movements must go hand in hand. The safety movement needs the recreation movement in order to supply the better adventure. The recreation movement needs the safety movement in order to free life for the better adventure. They are both bound together as inseparable parts of the movement for a richer, better, more spiritual, more truly adventurous life."

For safer program efforts constant research must be made on accidents and their causes. Leaders must be constantly alerted to the difficulties of unhealthful or unsanitary practices whether they be found in continuing physical activity in the face of participant fatigue, unsanitary facilities, debris on playground, or easy accessibility of acids in the craft center.

**9. Program planning should adhere to the best available standards as evolved by national leaders.** Many agencies and organizations have developed standards for facilities, leadership, or program. Conscientious program planners will utilize the standards put forth by such organizations as the American Camping Association, National Recreation Association, American Red Cross, or the Division of Girls' and Women's Sports of the AAHPER.

**10. Programs should be constantly re-evaluated in light of objectives and public acceptance.** Surveys to investigate and to promote recreation activities, continuous evaluation of existing programs, and planned observations of response to new offerings should guide program efforts. Constant awareness of changes in interest and needs will avoid wasting budget money on activities that have outlived their appeal. #

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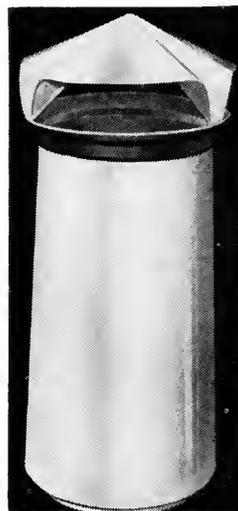
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On the move. Over twenty million families camp out in public and private parks across the nation. The Ford Motor Company has now put out a 44-page booklet illustrated in color, on camping tips which covers trailers, campsite information, travel know-how, planning your trip, keeping children entertained, a code of ethics for recreationers, et cetera. Called **Ford Recreation Vehicles**, the booklet is available for \$1.00 from the Ford Motor Company Publications Office, The American Road, Dearborn, Michigan.

Cream of the crop. An annotated guide to 1964's most interesting children's books about family life has been published by the Child Study Association of America. In **Book of the Year, 1964**, all selections are arranged by subject, the children's books by age and special interest, and each is briefly and clearly described. More than five hundred titles were chosen after careful reviewing of nearly two thousand books.

This is an annual project of the Association's two book committees. To make the selection members of the Children's Book Committee reviewed and evaluated some fifteen hundred children's books, and volunteers on the Book Review Committee reviewed hundreds of books and pamphlets of particular interest to parents and professionals working with families—books on marriage and pregnancy, adolescent problem education, family mental health, and other subjects. Copies may be purchased by sending \$1.00 in coin or stamps to Child Study Association of America, 9 East 89th Street, New York 10022. (Quantity rates are available upon request.)

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# CONCERNING UPKEEP

## MAINTENANCE STARTS WITH DESIGN

alter F. Bruning

**M**INIMUM MAINTENANCE in all park and recreation areas starts with *sign*, and yet the broad sweeping lines a grease pencil, no matter how contently handled, cannot solve all maintenance problems. An excellent park general plan can fail through lack of rious interest in details. Conversely, poor general scheme may achieve amazing success through the careful section and proper installation of the any materials used in executing the an. Therefore, emphasis must be placed on design that reduces maintenance costs through the use of proper materials and techniques at the out- et, for capital funds are always easier obtain than adequate maintenance nds. *Do it right at the start*—even it costs more!

Materials and techniques can com- ise a lengthy list, but when durability and ease of maintenance are important ctors, the list narrows considerably. ith this thought in mind, let's zero in a the materials required for park and creation areas and their relation to aintenance. These surface materials clude: paving, walls, walks, steps, undrails, fences, lighting, play areas, ayfields.

**Paving Materials (road surfaces).** he most maintenance-free materials r surface paving are *bituminous madam* (blacktop) and *concrete*. For inimum upkeep, paving should be ap- ied on a well-constructed base. The fe of both materials can be prolonged y use of sealers to provide protection om weather or salt deterioration. ever install blacktop on a grade of ver ten percent (one foot slope in ten et) as it is impossible to get proper

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compaction, which will result in a "washboard effect" and frequent resur- facing.

**Curbing Materials.** Used for control of traffic, drainage and runoff; also for protection of building, grounds fea- tures, and road edges. *Granite* is most indestructible material. It requires no maintenance or replacement, and it can be picked up and moved at any time for road widening, et cetera. Other mate- rials used with some degree of success are *concrete* and *blacktop*, which are more subject to weathering and me- chanical damage.

**Sidewalk Materials.** *Concrete* is most acceptable, with *blacktop* (bituminous asphalt) the next choice. It is ideal in the more formal areas near structures. Blacktop (bituminous macadam) lends itself to the more informal character of the naturalistic parts of the park. In snow regions, a silicone coating should be used on concrete to protect against salt deterioration. Blacktop is easier to install and its flexibility makes it less subject to temperature changes. It re- quires a well-constructed base and should be bound by a metal edge. Seal- ers will also prolong the life of blacktop.

**Retaining Walls (used to reduce steep grades).** *Poured concrete wall with stone or brick veneer* should re- quire next to no care because it com- bines sturdiness of concrete with the durability of a brick or stone surface. Drains or "weeps" should be provided through wall to prevent buildup of wa- ter pressure and subsequent buckling. Special attention must also be paid to proper installation of expansion joints to allow for movement in the concrete due to temperature changes. *Plain concrete wall* is the next alternate for retaining walls, but will be subject to surface deterioration. *Concrete block*, if tastefully installed, can also provide a neat, tailored appearance with little maintenance. *Dry walls* (stone walls without mortar) and *cribbed walls* are

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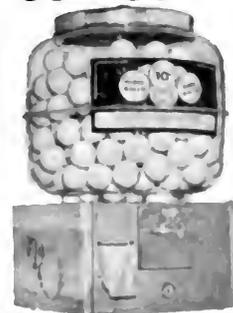
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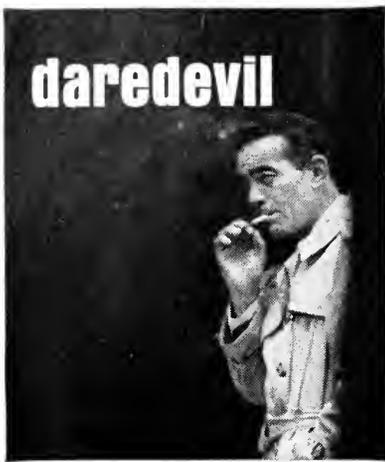


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not recommended for minimum maintenance. If dry walls are used, the individual stone must be massive enough to prevent the removal of the individual stones by vandals. The voids in cribbed walls are always subject to the development of weed growth.

**Exterior Steps.** Should be eliminated where possible, but if required, they should be less steep than indoor steps and more carefully constructed. *Stone* is the unanimous choice. It has a better nonskid surface, and can withstand damage from elements and winter salt.

**Handrails.** Should be required alongside all exterior steps, but can be a major maintenance problem requiring frequent care and painting. The best material is *anodized aluminum* which requires no painting and, unlike regular aluminum, resists corrosion.

**Fence Materials.** *Aluminum chain link fencing* requires no painting or other maintenance. *Steel link fence* requires frequent painting. Protective coatings add to their practicability, but this can wear off, requiring eventual painting.

**Exterior Lighting Materials.** Fixtures should be considered that require no painting or time consuming light replacement. *Aluminum fixtures* are now used so extensively that their initial cost is competing favorably with *steel poles*; but, unlike steel, they require no painting.

**Play Area Materials.** The best materials for informal play areas would be the new *resilient composition materials*, with *blacktop* a second choice. Because of the expense of the composition materials, an effective compromise is blacktop over most of the area, with the composition materials used at points of concentrated activity (under play apparatus).

Although *stone* and *turf* are in common use for play areas, both present major maintenance problems. While the *resilient compounds* are best, an excellent, less expensive second choice for formal play areas is *blacktop*. New colored sealers for blacktop not only protect the surface, but also reduce the heat absorption qualities, provide better visibility and are more pleasing to the eye.

**Athletic Field Materials.** Nothing is

better here than a good stand of healthy, well-drained *turf*, with adequate watering facilities. Multi-field development should also be considered to give the overused field an occasional rest and time for proper maintenance and conditioning.

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### Fish in Water

**A** NEW PURIFICATION PROCESS for the maintenance of high clarity water in mammal pools and aquariums is covered in U.S. Patent #3139402 (June 30, 1964) granted to Henry N. Armbrust, assignor to BIF Division, The New York Air Brake Company, manufacturers of water treatment equipment for municipal and industrial water works and swimming pools. The process was developed by BIF for installation at The Seven Seas Aquarama, the porpoise theater at the Chicago Zoological Society's Brookfield Zoo, and has recently been installed at the Philadelphia Aquarama Theatre of the Sea and the sea lion pool in Roger Williams Park Providence, Rhode Island. The process allows the same water to be used over a period of months, with clarity maintained at a high level, without harm to the animals or fishlife. The maintenance of high clarity in porpoise and other mammal pools in zoos and aquariums has been a serious and costly problem up to now. It has involved removal of solid, semi-dissolved, and liquid wastes; maintenance of the proper pH, and inhibition of bacteria and algae growths. These problems have been even more complicated with closed systems (located away from the sea, with artificially salted water), or with polluted salt water supplies.

For details of the recent installation at the Philadelphia Aquarama Theatre of the Sea, write to BIF Division, The New York Air Brake Company, 65th Harris Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02901, for a free copy of Ref. No. 2-SIC49-3.

### Wet Strength

- Some fishing lines have slightly less strength when wet, but according to *The New Fisherman's Encyclopedia* (Stackpole Books), linen lines actually become fifty percent stronger when wet.

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University's Division of General Extension and the Department of Recreation and Park Administration.

Edward W. Ruggles, who directs North Carolina State's continuing education programs, points out that this particular area has too long been ignored. "With the increase in leisure time for the American people," he said, "recreation becomes increasingly important to develop programs dealing with recreation and parks."

To run this new program the two cooperating agencies of the university have secured the services of J. Harold Moses, formerly director of recreation for the city of Durham. Mr. Moses has spent his entire adult life in the parks and recreation field and is currently president of the North Carolina Recreation Society. He expects to complete work on his master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill early next year.

**Work Trainees**

A MANPOWER trainee program has been initiated by the Los Angeles School District, the California Department of Employment, and the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission. The training program is a phase of the South-Central Los Angeles Youth Opportunities project and is designed for a group of fifty trainees. The program will continue for a twenty-two-week period.

For the first twenty weeks, trainees will receive a full-time, intensive preparation program. For the remaining two weeks the young men will have daily classroom lecture and will then work as gardener-caretakers. Classroom activities will be under the direction of the school district, and the work will be under the supervision and training of the park branch. All expenses, including compensation of recreation and parks department staff and cost of tools and equipment, will be paid by the school district. It has been clearly stipulated that, under this program, no civil service employe would be displaced or his position assumed by trainees and that standards of wages for employes would be reduced.

**The Life You Save**

OK, fisherman, so you can swim, but for safety's sake — and just in case your boat gets boarded by the Coast Guard—you had better make sure that you have at least one approved life preserver aboard for each passenger and crew member. *The New Fisherman's Encyclopedia* (Stackpole Books) lists three approved types: jackets or vests fitted with pads of kapok, plastic foam, or fibrous glass in a cloth or vinyl plastic-dipped covering; buoyant

cushions; or ring buoys. Approved equipment carries a white tab or a stamping indicating the approval of a Coast Guard inspector.

**IN BRIEF**

- A band reading clinic is offered without charge as a service to band directors in elementary, junior and senior high schools throughout Westchester County, New York, sponsored by the County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.



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## People in the News

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Leisher, Summit; Second Vice-President, **Joseph B. Sharpless**, Livingston; Secretary, **Kenneth Thompson**, Plainfield; and Treasurer, **Walter J. Sidor**, Clifton. Permanent central headquarters for the New Jersey Society are located in Memorial Park in Livingston.

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New officers of the Virginia Recreation Society are: President, **Harry D. Knight**, First Vice-President, **Fred Williams**; Second Vice-President, **Connie Rollison**; Treasurer, **Ellen Singleton**; and Board Members, **Donald Wingo**, **Kenneth Burnett**, and **Myrtle Patterson**.

### IN MEMORIAM

• **WILLIAM C. MILLER** died in St. Cloud, Minnesota, in November at the age of sixty-three. He had been a recreation craft specialist with the St. Cloud Recreation Department since November 1949. Bill Miller has been credited as the originator of the "craft mobile" and his novel ideas for craft projects were always one of the highlights of the leadership training sessions in St. Cloud and the National Recreation Association Leadership Institutes conducted there.

• **WILLIAM E. COLBY** died in Big Sur, California, on November 9. He would have been ninety next May 28. He had

served as honorary president of the Sierra Club from 1950, being elected to that office after retiring from the board of directors, on which he had served for forty-nine years, forty-seven of them as secretary and two as president. He was associated with John Muir in the club's early years, especially in the campaigns to make Yosemite Valley part of Yosemite National Park and to try to save Hetch Hetchy Valley from inundation. With Muir he founded the club's High Trip in 1901. He contributed substantially to the saving of the redwoods, to enlarging Sequoia and establishing Kings Canyon and Olympic National Parks. He was also first chairman of the California State Park Commission. His eminence as a mining attorney served him well in his conservation work, and he more than anyone else carried the torch Muir laid down when he died in late 1914.

• **DONALD B. DYER**, assistant superintendent of the Milwaukee public schools in charge of the municipal recreation and adult education division, died in November at the age of sixty-six. Mr. Dyer joined the division in 1927 as a social center director, became a staff supervisor in 1928, was appointed first assistant director in 1941, and became director in 1948. Under his direction, the recreation division expanded its programs which previously had been aimed primarily at children. A strong advocate of the professional approach in recreation, Mr. Dyer wrote in a 1954

report, "The hesitancy on the part of many recreation people to accept recreation as an educational process with programs to be organized and conducted according to sound educational principles and procedures is one of the road blocks in the development of the profession."

• **EDGAR J. BUTTENHEIM**, chairman of the board of the Buttenheim Publishing Corporation in New York City, died in November at the age of eighty-two. The corporation, founded in 1911 by Mr. Buttenheim and his brother Harold publishes *American City* and other trade publications. He and his brother Harold also founded, in 1913, the American City Bureau, Inc., a fund-raising organization which has raised millions of dollars for Community Chest, YWCA's, and similar agencies.

• **GEORGE WASHINGTON CASEY**, founder of the Big Brother Association of Philadelphia in 1915 and Big Brothers of America in 1948, died in November at the age of eighty. Mr. Casey was also a founder and first treasurer of the Crime Prevention Association, now known as the Philadelphia Association for Youth. In 1957 he received the John B. Kelly Award for outstanding contribution to youth in Philadelphia. From 1915 until retirement in 1951, he was executive director of the Philadelphia Big Brother Association. Since then he had served on the board of directors.

## Help Wanted: Women

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special services officers in planning and directing a wide range of recreation activities at military installations throughout the world. Recreation positions for women are available under the following options: arts and crafts, drama, music, radio, television, roving leadership, social activities, youth activities, sports, and general.

**Peace Corps.** The Peace Corps needs dedicated recreators who can make a concrete contribution to international amity and understanding by helping to bring America's recreation "know-how" to a variety of newly independent nations. Needed urgently are women qualified to develop effective physical education programs in such places as Tunisia, Iran, Thailand, Ceylon, and the Ivory Coast.

**Private Agencies.** Agencies such as the USO, Camp Fire Girls, Boy and Girl Scouts, YWCA and YMCA, girls' clubs, and many other groups which have pioneered in the recrea-

tion field, have demonstrated the validity and essentiality of recreation as one part of the American way of life. Women leaders are essential to successful programs of these agencies. They also are needed as counselors at various camps.

**A**S MAY BE SEEN from the above, something is happening in recreation which makes it worth considering by women, as a vocation as well as a calling. There are many cogent appeals other than the appeal of altruism. In planning a career in recreation, it behooves all women, as members of the profession, not to limit the scope of their activities to a point where they are unable to adjust, or qualify, for another type recreation. They must strive to achieve a broad background which will enable them to see and fit into the overall picture. Only then will they win and hold an important place in the fast growing field of recreation. They also will provide invaluable as wives and mothers for the woman trained in recreation will be able to make life for her family more fun, truly creative, and worthwhile. #

# NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Urban Landscape Design**, Garrett Ekbo. McGraw-Hill, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 10036. Pp. 248, illustrated. \$16.50.

HOW CAN the outdoor spaces of the city be designed to serve the philosophical objectives of recreation for all people? The author, a leading landscape architect, speaks of feeling and enlightened imagination about the hard practicalities of living with the urban landscape which must serve this important purpose. He deals with the present big problem of the deterioration of our fast disappearing urban open space. He asks of a total outdoor environment we could be using for our self-expression, for physical activity, and spiritual rejuvenation. He is concerned with the environment we inherited from our predecessors and which we may find much poorer, to future generations. Using his own work, as well as the work of other landscape architects as examples, he presents current planning solutions to space utilization and organization. In photographs, drawings, statistics, and an absorbing text, he takes us step by step through an investigation of how planners and landscape architects put a sense of meaningful order into the outdoor spaces of the city.

The heart of this handsome book is a 100-page section called "Examples" which contains brief chapters covering design solutions: a room's relation to its site, a building's relation to its site, the relationship of buildings to outdoor space, designs for parks and playgrounds, designs for streets and squares, the concept of design for neighborhoods, communities, and regions. A generous section of the book, devoted to park maintenance and design, deals with an approach to organizing and evaluating the efficiency of recreation administration for such work.

Mr. Ekbo is a partner in a leading American landscape architecture firm, Ekbo, Dean, Austin and Williams. He is one of the founding fathers of the contemporary concept of functional outdoor architecture. Many of the important designs of shopping centers and their pleasant pedestrian malls; of the country's exciting ideas in creative playgrounds which serve as integral parts of larger parks; of our most attractively scaled, pleasant family parks

are the product of Mr. Ekbo's fertile imagination. He is an important influence on many of our best practicing landscape architects today. His work, as well as the work of his contemporaries, illustrates a new and exciting landscaping direction in our country.

His book is directed to community leaders and administrators in whose hands rests the fate of whatever programs are effectuated for open land use and outdoor recreation services. Park and recreation administrators and workers head his list of those who must assume responsibility for establishing a climate of understanding within communities. Much can be done to offset the visual and functional blight of our urban centers and provide useful outdoor recreation areas in the doing. It takes technicians, inspired creative people, and determined leadership.

Any serious professional recreation administrator should know how and what it is about the design of recreation spaces in the city that makes them rewardingly useful to those who live with them from day to day and year to year. Mr. Ekbo's book will help arm the recreation worker for his continued battle for budget, space, and recognition of his role in the community.—*David Aaron, president of Playground Corporation of America, designer and consultant on children's recreation facilities.*

**Philosophical Foundations for Physical, Health and Recreation Education**, Earle F. Zeigler. Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Pp. 356. \$6.95.

**EARLE ZEIGLER**, professor of physical education at the University of Illinois, has undertaken an ambitious assignment in attempting to provide the major student in the area of health, physical education, and recreation education with philosophical understanding that will undergird professional practice. Dr. Zeigler does a commendable job of developing a capsule history of the mainstreams of philosophical thought and of applying three modern systems ("experimentalism," "realism," and "idealism") to problems related to education.

The trouble is that he never really tells us what he means by "recreation education." It does not appear to involve the preparation of professional

workers in this field. If it is synonymous with the "leisure education" function of the schools, this is not, by and large, a clearly identified area of instruction; nor is it solely a matter of carryover of physical learnings. Physical education is the primary focus of the text, and the reader whose primary interest is recreation will get only occasional satisfaction from the author's brief discussions of leisure and its attendant problems.

While the book, overall, is scholarly in its use of a wide variety of references and in the clarity of its organization and writing, Dr. Zeigler offers in conclusion a chapter and several appendices on another level: "Building Your Own Personal Philosophy," "Debating Procedures," and "Several Recommended Types of Examinations and Term Papers." These seem to represent an attempt to make the text *practical*, rather than theoretical. However, they seem somehow irrelevant to the main focus and, in any case, cannot compensate the potential reader whose concern is chiefly recreation for the book's lack of a thorough and systematic attempt to develop a philosophy of leisure and recreation.—*Richard Kraus, Teachers College, Columbia University.*

**Administration of Public Administration**, Lynn S. Rodney. Ronald Press, 15 East 26th Street, New York 10010. Pp. 475. \$8.00.

**DR. RODNEY** writes from his wide experience as an administrator, as a National Recreation Association district representative, which gave him an opportunity to study and observe many different recreation and park operations in various parts of the country, and as a university professor. His book "is designed as an introduction to the general field of recreation administration and as an aid to members of recreation administration and as an aid to members of recreation boards, recreation leaders, park personnel, and others involved with recreation and park relationships in better understanding the problems and responsibilities facing the administrative staff of a recreation system." It should be equally valuable to the student entering the field and the practitioner on the job.

Dr. Rodney believes that not enough

has been written in recreation administration upon *specifics*; in other words, while general concepts are needed, their implementation needs to be spelled out. Therefore, he develops guides that are specific and applicable to administrative situations.

Dr. Rodney takes a strong stand on the importance of goals. He states broad aims and objectives and relates them to administration. He discusses concepts and meanings but he does not stop there. The goals, concepts, and meanings are translated into the practical, how-to-do-it procedures with a wealth of detail that will help the administrator achieve the goals and make the concepts meaningful. The book becomes more practical and specific as it progresses into personnel policies, finance and budget administration, fee-charging practices and policies, areas and facilities, and, finally, to a generous appendix containing state enabling acts, charters and ordinances, sample organization charts, agreements for cooperation between school and recreation authorities, sample playground programs, bond prospectus, a section on space requirements for a neighborhood recreation center and individual areas and facilities.—*Arthur Todd, Director, National Recreation Association Field Department.*

**Do It in a Day Puppets for Beginners**, Margaret Weeks Adair. John Day Company, 62 West 45th Street, New York 10036, N. Y.

**DON'T MISS THIS!** It's real puppet fun, packed with action, color, and laughter. It'll take the pout out of puppetry. The moppets will love that dog made out of a floor duster, with green Christmas tree balls for eyes, and that sea serpent made out of a rubber hair-spray and hose—and so will you.

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Three puppet plays, based upon children's creative dramatic programs involving storytelling, are included. The plays in their final form require a narrator and sometimes a chorus or sound maker. The puppets pantomime the

stories—no lines to learn! By the time you and the children have produced these puppets and plays, you'll be able to add other wonderful tales. It's just that simple.—*V. M.*

**Trumpets, Horns and Music**, Murray Barbour. Michigan State University Press. East Lansing. Pp. 190. \$7.50.

**THE CLOSE TIES** established in this publication between technical development and music of the 18th century make it doubly useful. Band, orchestra, and choral conductors and performers will gain a better understanding of brass instruments, how they are actually used, and of musical literature. After all, the 18th century boasts of two of the greatest composers of all times, Bach and Handel, with Mozart and Haydn following shortly thereafter. Their choral and instrumental scores contain many parts for brass instruments. Mr. Barbour's identification of these parts and their explanation will be of practical help in preparing performances of their works. In addition, Mr. Barbour introduces a practically unknown and fascinating composer, a F. X. Pokorny.—*Siebolt Frieswyk, National Recreation Association Consultant on the Performing Arts.*

**Ballads and Songs from Ohio**, Mary O. Eddy. Folklore Associates, Hatboro, Pennsylvania. Pp. 330. \$8.50.

**MARY O. EDDY** was born in Congress, Ohio, in 1877, and has devoted a lifetime to collecting folksongs and ballads in her native state. These collections remained as part of the Tolman Mss at Harvard University until their publication by Folklore Associates. Folksongs and ballads are world travelers and may turn up almost anywhere. A host of them turned up in Ohio. Miss Eddy has made it possible for Ohioans and folk singers everywhere to enjoy a nice heritage of song and story from the Buckeye State.

**Interpreting Music Through Movement**, Louise Humphreys and Jerrold Ross. Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Pp. 149. Spiralbound, \$3.95.

**THIS IS** presented as one phase of music education and covers new methods of teaching. Music is suggested, background information provided, and lesson plans outlined. Detailed "pattern lessons" for music by Anderson, Britten, Copland, Debussy, Dvorak, Gottschalk, Grieg, Hayman, and several other composers are included, to be used in daily learning experience and until the composers become "old friends."

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**My Origami Birds**, unpagged, \$3.00  
**My Origami Flowers**, unpagged, \$3.00  
**My Origami Animals and Fishes**, unpagged, \$1.00. All from Crown Publishers, 419 Park Avenue South, New York 10016.

**The ABC's of Origami**, Claude S. Sas. Charles E. Tuttle Company, Rutland, Vermont. Pp. 55. \$2.95.

**IF YOU** have yet to try origami, this ancient Japanese art of paperfolding, you could do well by beginning with any one of these books. The books, featuring birds, flowers, animals and fish, are not only well done but would make anyone want to try this art. These books include a packet of colorful origami paper. Highly imaginative and colorful photographs are used for illustration. Some of the completed origami figures have been creatively photographed, what would be their natural living habitat and the results are strikingly beautiful. For instance, the owl was photographed on a branch in a wooded area, the frogs on lily pads in a pond.

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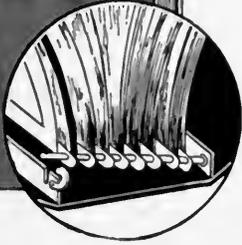
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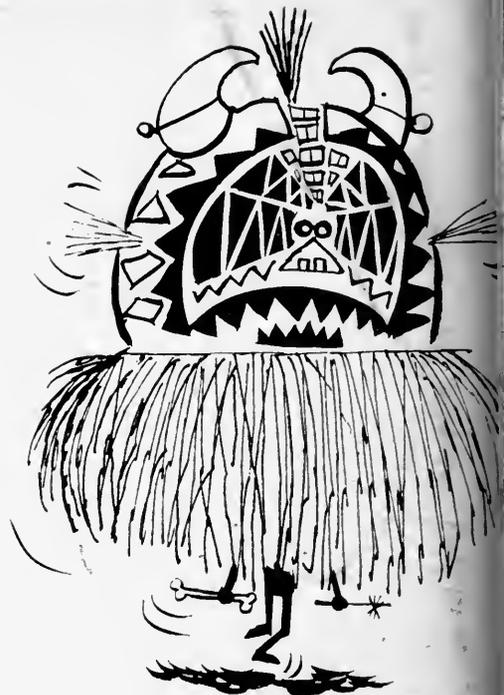
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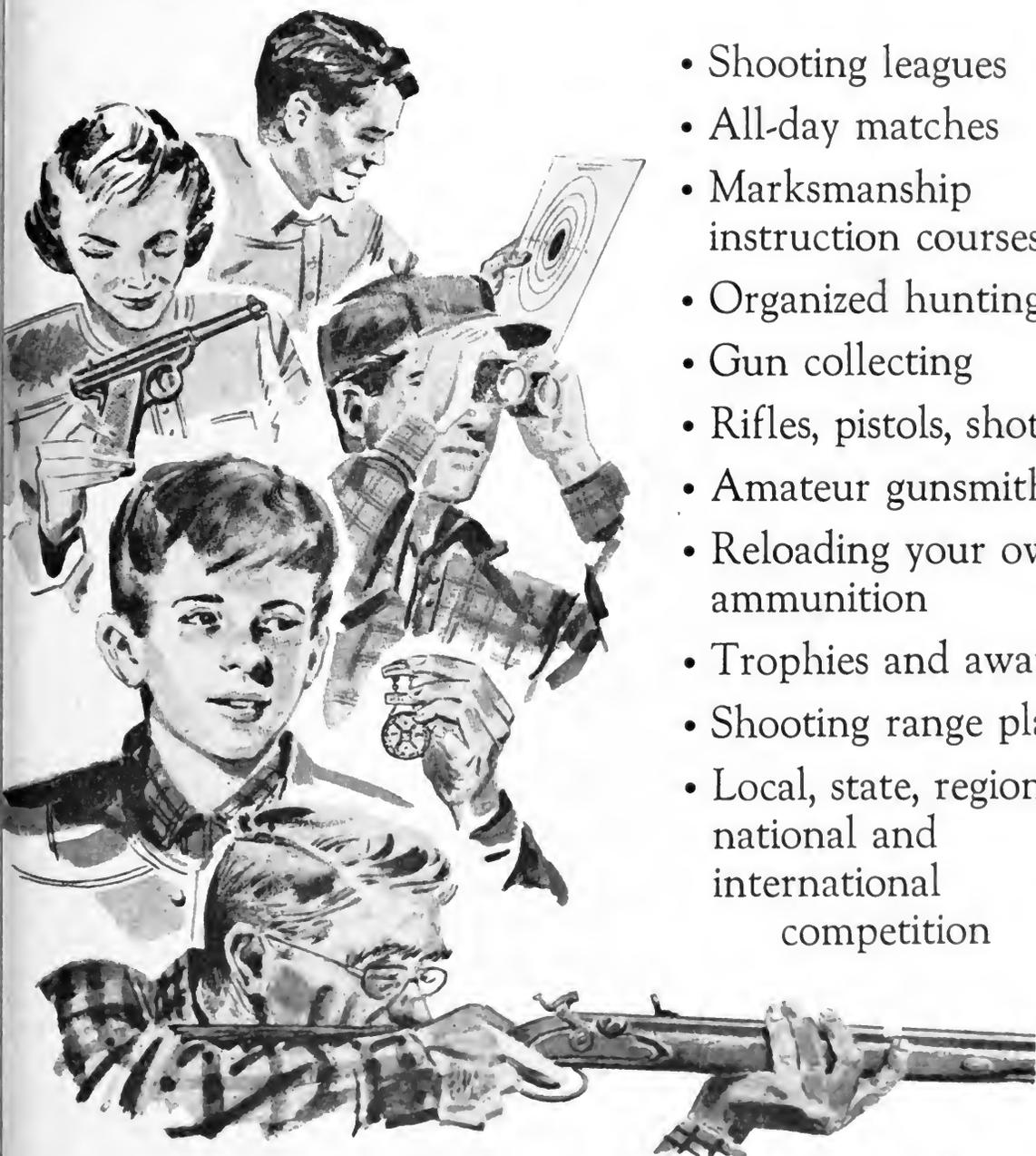
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## On the Cover

This is the season for the swoosh of skis on snowy slopes, the stinging of crystal air on the cheeks, the exhilaration of speed in downhill flight, the silent benediction of a white landscape. Learn more on skiing and winter sports see Page 66. Photo courtesy Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa.

## Next Month

The emphasis of next month's issue will be on outdoor education for recreation as well as on careering. What is outdoor education for the recreator? What do you know about weather signs in the backcountry, wildflowers in an aspen jungle, or choosing a day-camp site? You will learn more about all these things. Among other contents will be articles on national programs, conservation, and skiing. Three pages on plans for the National Recreation Association District Conferences this spring give highlights of these regional meetings—from an illuminating day depth on lighting recreation areas (Southeast) to a cable-car cottill (Pacific Southwest) to workshop for activity leaders (Midwest). . . other article will give you pointers on how to conduct a meeting. The third in the series "Standards for Recreation Areas" by G. Leslie Lynch of the Association staff, will examine state and A new development in recreation enterprises is a commercial campground set up by a tribe of Apaches as described in "Be a Guest."

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## Ward-Activity Programs

Many hospitals for the ill and/or disabled and schools for the mentally retarded, both private and public, delegate the recreation responsibilities to persons whose primary job is the care of those individuals. The programs are often called "ward-activity programs" or some other term that designates recreation for the participants. Such programs are, in many cases, misleading because they often afford little or no recreation for the participants. Often, recreation is conceived of as activity only, and, consequently, when children are seen engaging in activity it is called "recreation."

To the professional recreator, activity is, though a prerequisite, is not necessarily recreation. It is how this activity is engaged in and the motive for engaging in this activity that makes it recreation. Was the activity sought for or accepted or was it superimposed on the individuals? Were they coerced into partaking? If so, it can hardly be expected for activity engaged under such conditions to allow individuals the opportunity for self-expression, creativity, adventure, and all the other human values that are inherent in true recreation."

Below are some of the many reasons why a ward-activity type program could not be the primary source of recreation for an individual or group of individuals: The primary work of ward personnel, and rightfully so, deals with tending to the basic needs of those in their care; that is, seeing that each individual is properly clothed, fed, etc. This leaves recreation as a secondary role; in the case of many, a minor role. This should not be. Recreation is of sufficient importance to justify its being left to those who consider it their primary responsibility.

Ward personnel tend to carry over ward discipline and methods into the recreation program. This tendency discourages wholesome acting-out and regiments participation. The fact that a person is good on the wards is not in itself evidence that he will be a good recreation leader. In fact, just the opposite is quite possible. A different form of leadership and control from that usually found on the wards is needed to encourage participation in recreation activities.

The unfavorable psychological attitudes that many of the participants have towards the buildings that they must call their homes make the use of these buildings for recreation purposes far from acceptable and could in many cases stymie wholesome participation.

There is definitely a place for ward-activity or similar type programs. It is not meant to be suggested from the above that such programs should not exist. These programs should be used, but only as a compliment or a stimuli or an adjunct to a comprehensive recreation program administered by persons with recreation as their primary responsibility and never as a substitute for such.

CHARLES W. WILLIAMS, *Recreation Instructor, Willowbrook State School, Staten Island, New York.*

## Cover to Cover

Sirs:

Our copy of RECREATION is always around and eventually finds its way to the municipal library. The librarian has told me it is quite popular with the people that use that facility. I personally read it from cover to cover looking for new ideas or ways in which to improve my own professional knowledge and our program.

RICHARD "TITCH" COPELAND, *Recreation Supervisor, Huntington Beach, California.*



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**Philosophical Foundations**

Sirs:

I was pleased to see a review of my book *Philosophical Foundations for Physical, Health, and Recreation Education* in [your] January issue, but I am forced to the conclusion that Dr. Kraus has criticized my work for not doing something which was never planned in the first place. As I explained in several places in the book, "Physical, Health, and Recreation Education" is one conception of the role of the physical educator in our schools. The physical educator is responsible for physical recreation within this framework.

I did not promise the reader that I was going to attempt to spell out definitively the philosophical foundations for the field of recreation. I do believe that I have laid the groundwork and explained the approach whereby someone in recreation could do this. The difficulty lies in the fact that recreation must produce its own scholars with the background in philosophy and philosophy of education to undertake this task.

Dr. Kraus takes me to task also for "the book's lack of a thorough and systematic attempt to develop a philosophy of leisure and recreation." Particular philosophies of leisure and recreation have been written very ably by Nash, Brightbill, Danford, and others. But these philosophies belong to these men; there is no such "animal" as one philosophy of leisure and recreation which could have been offered in a book of this type. Its purpose was to offer some of the implications for physical, health, and recreation education from the leading philosophical tendencies in the Western World.

To answer Dr. Kraus, "recreation education" is "education for recreation." It certainly is not professional preparation for recreational leadership. The former relates to general education; the latter is, of course, professional in nature.

I thank you and Dr. Kraus again for this review. I hope I have cleared up some of the misunderstandings.

EARLE F. ZEIGLER, *Head, Department of Physical Education, University of Illinois, Champaign.*

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RECREATION played a prominent role in President Johnson's State of Union Message. Said the President: We do not intend to live—in the best of abundance — isolated from neighbors and nature, confined by walled cities and bleak suburbs, stunted by a poverty of learning and an emptiness of leisure.

propose we launch a national effort to make the American city a better, more stimulating place to live.

In our urban areas the central problem today is to protect and restore man's satisfaction in belonging to a community where he can find security and significance. The first step is to break old patterns—to begin to think, act, and plan for the development of metropolitan areas. We will take the first step with new programs of help for basic community facilities and neighborhood centers of health and recreation.

In a fruitful new partnership with states and cities, the next decade could be a conservation milestone. We must make a massive effort to beautify the countryside and establish a green legacy for tomorrow with more large and small parks, recreation seashores, and open spaces that have been created during any period in our history. A new and

## Merger Passed by Board

At a special meeting of the National Recreation Association Board of Trustees chaired by James H. Evans, on January 22, 1965, the thirty board members attending unanimously passed the following resolution for merger of the National Recreation Association, American Recreation Society, American Institute of Park Executives and the National Conference of State Parks:

THAT the Proposal for Merger dated December 5, 1964, be approved and that the Special Committee of the Board (consisting of James H. Evans, Susan M. Lee, Luther Gulick, and Robert W. Crawford) be authorized and directed to work out with the Board representatives of the other organizations the details of the merger to be submitted for the consideration of the Board at its next meeting on May 26, 1965.

substantial effort must be made to landscape highways and provide places of relaxation and recreation wherever our roads run. Within our cities imaginative programs are needed to landscape streets and transform open areas into places of beauty and recreation.

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▶ NEWEST ADDITION to the National Recreation Association staff is Kenneth J. Smithee, former parks and recrea-

tion director in Maricopa County, Arizona, who is credited with developing the nation's largest locally operated regional parks system. Mr. Smithee plans to report to NRA's Washington headquarters on February 10 to begin his newly created job. He will serve as special consultant on parks and recreation to counties throughout the fifty states. As director of the Maricopa County department, Mr. Smithee developed the county regional parks system from a tiny operation into a 93,000-acre regional and sub-regional program comprising eleven parks. He also developed and was instrumental in the transfer to various cities in the county of seventeen urban parks containing a total of 750 acres, and with improvements valued at \$1,300,000. His successor in Maricopa County is Eddie Brown, superintendent of parks for the county since 1962.

▶ URBAN PROBLEMS. The National Association of Counties recently issued a "white paper" calling for a three-pronged attack on urban problems which would include a White House Office on Urban Affairs, headed by a special assistant to the President, a cabinet-level Department of Housing, and a Council of Urban Affairs. The proposals were announced by NACO President Edwin G. Michaelian, the elected executive of Westchester County, New York, and are a reaffirmation of NACO policy.

The NACO position paper, noted that "Every American, regardless of where he lives, is deeply involved in urbanization and urban affairs. It also becomes evident that urbanization is so far-reaching in every aspect that it

### CLARENCE BREWER 1891-1964

Clarence Brewer, who retired in 1961 after fifty years of dedicated service in the recreation field, most of them on the staff of the National Recreation Association, died on Christmas day of a heart attack. Mr. Brewer had been caring for his wife who has not been well during these last years. From the days of the War Camp Community Service during World War I, through field service during World War II, he had given his loyal support, fine knowledge and skill to the work of the Association, serving largely in the field department.

At the time of his retirement, he had been a member of the National Committee for Amateur Baseball, a past-president of the Amateur Baseball Federation, and for thirty years a member of the International Joint Rules Committee on Softball. He had served, too, as a consultant on industrial recreation for the NRA during those years and was widely known and loved in manufacturing circles. His community surveys and

studies for the Association had taken him far afield, and he had likewise become a familiar figure to many recreators and community groups from coast to coast.

After his retirement, he continued to serve on the International Joint Rules Committee on Softball, the National Committee for Baseball, and on the board of directors of the Recreation Association of Michigan. He also continued to make community recreation studies for the NRA and to work with Dr. Frank L. Oktavec, head of the recreation curriculum at Wayne State College, Detroit, on board member workshops. He was living in Detroit at the time of his death.

Friends from far and near have been wiring and writing the NRA to express their sorrow and they have been generous in their praise of his ability and dedication, and of the part he played in developing the recreation field. He will be greatly missed.

directly affects every aspect of government and inter-governmental activity, federal, state, and local." NACO reiterated that the urban problem is not a mythical conflict between urban and rural areas, but is in fact a phenomenon based on population movement with two sets of problems: one in the areas of out-migration and one in the area of in-migration.

▶ **THE STAMP OF GULICK.** Representatives of several national agencies are spearheading a drive to have a United States postage stamp issued in commemoration of Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick. It is hoped that the stamp can be issued December 5, 1965—the hundredth anniversary of his birth. Dr. Gulick was one of the founders and the first President of the National Recreation Association (formerly called the Playground Association of America). He also helped to organize the Boy Scouts of America, the Camp Fire Girls and the Folk Dance Society of America, as well as to modernize the YMCA's program. You can take part in this effort to honor Dr. Gulick. Write to your senators and congressmen. Ask for their support of this commemorative postage stamp for issuance on December 5, 1965. You can also write directly to Postmaster John A. Gronouski, Washington, D.C. 20025.

## COMING EVENTS

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**National Brotherhood Week, February 21-28.** For information and program material, write to the National Conference on Christian and Jews, 43 West 57th Street, New York 10019.

**Children's Art Month, March.** For program and promotion material, write to the Crayon, Water Color and Craft Institute, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 10017.

**14th Annual Meeting, National Council on the Aging, March 1-5, Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D.C.** For information, write to the council at 49 West 45th Street, New York 10036.

**Annual Conference and Annual Institute in Parent Education, Child Study Association of America, March 1-2, Hotel Commo-**

*dore, New York City.* For information write to the association at 9 East 89th Street, New York 10028.

**Girl Scout Week, March 7-13.** Sponsored by the Girl Scouts of the USA, 830 Third Avenue, New York 10022.

**Revenue Resources Management School** (for park, recreation and zoo personnel), *March 14-18, North Carolina State of the University of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina.* Sponsored by the American Institute of Park Executives. Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia.

**42nd Annual Meeting, American Orthopsychiatric Association, March 17-20, New York Hilton Hotel, New York City.** For further information, write to the AOA, 1790 Broadway, New York 10019.

**Camp Fire Girls Birthday Week, March 21-27.** Sponsored by Camp Fire Girls, 65 Worth Street, New York 10013.

## THE NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION AND RESEARCH

**T**O HELP THE NRA to better service the recreation movement and the professionals and agencies involved, a constituency survey has been sent NRA Affiliates and Associates. In the case of merger, this will provide excellent information on which to base the services aspect of the new organization. The survey has two parts:

**Part 1** Characteristics of the constituency which include things such as the setting in which they work, the service area, nature of position; personal data, such as age, education, and other things.

**Part 2** An evaluation of services both of present and of recommended services.

Since its organization in 1906, the NRA has considered studies and research one of its most important functions. To date, this research has centered in field studies, inventories, and special inquiries. Field studies have been primarily of two types: comprehensive and nation-wide studies involving field observations and visitation, and studies restricted to a single locality or a few cities. Publications resulting from early studies of the first type are *Park Manual, Music in American*

*Life, Camping Out, The New Leisure Challenges the Schools.* Presently being undertaken are a survey of services to the physically handicapped and mentally retarded in twenty-two hundred community recreation departments, a community referral project for arthritics, and the compilation of a guide to the organization and administration of cultural recreation programs, based on data gathered from administrators of such programs in all parts of the country. In the second type, NRA's many individual city and country surveys are well known.

Need for information on specific problems or procedures has led NRA to make special inquiries, many by questionnaire and committee study, into such subjects as the use of school buildings by recreation departments, systems for taking playground attendance, personnel standards, surfacing methods and materials, play space and apparatus standards, encroachment, recreation services to clients of representative types of sheltered workshops, ways of meeting some social-psychological needs of home-bound persons through recreative experiences. Resulting books or pamphlets include

*Recreation Areas—Their Design and Equipment, Personnel Standards, Recreation, The Camp Program Book, Arts and Crafts for the Recreation Leader.* Other organizations have operated in a number of the special inquiries, some of which have been followed up with new studies and revised publications.

Important as these services are in ongoing recreation operations, NRA recognized the need for a research organization which could do much more and the National Recreation Research Center Project was undertaken in 1960. On the basis of this study, a National Institute for Recreation Research was recommended to NRA's Board of Trustees, and NRA has been active interested in implementing its establishment.

The Association will seek to encourage and support other organizations interested in recreation research and will solicit their cooperation in return. This job to be done is mammoth. It cannot be accomplished by one or two people. Only by full cooperation among all the interested organizations can real progress be made toward realizing the potential contribution of research to the recreation movement.

# Planning Is Basic to Recreation Philosophy

John Andrews



IN AMERICA WE have a need for a leisure philosophy for, until this generation, there has been little leisure for the average person. The development of a philosophy of leisure in America has been obstructed for we have confused leisure with idleness. As if we complain that we do not have time for recreation we, often, in fact say, "See how busy I am. I am not idle. I am at work. So I have no leisure virtues." There is great need to develop adequate, planned recreation for our leisure, and to create attitudes, habits, and interests to allow its satisfactory use.

The challenge is to bring together local, state and national resources for the worthy use of leisure and to make them practically available, through understanding, to the average person. To allow for the full, creative (recreation) use of leisure we must provide, together, planned (organized) recreation opportunity for our people in this age of leisure. The process of local, state and national planning and organization are important and properly handled, can become the solid base for a philosophy of leisure in America.

We must create this philosophy of leisure. It is not something we can find if we are to continue our world leadership for the history of mankind demonstrates that a country cannot maintain its virility unless it does better than those nations, which before us, had leisure.

Our first step in the development of a philosophy of leisure is to place the creative, satisfying, challenging, productive, cultural, relaxing, stimulating use

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of leisure, *recreation*, on the acceptance level with work, education, health, welfare, and religion. Let us recognize recreation's potentials for good and banish our traditional feelings of guilt towards recreation participation. Let us become overtly aware that, in recreation use of leisure, we can realize the opportunities for which man has sought throughout the centuries. We *must* create a philosophy of recreation use of leisure worthy of these potentials. Then, because of the freedom and direction which this philosophy of leisure gives to us, we can realize its full opportunities for creative, satisfying, recreative living.

If we accept the obvious—that in this era of leisure we need a philosophy in regard to its use—it becomes necessary to agree on the steps to take in getting a leisure philosophy which recognizes the needs of our people and which suggests directions in which to proceed in satisfying these needs. This reveals a process that is more specific and more generally understood than that which is involved in the formation of a philosophy.

This process is called *planning*, planning as it is understood by the recreator and the professional planner. Out of good planning comes data as to the needs and wishes of people, of resources which are available or which can be brought to bear, or created, for the satisfaction of needs. A good plan must be based upon intelligently related facts.

Planning establishes attainable goals, focuses a people's intent and directs their combined, intelligent efforts into logical, experience-based coordinated effort to progress towards the realization of selected goals. It makes purposive action possible to a community, a state, and a nation, action which is much more intelligently directed than the trial-and-error method of the paramedicium, or of community-by-community trial-and-error. It pyramids experience and works from a solid base of facts and of proven method.

Planning brings together experience

and knowledge as to masses of causative factors and related effects, of intelligently selected goals to firm and overtly expressed community purposes, and the resulting direction which is given to joined human effort to move towards goals. These are facts which the lay citizen will comprehend.

These facts have become, through planning skills, a reasoned science which, per se, can become the base and the beginning of a philosophy of leisure for our day. It can be a philosophy based upon the facts of the leisure needs of a people, and will make it a uniquely fitting one for this country, and for its recreative use of leisure.

Thus, in the creation of important phases of our philosophy for the use of leisure, we find a practical, immediate, realistic approach to the taking of our first step. It is for the recreator, the professional planner and the lay, local, state and national community leadership to join in recreation planning and to do it as a reasoned science. This, by accretion, can become our country's own philosophy of leisure, and of its recreative use.

The combined thinking, experience and effort of the recreator, the planner and the lay community will, also, help to gain more general understanding and acceptance, by the individual, that recreation is important to him, that it can be made available and that he can participate in its benefits without apology to his "work only" ancestors, or their backward-looking descendants. It will help him to recognize the fact that the age of leisure is one of opportunity only if this disposable time, energy and money is used up with desirable and satisfying cultural, creative, physical, mental, social and emotional experiences . . . which, combined, are *planned recreation*.

Thus, planning can form the base for a philosophy of leisure which will be fitted to our day, to our people and which helps to relate causative factors in a way that are contributive to finer economic and societal effects, which are our future. #

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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



**David G. Talbot** is the new state parks superintendent for the Oregon State Highway Department. Mr. Talbot replaces Harold Schick,

who resigned November 9 to become head of the Philadelphia city parks system. Mr. Talbot had served for the past two years as the state recreation director under Mr. Schick. Mr. Talbot became state recreation director March 27, 1962. Prior to that he had been director of parks and recreation for the city of Grants Pass. His duties as state parks superintendent will involve supervising the development, acquisition, and maintenance of the widespread state parks and recreation division, which has charge of two hundred parks and waysides throughout Oregon.

. . .

**John E. Lindberg** has been appointed assistant director of parks and recreation for the Skokie, Illinois, Park District. Previously he was superintendent of parks and recreation for the village of Park Forest, Illinois, where he spent the past five years establishing that community's first park and recreation system. He succeeds John R. Daily, now superintendent of the Akron, Ohio, Metropolitan Park District.

. . .

New officers of the Idaho State Recreation Society are: President, **Arnold Halpern**, superintendent of park and recreation, Coeur d'Alene; Vice-President **Wendell Christianson**, superintendent of parks and recreation, Nampa; Secretary-Treasurer, **Bill Lindsey**, recreation supervisor, Coeur d'Alene. The society presented its first recreation scholarship to **David J. Sanna**, a junior at Idaho State University.

. . .

Four fellowship citations and a special citation were awarded at the an-

nual Michigan Recreation Association meeting. Fellowship citations went **Ross Kressler**, director of parks and recreation, Midland; **Everett Schick**, director of recreation, Jackson; **Margaret Whitehead**, assistant recreation director, Lansing; and **Herbert Woolweaver**, director of recreation and adult education, Plymouth. A special citation went to **Dr. Frank L. Oktavec**, professor of health, physical education and education at Wayne University.

## IN MEMORIAM

• **ROSS L. LEFFLER**, retired steel executive and nationally known conservationist, died in December at the age of seventy-eight. He was the nation's first Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife. He was president of the Pennsylvania Game Commission for sixteen years and was the first president of the Izaak Walton League in Pennsylvania. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Arctic wildlife range in northeastern Alaska and the Key Largo Coral Reef preserve off Florida, first of its kind in America.

• **MRS. ELEANOR SMITH MOBLEY**, former national treasurer of the Girl Scouts of the USA, died in Greenwich, Connecticut, in December at the age of fifty-eight. National treasurer of the Girl Scouts from 1946 to 1955, she was also a member of the organization's board of directors from 1946 to 1955.

• **HIRAM STEWART CLEVELAND**, community recreation and parks director for Baltimore County, Maryland, died in December at the age of forty-two. A dedicated recreation leader, Mr. Cleveland was beloved by co-workers and program participants. He was also active in church work and was chairman of the Commission on Social Concerns of the St. Matthew Methodist Church in Turner Station, Maryland.

• **MRS. JOSEPH E. FRIEND**, civic leader and honorary member of the National Recreation Association, died in New Orleans in November. She had served as NRA sponsor in New Orleans from 1943 to 1962.

# THE WORLD IN TUNE



*Alpenhorn blowers in lederhosen are in the groove in the Hall of Mirrors at Herrenchiemsee Castle in West Germany.*

*When it comes to  
music and recreation  
all people  
speak the  
same language*

WHEN IT'S TIME to strike a tune, musicians around the world have unusual ways of expressing themselves. The Japanese, for example, strum a thirteen-stringed lute, and musicians play a double oboe, Mexican Chinantec tribesmen use one string on an instrument resembling a hunter's bow—except that twenty-five feet long! In Finland, a singer plucks a *kantele*, a zither-thirty-stringed instrument that has a tradition in his country for two thousand years. Legend says it was made from the jaws of a large

ever hear of a trumpet made of wood? Lithuanians put five of them together to form an orchestra. In the country of Surinam, in South America, natives often perform their religious and ceremonial dances to the sound of a *kawa*—a wooden bench struck with sticks!

In America, plastic clarinets have overshadowed the age-old wooden model, and last year, an ivory-colored plastic clarinet that makes possible more showmanship in school marching bands, was introduced.

When Rumanian gypsies tire of soulful violin melodies, they may take to *panpipes*, a bunch of one-note flutes tied together. Before each selection, the player tunes up by dropping peas on certain pipes to sharp or flat their tones. In Germany, musicians pound a *glockenspiel's* steel bars with small mallets to get a bell-like tone. You can even find flutes played not with the

mouth but by breathing through the nostrils. These are common in many parts of Asia and the Pacific Islands.

A mistaken belief about modern instruments is that they never change. One radical departure is a completely new fingering system for the saxophone, the first major change in over a hundred years. It took Leblanc of Paris thirty-five years to accomplish this. Another radical departure in modern wind instruments is a trumpet which has an up-tilted bell to direct the sound over the heads of other players.

Speaking of drums, it is this instrument that has been used in superstitious rites for centuries throughout the world. Chaco Indians use it to speed the ripening of beans. In southwestern Asia, drums are beaten for the funerals of men only. Among certain primitive peoples, a drum's usefulness is over if a woman sees it being constructed and the Wahinda of East Africa believe that a man courts death if he so much as looks at a drum! Haitian voodoo drums are built according to an elaborate ceremony, then dressed in apron-like christening garments, named, and given a soul! As an offering to this spirit, they are rubbed with alcohol and flour before every ceremony.

Does music really have charms to soothe the savage beast? The Eskimos of Greenland would say yes. Their favorite method of settling disputes is to have each contender compose a sarcastic song against his opponent and sing it at a public gathering. The audience decides who is the winner; there-

after the loser must hold his tongue!

THERE ARE BIG SURPRISES, too, in the history of many a popular instrument. Few Scotsmen know that their beloved bagpipes came originally from the Orient, and were played by Roman soldiers when they conquered ancient Britain! And did you know that the organ is technically classified as a wind instrument? Or that it originated as far back as 300 BC?

If you don't object to going to extremes, and want to become a proficient musician, take your chosen instrument to a crossroads at midnight. There, according to folklore, the devil—an expert musician—will teach you his virtuoso techniques, at the minor price of your soul. So strong was this folk belief that violin genius Nicola Paganini was actually accused of a pact with Lucifer!

That is not the only superstition current in musical circles around the world. Flutes are widely regarded as having regenerative powers. The Toda tribe of India, which does not make or play flutes, buries its dead with flutes bought from other tribes, so that the deceased will have a chance to be reborn. The lowly *kazoo*, obtainable in U. S. dime stores for practically a song, is used by many primitive peoples in their magic-making ceremonies.

In parts of southeastern Asia, bathing from a gong is believed to cure illness, and drinking from a gong has roughly the same significance as swearing on a Bible. #

# RECREATION OPENS NEW DOORS

*“Helping-hand projects  
open new doors for Eskimo and  
Venezuelan youngsters*

*Although Venezuela, New York's Long Island, and Canada's frozen Boothia Peninsula are far, far apart, all were involved recently in heart-warming “helping-hand” projects that deserve our attention as we celebrate Brotherhood Week, February 21-28.*

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## TOO MUCH SNOW

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**O**N Boothia, a frozen Canadian Arctic peninsula some twelve hundred miles from the North Pole, one might expect the most popular forms of recreation to be ice fishing and dogsled racing. However, the Eskimo children enjoy a varied sports and fitness program, thanks to a Royal Canadian Mountie and a Catholic priest.

Boothia was named for Sir Felix Booth, president of Booth's Gins of London, who in 1829 financed the expedition that discovered the peninsula. Recently, Booth's decided to construct a recreation hall at Spence Bay, the peninsula's only settlement, to commemorate the 135th anniversary of its naming.

There's plenty of snow in Boothia—too much for skiing. The lake is frozen over, but is also too snowy for ice skating, and other outdoor competitive sports are ruled out by the Arctic weather most of the year. Until recently, Boothian children had confined their athletics to recess hour in the primitive playgrounds behind the one-room schoolhouse, but their excellent coordination and natural dexterity was noticed by Dick Vitt, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer assigned to Boothia. He set up a “gym” in a corner of the schoolroom and invited the children to learn tumbling and stunts.

“They caught on so fast,” said Dick, “that in just a few weeks they were organizing meets among themselves and to impress their parents with their new-found prowess.” The children enjoy performing as much as their audience enjoys watching. With Dick emceeing, and occasionally shouting a word of instruction to his “acrobats,” the children go through an hour of tumbling, handstands, individual calisthenics, and complex group pyramids twice a week.

Dick's only disappointment, and the children's as well, is that they cannot participate in competition with other Arctic settlements, because of transportation difficulties. The children and their instructor were elated at the news of the construction of a recreation hall. Dick hopes to set aside a large area for permanent mats, parallel bars, basketball hoops, and other athletic equipment.

Though tumbling classes have become the backbone of the physical-education program, disciplined outdoor activity is also encouraged. In that part of the Arctic one of the children's favorite exercises is ski walking. Under the direction of Father Louis Lemer, a Catholic priest, the class walks a mile trail once a week. In this manner, he explains, they build up not only their leg muscles but endurance and discipline as well. Even the girls, who shy away from gymnastics, are not to be outdone by their brothers in ski walking.

Dick was quite enthusiastic about the value of physical education to these Eskimo children. “Any time one of these kids wants to trade his parka for a sweat shirt, we'll be happy to accommodate him,” he said. “They are such natural athletes, that any one of them, with the proper training, could become an Olympic star. Athletic scholarships to schools all over the

world are not beyond their reach. They can open a whole new life for the boys, a chance to further their education and to travel.”—JOYCE KRAMER  
*Ted Worner Associates, New York City*  
*Miss Kramer visited Boothia last year on behalf of Booth's Gins and its 135th anniversary gift.*

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## WIDER HORIZONS

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**T**HIRTEEN Venezuelan youngsters were guests of the Village Rockville Centre on New York Long Island last summer thanks to village recreation department and local Rotary Club. Many other groups and individuals contributed in one manner or another.

Arrangements were made with Venezuelan Consulate in New York City for the visit of the youngsters who were accompanied by two priests from Barquisimeto. Some of the boys were orphans; others were from very large families. All were part of the Holy of Jesus Trade School in Barquisimeto which is similar to Boys Town in the United States.

The group was accommodated, housed and fed—at the Rockville Centre Recreation Center which was used as the base for an extensive program for the visitors. A wide variety of activities were planned for the ten-day visit, including major league baseball games—the Mets playing Pittsburgh and Chicago and the Yankees vs Washington. The boys appeared on Sonny Fox' WNEW-TV show, visited the Empire State Building, the United Nations, Kennedy Airport, the World Fair, Jones Beach, and the Bronx Zoo. They saw the Icecapades at Madison Square Garden and also took



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le Line boat trip around Manhattan Island. In addition, they took part in three baseball games and dined at a variety of restaurants, featuring seafood, Italian food, and good American food, complete to Nathan's famous

franks at Coney Island.

In a letter received from Monsignor Cordero upon his return home, he expressed to all his heartfelt thanks for the countless kindnesses shown this group during their happy day in Rock-

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ville Centre. He wrote, "We shall never forget those kindnesses which were not only paternal but maternal."

Another letter from Father Rojas, who assisted Monsignor Cordero, states, "You have helped a great deal in the experiences of the boys. This is the first, and maybe the last, such experience that they shall ever have."

Venezuelan Consulate General Luis Alejandro Gonzalez comments, "Frankly speaking, the project would never have come to realization without your splendid assistance. I assure you that this type of cooperation is the most constructive and fruit-bearing to achieve a real closeness and understanding between the common people of our countries and the United States. You are doing more with your cooperation than diplomats can achieve in the field of people-to-people in Inter-American relations." Rockville Centre hopes to arrange similar projects each summer. —EDWARD J. DYROFF, *Director of Recreation, Rockville Centre, New York.*

## Let's All Join Hands

RHYTHMIC folksong echoes through the gym. "All right now," says the group leader, a dark-haired girl in her twenties, "Let's all join hands and circle the right." Her ten- and eleven-year-olds, all girls, dash for places in the circle. A thin little Puerto Rican girl squeezes in to give her right hand to the leader. Only as she lifts it stiffly, you realize she has an artificial arm. In another room, a group of nine-year-old boys are drawing with crayons. "Look at mine," says one youngster, who soon becomes the center of the laughing group. He is a chubby Negro boy. A crutch rests against his chair. These two youngsters, Anne and Johnny, are typical of half-a-dozen orthopedically handicapped youngsters who come to New York City's James Weldon Johnson Community Center a week after school for group play activities with normal children. When they first started coming two

years ago, they were shy and hung back. Sniggers and furtive whispers from the normal youngsters didn't help. Anne used to hide her mechanical arm in a sweater. Johnny worked quietly by himself. Now they are part of the group. Though Anne is still a little shy about her infirmity, Johnny has made himself the center of attention. There are no more sly, uneasy comments from anyone.

This is how a program introduced by the New York Service for Orthopedically Handicapped, with the cooperation of some twenty community agencies in three boroughs, has been working. It seeks to break the typical pattern of segregating the handicapped. The New York Service provides transportation and meets supplementary costs.

At James Weldon Johnson, group leaders report no great difficulty, though sometimes they have to modify a strenuous physical activity for the sake of a

handicapped child. The best measure of how the handicapped youngsters themselves feel about the program is that they will dash home from school to be sure to meet the bus that takes them to the center. Their parents are pleased, too, though how far the children's group experience carries over into their everyday lives is still a matter for evaluation by the New York Service.

Twenty-nine orthopedically handicapped children are now in placement at nine member houses of United Neighborhood Houses: Bronx River Neighborhood Center, East Side House, and Forest Neighborhood House in the Bronx; Stuyvesant Community Center in Brooklyn; and, in Manhattan, James Weldon Johnson, LaGuardia Memorial House, Manhattanville Community Centers, Morningside Community Center and Union Settlement.—*From United Neighborhood Houses News, Winter 1964.*

# WINTER SPORTS: JAM CANS AND T-BARS

*The ancient sports of c*

## JAM CAN CURLING

**Charles A. Barbour, Director of Recreation, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.**

**JAM CAN CURLING** is a major sport in Metropolitan Winnipeg. Just ask any of the ten thousand boys and girls who curl the game as part of the school and recreation program. All-day tournaments called bonspiels often draw as many as a thousand boys and girls. Here, the youngsters are divided into age groups, mixed groups, et cetera. Trophies are donated for the winners in the classifications. It is quite often that the girls are victorious over the boys. Although jam canners have limited the lengths of their rinks to sixty feet (*see diagram*), the rules followed are basically the same as those set out by the Dominion of Canada Curling Association.

The "roaring game" of curling, always popular in Canada and now experiencing a surge of popularity in the United States, need not be confined to spacious curling arenas. This has been proven by school and recreation per-

sonnel who build their rinks out of doors on the school and recreation grounds. A bit of time, labor, and enthusiasm will provide the facilities for curling. What you can't duplicate, you can improvise.

The same goes for equipment. Curling "rocks" can be made from four-pound jam cans filled with cement to about an inch from the top. If concrete is not available, the cans can be filled with ice but this has a tendency to bulge the bottom of the can and the rocks do not run smoothly. The large end of a baseball bat is used to round out the bottom of the can.

Wooden rocks are used in many places. These are pieces of stove wood six to ten inches in diameter and three to five inches in height. These should be wrapped with stove wire to prevent splitting. A bent spike or bolt inserted in the top is used as a handle (*see diagram*). The bottom rim of the can should be slightly rounded with a plane.

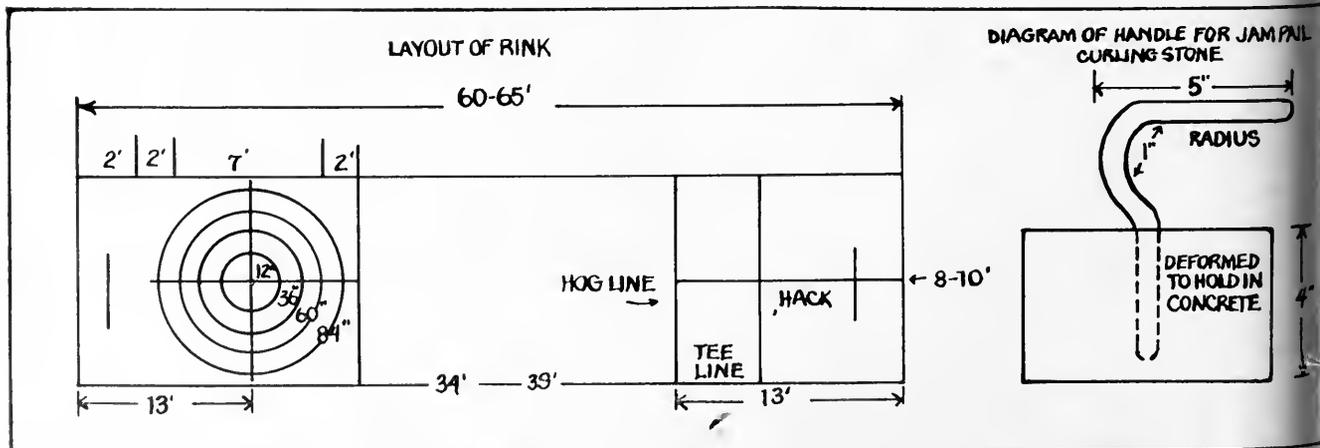
In playing the game, the youngsters are learning the fundamentals of one of Canada's biggest participation sports, and are experiencing their first real taste of organized competitive sport. Although the game lacks much of the finesse and sophistication of curling with forty-pound granite

stones, the sportsmanship and enthusiasm of the young players more than makes up for it. And this enthusiasm lasts a lifetime!

Economy is one of the attractive features of this sport. The "stones" are all standard four-pound jam or peanut butter tins filled with cement, equipped with an iron handle, and painted red or blue. Some areas even use fish pails or minnow buckets for "stones." An outdoor bump-free sheet of ice serves as a rink. A broom, though not absolutely essential, gives the game a bit more class.

The game is much more than a convenient way to let a bunch of active ten-year-olds work off surplus energy. They learn little things, like shaking hands when the game is over . . . good sportsmanship we hope they will take with them. The game also has an excellent carryover value — something they can continue to play during the adult life. As a father remarked when he watched his son jam can curling in gusty ten-below weather, "It's a strange thought, but this is probably the only game these kids will still be playing sixty years from now."

• Rules and regulations of Jam Can Curling are available from Charles A. Barbour, Director of Recreation, City Hall, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. —Ed. #



offer new challenges

## SKI-JUMPERS PARADISE

**Nowak.** (The author, an active public competitor, set ski-jumping records in the United States, Canada, and Europe. He is presently teaching skiing and coaching a ski team in Duluth, Minnesota.)

OLD WEATHER and lots of snow—conditions that send most people south in search of warmer climes—are hailed as a boon every year in Duluth, Minnesota. Thousands of youngsters and oldtimers alike wait patiently for the arrival of the season's first snowflakes and busy themselves by checking and putting their ski equipment in top shape for the first day on the slopes.

Skiing has long been a winter pastime in the Duluth area, and first gained some prominence on a citywide basis back in 1893 when the Trysel Ski Club was organized. Composed mostly of Scandinavian winter enthusiasts, the club held various ski events where downtown Duluth is now located. In December 1905, the Duluth Ski Club was organized and has continued from that time to be the leader and parent organization to all ski organizations in the city. Until the present-day ski tow came into existence and later became so universal a ski area necessity in the post-World War II era, ski jumping was the favorite in skiing activity. With its beautiful geologically formed hillside lined with slopes cut by glacial action, Duluth was a "natural" to become a jumper's paradise. Over the years many slopes were cleared for ski jump-sites, but today only the most popular are still in existence and used to a great extent for full-time supervised activity.

The oldest and of national fame is the popular Chester Bowl Winter



Sports Center. Besides boasting its famous champion producing ski jumps, the "bowl" is noted for tobogganing, sliding, ice skating, and ski touring. With thirty-six years service at this area, manager Walt Mattson is justly proud of the results his area has produced.

Just prior to World War II, the Duluth Ski Club with the help of government organizations established the famous Fond du Lac ski site situated amidst the picturesque rolling hills far to the west of the city. It was here in 1941 that famous Norwegian-born American Torger Tokle set a new hill record for Duluth at 203 feet. Many dramatic ski jumping meets have followed that first historic event as each year the Duluth Ski Club, city recreation department, and park department combine efforts to stage their annual shows.

Located near the Fond du Lac area in the outlying community called Gary is found a newly constructed junior ski jumping site. Built and operated by the people in Gary, this jump has developed many young boys who have become champions in important area and Midwest tournaments. Newest of all ski centers is the Lakeview Ski and Outing Club located at the eastern outskirts of the city. Also built by donated labor and materials, this recreation spot has been the scene of championship ski jumping meets and soon

will offer toboggan slopes, a ski tow, and a medium-sized recreation ski slope for the average "ski-for-fun" enthusiast.

**P**ROBABLY no single element has contributed so much to the advance and enjoyment of skiing as the advent of the ski tow. Duluth first operated a tow in 1949 on its Fond du Lac hills and on a slope formerly known as Rock Hill (presently used for skiing by the Duluth Branch of the University of Minnesota). Since then, many thousands of local winter enthusiasts have skied the Midwest slopes, the East, Canada, the Western States, and even Europe. The sport has captured the fancy of all types because now the hilltops are accessible and anyone can flow breathlessly downward, schussing, stem turning, or waltzing in ankle-deep snow with the cold air delicately stinging their faces. The ski sport has become big business and Duluth proudly claims its share in promoting its growth.

The execution of a successful ski program, however, demands a great deal of time and a unique staff of personnel. Duluth is fortunate to have in its midst numerous qualified people who have been champions in years past and now are serving as educators and promoters in the ski sport. Both the active and inactive senior skiers have

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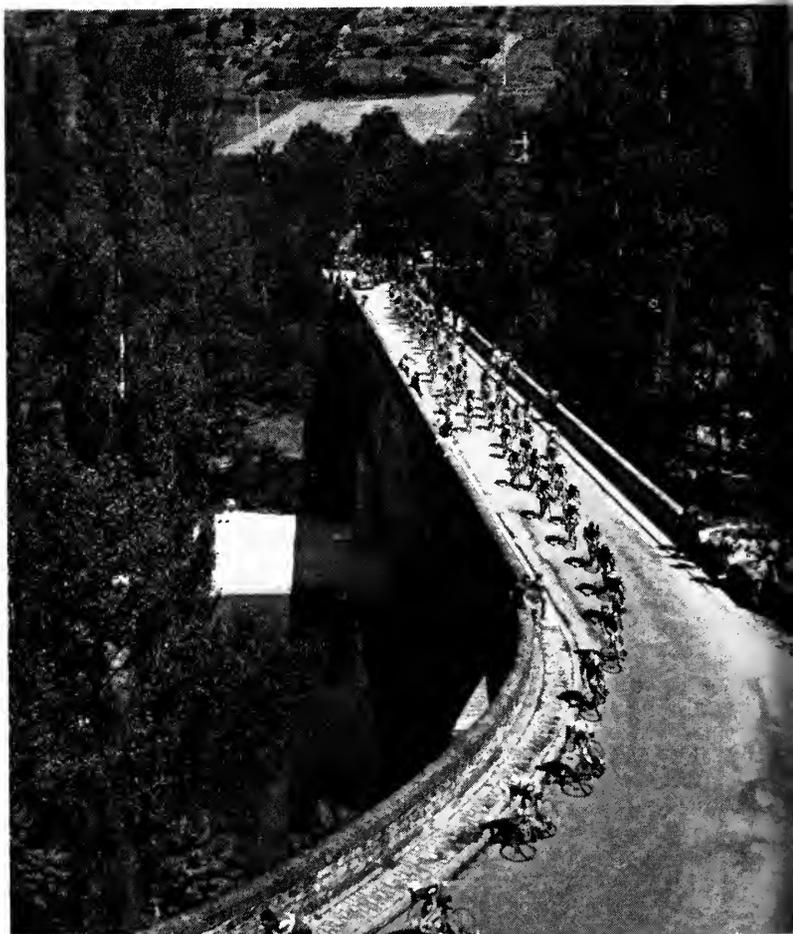
*Small individual grants or "purses" are given young people for a ski "vacation" which includes training to be instructors or guides.*



*Sailing instruction and competition is carried on through "Centers of Initiation"*



*White water canoeing is gaining in popularity. Hundreds of enthusiasts engage in downstream canoeing, slalom, and canoe racing.*



*France's cross-country bicycle tours are world famous. Here, on the Millau-Avignon stretch in the south of France, a group is crossing the Tarn River over the Le Rozier Bridge as the populace cheers.*

# OR IN FRENCH SPORTS

*government-sponsored program promotes outdoor recreation*

Agnew, Jr.

NEW SPIRIT has entered outdoor sports in France. The youth of the nation have a greater interest in outdoor activity and this is found in sports from mountain climbing to polo and throughout all school and college competitive sports.

This spirit did not arise by chance. It has been carefully promoted and nurtured by a wise government. A broad program of encouragement of youth participation in sports has been initiated over recent years and the results have brought distinct benefits to the French youth and the French nation. Prince Herzog, hero of the Annales, is the leader of the French program. Appointed in 1958 by President Charles De Gaulle, he is the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports (*Secrétaire D'Etat A La Jeunesse Et Aux Sports*). France desires to help as far as possible to gain an art of living, an inner composure, and a sense of dignity. This can be accomplished through the wise use of leisure. The French youth and sport program covers competitive sports in schools and colleges, outdoor sports activities for vacations, and special projects: cultural, scientific, travel, and labor. The school and college program is carried out by two means: the construction of sports facilities and by the promotion of sport training and competition including the training of leaders. The installations provided include stadiums, sports fields, gyms, and swimming pools. To train leaders and develop sports programs the state supports three institutions: the National Institute for Sports, the Normal Super-

ior School for Physical Education for Young People, and the Regional Center for Public Education of the Academy of Paris.

In a program such as the French one there is always the danger that policies will be dictated and that youth will be "conquered." This is happily not the case in France. The sports programs for vacations have been formulated with the voluntary cooperation of the civilian sporting organizations in each particular sport. There is a High Committee of Youth and Sports with representatives of the civilian organizations serving with government officials. The committee conceives and proposes policy but does not execute. It coordinates youth and sport affairs between the different ministries and maintains close liaison with the various civilian organizations in order to put forward their views.

For the vacation sports the secretariat in general makes provision for the training of leaders, gives funds for the instruction and training of young people, and supplies sports equipment and facilities. The main focus is on the rugged outdoor sports which produce strong bodies and sound minds. There is a National School of Skiing and Mountain Climbing at Chamonix. The school trains ski instructors and mountain guides and issues certificates. The secretariat, in cooperation with the French Federation of Skiing, has organized classes for ski instruction in the mountain regions of France (the Jura, the Alps, the Massif Central, and the Pyrenees). Burses or grants (*Bourses de Neige*) are given to individuals under twenty-five years of age to enable them to enjoy a ski vacation. Inexpensive accommodations in lodges and hostels are provided for

the skiers, all with the support of the secretariat.

For sailing, a number of "centers of initiation" have been established. Here, groups of young people are formed, leaders are provided, boats and facilities furnished, and training takes place. Given this impetus, hundreds and thousands of youth have taken to sailing. After their initial training they go on to form clubs, to join existing clubs, and to enjoy the sport for years afterwards.

Canoeing has experienced a similar rise in popularity. This is a thrilling sport, particularly when negotiating stretches of rapids. Only a few years ago canoeing was on the decline. Club memberships were dwindling and the manufacture of boats was curtailed. Now, the trend has changed. Several centers of initiation were created at different locations throughout France. These facilitated the training of canoeists and also aided in the formation of clubs. Now, hundreds of new canoe enthusiasts are enjoying this sport in all its aspects: downstream canoeing, slalom, canoe racing.

Family camping has undergone a substantial expansion in recent years. While this type of camping does not involve living in the outdoors, it is not a sport. The secretariat, however, concerns itself in this field to the extent of promulgating laws and regulations designed to protect the camper. It works for the improvement of camping conditions with the cooperation of the French Camping Federation.

Cultural activities have their place in the youth program. The secretariat sponsors trips of youth around France as well as abroad. On the other hand it welcomes foreign travelers to France

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# SUNDAY PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

Henry Gasser, N.A.

YOU don't have to be a da Vinci or a Michelangelo to turn out paintings worthy of admiration. Housewives and husbands of state have succeeded as amateur painters. Former President Eisenhower, one of the world's best-known "Sunday painters," once wrote that he considered his work to be that of a "rank amateur." The first painting he ever made—a portrait of Mrs. Eisenhower—was so lacking in perspective that a two-inch hairbow appeared twelve inches long. Winston Churchill, another famous amateur, became so grossed in his canvas that he fell off a camel while trying to paint the pyramids in Egypt.

Both men have found—as have many others—that painting is an ideal aid to relaxation and enjoyment. In it, one can forget cares in a new and absorbing world of form and color, where old, familiar objects suddenly appear to have colors and shape that you never saw before.

"If it weren't for painting," Churchill said, "I couldn't bear the strain of things." And in 1956, when President Eisenhower was recuperating from a heart attack, the pleasure he got from his brushes and canvases was reported to be vital to the President's morale."

You can start with simple equipment. More can be added as your ability and interest increases, but you should have at least these tools at the beginning:

• A strong, well-balanced easel. It's a good idea to spread newspapers under your easel to protect your floor covering. (But while you're waiting to find the right easel, you can prop your canvas on a chair.)

• A paint or sketch box, preferably twelve by sixteen inches, and a palette to fit the box. Many painters have begun to use the convenient disposable paper strip-palette pad. With this device you can dispose of each sheet, thus doing away with cleaning a wooden palette after each painting session.

• A palette knife for removing paint from the palette.

• A double oil cup to hold the linseed oil and turpentine. You'll need these for thinning paint and cleaning brushes.

• Canvas panels (canvas backed with cardboard). These are best for beginners. Later on you might want to stretch your own canvas. Then you will need canvas and stretcher strips.

• Charcoal sticks or pencils.

• Tuffilm spray to prevent your charcoal sketch from smearing.

• An assortment of brushes in a variety of sizes. (Avoid using small delicate brushes because they inhibit freedom in your painting.) These might include: a long-haired white bristle, called a "flat"; a short-haired white bristle—a "bright"; a flat red sable; and a round red sable.

A good basic selection of colors might include: Alizarin crimson, golden; cadmium yellow light; thalo yellow green; yellow ochre; supurba white; Grumbacher red; French ultramarine blue; Thalo green; ivory black; burnt sienna and burnt umber. (Experiment in mixing your colors.)

**T**HERE COMES THE MOMENT at last when you sit before your white, unblemished canvas. To place the first mark upon it takes a certain kind of courage. Don't hesitate. Be bold. Plunge right in, and outline your chosen composition with charcoal or pencil; don't worry too much about detail, or about your skill at drawing.

Pick simple subjects when you first begin to paint. Still lifes, landscapes, and other outdoor themes are generally easier for beginners than portraits which take some art training and practice to do well.

Don't "crowd" your canvas. A simple landscape with a large object such as a house or a tree in the foreground or middle ground, together with a stream or rail fence to lead the eye across the picture to the center of interest, can be more successful than a painting packed with details and a multitude of colors.

Spray your charcoal sketch with Tuffilm to prevent it from muddying your oil colors. The sequence of painting the various areas is important. Start with the sky, then the basic color for the large masses. When these are completed, start on the shadow areas. After the shadow areas, do the middle-tones and then the light areas. It might be necessary to work back and forth in some areas to maintain the ratio of light to dark and to darken or lighten previously painted shadows. You can reduce this problem materially by not concentrating on small sections, but painting all over the canvas.

Churchill remarked that "painting is like fighting a battle, with the painter functioning as commander-in-chief." But Churchill's paintings in time became so good that art critics have paid him considerable homage. Both General Eisenhower and Churchill have received great enjoyment and satisfaction from painting. You, too, will find untold pleasures in this exciting hobby. #

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# Enable The Disabled

*Recreation service can be structured to provide social independence for the handicapped*

Elliott M. Avedon, Ed.D.



SOCIETY EXPECTS each person to shoulder his own burden, and prefers to ignore the fact that many people are either born with disabled "shoulders," or become disabled by circumstances beyond their control. Our American ideal is social independence, then recreation service must contribute to this ideal.

Too often, when recreation service is provided to persons with disability, it is a type of service that reenforces dependency. It is too often geared to the limitations imposed to utilize his existing capacities, develop his abilities, and become as independent as he can possibly be. We in the field of recreation are not the only ones guilty of this kind of "tunnel vision," but perhaps more than most personnel in the helping professions, the very nature of the service we offer could do much to correct injustice. For example:

- A middle-aged woman used to do a great deal of swimming before her leg was amputated. When she was back at her job as secretary, she thought she would like to take up swimming again. She went to her local "Y" but was told that the "CP" association conducted "swimming for the handicapped" on Wednesdays from one to three and she would have to see *them*. She explained that she did not need swimming lessons. She was told that the only time she would be allowed to use the pool was Wednesday from one to three because of insurance and "all that."
- An advertising executive was quite a theater-goer before an airplane accident, but now that he's in a wheelchair he never gets to go. It seems that the fire laws prohibit "standing" in the aisles, and since all theater seats are permanently in place, there is no room for him and his wheelchair. Theater authorities suggest that he move into a theater seat, have someone check his wheelchair, and then he could relax and enjoy the show worry free. However it occurred to *him*, that if a fire broke out, he might have some difficulty getting his wheelchair back so he could get out of the theater.
- An elevator man loves to dance, but cannot afford to go to a commercial dancehall. Although he does not make much money at his job, he would like to take lessons. He was embarrassed the first time he went to the free dance lessons at the local community center, so he never went back. You see he was taught to dance at a state residential institution for the retarded, only he was not allowed to dance with girls, just other boys!
- A file clerk she wanted to join a craft group at an adult evening school, but was referred to another agency which serves discharged psychiatric patients. She explained that she was no longer ill and did not want to be with all those sick people who constantly talk about their problems. All

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wants is to work with people who are interested in drafts.

The mother knows her blind child is perfectly able to hang on a swing and, for that matter, can play many games with other children at the playground, but the leader keeps telling her about the local association for the blind and the special program it has for blind children. This mother wants to know why the leader does not understand that her child needs a chance to play with children who are not blind.

A seventy-year-old retired school teacher wishes her city recreation department could improve its program for senior citizens. She explains that either it offers people sewing or hymn-singing or a "souped-up" children's game program. She wishes it understood that people who come to the center may be old, but they are still *adults*.

THE LIST OF INJUSTICES is endless. Too often we perpetuate these injustices and contribute to dependency without being aware of what we're doing. In recreation, we tend to focus concern on "now," the immediate situation, offering spontaneous, momentary satisfaction through active participation in a wide variety of activities. This is not what it should be. To assure disabled persons of opportunity for this *kind* of experience, it is important to plan and organize our services in relation to a specific goal, the development of each disabled person's potential for social independence. Nevertheless, programs of recreation service should focus on long-range objectives, while using specific activities to help each participant achieve immediate satisfaction. To do this, the community's recreation agencies must be involved in coordinating a continuum of recreation services for disabled persons.

Recreation agencies must take *their* share of responsibility for providing service to all the residents of any given community—including the disabled. This extension of public recreation service to include the disabled should be designed to augment and sometimes replace special recreation services offered by private groups concerned with the needs of persons with various disabilities. No single community agency, public or private, can provide all the types of recreation service needed by disabled persons. In working with disabled persons, a variety of resources are needed to provide a continuum of services to meet the changing needs of the individual, not only as he makes progress toward increased social and interpersonal development; but in accord with irreversible physical, mental, and socio-economic limitations that affect his social and interpersonal development.

THE FOLLOWING suggested continuum of services is a model that any community might adapt to the organizational pattern of its public and voluntary recreation agencies. This focuses on helping each disabled individual reach his highest possible level of social independence.

With this long-term goal in mind, the continuum includes five levels of recreation programming. Depending on the individual participant, each of these programs can be regarded either as a step to the next level, or as the optimum level of performance in social and recreative activity that can be expected in view of the person's actual limitations, whether these limitations are physical, mental, socio-economic or a combination of these factors.

Elements of recreation service provided at each level include: education and information services, activity program and leadership services, modification and adaptation of equipment and facilities, counseling services; and consultation and coordination services.

**Program for the "Isolated" Person.** Persons needing this level of programming are usually ill or disabled children and adults who have had little or no opportunity to be with others outside their homes. Recreation personnel, trained volunteers or surrogates work together to help the individual—in his own home—explore and experiment with activities that can promote development of psycho-physical skills and a concept of mastery over inanimate objects. Equipment is made available to persons in their homes in much the same way as libraries loan books. When a participant expresses interest in learning some particular activity, personnel with special leadership skills in a specific activity, go to the home to teach it to the participant and his family. Activities are encouraged which provide immediate satisfaction for the individual; as well as activities that may promote healthful interaction and participation among all those who are part of his home situation. When feasible, activities involving minimal social interaction with peers are arranged in and outside the home, such as correspondence and telephone conversations with peers in other special programs, followed by brief visits to these programs for a special event. As the participant acquires new recreation skills—interpersonal as well as physical—these latter activities may serve to prepare him for participation with peers in the next level of programming.

**Program for the "Secluded" Person.** Ill or disabled children and adults who have had some opportunities to acquire recreation knowledge, skill, and experience may be served at an ordinary community center or comparable facility. Recreation personnel on the center staff are professionally prepared to establish special groups for disabled persons with respect to chronological age; physical, emotional, and intellectual limitations; and levels of recreative skills. Programming is intended to develop further skills, expand social interaction experiences, and offer appropriate activities with respect to age, such as pre-vocational opportunities for the older teenager or young adult, community service activity for the older participant. When an individual shows readiness—when he has developed a number of interpersonal as well as physical recreative skills and abilities—he is gradually introduced to aggregate activity with some non-disabled persons who attend other recreation programs

within the center. This latter experience may serve to prepare the person for participation with peers in the next level of programing.

**Program for the "Limited" Person.** For disabled children and adults who have had successful recreation experiences with a few nondisabled peers, and have been able to use at least one additional neighborhood recreation resource, recreation-counseling may enable them to join ongoing interest groups and clubs available to nondisabled persons within the center and in other neighborhood facilities and gradually increase their range of social interaction experiences, developing greater social independence and skill in using additional neighborhood recreation resources. In some instances, participants in this program may need to remain with "secluded" groups for some activities; but for other activities may be capable of joining other groups served by the center. Successful progression toward independent participation of this kind depends on the limitations imposed by disability and the quality of leadership service. The experience available in this program may serve to prepare a person for participation with peers in the next level of programing.

**Program for the "Included" Person.** In programs serving disabled children and adults who are able to use some of the recreation resources in their home neighborhood, recreation personnel arrange with a variety of public, private, commercial, and church recreation programs in that neighborhood to provide opportunities for expanded social interaction with nondisabled peers and increased opportunities for pre-vocational experience or for participation in the community's service programs. Consultation with personnel who work in the neighborhood programs is offered to enable them to provide effective leadership with disabled persons. These services may prepare a disabled person for successful participation in the next program.

**Program for the "Independent" Person.** For disabled children and adults who interact successfully with many nondisabled persons from their own neighborhood, recreation personnel can provide information and referral services to facilitate broader use of community recreation resources through the area, such as beaches, pools, zoos, museums, concerts, camps, and the like. In programs of service for the "independent" person, emphasis is placed on providing public information and education to encourage nondisabled persons to make the community's recreation resources more available to persons with disabilities. Recreation counseling is also offered to the disabled person's family and friends, to indicate to them how they can participate in a wide variety of activities with him. The recreation specialist working in this type of program makes every effort to activate community recreation resources for providing transportation, equipment, and otherwise expanding recreative opportunities for disabled people. He enlists community-wide effort to remove architectural barriers and stimulates development of special directories listing recreation resources available to the disabled.

**T**HE FOREGOING FIVE LEVELS of service suggest a method of helping a disabled person progress toward independence. But, realistically it must be recognized that be-

cause of limitations imposed by certain disabilities, some individuals may permanently remain at one level in the continuum of services; others may take considerable time and others may move through the continuum from "secluded" to "independent" levels of performance within surprisingly short time.

It is extremely important to establish groups with respect to chronological age, and program accordingly. For example, if a twelve-year-old boy with mental retardation is in a "secluded program," he should be placed in a group for preteenagers; not in a group for preschoolers, and not in a group for adults. The activities in which his group engages should be appropriate for preteenagers. Even instances where a preteenager does not develop the kind of interpersonal and physical recreation skills required for successful participation at the next level—a program for "limited" persons. As he becomes chronologically older, he should move into activities appropriate to his chronological age and physical development.

Some programs for the "secluded" persons will serve the same members for many years. These will be persons who, because of limitations imposed by their disability, cannot achieve the degree of social independence and skill necessary for interaction in more advanced programs. A large number of programs are already available to meet this need. However, caution must be taken to avoid the possibility that a person may be "stuck" in this type of program, because his potential for moving into other programs requiring a higher degree of social independence may be overlooked, or because resources for the other levels are unavailable.

We are notorious in the United States for doing the expedient thing, and, in this instance, the expedient thing can be seriously damaging to a disabled person. On the average, many disabled persons can probably be enabled to engage in a program for "limited" persons. There will be some activities they can successfully engage in with the nondisabled and others in which they continue to need a "sheltered" situation. For example: a person who is confined to a wheelchair will always have some difficulty engaging in activities that require traveling, such as a trip to the beach, for which special arrangements must be made. On the other hand, this same person's limitation need not affect his participation in a choral group that has its practice sessions at the center and performs in the center auditorium.

The continuum of services suggested here is just a brief outline of how recreation services can be constructed to "enable the disabled." Transforming this model into a workable and practical program of enabling services requires patience, creative imagination, that mysterious quality called "common sense," and probably a good deal of educating and persuading the public to ensure support—both moral and financial. The biggest and best argument against any notion that these ideas are pie-in-the-sky dreams is the fact that programs like these are already in action in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, England, and other countries. These ideas *can* become a reality here in the United States with proper cultivation, planning, and directed energy on our part. #

se characters from the Tintin tales truly French Canadian and "speak" French or English with equal facility.



## PUPPETS IN WONDERLAND

*Construction of a marionette theater expands a park department's summer festival*

MacGillivray

ONE CORNER of the Garden of Wonders, Montreal's children's zoo, a land of make-believe in which smaller animals are exhibited in storybook settings, is occupied by a popular puppet theatre. Le Theatre de Marionnettes is a roccoco-style house to which is affixed an arched marquee, the one containing the stage and the other with its canvas roof and its striped sides serving as the auditorium with seating for 210.

In any other circumstances this huge marquee with a small house at the end might seem a little strange, but in the Garden of Wonders it fits right in with a fairytale village, that is entered by a drawbridge through castle gates, an Inca Temple of the Sun, an Indian palace, Treasure Island, an African village, and such like. There are about twenty exhibits in all, and the theater, though the largest, fits comfortably into the overall pattern.

The auditorium measures fifty-six by twenty-four feet and has a sloping floor with a ten percent incline towards the stage. It is equipped with benches of two-inch plank which are fixed to the floor about three feet apart. Each bench is sixteen feet wide, permitting a four-foot aisle

along each side. The first three rows are only six inches from the floor and are fine for very little children. The next three rows are ten inches from the floor, the next three fourteen inches and the rest are eighteen inches high. Everybody has a fine view of the stage provided adults and bigger children keep out of the front rows.

The proscenium measures six by ten feet and is twenty-seven inches above floor level. The stage house itself is twenty-four feet wide, twenty-five feet high, and sixteen feet deep, giving ample room for settings and manipulators. It includes a grid from which settings can be flown with a system of weights and pulleys. There are twelve drops for this purpose.

The manipulators' platform is eight feet above the stage level and runs around the four sides, permitting six manipulators to operate freely at any one time. There are ten footlights and ten upper lights with dimmers with facilities for special lighting effects.

The theater is a wooden structure and was constructed at a cost of \$15,000. It was designed by Roland Proulx, a parks department artist who designed many of the elements in the Garden of Wonders, and built by carpenters and technicians from the parks maintenance division. The cost included underground conduits, materials, stage equipment, and lighting.

During the first season, 1964, the show presented in this theater was an adventure of Herge's intrepid reporter, Tintin, titled "Prisoners of the Sun," which was presented in

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French and English by the internationally known Micheline Legendre and her Marionettes de Montreal. The settings were designed by another parks department artist, Raymond Labelle, who followed the Herge drawings faithfully. The sets were constructed in park department shops.

The performances that season were only moderately attended and it was decided that the theater should be established where the children were, to bring the theater to the children. The one place where crowds of children could be expected all summer long was the Garden of Wonders which attracts upwards of four hundred thousand visitors each summer. The move was successful from the start, with near capacity houses for most of the three or four performances a day. There are three shows each afternoon on weekdays, four on Saturdays and Sundays. The first season, the marionettes were underwritten by a sponsor (Planters Peanuts) and the same sponsor was on hand the next season to share any deficit that might occur.

Le Theatre de Marionettes, although directed mainly towards children, forms part of a pattern of cultural enterprise that is offered to Montrealers and visitors each year in the city's Summer Festivals program. In 1964, this program included a wide range of activities initiated by Mayor Jean Drapeau and his Summer Festivals Committee. Coordinator of festivals is Jean Dupire, information officer in the parks department, which has been entrusted by the civic administration with the handling of such special events.

The first International Salon of Cartoons, one of the festival events, was organized with the cooperation of the city's consular corps and presented in the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. The show included work of leading cartoonists and caricaturists from twenty-eight countries.

Another festival highlight was the first International Symposium of Sculpture for North America with ten leading sculptors from nine countries around the world executing their art in public at the art center in Mount Royal Park. Other items on the program included an outdoor exhibition of sculptures at the Botanical Garden. There was the annual Square des Arts, an outdoor art show in Dominion Square in the heart of the midtown area, and there was another art show, Montreal '64, in the Mount Royal Art Center.

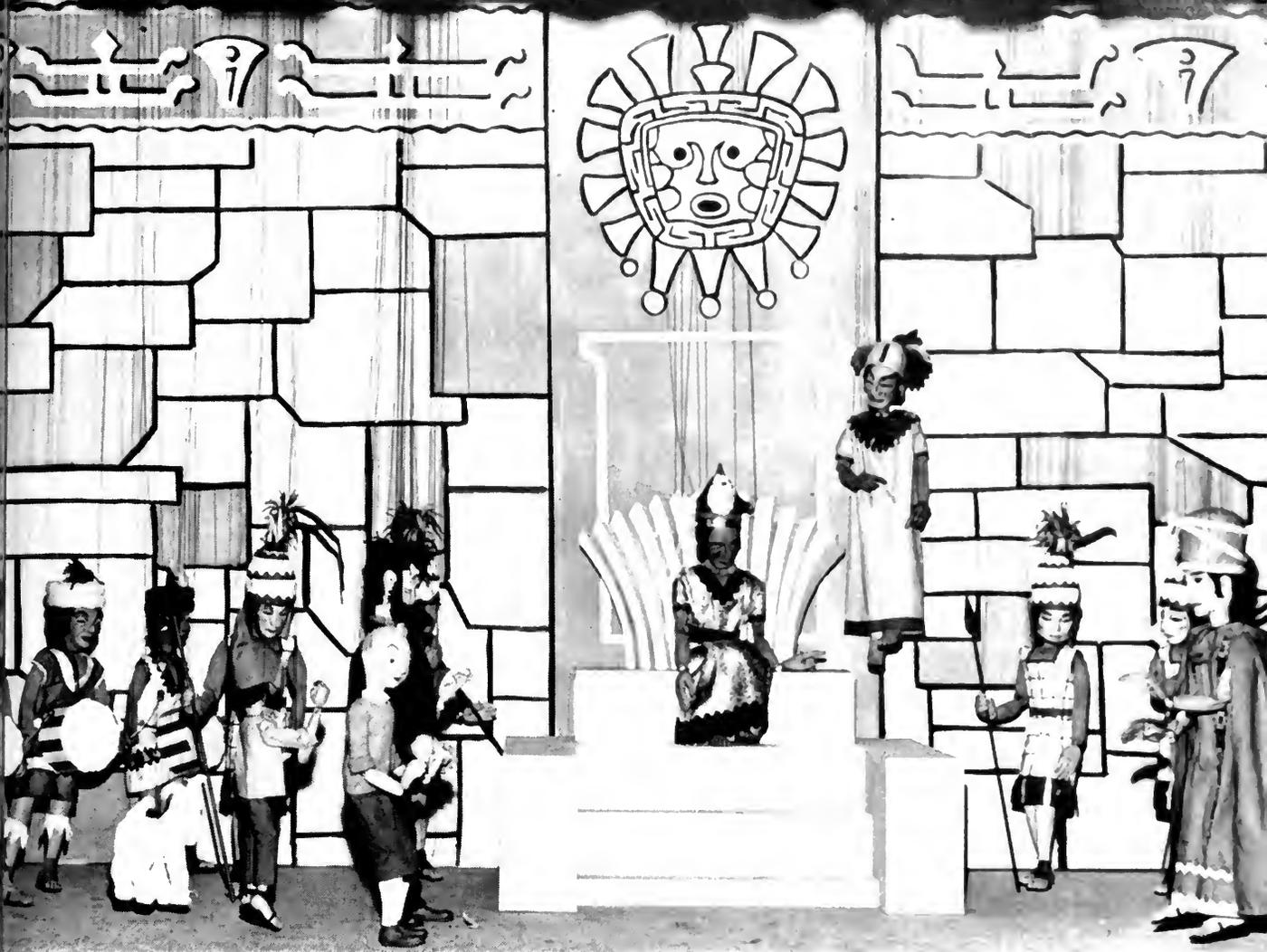
For the first time pop concerts were held at the Maurice Richard Arena where the patrons were able to enjoy wines and cheeses with their music. The festivals also included drills and pageantry of La Compagnie Franche de la Marine, a company of cadets in the uniforms and bearing the arms of the French Marines of the 18th century who performed, did guard duty, and acted as guides at the historic barracks and fort on St. Helen's Island which now serve as military museums. Band concerts, outdoor folk dancing, national festivals of various ethnic groups in the Montreal community and an International Film Festival were also on the summer program. Montreal can truly be called a summer wonderland! #



*Above. Micheline Legendre (right), the founder and director of Les Marionettes de Montreal, and two of her assistants put their puppet performers through their paces during city's summer festival program*

*Right. Scenery for Tiutin stories was designed by parks department artist Raymond Labelle, who followed the beloved Herge illustrations in the book Manipulators' platform is eight feet above stage*





*Left. Sometimes the tale teags the dog! Montreal's puppet theater is a small roco-coco house attached to an outsized marquee. The former contains the stage. The marquee, with its canvas roof and striped sides, serves as an auditorium seating 210. This would seem unusual anywhere except in the Garden of Wonders fairyland.*

*Above: To reach the puppet theater, this audience entered Montreal's children's zoo by a drawbridge through castle gates, passed an Inca Temple of the Sun, an Indian palace, Treasure Island, and an African village. Many elements in the area, as well as the theater, were designed by parks department artist Roland Proulx.*

# COMMERCIAL RECREATION: AN ALLY

*Bowling offers a striking opportunity for a cooperative program*

James L. Wilson

**P**UBLIC RECREATION and private recreation agencies have long been the leading forces in providing the standards and programs for the recreation activities of the American people. A recreation professional worked for a municipality or for the YMCA, Boy Scouts, or church

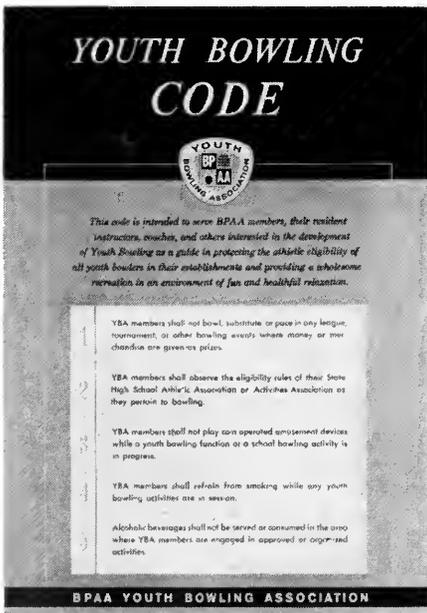
ation, namely bowling, is now being recognized as an ally to public and private agencies, playing an integral part in the recreation setup.

Bowling, which once projected a disreputable image, has undergone a reformation and is now a "respectable" activity, thanks largely to automated equipment and proper promotion. In Missouri, this transformation was spearheaded by the executive secretary of the Missouri Bowling Proprietors' Association, Lyle M. Dilley, and by the proprietors comprising this organization. Mr. Dilley, a former recreation and social worker, has, in his eight years of working with the proprietors, developed a program of youth bowling that has reached out and touched every corner of Missouri and which two years ago led to the creation of a national program under the sponsorship of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

The Missouri Junior Bowling Congress, of which Mr. Dilley is director, now serves fifty-six thousand boys and girls, from eight to eighteen, throughout Missouri. Of these, twenty thousand bowl in regularly scheduled sanctioned league play with another thirty-six thousand participating in a variety of school bowling programs. A well-developed, far-reaching program of teaching bowling fundamentals is a required part of training for the coaches and instructors responsible for working with the youngsters. This same training course is given to all school and recreation personnel who organize programs for the boys and girls in their school or agency.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this program, however, is the set of

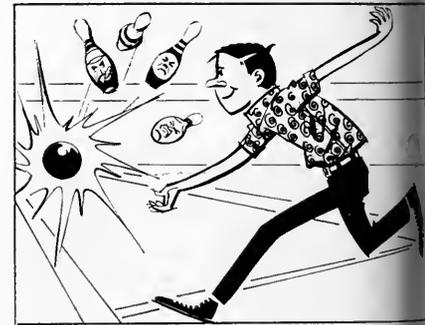
standards that have been developed by the proprietors and Mr. Dilley with the assistance of Irvin Keller, executive secretary of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. The standards, often restudied, revised, and rewritten, give guidance for all persons handling youngsters under the program of the Missouri Junior Bowling Congress. Departing from these standards results in serious consequences. One large establishment in Missouri, which provided thousands of dollars annually in dues money, was expelled



*Such codes helped sport's "new image."*

agencies — certainly a professional could not be found working for a commercial enterprise whose object is to make a dollar. In St. Louis and in the state of Missouri, this picture has been altered drastically. Commercial recre-

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from the BPA because of a violation of these standards.

**A**N EXAMPLE of the excellent working relationship with other agencies is exemplified by a program conducted last summer by the Greater St. Louis Bowling Proprietors' Association and the city of St. Louis Division of Recreation. Representatives of the proprietors' organization met with James E. Heath, commissioner of recreation, and discussed a possible joint program venture for the proprietors and the 105 playgrounds operated by the city. The potential of such a program was studied carefully and both

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# FOR THE ILL & HANDICAPPED

Morton Thompson, Ed.D.

At a recent meeting, the Southwest-Pennsylvania Association for Recreation of the Ill and Handicapped adopted a constitution, which states the purpose and objectives of the organization as follows: "To help educate the public toward an understanding of institutions and particularly the role of recreation in treatment programs. To set a high code of ethics among recreation personnel. To provide a well-planned and comprehensive program of activities to meet the needs, interests and capabilities of the ill and handicapped, as an integral part of their care and adjustment. To assist the physicians directly, with regard to specific problems by channeling significant observations, help prevent physical and mental regression and the development of disabilities resulting from inactivity and social isolation. The objectives are in accordance with paramedical community agencies in their provision of recreation for the ill and handicapped." Membership is open to all professional personnel in the field of therapeutic recreation.

The following institutions are active in this organization: Butler, Va. Hospital, Methodist Home, Montefiore Hospital, West Penn Hospital, Children's Hospital, Harmarville Rehabilitation, Presbyterian Home for the Aged, West Virginia Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, West Virginia Hospital, University of West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, St. Francis Hospital, Jewish Home for the Aged, Mercy State Hospital, St. Margaret Memorial Hospital, United Cerebral Palsy Association, and the John J. Kane Hospital.

Dr. Ernst Jokl has made a significant contribution to the literature concerned with the field of "sports medicine." In *Heart and Sport*, he attempts to define nature and scope of applied cardio-vascular physiology of exercise, summarize a number of recent advances in epidemiology, and to place in perspective selected clinical and pathological findings. The text includes a series of interesting charts and diagrams which help describe the various functions achieved by the heart and

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related organ systems under stress for both the well-trained athlete and the untrained individual. The 117-page book is available for \$6.00 from Charles C. Thomas, 301 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

✦ One of the great developments of the past few years is the concentration of services on the mentally retarded in the United States. We are discovering that job training and placement are not enough, in themselves, to make the role of retardates in the community a continuing one. Their greatest need is social acceptance by the public. With this goal in mind, Elliott M. Avedon and Frances B. Arje have written an excellent handbook on *Socio-Recreative Programming for the Retarded*. It includes a model comprehensive program, discusses sparking community action, offers source materials for sponsoring groups, and examines national trends and legislation influencing services for the retarded. The 84-page handbook, which will be very helpful for agencies or groups desiring to sponsor programs in the community, can be purchased for \$1.50 from Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York 10027.

✦ TV stations of New York City were cited for services to the blind recently at the Lighthouse annual award luncheon. The occasion marked sixty years of service for the New York Association for the Blind. Appreciation was expressed to the managers and directors of TV stations for their help in making known the twenty-nine free services of the Lighthouse to meet the needs of more than thirty-six hundred blind men, women and children.

✦ New park regulations permit retired persons aged sixty-five or over to fish free and "loaf" at the Grade Pond in Lake Shore Heights, a privately owned recreation area near Osceola in Clarke County, Iowa. The lake was originally used as a source of water for locomotives of the CB&Q Line, a narrow-gauge railroad running south from Des Moines into Missouri. The lake has been enlarged, underwater stumps have been lowered, and other improvements made.

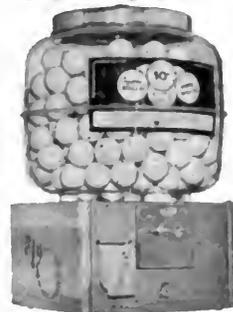
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**O**N THE SHORES of the Mississippi rises the thriving city of Minneapolis, gleaming with skyscrapers, new buildings of glass and stone, fine homes, and broad avenues. This will be the scene of the 47th National Recreation Congress, October 3-8, 1965. Known for its beauty, as well as its surging industrial and cultural growth, the city of Minneapolis was a winner of the 1963 All-America Cities awards. What was once known as the "Land of the Skyblue Waters" is now recognized as the gateway to Minne-

sota vacationland and to the agricultural, mineral, and timber resources of the upper Midwest.

With 153 landscaped parks, covering six thousand acres of park property—an area the size of a small city—Minneapolis provides an acre of park facilities for every eighty inhabitants. This celebrated park system, some of it deeply wooded, with its twenty-two sparkling lakes within the city limits, has great appeal for the visitor from other parts of the nation.

That this is Hiawatha country adds

great interest for the visitor, with Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nakomis beneath the tall northern pines, and Minnehaha Park, the home of Minnehaha Falls commemorated in Longfellow's *Song of Hiawatha*. Minnehaha Park itself covers 144 acres of wooded hills and shelters Steven House, the earliest home in Minneapolis west of the Mississippi River.

Facilities for a comprehensive year-round recreation program include sixty-two playgrounds, with a playfield for every square mile of residential



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*Lake of the Isles is one of the city's many lakes surrounded by a fine park and residential area.*



There are 51 baseball diamonds, softball diamond ballfields, 200 courts, 16 bathing beaches, and 16 golf courses are located around the city. Two of the courses have year-round clubhouses.

Besides the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Gophers with a complete schedule of Big Ten Sports, Minneapolis now has the finest in professional sports. Professional teams are the Minnesota Twins in the American League, the Minnesota Vikings in the National Football League, and the Minneapolis Stars in the Central Hockey League. The Minnesota Twins and the Minnesota Vikings play at the new \$8,500,000 Metropolitan Stadium eight miles north of the Minneapolis loop.

Dr. Tyrone Guthrie, world-famed director and author of the recently published book, *The New Theatre*, chose Minneapolis from thirty cities in the United States to build his classic repertory theater. The Guthrie Theatre has had an unqualified success and has greatly enriched the cultural heritage of Minneapolis. Recreators attending the 1965 National Recreation Congress will have an opportunity to attend a performance there.

Other cultural facilities of Minneapolis include the Orpheum Theatre which presents a series of Broadway plays and musicals each year, the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis Institute of Art, American Swedish Institute and the University of Minnesota galleries where painting, sculpture, prints, and photographs are exhibited regularly. In addition, eight community theaters operate on a year-round basis in the area.

The cultural aspect of Minneapolis is perhaps best exemplified by the world-famous Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. This organization—one of the best traveled symphonies in the United States—has brought more fame to Minneapolis than any other cultural institution.

The National Recreation Congress this year will be sponsored by the National Recreation Association and the American Recreation Society, with the cooperation of the Minnesota Park Board and the Minnesota Parks and Recreation Association. #



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# MEETING RECREATION AREA STANDARDS: The County

Leslie Lynch

COUNTIES are becoming more and more active in the administration of recreation and park services; therefore it is of interest and value to know how much recreation space is owned by counties. Nearly half of the counties in the United States (excluding Alaska) lost population between 1950 and 1960; about one-fourth lost ten percent or more. Of the 1573 counties which gained population, 60.6 percent increased in population by ten percent or more; and 36.2 percent increased by twenty percent or more. Sixteen counties included nearly one-fifth of the total 1960 population.

No standard for recreation space has been nationally accepted for counties. It has been recommended by experienced authorities that there should be ten or fifteen acres per thousand population of extrarurban parks and reservations, in addition to the ten acres per thousand population within the urban areas. This would mean that metropolitan populations should have a total of twenty or twenty-five acres of recreation space per thousand population; ten acres per thousand within the urban area and ten or fifteen acres per thousand outside the urban area. In view of the fact that some counties already have ten acres per thousand population of extrarurban parks which are used to capacity, it is reasonable to say there should be at least fifteen acres per thousand population of extrarurban park area to meet the needs of the future which will be far greater than the needs of today.

The time may come when all recreation areas and services will be administered on a county-wide basis. Until that time comes, the municipal governments should be responsible for providing ten acres of recreation space within their limits and the counties or metropolitan authorities should be responsible for providing what is needed outside the municipalities. However administered, there should be a total of twenty-five acres per thousand of the metropolitan or county population if the recreation needs of the future are to be adequately met.

The accompanying table of recreation area statistics for fifty-one counties is compiled from the acreage information

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given in the *Recreation and Park Yearbook—1961*. Where many counties have acquired a great deal of land since 1960, the table is valuable for comparisons. It is helpful to know the amount of recreation space other counties have, and the information should be a spur to counties which are deficient to acquire more land.

1. In 1960, 51 counties in the 48 states had twelve hundred acres or more of recreation area. The acreages reported are exclusive of the municipal recreation areas. Some include school recreation areas. Considering the 51 counties as a unit, the following information is of value:

- There are 8.7 acres of county recreation area per thousand of the 1960 population of the 51 counties.
- Of the total land area, .52 percent was used for recreation in 1960.
- The population increased 31.9 percent between 1950 and 1960.

2. Of the 51 counties, 23 have nine acres or more per thousand of the 1960 population in such use. Considered as a unit they:

- Have 17.6 acres per thousand of the 1960 population in recreation area.
- Have .54 percent of their land area for recreation.
- Gained 22.1 percent in population between 1950 and 1960.

3. Thirty (58.8%) of the 51 counties have seven acres or more per thousand of the 1960 population in such use. Considered as a unit they:

- Have 15.5 acres per 1000 of the 1960 population in recreation area.
- Have .56 percent of their land area for recreation.
- Gained 30.2 percent in population between 1950 and 1960.

4. Twenty (39.2%) of the 51 counties have ten acres or more per thousand of the 1960 population in such use. Considered as a unit, they:

- Have 31 acres of recreation area per thousand of the 1960 population.
- Have .38 percent of their total land area for recreation.
- Gained 35.3 percent in population between 1950 and 1960.

**RECREATION AREA STATISTICS FOR COUNTIES IN THE 48 STATES HAVING  
1200 ACRES OR MORE ACCORDING TO THE RECREATION AND PARK YEAR-  
BOOK—1961 ARRANGED ACCORDING TO ACRES PER 1000 OF 1960  
POPULATION**

County and Principal City	Acres Per 1000 Pop.	Percent of Land Area For Rec.	Total Rec. Acres	County Area Sq. Mile.	Pop. 1960	Percent of Pop. Change 1950-60	County and Principal City	Acres Per 1000 Pop.	Percent of Land Area For Rec.	Total Rec. Acres	County Area Sq. Mile	Pop. 1960	Percent of Pop. Change 1950-60
Albany (Havre), Mont.	589.8	.59	11,000	2,926	18,653	30.6	Baltimore (Baltimore), Md.	7.0	.88	3,442*	608	492,428	82.2
Alameda (Napa), Calif.	303.5	4.12	20,000	758	65,890	41.4	Summit (Akron), Ohio	7.0	1.36	3,600	413	513,569	25.3
Anderson (Casper), Wyo.	139.5	.20	6,920	5,342	49,623	57.9	Huron-Clinton-Wayne, Mich.	6.8	1.44	18,487	2,000	2,738,272	9.6
Antelope (Iron River), Calif.	100.9	.23	1,785*	1,197	17,692	-2.9	Winnebago (Rockford), Ill.	6.5	.41	1,360	520	209,765	37.7
Apache (Tucson), Ariz.	98.8	.44	26,242*	9,241	265,660	88.1	Dupage (Elmhurst), Ill.	6.4	.95	2,000	331	313,459	102.8
Armeda (Bakersfeld), Calif.	71.7	.40	20,926*	8,152	291,984	27.9	East Baton Rouge Parish, La.	6.3	.49	1,458*	462	230,058	45.4
Baker (Pascagoula), Miss.	69.1	.81	3,836	744	55,522	76.8	Anne Arundel (Annapolis), Md.	5.9	.46	1,214*	417	206,634	76.0
Baldwin (Fl. Collins), Colo.	56.2	.18	3,000	2,614	53,343	22.5	Jefferson (Louisville), Ky.	5.6	1.44	3,450*	375	610,947	26.1
Benning (Ukiah), Calif.	40.4	.09	2,065	3,507	51,059	25.0	Kent (Grand Rapids), Mich.	5.5	.29	1,600	862	288,292	26.0
Berkeley (Ogden), Utah	40.0	1.26	4,429*	549	110,744	32.9	Essex (Newark), N.J.	5.5	6.23	5,104	128	923,545	1.9
Berkshire (Neillsville), Wis.	39.6	.16	1,250	1,222	31,527	-2.9	Hamilton (Cincinnati), Ohio	5.4	1.77	4,680	414	864,121	19.4
Brazos (Wausau), Wis.	20.5	.18	1,820	1,584	88,874	10.6	San Mateo (San Mateo), Calif.	5.2	.79	2,297	454	444,387	88.6
Butte (San Luis Obispo (San L. O.), Calif.	17.2	.07	1,397	3,316	81,044	57.6	Monroe (Rochester), N.Y.	5.1	.70	3,000	673	586,387	20.3
Calaveras (Merced), Calif.	13.4	.10	1,212*	1,982	90,446	29.6	Polk (Des Moines), Iowa	4.8	.34	1,284	594	266,315	17.8
Calhoun (Rock Island (Rk. Is. Moline), Ill.	13.4	.75	2,028	420	150,991	13.1	Dade (Miami), Fla.	4.6	.33	4,298	2,054	935,047	88.9
Calumet (Eugene), Ore.	13.2	.07	2,158	4,560	162,890	29.5	Bergen (Hackensack), N.J.	4.5	2.35	3,500	233	780,255	44.7
Cattaraugus (Westchester (Yonkers, N.Y.	12.9	3.75	10,440	435	808,891	29.3	Salt Lake (Salt Lake City), Utah	4.4	.34	1,679*	764	383,035	39.3
Chandler (Phoenix), Ariz.	10.2	.11	6,785*	9,226	663,510	100.0	Riverside (Riverside), Calif.	3.9	.03	1,200	7,177	306,191	80.1
Cheyenne (Eliz' b'th, N.J.	10.1	7.75	5,109	103	504,255	26.7	Allegheny (Pittsburgh), Pa.	2.6	.92	4,274	730	1,628,587	7.5
Columbia (Milwaukee), Wis.	10.0	6.77	10,355	239	1,036,041	18.9	St. Louis (University City), Mo.	2.3	.50	1,603	497	703,532	73.1
Contra Costa (Cleve. Met. Pks), Ohio	9.5	5.36	15,639	456	1,647,895	18.6	Erie (Buffalo), N.Y.	2.2	.34	2,310	1,054	1,064,688	18.4
Cook (Toledo), Ohio	9.2	1.91	4,200	343	456,931	15.5	Los Angeles (Los Angeles), Calif.	1.7	.41	10,528	4,060	6,038,771	45.5
Coconino (Chicago), Ill.	9.0	7.57	46,200	954	5,129,725	13.8	San Diego (San Diego), Calif.	1.6	.06	1,620	4,255	1,033,011	85.5
Colusa (Montgomery & Prince Georges, Md.	8.3	.93	5,800*	978	698,323	94.7	All 51 Counties	8.7	.52	311,180	92,889	35,694,774	31.9
Contra Costa (Syracuse), N.Y.	8.1	.68	3,439	792	423,028	23.8							
Curry (Firmfax, Va.	8.1	.86	2,229*	405	275,002	179.0							
Del Norte (San Jose), Calif.	7.7	.59	4,928	1,302	642,315	121.1							
Delaware (Morristown), N.J.	7.6	.67	2,000	467	261,620	59.2							

\*Including School Recreation Area

5. Thirteen (25.5%) of the 51 counties have fifteen acres or more per thousand of the 1960 population in recreation area. Considered as a unit, they:  
 Have 88.6 acres of recreation area per thousand of the 1960 population.  
 Have .40 percent of their land area for recreation.  
 Gained 40.2 percent in population between 1950 and 1960.  
 This table shows that it is reasonable to expect counties to provide fifteen acres of parks and reservations per thousand of their population. Even counties with large populations such as Westchester County, New York; Union County,

New Jersey; Maricopa County, Arizona; and Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, have reached or surpassed the ten acres per thousand population mark. Cook County, Illinois, is approaching that mark with nine acres per thousand population.

Large parks outside the urban areas become more important every year. People who live in urban areas need the refreshment of natural beauty away from crowds and they should be able to reach such areas within an hour's driving time from their homes. It should be the responsibility of county governments or combined county and municipal governments to provide such areas. #

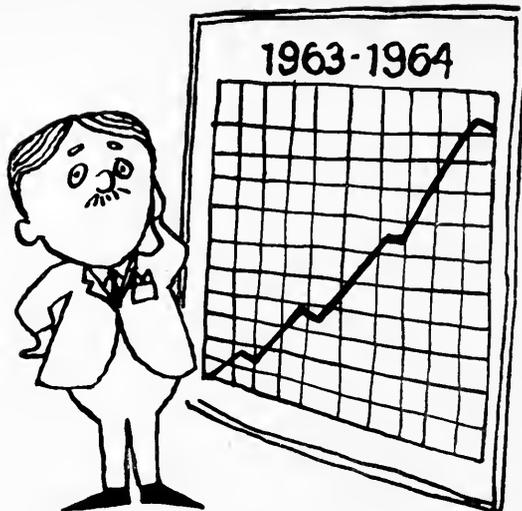


**Nothing is so irrevocably lost as an ideal park site.**

—Development Committee for Greater Columbus (Ohio)



# WHAT'S IN A BUDGET?



*It's time for spring-cleaning and the cold appraisal of your program and operations*

Joseph E. Curtis



A RISING TIDE of defeats of special construction bond issues school budgets, and referendums reflects a stirring public concern over budget matters and tax dollars. Unfortunately, this concern is sometimes characterized by rash or impulsive moves, by rebellions or so called "meat-ax" budget cuts instead of objective appraisals of expenditures and productivity. Be that as it may—rash or deliberate, emotional or profound—the public concern and raised eyebrow are there, and ever rising.

Social welfare, schools, defense, foreign aid, even privately supported service agencies—all have, during the past eighteen years, based plans and operations upon the magic password "growth." Public recreation and park budgets have been no exception. *Growth* explained all, justified all. Nebulous planning, careless financing, escalator salary scales, revolving-door personnel practices—these were some of the many administrative sins swept under the rug in a breathless lunge forward to keep up with *growth*. Growth here was not limited to mere population statistics but was couched in terms of "upgrading," "growth of standards," "program enrichment," "advancement in depth," "quality progress," and similar catch phrases. These semantics no longer awe the American taxpayer. Over his shoulder, he nervously eyes a national debt of some \$300,000,000,000, which stands in the colossal shadow of a gross public and private debt of \$1,000,000,000,000—not *millions*, *billions*, but a *trillion*!

This means the time has come when public officials and administrators must put that tool of tools, the creative imagination, to heavy overtime use. Is this reason for pessimism? Certainly not. The administrator worth his salt thrives on challenge. Recreation and park professionals, though they hold no monopoly on inventiveness, have demonstrated their ingenuity and pioneer spirit in the past. They should, and I am certain will, rise to this opportunity

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for greater service. Here are a few suggestions for greater productivity in the field of municipal recreation and parks:

**Fight overstaffing.** Resist the temptation to overstaff even when programs and activities have caught on and are growing. Make certain each new staff member is an integral part of a long-term administrative plan and that he will make a major return for the time and money you invest in him. Determine whether or not additional part-time staff might provide a more effective solution. Beware of a trend toward over-specialization which could result in the employing of an excess of "compartment" or single-line junior executives.

**Self-help.** Develop and cultivate an atmosphere of self-help and self-sufficiency on the part of the public in recreation and park matters. An outstanding example of this technique is the history of public recreation and parks in Baltimore County, Maryland. Commencing in the late forties under the leadership of one dynamic, plan-minded individual, this program has grown into a smoothly functioning department of recreation and parks for a county of five hundred thousand. Its philosophy, its program, and its techniques are as fresh and as vital as the date the department began fifteen years ago. Because department growth here was based on careful stimulation of citizen groups rather than staff-bloating, the volunteer contributions of ideas, money, leadership, and enthusiasm to the county-wide programs have been enormous. The key structure is the local community recreation council, some one hundred of which operate in neighborhoods and natural home groupings throughout the county, planning, guiding, and participating in their own localized programs and activities. The proprietary attitude toward recreation activities on the part of these volunteer groups is something to marvel at. Meanwhile, the professional staff of the department has been kept to the bare minimum required for effective leadership, guidance and facility improvement.

**Use volunteers on a massive scale.** Here's an area where we still fumble and curse, but it must be explored deeply. Waiting for the visit of the accomplished volun-

is fruitless. We must design him on paper, search out raw material, and train him for the work. The assumption that his role must always be a minor or ancillary one in the public park and recreation picture may be outmoded. In the staggering increase in numbers of healthy retired people available, we may experience a positive demand that a large number of eager, willing, and frequently skilled people be absorbed as busy and happy volunteers. I can visualize the parks of some decade or two hence, when whole parks or playgrounds and installations will be manicured, painted, decorated, and cared for day to day by battalions of willing volunteers, supervised by a mere skeleton of professional park personnel. The shortened workday and week, longer vacations, automated labor, and early retirements may leave a segment of our population hungry and clamoring for some kind of soul satisfaction.

**Part-time personnel effectively.** The use of part-time personnel may be "old hat." Each of us uses dozens of them yearly. Still, most of those used are of a standard variety and are used in a routine way. Little has been done or written on how and where they should be selected, trained, and supervised. Administration procedures for part-timers are almost totally lacking. As a rule, we use them if, when, and how we find them, and the turnover of part-timers in the average department is about seventy-five percent annually. Concentration here should raise the level of performance by these people markedly and may well be the "farm-system" movement which should provide a background for the expansion of volunteer part-time staff later.

**No program or activity alone . . .** if you can find a sponsor for it. I see scant justification for monopolizing any single event or activity as "mine."

Teaming up in the planning and operation of just about any conceivable kind of program brings advantages in the way of volunteer help, public enthusiasm, larger participation, and general goodwill more than can be measured. Service clubs, chambers of commerce, veterans groups, church clubs, athletic organizations, art circles, PTA's, et cetera—the list of potential cosponsors is endless. An excellent illustration of this is the cosponsored "Safe Summer Learning" program of the Oceanside, New York, Recreation Department, directed by Joseph Halper. Here, the department teamed up with a privately owned day camp and the American Red Cross to turn out a youth activity which could otherwise have been impossible. The camp provided the site and small craft, Red Cross provided the instructors, and the recreation department provided the participants and the stimulation. Hempstead, New York, involves the Y Club in many of its activities, while Scarsdale, New York, relies, in great measure, upon the active participation of its Dad's Club. The pattern is not unusual, but it is not tapped for its full value. Don't go it alone; you can find a partner!

**Commercial recreation.** Encourage cooperation with the recreation department. Most large communities have a wealth of recreation facilities and personnel scattered through their business neighborhoods: bowling alleys, pool rooms, movie houses, dance studios, et cetera. These entrepreneurs are struggling

in the hallowed American way to sell a product and make a living. It behooves the alert recreation and park executive to reach these people, to get to know them and to cooperate with them. If, due to faulty communications, or total lack of same, a poor mutual image exists, correct it. To stumble blindly into competition with these business people through ignorance is unforgivable. If you can reach them, share ideas, establish standards of appearance and conduct and, finally, join in sponsoring certain events together, you have done these entrepreneurs and your city or town a service. There is a very good chance that program expansion of this kind can be accomplished without greatly expanding your budget. Cosponsored Saturday bowling programs, dance classes, concerts, roller-rink event, and hundreds of other wholesome programs have resulted from this type of partnership. In our own city we are exploring the establishment of a local commercial recreation council which would meet bimonthly to further this kind of communication and cooperation. (See also Page 76.)

**Research on maintenance.** This presents a real opportunity to park executives searching for ways to do the job in a more efficient and less costly way. Read the trade journals, visit conferences, interview salesmen. There is no substitute for this kind of professional alertness. One device we are currently exploring is that of "farming out" routine maintenance work on small playgrounds and green spots scattered throughout the city. When we have determined some form of unit cost for routine work on these, we will compare the expense of our full-time personnel doing it, with prices quoted by local landscaping firms on an annual basis. We are curious to see if the more specialized machinery and skills of the landscaper may undercut the costs of our wide-ranging crews who travel citywide and include bench repairs, cleaning, cutting, fertilizing, and a series of other odd jobs during any one workday. This, of course, is but one isolated illustration of the kind of research and inventiveness necessary if we are to keep ahead of our problems.

**Drop obsolete services.** Government appears most reluctant in this area. Nevertheless, herein lies one of the surest ways of accomplishing new, vital tasks and services within budget fattening. All of us, departments large and small, schools and private agencies, are carrying little pets, ideas, or projects we personally favor or which we feel look "nice" to the public. Unless they are clearly productive, they should be dropped. Hold your entire operation up to the cold light of appraisal at least once a year. Don't trust yourself. Insist that other competent staff people do the same. A basic characteristic and virtue of public recreation and park work is its freshness, flexibility, and sensitivity to the need for change. Regular "spring cleaning" of programs and services is consistent with such flexibility. Let's demonstrate to the public the bold ingenuity which has moved the profession of recreation and parks to the frontline position it holds today. #

• See, "Blueprint for Organization," *Recreation*, October 1964 for the stem-to-stern review of operations made by the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks. —Ed.

# STATE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

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ELVIRA DELANY

**ARIZONA.** The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved master plans for the White Tank Mountain Regional park and a metropolitan canal parks system. Groundwork for both plans was laid by citizen groups who analyzed need and made recommendations to the professional planners. Five other volunteer committees involving 190 citizens are working to complete plans for the Usery, McDowell, Estrella, Paradise Valley, and Thunderbird county parks.

The White Tank plan is for a regional park that will blend unspoiled nature, wilderness preserve, wildlife refuge and open space. Development will be restricted to enable maximum enjoyment of natural environment. The 28,554-acre park, largest locally operated park in the nation, is located about fifteen miles west of Peoria. It forms the western horizon of the Salt River Valley. Proposed facilities include a park headquarters area at the mouth of Dripping Springs Canyon, and interpretive center, main concession building, and nature school. The plan also provides for picnic and camp grounds, thirty-six miles of riding trails, eighteen miles of hiking trails, a stable area and rodeo arena, facilities for scout camps and youth work campgrounds.

The canal parks plan envisions a system of aquatic parks to serve some twenty-eight areas along canals from Higley on the east to 83rd Avenue west of Glendale. More than a hundred miles of Salt River Project canals would form a basis for the system. Development and financing would be the responsibility of the municipality in which each is located. Each park is designed to serve an immediate neighborhood unit while at the same time attracting automobiles, bicycles, hikers, and horseback riders on a community-wide scale. The plan recommends an average spacing of between two and a half and five miles apart. Focal point of each canal park would be a lagoon receiving water from the canal and large enough for fishing, canoeing, and model boat racing. Facilities also are suggested for picnicking, bicycling, crosscountry running, horseback riding, and hiking.

**ARKANSAS.** In a report concerning transportation needs as they relate to the economic growth of Arkansas, the State Economic Expansion Study Commission included recom-

mendations for the development of recreation and tourist facilities. It said certain conditions must be met before recreation and tourism can become as important to the state economically as manufacturing has become in recent years. The report said these conditions include:

- Creation of a division in the State Publicity and Parks Commission with tourism as its major responsibility; support for new facilities in state parks through revenue bonds.
- Adoption of the federal parks classification system and allocation of money to develop new parks; re-examination of its advertising program by the commission and submission of a report to the state legislature "in justification for an adequate budget."
- Development of a statewide plan on the opportunities and means of developing the tourist field; and placing high priority in highway planning on roads potentially important for tourism.

**CALIFORNIA.** Two growing pains in the mid-section of California's public outdoor recreation complex drew attention at an all-day session of the State Recreation Commission in Berkeley. One was how best to meet the regional park needs of neighboring counties and their merging urban areas. The other was how to improve the public's outdoor manners. County park and recreation officials from throughout the state were on hand to present their thinking regarding the growing need for regional parks and to explore the feasibility of setting regional park standards.

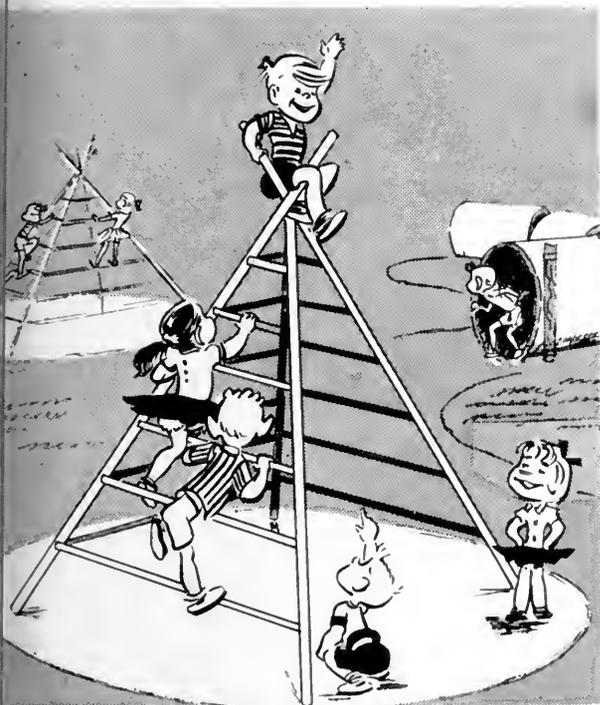
All agreed that merging urban areas are creating outdoor recreation problems that transcend county boundaries; that regional parks are needed to serve regional population; that regional park standards would have to vary from region to region; and that the management of a regional park should be by whichever agency is best able to do the job. Most agreed that while serving large numbers of people, regional parks should provide urban dwellers with nearby outdoor beauty in spacious, natural environment, and that regional parks should be operated within this philosophy rather than within a set of strict standards. All agreed it will take a major public information effort to overcome the provincialism now inhibiting the development of needed regional parks. Summing up this special hearing, Commission Chairman Mrs. Dewey J. Forry said it seemed apparent that if any regional park standards are to be evolved they will have to be very general, and that the counties will have to meet their present park needs with the means they now have.

The public's outdoor manners turned up as a primary topic during the commission's regular meeting following the regional park hearing. It popped up in the commission's review of its September 17 public hearing in Redding regarding liability relief for private landowners who open their land to public recreation. The commission noted that private landowners who testified at the hearings were less worried about liability than they were about fires and property damage caused by thoughtless recreationists. The commission also noted that many landowners declared that they could not provide public recreation in competition with the free or low-fee facilities provided by the various agencies

government. As a result of the hearing, the commission will consider education of the public in good outdoor recreation opportunities, and that it will conduct a study of the whole question of fees and charges at outdoor recreation facilities provided in California by government agencies.

**FLORIDA.** Play-safe community areas for small children have been designed for a 250-unit city low-rental housing development at Cocoa, Florida. The two fort-enclosed totlots include wigwam climbers and labyrinths (shown in drawing), cylinder-drum, candy mountains, sand areas, and other features.

Ward and Associates, Miami architects, drew the plans for the playground areas which are creative reproductions of pioneer stockades. All equipment for the totlots will be provided by Edward J. Gerrits, Inc. of Miami, which holds the \$100,000 contract for constructing the huge project.



Play-safe area for tots, Cocoa, Florida.

Creative imagination has been used in designing these totlots," says Dorothy Jones of Atlanta, community facilities programs advisor for the U.S. Public Housing Administration. "These designs are colorful and utilize natural materials which are less expensive. They also create many safe play opportunities for the youngsters . . . We have encouraged the architects who work with local housing authorities to do a better and more creative job of planning play areas." The huge project, which will furnish housing badly needed in the space center capital, is divided into two areas, with a plot for each area.

**GEORGIA.** The Columbus City Commission has unanimously approved construction of a \$100,000 launching ramp and allied facilities for pleasure boats. The proposed facility is to be located several hundred feet downstream from the existing state docks on the Chattahoochee River, near the point where the river swings close to Victory Drive. An

initial part of the project will be an access road from Victory Drive to the launching ramp and a sheltered boat slip. Paved parking areas are planned later on, as finances permit. The city manager and the commissioners have been in agreement for some time that additional launching facilities are needed on the river. Talks with officials of other cities that have launching ramps and also with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finally convinced them to get work under way on a first-class, permanent ramp for Columbus. An existing city ramp at the site of the old city docks, just south of Dillingham Street, probably will be leased to a private industrial firm.

**IDAHO.** Boaters' fuel tax money is being used to help build new launching and docking facilities at Palisades Reservoir in the southeast corner of the state. In cooperation with Bonneville County and the Caribou National Forest, the Motor Vehicles Division of the Idaho Law Enforcement Department has tapped the state marine fuel tax fund (known as the Waterways Improvement Fund) to build a \$9,000 concrete boat launching ramp at the Palisades Reservoir Campground. Other new improvements include a 20'-by-20' boat loading dock (it's made up of eight floating ramps fastened together) at Calamity Point, plus several floating docks for water skiers at various points around the reservoir.

**KANSAS.** Milford Lake, the new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers impoundment in northeastern Kansas, is still filling. When completed it will boast fifteen thousand surface acres of water and a shoreline of 180 miles. There is tremendous potential here for recreation boating, and Mid-America Associates, a new private development firm, has been quick in recognizing it. The firm's plans for building \$10,000,000 Thunderbird Resort on the western shores of Milford Lake four miles north of Junction City include a marina and boat dock. The resort, which will also feature at least two hotels, three acres of sand beach, and a golf course, will be in the vicinity of Bosin Bay. This location is expected to provide a wind protected area with quiet water for boating and water skiing. The resort is expected to be completed by 1966.

**NEW JERSEY.** Governor Richard Hughes signed into New Jersey law a legislative bill to permit two or more towns to consolidate public recreational facilities. "This new law," the governor said, "recognizes the need and advantages of regional cooperation in the procurement of adequate recreational facilities. It will take its place alongside existing law authorizing joint action in redeveloping, planning, and operating certain municipal services.

"But municipal action cannot solve all our problems. Our communities should be able to submit their problems to a central state agency where they can be recorded, evaluated, and acted upon through the combined effort and resources of municipal and state governments.

"It is for this reason that in my last two annual messages I have strongly recommended the creation of a Department of Community Affairs. I again urge the legislature to study and adopt the legislation necessary for the creation of this department."

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# PERSONNEL

## CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

W. C. Sutherland

**O**NLY AN EXPANDING MIND can deal with a world of expanding complexities. There is always a new frontier for the person with ideas, an open mind, and a willingness to apply himself. If recreation leaders are to be effective advisors, we must be the kind of people that management and others want to talk with and listen to. Our acceptance and reception as important advisors will depend upon our professional knowledge in the recreation field and our ability to instill confidence and communicate with enthusiasm. In addition, our success will depend upon our social skills and a quality which many describe, for want of a better term, as "polish."

With the rapid rate of increase of knowledge in the recreation field, as well as in allied fields with which recreation leaders must deal, it is becoming increasingly evident that education can never be completed. Education is a continuing and never-ending process. Therefore, professional people are urged to pursue all educational opportunities available, not only at the National Recreation Association's annual National Institutes in Recreation Administration, but at all training sessions and workshops that may be available to them.

Plans are now under way for the Tenth National Institute in Recreation Administration, to be held in Minneapolis, October 2-3, 1965. The subject selected for the next Institute is "Creative Problem Solving." Some of the national authorities in this field will present this important subject to recreation and park administrators. Program details will be available soon.

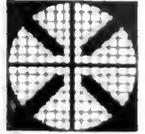
It is not enough for recreation executives to read the daily newspapers and have a few years of experience. It is not enough to glance at a few periodicals or read a book, now and then; nor is it enough to confine the study just to the field of recreation.

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If we are to be advisers to government to managing authorities, to other agencies, and to the public, we must understand more of their points of view. We must not forget that we are public servants and that our activities are in a particular framework which has a bearing on what we do and how we do it. We must understand more about social and political science, the functions and institutions of government, and the nature of democratic processes as well as administrative machinery.

**T**HE NRA's Ninth National Institute for recreation executives, held in Miami Beach, Florida, in October, just prior to the opening of the 46th National Recreation Congress, dealt with the subject of "Community Organization." Dr. Paul N. Ylvisaker, director of public affairs programs for the Ford Foundation, and Charles X. Sampson, associate director for the United Community Funds and Councils of America, two of the outstanding authorities in the nation on community problems, planning, and organization, served as the Institute faculty.

The Institute quota was oversubscribed with 128 candidates. They came from thirty states, Canada, and the District of Columbia. Six were university professors, eight came from the U.S. Air Force, and a number from local, state, and federal welfare programs, community planning and service councils. The large majority were executives from local, county, and district recreation and park departments. Over half of the delegates had attended previous Institutes. The attendance geographically, was: New England, 9; Middle Atlantic, 29; Southern, 23; Great Lakes, 35; Midwest, 7; Southwest, 7; Pacific Northwest, 2; Pacific Southwest, 13; and Canada, 3. The report of the Institute has been published and is available under the title *Community Organization*. Available for \$2.00 from the National Recreation Association, 8 West 8th Street, New York 10011.



# Don't Waste a Good Performance Record It!

M. Woram

A SURVEY could be made of the nation's many high-school bands, church choirs, and other "amateur" musical groups, no one would be very likely to learn that a majority of the groups polled had at one time or other considered the possibility of making a recording of their efforts. Any self-selecting choir or band member, on making the nth recorded version of say *New World Symphony*, must have realized that what the world really needs is a recording of his little group, surely the greatest undiscovered musical talent of the century. However, when the subject comes up it is realized that professional recordings cost big money and require enormous talent. The cooler heads will tell the group that no one (except family and friends, of course) would buy the blessed things anyway. After that what outsider could be expected to pay for your small (though noble) group's work when he can have Robert Johnson instead?

Now, of course, you can always trot out to the Penny Arcade and use one of those "Record-Your-Own-Voice-In-Minutes" booths, but even if you could squeeze everyone into one of those electronic shoeboxes, the results would probably inspire all concerned with a vow of perpetual silence directly afterwards. Now this is the last thing a director wants; so the situation looks bleak as the next-to-last page of a Greek tragedy. Just picture, say, a church choir—some twenty to twenty-five brave souls with not a chance in a million of being recorded professionally—anyone would say.

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Speaking of Greek tragedies, Euripides would fix the whole thing in no time by rolling out a *deus-ex-machina* to solve the unsolvable; but this is the twentieth century, and the *machina* has become more popularly known as a custom-sales department. To see how it works, let's look in on a typical amateur group, a church choir, as it prepares for a recording session after making arrangements with the custom-sales department of a major record company.

The choir has about twenty-five members, and, since they are well known by their congregation, it would not be unreasonable for them to hope to sell about a hundred copies of a record of themselves to the parishioners, providing the cost is not too high, say about five dollars per record. Of course, it shouldn't be hard to sell many more than this, but, for the purposes of our illustration, let's stick with this minimum figure.

Now, the first step in making a recording is to book a studio. The usual LP record has about forty-five minutes of music on it. From past experience, recording engineers recommend about six minutes of studio time for each minute of program as heard on the finished record. This means four and a half hours in the studio—figure five hours for an extra safety margin. After the session is over, the tape will have to be edited to remove the undesired "takes" and to arrange the numbers in the sequence desired on the record. Then, a master lacquer is cut and sent to the pressing plant, the complete order is pressed, packed in record jackets, and sent to the client. This entire operation is basically the same as that used for the company's regular classical or popular recordings.

When the session was over, the editing done, and the finished pressing delivered, the total bill for a hundred two-sided LP's came to a bit less than \$500. Dividing this by a hundred copies we have just about five dollars per record! Of course, costs computed hourly for recording sessions and editing, and by quantity for the pressings, will fluctuate from one group to another, depending on the particular requirements of each group.

We have been talking about an order of a hundred records so far, to vividly illustrate the possibilities for even the smallest of musical organizations.

Compared with amateur orchestras, school choruses and bands, the usual church choir is substantially smaller, rarely exceeding twenty-five members. With a little planning, even such a limited number as this can successfully make a recording. It also should not be difficult to exceed the minimum order of a hundred mentioned above. Since costs per record come down as quantity ordered goes up, this could be a great money-making opportunity for the group. For example, an order of 250 records, sold at five dollars each would realize a profit of almost \$700. Five hundred records sold at the same price would return a \$1,700 profit to the choir!

A WARNING before assaulting your family and friends for orders—be prepared for that unreasonable person who wants to be sure he's going to get his money's worth. He'll want to know just how good these records are going to be. After all, he just spent about the same amount for the latest *Messiah Highlights* album. Are you going to be just as good, he'll want to know? Now before you go slinking away defeated.

remember he already knows what you sound like in the choir loft or school auditorium. Artistically, you're not going to be any better on record than you are in person. The finest equipment in the world will not conceal the fact you're the neighborhood choir or band and not the old NBC Symphony reborn. Your customer realizes this by having previously heard you, so you may now turn your attention to the technical aspects of the recording. Here you will measure up to the finest commercial albums, available. Tape recorders, studios, microphones, amplifiers—all are the same used on the regular popular and classical releases for the company's own

label. So tell your prospective customers that the record they are buying from you will be a faithful reproduction of your group's capabilities, recorded on and by the finest of equipment.

One final word to help you keep costs down to the minimum. Since we said that recording sessions and editing fees are computed on an hourly basis, it is to your advantage to keep these times to a minimum, without undue rushing, of course. Before coming to the studios, plan what you expect to accomplish. The engineers will be happy to wait while you decide what to sing next and where the music is, but it's your own money you're wasting, and if you have all this

thought out in advance, a lot of time may be saved. Also know the music to the best of your capabilities. The less editing required to patch together a presentable disc, the more money saved.

The services described above are made available by leading companies throughout the country. A letter or phone call will bring all the information you need, and before long your choir, orchestra or band can count itself among the many who have already discovered the pleasures of making their own recording. It's an opportunity to be exploited by any group that enjoys music. #

## New Vigor in French Sports

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and arranges for them to meet groups of French young people.

Other activities encouraged by the secretariat are bicycle touring, speleology, skin diving. Volunteer groups for work projects at home and abroad are organized. These are worthy causes, largely of a charitable, community, or nonprofit nature or for underprivileged people.

Youth hostels are very much a part of the program. Here, the major effort is in supplying funds for the construc-

tion and equipping of hostels in various parts of France. These provide vacation lodgings for young people as well as accommodations for those who are traveling. The youth hostel organizations are responsible for the operation of the hostels. The support of hosteling enables thousands of French young people to vacation independently or in groups or to take tours which include a good amount of bicycling, hiking, and camping.

The 1964 budget of the secretariat amounted to 698,000,000 francs, equivalent to \$139,600,000. This represents an increase of twenty-nine percent over

the 1963 budget and is about four times the 1958 budget. The rapid growth of the program attests to its importance in the French picture.

In France and the United States the sports programs are popular, but the French tend more to choose the sports which they believe bring about physical fitness, while in the United States, public recreation in local communities tends to be more in response to demands and tastes of the public. Only since the early 1950's has the President's Council on Physical Fitness encouraged exercising for the purpose of producing fitness.

## Commercial Recreation

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parties agreed that incorporating bowling into the playground operation under the city's "learn-to" method of approach, so successful in swimming, tennis, and skating, was feasible. Initially, a training course was developed for the recreation division's administrative staff and a representative from each of the 105 playgrounds.

Playground staff members approached this training course with apprehension, but, once the program was broken down into simple one, two, three steps and the theory of this method explained they responded enthusiastically. Since the recreation division operates under a five-region basis, each with a regional supervisor, the supervisors were given the names and locations of the establishments that had been assigned to their regions and

the number of children that could be accommodated at each location. Although there are forty-eight members in the Greater St. Louis BPA, only the fourteen within the city limits were selected because of travel limitations; hence, each of the five regions had from one to four establishments with which to work.

A quota was developed on the basis of five youngsters per lane and the program was set up for three successive Friday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Transportation was to be provided by the city playground staff, and balls, shoes, and use of lanes was provided free of charge by the establishments. Whether a quota could be met by the playgrounds, whether there would be enough interest stimulated in the program, whether the training was adequate were just a few of the problems anticipated; but, from the first day the children arrived, all fears were dis-

pelled and the beginning of what promises to be an annual venture took place. Twenty-three hundred youngsters were taken to the establishments and had their first experience in bowling. The reaction of all—playground workers, city officials, proprietors, and, most important, the children—was highly favorable. Playground workers said, "Can't we extend it?" Recreation supervisors said, "Terrific—let's do it next year!" Proprietors said, "It's the best behaved group we've ever had." The kids said, "Did you see that delivery? Did you see me knock down that tenpin?"

So, what at first was a doubt-ridden experiment became a workable, shoulder-to-shoulder, work-together approach of all recreation agencies in the area—private, public, and commercial. It worked in St. Louis, and it can work in other cities and states. All that is needed is cooperative planning. #

# REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## able Shooting Unit

IPPING TROUBLE before it happens is the goal of the Special Problems Unit established more than a year ago at the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department. Purpose of the unit is to be available at all times to move recreation centers where the director feels tense situations are developing and to work with individuals and groups causing problems, according to Mr. A. Cunningham, superintendent of recreation.

Many youngsters and older teenagers who create problems at home and school frequently are a source of even greater irritation at recreation centers, where directors do not have disciplinary resources available to parents and teachers. Mr. Cunningham says: "Our responsibility is to those seeking wholesome, constructive leisure activities. Our recreation directors cannot devote their time to coping with delinquency problems as such, but we certainly cannot permit our facilities to become breeding grounds for delinquents."

For that reason, the department held a series of meetings with representatives of the police and probation departments and the city attorney's office seeking a solution to a problem which could, if ignored, endanger the recreation program. Joseph Lewis, a recreation director with seven years of service and broad experience within the department, was selected to establish a unit which could work with directors to handle problems as they arise and would concentrate on dealing with nonconformists. Months of planning and careful recruitment of recreation assistants were necessary before Mr. Lewis finally succeeded in assembling a group of men of diverse backgrounds and demonstrated abilities made them especially fitted for the task. On November 23, 1963, the Special Problems Unit began its operation, and since that time has provided valuable service to recreation directors at centers where actions of a few individuals or groups threatened the

orderly conduct of a recreation program.

Each situation has its own peculiar problems and there is no set formula for handling any. Sometimes conferences with parents is the answer; frequently working with social agencies helps; and when necessary serious cases are referred to law enforcement agencies. However, even when the Special Problems Unit cannot handle situations with diplomacy and has to resort to seeking aid from law enforcement agencies, it has served its purpose—it has freed the regular staff so that normal recreation activities are not disrupted and the many are not sacrificed to the few.

## Giveaway Fish

GIVING AWAY a fish is not as easy as it may appear. In Florida, where fishermen are likely to have extra fish, it has become a highly developed science. Almost anybody can give away a fish in the daytime, especially a cleaned fish. At night, skill is required. If the recipient is already in bed and doesn't care too much for fish anyway, it takes a real artist to give him a dead fish, especially if it is uncleaned and having an odor a little like a dead fish.

The enthusiastic approach is easiest. Call the victim on the telephone and tell him you have a surprise for him. If he has been asleep he may fall for this

and have the door unlocked by the time you get to his home.

A real old-time giver with plenty of confidence will take the bull by the horns and say: "Come over to my place right now. Hurry!" Then, he hangs up and the fish-getter will be on hand (probably wearing his pajama tops) and have the fish before he really knows what happened.

In delivering a fish at a late hour (all fishermen arrive home late), it is best to ring the doorbell or bang the knocker briskly and be ready to thrust one muddy foot through the door. Hold the fish behind you and thrust it into the victim's hands while making a diversionary remark such as: "Have you been listening to your radio?" The fish-getter will assume that an atomic attack is imminent and will grasp convulsively at anything offered him—in this case a dead fish.

In Florida, most folks can catch fish for themselves and therefore look with scorn on everyone else's catch. If the victim is a fisherman himself, the giver can stand on the stoop with the fish behind him and say: "What is the world's record for channel bass?" The victim will pause and try to remember and will absentmindedly grasp the proffered seafood.

Only a coward would ring a doorbell, deposit a fish on the step and run. Ardent fishermen who persistently present fish to their neighbors will note that the backyard orange trees of such recipients often show remarkable growth and their rose bushes are things of beauty. This is a bad thing for fish conservation.

As a last resort, you might try cleaning the fish—or eating them yourself—or putting them back in the water.

## Cuff Note

- To waterproof matches, dip the heads into melted wax or fingernail polish. Dampness won't get to them, and the coating scrapes off as you strike the matches. This handy hint for campers heading for wet country is given by W. K. Merrill, author of *All About Camping* (Stackpole Books).



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# MARKET NEWS

- **TOUCH AND GO.** A new flag football and tag game belt set fits into the physical fitness and health education programs being fostered throughout the entire United States. It also is a great time and stress saver for officials, physical education teachers, and coaches. The *Rip Flag Belt* stops the ever-present arguing as to whether or not the player has been touched. An extra student can run the game or one supervisor can control two or three games at the same time.

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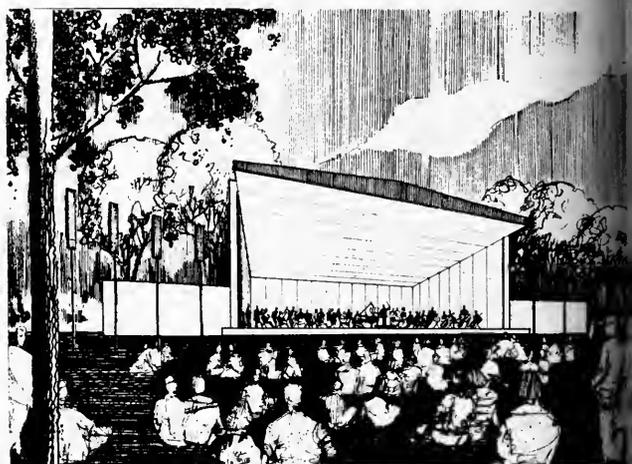
- **AFTER THE FIRE.** Insistent urging by Connecticut's Deputy State Fire Marshal Major Carroll E. Shaw and other local fire authorities has resulted in the development of a new fire safety latching device for hospital and institution doors. As a direct result of the tragic 1961 Hartford Hospital fire, Stewart A. Sprague, chief engineer of Hartford Hospital, joined engineers in designing the new latch. Until recently hospital patient-room doors had been designed primarily for ease in opening and closing by nurses, whose arms are usually loaded with supplies. They were not equipped with positive latches. During the hospital holocaust, these doors had to be heavily barricaded in order to keep them shut against the tremendous pressure created when fire swept down the corridor.

The new latch incorporates convenient push-pull opening features with positive latching action to meet modern fire safety requirements. Instead of turning a knob, the door opens from the corridor by simply pressing against a large curved plate, which releases the latch. A curved lever, similar to the blade handle used on hospital faucet controls, releases the latch from inside the room. If a person's hands are full, just hook a wrist, arm or elbow over the lever, unlatch the door and gently pull it open. The latches are constructed of durable cast bronze and come in either satin chrome or satin bronze finish. (These safety latches should be considered for use in other public buildings where large crowds congregate.) Write to the Russwin Division of Emhart Corporation, New Britain, Connecticut, for further information.

- **MUSIC IN THE PARK.** A trailerized stage and concert shell,

complete with full sound reinforcement system, will be used by the New York Philharmonic for a series of free concerts in four New York City parks next summer. The stage-shell will be portable, making it possible to move the whole unit including dressing rooms, generators, and other necessary equipment, by trailers from one site to another overnight. The symphonic shell has been designed by Christopher Jaffe of Stagecraft Corporation, Norwalk, Conn.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner has announced the series of concerts by the New York Philharmonic and the allocation



*Symphonic shell for New York City parks.*

of funds by the city of New York for the trailer-stage and shell. Mr. Jaffe has worked with the Philharmonic before when one of his shells was constructed by the Stagecraft Corporation and flown out to Monterey, California, for the Philharmonic concert at the fairgrounds there last year.

- **INGRAINED.** The warmth and beauty of birch and oak paneling are combined with the easy upkeep, economy, and durability of hardwood in two new woodgrained wall panels. In distinctive off-white, Alpine oak offers a striking background for furniture and draperies of darker tones. Fireside birch has the rich tones and authentic graining of fine cabinetry. Their color-coordinated vertical grooves at random widths give additional decorator appeal.

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Never apply a new material until you have tested it under your local conditions on a small scale. This practice may save some severe, widespread damage.

Never mix your materials without thoroughly knowing their respective compatibilities. It is convenient when you can take care of several problems with one application, but it is far more critical to make two or more applications than to answer questions concerning the cause of damage to or death of valuable trees or shrubs.

Never use any of these materials when the temperature is above 90°F. When the humidity is below thirty percent. Oil sprays are especially dangerous to use at these levels, but wettable powders and emulsions can be as hazardous at times.

Wash off tropicals and tender, young plants that might be under or around trees or shrubs you are spraying. Although you may realize no damage, in some cases it is proven that these plants cannot stand the toxic effects of chemicals to a lesser degree than do woody plants.

ANTOINE is a consultant with the Harold Mitchell Company in San Gabriel, California. This material was first published in the 1964 California and Pacific Northwest Recreation and Park Conference.

- Each crew of spray personnel should be equipped with adequate scales, and measuring equipment. To send someone out to spray with only calculated guesses as a means of measuring quantities of chemicals is like pointing a revolver at your head and pulling the trigger.

- Applicators should be equipped with rubber gloves, respirators, and rubber boots. Constantly observe your personnel while performing their work and attempt to find any unsafe situations. The older, more experienced men are the worst offenders in regard to personal safety practices. They often become oblivious to the unsafe manner in which they perform their job.

- Alert your applicators to hazards from spray drift. Toxic weed control materials and sterilants are the most damaging, but, needless to say, any spray material is dangerous to use in periods of high winds.

- Establish a program of washing out spray tanks, hoses, and pumps after using any herbicide and before spraying ornamentals. If you have not considered buying separate equipment for weed work exclusively, check into the possibility or feasibility of it. It is false economy to use the same equipment for both ornamental spraying and weed work.

- Always stake outside the root zone of trees and shrubbery when using fumigants and sterilants. Where areas are sloped, make use of dams or furrows to keep the materials from washing or eroding into the plant root areas.

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Following the close of World War II, ski programs throughout the world thrived anew with eagerness and competitive spirit. Duluth was quick to unfold a program for senior jumpers and followed shortly after with competitions in cross country and slalom. With this action, the junior programs again caught fire, and prospective champions began to make their appearance. In 1948 the first Junior National Ski Jumping championships were held at Chester Bowl in Duluth, and proudly we decorated a Duluth boy as one of the winners in this historic event. Since that time Duluth has sent teams to all parts of the United States for national competition and no less than six national champions have returned to Duluth.

Training sessions for junior and senior competitors are held weekly at area ski sites. Older experienced skiers, with a broad knowledge of technique, work with small groups of trainees.

In recent years the Central United States Ski Association set up special training camps for youngsters in slalom, cross-country, and jumping. Since infancy, these camps have been held in various places, but recently have been centrally located where good snow falls

are dependable early in the season ing qualified coaches and membe the Olympic and World Champion teams as advisors and coaches, camps have proven themselves the valuable aspect in the developmen competitive skiers. Results of trai with this type of guidance have g skiing in the Midwest a new "sh the arm," and newly crowned cl pions advocate the program stron Gene Kotlarek and Dave Hicks of luth who gained two of the four be on the 1964 Olympic ski team members of the 1964-65 training c held during Christmas vacation Washburn, Wisconsin. Charlie B ski coach in a Duluth school, and L Sorenson, former Olympic candida cross-country skiing, helped coach racers at Houghton, Michigan.

Special ski classes for beginners recreation skiers are also availabl Duluth through the auspices of the ious ski shops. Free instruction sions are held a number of wee throughout the season at Mont du l a locally owned ski resort just wes the city. Skiers learn rapidly here soon are making good use of the bars and rope tows that whisk them the snow laden summits.

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# NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Children's Literature For Dramatization—An Anthology**, Geraldine Brain. Harper and Row, 49 East 33rd Street, New York 10016. Pp. 332. \$2.75.

GERALDINE SIKS is well known to all recreation leaders who believe in and conduct creative dramatics. Her book is one that fills a real gap in professional literature and fills it beautifully. Here is a collection of over fifty stories and over eighty poems, all of which were selected *only* after they have been used successfully and happily by children. These are not what children *would* like to like; they are what children *do* like and will like.

Many of the stories have been adapted to emphasize the narrative quality of them that delights a child. All of them have been dramatized. This is no amateur scrapbook. The selections combine popularity with taste, so their use will encourage a love for literature in the child playacts. This anthology could be used along with the author's book *Creative Dramatics—An Art for Children*, published in 1958 by the same publishers.

In a splendid "Appendix of Suggestions for Use of the Material" the author has classified the material under a wide variety of headings. This is really a supplement to the very detailed table of contents. The bibliography is one of the best and most carefully selected that I have seen. It includes creative dramatics and children's theater, creativity education and language arts, children's literature—stories and anthologies—and related creative arts.—*V. M.*

**Children's Festivals from Many Lands**, Nina Millen. Friendship Press, 45 Riverside Drive, New York 10027. Pp. 192, illustrated. \$3.95.

THIS DELIGHTFUL BOOK, illustrated by Janet Smalley's appealing sketches, describes 165 festivals, both folk and religious. Their habitats range from New Zealand to the North Pole, from Trinidad to Tonga. Our favorite festival is the *Alacitas*, the Fair of Little Kings, in Bolivia, where all sorts of circles of miniature size can be bought. The making of an *eleko*, the miniature figure of clay, on which tiny items can be hung, would be a clever playground

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**Create With Yarn**, Ethel Jane Beitler. International Textbook Company, Scranton 15, Pennsylvania. Pp. 196. \$7.50.

STITCHERY is a field of art that is fast becoming very popular again after a long quietus and is now used in art classes because of the encouragement one gets from the variations that can be done with color and yarn plus materials. This book is divided into two parts, hooking and stitchery, giving the basic steps of each process. Stitches well-known to most of the older generation are used very creatively. *These are crafts which recreation leaders should explore.* Today's young people do not know the simple stitches—let alone how to use a needle or thread or thimble. In hooking, though it is an old craft, the approach is very different. It is a beautifully photographed and easy-to-read book.

The author writes: "Stitchery is a quiet and calm sort of activity that gives a person time to sit and ponder on the day's joys and sorrows or time to think through the problems of the day, and, while pondering, the craftsman may be developing a web of stitches which blend together the gay and the dull strands of life and give them meaning."

It seems to me that we could use a craft like this in these turbulent times and that our programs in recreation could well afford to include quiet creative work with yarns. Let's try it!—*Mary B. Cummings, arts and crafts specialist.*

## IN BRIEF

THE CITY AND THE ARTS, *August Heckscher. Institute of Local Government, University of Pittsburgh. Pp. 16. Paper, \$1.50.* Mr. Heckscher's main concern in this publication is for the top-

level artist and organization and what can be done to enrich community life by bringing them together with local government in a close working relationship. His attitude toward arts councils and other forms of cooperative arrangements between public and private bodies is favorable. Several important examples are cited in *The City and the Arts*. The role of educational, recreational, and other community services affecting the arts is practically ignored. He puts the solution of the problem in the hands of the select few. City hall which deals with the public at large and the public welfare will probably want a solution based on the interdependence of all forces affecting the cultural life of the city at all levels including recreation and education.

GESELL INSTITUTE PARTY BOOK, *Frances L. Ilg, Louise Bates Ames, Evelyn Goodeough, and Irene B. Andresen. Dell Books, Box 2291, Grand Central Post Office, New York 10017. Pp. 114, illustrated. \$.50 (plus \$.10 handling charge).* Readers may remember the series on parties for children at various age levels published in a number of issues of *Life* magazine. These were all made into a book that sold for \$3.95. Now they're a paperback which includes a party for each age from three to eleven, two parties for twelve-year-olds, one for the thirteens, three for the fourteens, and one for the fifteens. Keys to behavior, suggestions for activities, hints and warnings, possible expense, and suggested schedule all combine to make this a most useful book for parents, leaders, teachers—and anyone who faces children's parties with misgivings. One look at the authors—and misgivings will fade. One look at the contents—and the party is on!

FUN CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN, *John L. Squires. Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Pp. 250, illustrated. Spiralbound, \$5.95.* The pages of this plastic-bound book turn easily and stay perfectly flat. The contents are in six parts and each is graded from kindergarten through sixth grade. The crafts are easy to do, with materials, tools, procedures, and average time required noted for each craft. This is a good book for recreation leaders and parents because the materials used are mostly scrap or easily and cheaply obtainable or found in the home.

## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED

### AMERICANA, HISTORY

- Clipper Ships and Captains**, Jane D. Lyon. American Heritage, 551 5th Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 153. \$3.95.
- Birth of Liberty, The Story of the James River**, Virgil Carrington Jones. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 383 Madison Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 154. \$3.75.
- Circus**, Country Beautiful Foundation, Inc., Elm Grove, Wisc. Pp. 64. \$3.95.
- Circus from Rome to Ringling, The**, Earl Chapin May. Dover Publ., 180 Varick St., New York 10014. Pp. 332. Paper, \$2.00.
- Fare Thee Well**, Leslie Dorsey & Janice Devine. Crown Publ., 419 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. Pp. 328. \$10.00.
- Story of the Peace Corps**, The, George Sullivan. Fleet Publ., 230 Park Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 155. \$3.50.
- Story of World War II**, The, Robert Leckie. Random House, 457 Madison Ave., New York 10022. Pp. 193. \$3.95.
- U.S. Frogmen of World War II, The**, Wyatt Blasingsame. Random House, 457 Madison Ave., New York 10022. Pp. 171. \$1.95.
- Vikings, The**, Frank R. Donovan, American Heritage, 551 5th Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 153. \$3.95.

### FACILITIES

- Creative Playground Equipment**, William Penn Mott, Jr., Amer. Institute of Park Executives, Oalebay Park, Wheeling, W. Va. Pp. 36. Paper, \$2.00.
- How to Build your Cabin or Modern Vacation Home**, Harry Walton. Harper & Row, 49 E. 33rd St., New York 10016. Pp. 160. \$2.95.
- Swimming Pool Data & Reference Annual, 1965**, Hoffman-Harris, Inc., 309 Professional Bldg., Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33304. Pp. 302. Paper, \$5.00.

### FESTIVALS, PARTIES

- Betty Crocker's Parties for Children**, Lois M. Freeman. Golden Press, 850 3rd Ave., New York 10022. Pp. 166. Spiralbound, \$1.95.
- Birthdays Are for Everyone**, Charlotte Steiner. Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N. Y. Pp. 31. \$2.95.
- Flowers and Festivals of the Jewish Year**, Lillian S. Freehof and Lottie C. Bandman. Hearthside Press, 118 E. 28th St., New York 10016. Pp. 192. \$5.95.

### FITNESS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Be Fit as a Marine**, Lt. Col. W. H. Rankin. Cornerstone Library, 630 5th Ave., New York 10020. Pp. 134. Paper, \$1.00.
- Better Physical Fitness for Girls**, Helen Hull Jacobs. Dodd, Mead, 432 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. Pp. 63. \$2.75.
- Heart and Sport**, Ernst Jokl, M.D. Charles C. Thomas, 301-327 Lawrence Ave., Springfield, Ill. Pp. 117. \$6.00.
- Issues in Physical Education**, Marion Alice Sanborn and Betty G. Hartman. Lea & Febiaer, Washington Sq., Philadelphia 19106. Pp. 256. \$6.00.
- Parents' Guide to Children's Vision**, James R. Greaa, O.D. Public Affairs Pamphlets, 22 E. 38th St., New York 10016. Pp. 20. \$.25.
- Physical Activities for Collegiate Women**, Maryhelen Vannier, Ed.D., Hally Beth Poindexter, Ed.D. Wm. Saunders, W. Washington Sq., Philadelphia 5, Pa. Pp. 509. Paper, \$6.00.
- Physical Fitness: Tests and Exercises**, Jay Bender and Edward J. Shea. Ronald Press, 15 E. 26th St., New York 10010. Pp. 158. \$4.50.
- Physiology of Exercise**, Ernst Jokl, M.D. Charles C. Thomas, 301-327 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, Ill. Pp. 145. \$6.50.
- Practical Approach to Measurement in Physical Education**, Harold M. Barrow and Rosemary McGee. Lea & Febiaer, Washington Sq., Philadelphia 19106. Pp. 560. \$8.50.
- Slipped Discs**, Kenneth C. Hutchin, M.D. Arco Publ., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 94. Paper, \$3.95.
- Teen-Ager's Guide to Diet and Health**, Robert S. Goodhart, M.D. Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N. J. Pp. 176. \$3.95.

### GAMES AND HOBBIES

- Beginner's Book of Magic, A**, Francis J. Rigney. Devin-Adair, 23 E. 26th St., New York 10010. Pp. 145. \$3.50.

**Bridge for People Who Don't Know One Card From Another**, Ray Young. Follett Publ., 1010 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 7. Pp. 127. \$2.95.

- Child Photography Simplified**, Edna Bennett. American Photographic Book Publ., New York 10010. Pp. 96. Paper, \$1.00.
- Coin Collecting for Fun and Profit**, Arco Publ., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 104. \$2.50.
- Moh Jong, Anyone?** Kitty Strauser and Lucille Evans. Chas. E. Tuttle, Rutland, Vt., Pp. 59. \$1.75.
- Muscle-Building Games**, Lillian and Godfrey Frankel. Sterling Publ., 419 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. Pp. 96. \$2.95.
- Nikon F Nikkorex F Pocket Companion**, J. D. Cooper. Amphoto Books, 915 Broadway, New York 10010. Pp. 126. Paper, \$1.95.
- Ninety-Seven Special Effects for Your Home Slide Show**, Jean and Cle Kinney. Richards Rosen Press, 29 E. 21st St., New York 10010. Pp. 128. \$3.95.
- Reinhold's Photo and Movie Book**, H. Freytag. Reinhold Publ., 430 Park Ave., New York 10022. Pp. 416. \$9.95.

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- Experimental Curriculum for Young Mentally Retarded Children**, Frances P. Connor. Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, 525 W. 120th St., New York 10027. Pp. 300. Paper, \$3.25.
- Mental Retardation: A Family Crisis—The Therapeutic Role of the Physician**, Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, 104 E. 25th St., New York 10010. Pp. 148. \$5.00.
- Nurse Everyone Needs, The**, Marguerite Clark. Public Affairs Committee, 22 E. 38th St., New York 10016. Pp. 28. \$2.50.
- Play in a Hospital**, Play Schools Assoc., 120 W. 57th St., New York 10019. Pp. 54. Spiralbound, \$7.75.
- Retarded Child Gets Ready for School, The**, Margaret Hill. Public Affairs Committee, 22 E. 38th St., New York 10016. Pp. 28. \$2.50.
- Serious Mental Illness in Children**, Harry Milt. Public Affairs Committee, 22 E. 38th St., New York 10016. Pp. 28. \$2.50.
- Services for Children with Orthopedic Handicaps**, Amer. Public Health Assoc., 1790 Broadway, New York 10019. Pp. 128. Paper, \$2.50.
- Socio-Recreative Programing for the Retarded**, Elliott M. Avedon and Frances B. Arje. Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York 10027. Pp. 84. Paper, \$1.50.

### INTERNATIONAL

- Australian Adventure (Girl Guides)**, Ann Rylah. Sportshef, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N. Y. Pp. 134. \$7.00.
- Balkans, The**, Edmund Stillman. Time, Inc., Rockefeller Center, New York 10020. Pp. 160. \$2.95.
- Britain**, Lyle Kenyon Engel, Editor. Pocket Books, 630 5th Ave., New York 10020. Pp. 191. Paper, \$1.00.
- Canada**, Lyle Kenyon Engel, Editor. Pocket Books, 630 5th Ave., New York 10020. Pp. 192. Paper, \$1.00.

- Cookbook of the United Nations, The**, B. Kraus. United Nations Association of the New York 10011. Pp. 146. Spiralbound.
- France: Its Industries**, compiled by D. Gué France Actuelle, 221 Southern Bldg., Washington 5, D.C. Pp. 44. Paper, \$1.00.
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- Land and Wildlife of South America, The**, Ian Bates. Time, Inc., Rockefeller Center, New York 10020. Pp. 200. \$3.95.
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- Switzerland**, Herbert Kubly. Time, Inc., Rockefeller Center, New York 10020. Pp. 160. \$2.95.
- Tell Me about Tokyo**, Elizabeth K. Miller. Chas. E. Tuttle, Rutland, Vt. Pp. 39. \$3.25.

### LEISURE, RECREATION

- Fundamentals of Recreation**, Thomas S. Harper & Row, 49 E. 33rd St., New York 10016. Pp. 170. Paper, \$2.50.
- Leisure in America: Blessing Or Curse**, James Charlesworth. Amer. Acad. of Political and Social Science, 3937 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa. Pp. 96. \$1.75.
- 101 Ways to Enjoy Your Leisure**, Harper and Row, 49 E. 33rd St., New York 10016. Pp. 125. \$1.95.
- Treasury of the Art of Living, A**, Sidney C. Berg, Editor. Taplinger Publ., 119 W. 57th St., New York 10019. Pp. 364. \$5.95.

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- Brownie Girl Scout Handbook**. Girl Scouts of U.S.A., 830 3rd Ave., New York 10022. 224. Paper, \$1.00.
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- Cadet Girl Scout Handbook**. Girl Scouts of U.S.A., 830 3rd Ave., New York 10022. 375. Paper, \$1.00.
- Fresh Perspectives on Program Planning**, G. Ryland. National Board, YMCA, 600 Lexington Ave., New York 10022. Mimeographed, \$1.00.
- Giant Progress Program Book**, Clarissa P. Schert. Eldridge Publ., Denver 4, Colo. Pp. 150. Paper, \$1.50.
- Horizon Club Book**. Camp Fire Girls, 65 W. 11th St., New York 10013. Pp. 250. Paper, \$1.00.
- Instant Fun for All Kinds of Groups**, Lorellman Burns. Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 10007. Pp. 126. \$2.95.
- Intramural and Recreation Programs for Schools and Colleges**, Viola K. Kleindienst and A. Weston. Appleton-Century-Crofts, 440 Ave. S., New York 10016. Pp. 559. \$6.95.
- Junior Girl Scout Handbook**. Girl Scouts of U.S.A., 830 3rd Ave., New York 10022. 371. Paper, \$1.00.
- Playground and Recreation Director's Handbook**, Arco Publ., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 152. Paper, \$4.00.
- Program Resources for Advisors of Junior Groups (Junior Hi Kit #20)**, James E. Sim Norman F. Langford, and Donald L. Led. Geneva Press, 705 Witherspoon Bldg., W. and Juniper Sts., Philadelphia 7. Pp. 160. Paper, \$3.00.
- Senior Girl Scout Handbook**. Girl Scouts of U.S.A., 830 3rd Ave., New York 10022. 277. Paper, \$1.00.
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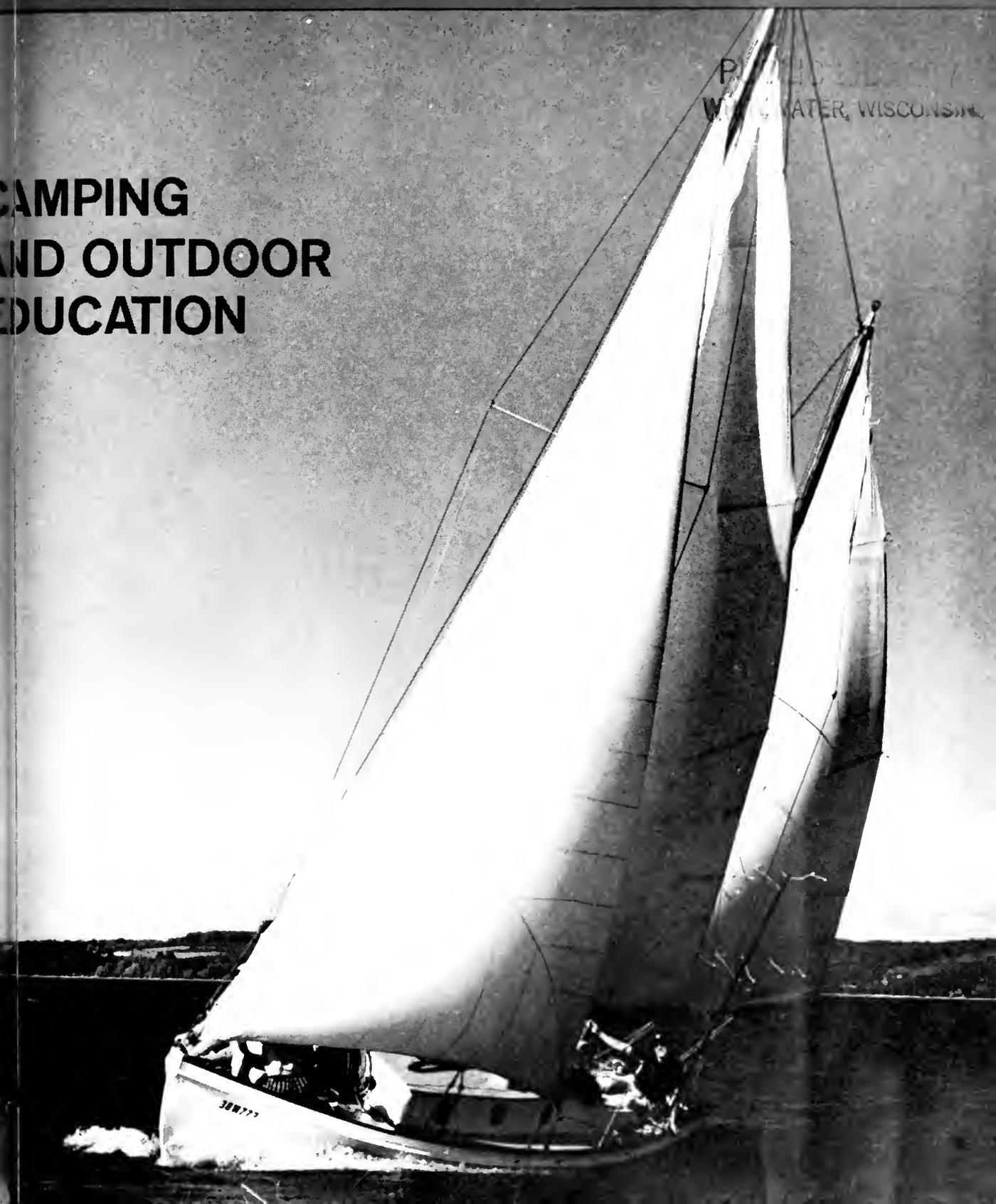
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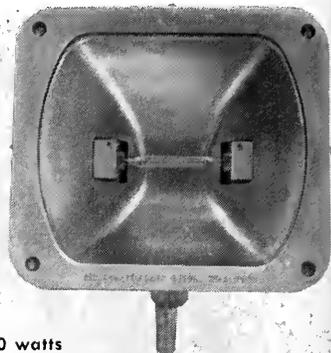
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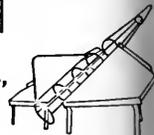
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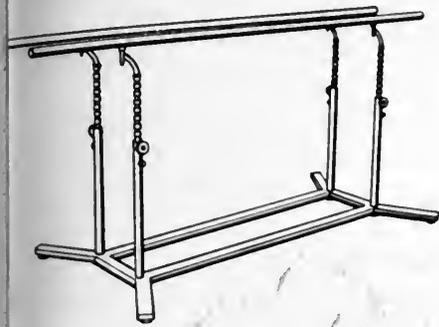
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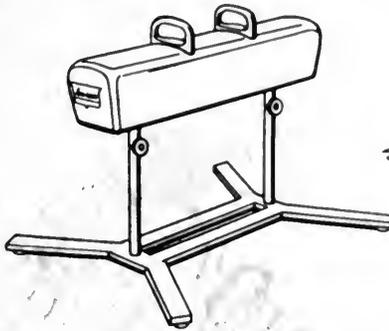
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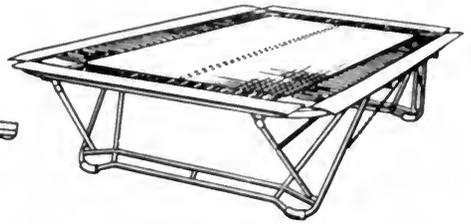




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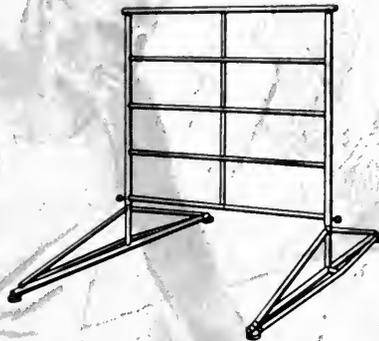
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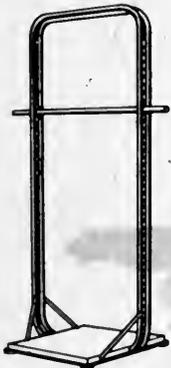
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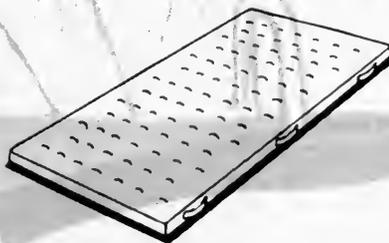
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April is the month for publication of the Playground Issue of RECREATION. Articles on playgrounds cover facilities, sites, equipment, leadership. "Playground Surfing" suggests ways of luring children and their skate boards to the playground instead of allowing them to play this dangerous sport on sidewalks. "Super-Block Play Areas," by a prominent New York architect, will give details of ultra-modern recreation area in New York City housing project. A few photographs taken by L. Bridgeman, on his swing around the country while making a playground study for the NRA, and comments on the playgrounds saw on that trip will be included.

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# LETTERS

## Solen Adventures

Barbara Chapin's editorial [November] calls our attention to the greatest recognized deprivation of the American child—that of solitude. For children youth, freedom to dream is, spiritually speaking, a matter of life or death. It is in solitude that is born the dream whence came the Psalms, the discovery of radium, and the achievements of the greatest of us to the least of us.

In these days when the birth rate is springing into outer space, causing an increasing shrinkage of house-room, school-room, and play-room, children must, for the most part, find or make their own solitude. Fortunately, this does not require physical isolation. While they have no choice as to the kind of house they live in, one escape hatch is open to them: the school. The more crowded the classroom, the wider the exit. The tortured wailing aloud of Hiawatha by some fifty-five or forty pupils, or the recitation of the tributaries of the Mississippi, provides an ample margin for a voyage to the farthest Hebrides or a drive across the heavens of the chariot of the sun. If he doesn't get back in time to find his place in the book or hear the teacher's question, is not a bad mark a small price for such stolen adventures?

In fostering the child's fantasy life, TV may prove his good fairy. Parents will bless it because it keeps the children quiet, unaware that the children are watching it or pretending to because it keeps the parents quiet. While a child might in a daydream be regarded as mentally ill and yanked back to "reality," the child before the TV set is left to the uninterrupted pursuit of his own thoughts. It allows him to build good ones which, as Robert Frost says, make good neighbors—even out of parents.

MARGARET LEE SOUTHARD, *Hingham, Massachusetts.*

## Needed Service

The other commissioners join with me in extending our compliments to . . . the National Recreation Association for its vision and leadership in establishing a much needed consulting service in the parks and recreation field. We collectively feel that the success in implementing the Land and Water Conservation Fund and other progressive legislative acts depends largely upon county government. The

counseling services NRA will soon be furnishing will be invaluable to agencies throughout the country.

We sincerely feel that you have selected the best qualified parks and recreation specialist in the country in Ken Smithee [NRA's new county parks and recreation consultant]. Maricopa County will suffer a great loss, but NRA and the recreation program throughout the country will benefit from his vast knowl-

edge and dedicated services in this field. During our association with Ken for the past ten years we have observed collective qualities and qualifications seldom found in one man.

Thank you for your assistance in the past and we are looking forward to future association and especially our consulting services. Our best wishes for NRA's continued success.

FRED M. GUREY, *Chairman, Parks & Recreation Commission, Maricopa County, Arizona.*

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At the January 8, 1965, meeting of the Arizona Parks and Recreation Asso-



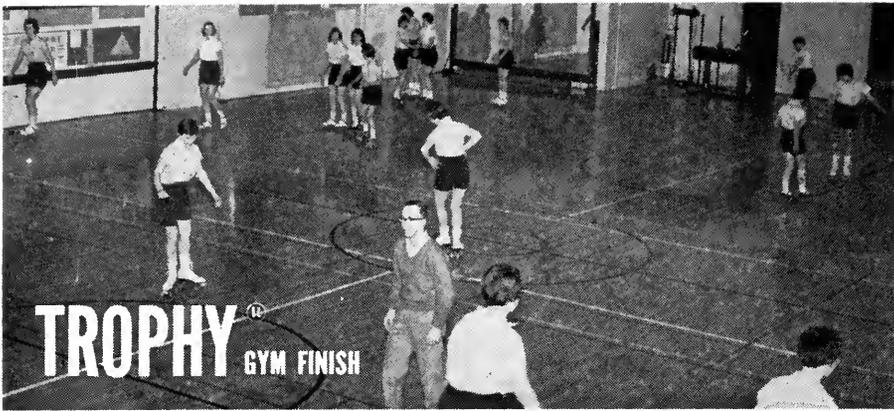
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ciation, Kenneth J. Smithee, superintendent of the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, resigned from the Board of Registration and representative of the [Arizona Parks and Recreation] Association on the board of directors of the Arizona Conservation Council. His resignation was accepted with mixed feelings—regret at the loss of a very fine and dedicated member and a distinguished Recreation professional in his state—pleasure at his appointment as county parks recreation consultant with the National Recreation Association in Washington, D. C.

KEITH K. BRUNS, *President, Arizona Parks and Recreation Association*

### Blue Island Blues

*The following letter was received from James L. Anderson, president of the Blue Island Park District, Illinois, regarding the threatened loss of a district park.*

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We would like to take this opportunity to join our affiliate in your fight with the Illinois Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, in expressing concern that Central Park in Blue Island will be lost through the addition to a hospital. We hope you realize that there is no national program under way to provide and preserve natural areas in open spaces in or near large metropolitan areas. This concern has been reflected through a report of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, through the establishment of a new Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, through the enactment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, and in many other ways. Even the President, in his State of the Union message... expressed the need for quality outdoor recreation opportunities in "The Great Society."

In line with this concept, we are hopeful that Central Park in Blue Island may be continued and maintained in its present condition. Encroachments for many beneficial purposes now are being made on all types of natural areas throughout the country, yet these parcels contain values which cannot be compared on a strict economic basis. Central Park in New York City, Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C., Forest Park in St. Louis, and many others long have proven their values to the people of the areas and, once invaded, they are lost forever. We hope that the officials of Blue Island can see fit to maintain a well-balanced program of development one which will preserve outdoor recreational and park areas in harmony with other municipal facilities.

THOMAS L. KIMBALL, *Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C.*

# WHY OUTDOOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION?

Joseph J. Shomon

**D**URING THE PAST CENTURY, the growth of our population and the unwise and wasteful use of our lands and natural resources have pointed to the need for a better understanding and appreciation of resource problems and conservation. In the early part of this century Theodore Roosevelt called the nation's attention to this need, and through his vigorous leadership a strong and effective national conservation policy was established, a policy that led to the creation of many of our national forests, parks and wildlife areas.

Today, however, the capacity of many of our existing national outdoor areas has become overtaxed, and if the present trend continues these facilities will become wholly inadequate to meet future needs. More important, unless people are given deeper insights into the natural world around them and have the opportunity to form proper attitudes and a correct conscience, no amount of recreational opportunity, no amount of additional facilities, will be of much avail. People, by their very numbers, presence and behavior, will destroy what they seek. Some hope for easing this dilemma lies in education and in zoning for particular uses and for limiting the numbers of users of certain areas.

The mechanized age of dramatic dimensions in which we suddenly find ourselves is marked by dynamic changes in our life. The challenge that lies ahead in conservation is to build public understanding and attitudes which will give our citizens an "ecological conscience." Without such a conscience, we will continue to sully, to destroy, to denude, to pollute, to mine prodigally the resources we have.

A significant product of our times is the rather new and strikingly constant search by people for *livability*. Today attractive living places—pleasant surroundings and opportunities for creative, productive family leisure—are becoming prime factors governing our economy and way of life. There was a time when city fathers believed in the idea that cities and their industry attract people. Now times have changed. As George Cline Smith, vice-president of the F. W. Woolworth Corporation, puts it: "From hereon out the situation is likely to tend to reverse itself. Industry will want to go where the people want to live."

Not long ago men, women and children lived close to the land. Even so recently as a generation ago more than three-quarters of our people lived and labored in rural areas—working on farms, in forests, sustaining themselves close to

nature and natural resources. Now the pattern has been reversed.

A great many people who seek communion with nature surely want something more than benches, picnic tables, and fireplaces. Many desire places where they can learn something about the natural world in which they live, where through better appreciation and sharper sensibilities they can learn how to lead richer, fuller lives. Many surely want wholesome, untrampled places near at home where they can learn about wildlife, trees, wildflowers and rocks—where they can see and hear and feel wild things for themselves.

The time has arrived in America for the setting aside of some outdoor lands for learning and enjoyment. Such centers can take many forms, yet their objectives should be the same: *to combat continued resource abuses, to fight ugliness in blighted cities and strip suburbia, to curb juvenile delinquency, to preserve vital segments of our outdoors, and to give to children and adults wider vision, better skills, and deeper perspective in living.* All these are reasons enough for establishing such outdoor centers and for developing within such areas dynamic programs of outdoor conservation education.

In this shift from an agrarian social structure to an industrial society, people have lost important ties with nature—with land, pastures, hayfields, farm ponds and forests, farm animals, and with much of Mother Earth in general. They have broken their contacts with the soil, water, wildflowers, and wild creatures—and many of these same people are concerned. They're worried because they suddenly realize that there is something missing in our culture which in our parents' day seemed to have more special meaning in life. There is a growing realization today that unless leisure is used more productively, unless there is also some *quality in recreation*, it can and very well might backfire on society.

It seems obvious, then, that there needs to be a new groundswell of interest in nature, to return families, school children and youth groups, adults and senior citizens once more to our age-old kinship with the land. This time, however, the return must be for enlightenment and inspiration. There is already ample manifestation of man's interest in outdoor recreation. Our national and state parks are swelling with visitors. Five times as many vacationists are now using national forests and parks as used them ten years ago. Our national wildlife refuges and state game management areas are bursting at the seams with recreation seekers. Never before in the history of America has outdoor recreation held so much appeal for so many growing millions of our citizens. Yet we must ask ourselves if the time has not come to pay some attention to defining the ends of what we seek. #

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# A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## One Way to Get Land

**A** DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE known as "cluster" zoning is responsible for a new 69-acre skiing tract on Long Island, New York, in Brookhaven Township, Farmingdale. Officially opened January 20, Baldhill Ski Bowl has been carved out of wooded hills to provide a facility for beginning, intermediate, and advanced skiers of Suffolk County—complete with ski tow, snow machine and parking area. Baldhill was made possible because this type of zoning permits builders to squeeze houses onto plots smaller than those called for under prevailing zoning. The land saved can then be preserved as open space for public purposes. In this instance, according to *The New York Times*, a realty firm was permitted to build 475 houses on smaller plots in return for the donation of the ski site to the town. Skiers are now swarming to the Baldhill Bowl from all over Long Island. Suffolk County's two previously constructed ski runs were operated by private clubs.

## Pattern for Over-Populated States

**A** NEW three thousand-acre park is only one of many new projects now under way as a part of the New Jersey Green Acres Program, according to the annual report delivered to the program Citizen's Committee at a meeting in Princeton on January 28. This new acquisition of land at present consists of fifty-nine farms. It will be developed over a twenty-five-year period, at a cost of about \$25,000,000, and will be financed by the county (Mercer), the state, and the federal government. The new facility will contain, among other things, a two hundred-acre lake, two eighteen-hole golf courses, thirty tennis courts, and an amphitheater for the performing arts. Plans for a similar facility along the Delaware and Raritan Canal between Princeton and New Brunswick is among other acquisitions now being considered.

The need for both large and small open-space facilities in New Jersey is

pressing, indeed, with a population increase now reaching an unparalleled density of 803 persons per square mile. The Green Acres Program, the result of the passage of a \$60,000,000 bond issue in 1961, is the state's answer to that need. It might well be studied by other densely populated states. (See also, "Crash Program for Parkland Acquisition," RECREATION, October 1964.)

## Training Workshops

**T**HE ANNUAL Northern New England Recreation Workshop at North Conway January 9-10 was attended by forty-seven men and women from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. They joined in sessions on *Recreation Site Planning*, do's and don'ts for planning that new area; *Federal Assistance Programs*, how they affect Northern New England;

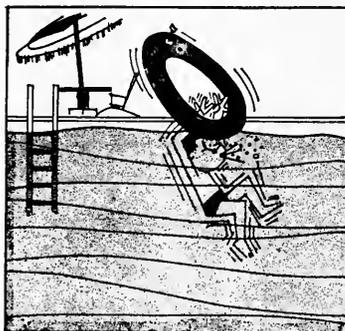
*Vandalism*, who commits it and how to prevent it, and vandalproof equipment and materials; *Salesmanship*, to explain recreation department services, communication by means of charts, diagrams and posters; and *Skiing* (rope tows), construction, operation, maintenance and programs at such places. Delegates also viewed instructional films on *Basketball*; *Skiing* (teaching American technique); and safety work on *Mountain Climbing*. A total of two hundred delegates attended the workshop from the communities of Derry, Rochester, Concord, Bristol, Franklin, Keene, Manchester, North Conway, and Berlin, and the University of New Hampshire.

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The eighth Annual Training Institute of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario consisted entirely of the presentation and discussion of professional papers prepared and presented by society members. The topics of the papers were: (1) Adult Recreation Programmes Should Be Self Supporting, (2) Neighborhood Committees Can Contribute to the Effective Operation for Recreation Department, (3) What Extent Should Municipal Recreation Departments Be Concerned with Fringe Groups, (4) Hobbies—Should Everyone Have One—Does Everyone Need One, (5) Playground Programs Are Behind the Times, and (6) There Should Be a Closer Relationship between Municipal Recreation Committees and Boards of Education.

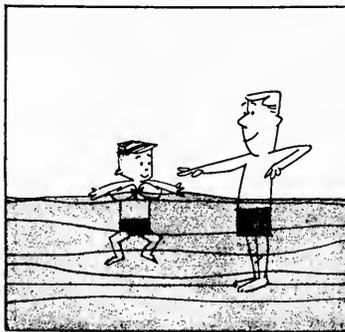
John Thorsen, new society president in his inaugural speech, urged recreationists to become involved with related groups in their communities. He said also that it was the job of the municipal recreation director to influence the whole sense of recreation life and that we cannot, as practitioners, afford to insulate ourselves from other groups involved in recreation. Other new officers are Lloyd Doran, treasurer; Wend Brewster, registrar; Gerald Strickland, secretary; Margaret Phillips, vice-president; Sam Jacks, past-president; and Laurie Branch, member-at-large.

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The Recreation Division program will also include eight variations on the theme, "Recreation and the Performing Arts." Siebolt Frieswyk, NRA consultant on the performing arts, is assisting with its planning and development. "Work, Leisure, and Recreation in the Coming American Culture" will be the topic of the opening general session address by Max Lerner, eminent writer and professor of American civilization and world politics at Brandeis University.

## Kennedy Center Progress

THE FIRST significant national event of 1965 came when Congress unanimously voted to dedicate the then National Cultural Center as the sole memorial in the nation's capital to President Kennedy. The act further authorized the appropriation of \$15,500,000 to match funds raised by the general public. The year 1964 had seen the ground broken for the center and architectural planning move into its final stages.

Now, as a second 1965 event related to the center and, worthy of noting here, an increasing number of organizations and individuals are contributing funds to endow a seat in the center. The cost is a tax-deductible donation of \$1,000, and the gift will be acknowledged with a bronze plaque affixed to the back of a seat in the center. Anyone interested can obtain further details from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

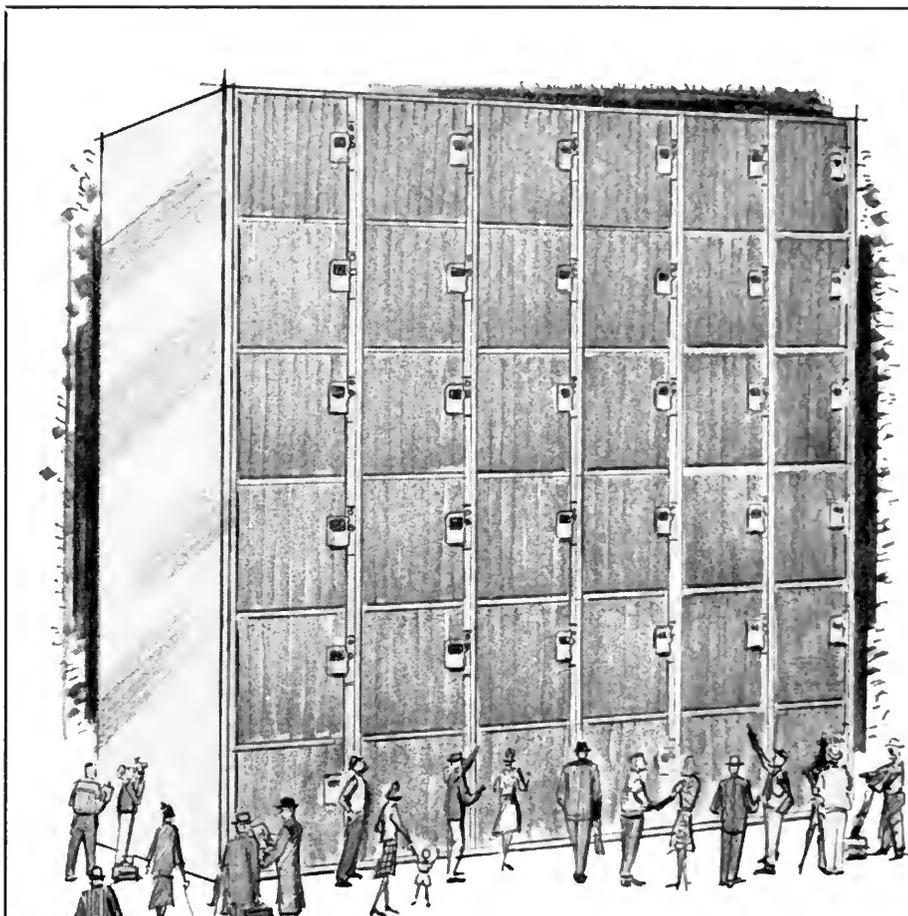
## \$30,000 for Explorer Scouts Sports Program

SPORTS and physical-fitness program for Explorer Scouts is being sponsored by American Machine and

Foundry Company with the cooperation of the Boy Scouts of America. It was launched July 1964 at the AMF Monorail at the New York World's Fair, with the presentation of a \$2,750 check to the Boy Scouts of America drawn from the Monorail's "Eightieth Penny Fund." It is still going great guns. Because of the mounting coin shortage—particularly of pennies—and to forestall change-

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## Beach Safety Record Stays Perfect

FOR THE SECOND consecutive year there were no fatalities at Los Angeles municipal beaches, reports the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department. This made the eleven miles of beaches the safest place to be in Southern California, according to chief beach lifeguard Myron F. Cox. Mr. Cox attributes this amazing record to the fact that the beaches are staffed by highly trained professional lifeguards—and to a list of thirteen basic safety rules published each year for the guidance of visitors to the beaches. He points out that only 661 out of the 3,856,456 swimmers who entered the water at city-operated facilities in 1964 had to be rescued. Lifeguards also were involved in saving 785 boats valued at \$1,038,945.

## Safe Sledding

YOUNGSTERS (up to and including seventy-five years of age) are enjoying new sleigh riding areas in West Side and Brookdale Parks in Essex County, New Jersey. The reclamation of three acres of land in West Side by filling in a pond has made it possible to safely enjoy a fine sledding hill without the hazard of coasting over the possible thin ice of the old pond. The slope near the western edge of the archery field in Brookdale Park has been set up as a coasting area to replace a hill which frequently brought sledders across the park drive. Both new areas are proving extremely popular.



The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, at its annual meeting in Houston, honored Dorothy Boyce, Chicago, (center) and Ben York, West Palm Beach, Florida (right) by selecting them for the AAU Public Recreation Man and Woman of the Year Award. Seen congratulating them is Nathan L. Mallison, superintendent of recreation, Jacksonville, Florida. Miss Boyce was honored for her service to the AAU in public recreation, particularly in the physical-fitness testing program. Mr. York, superintendent of recreation in West Palm Beach, was honored for his many years of dedicated service to the AAU in public recreation and particularly for his efforts in organizing the AAU-National Recreation Association Advisory Committee, of which he is chairman.

## Accreditation Project

SINCE October, 1962, a special project group, sponsored by the Federation of National Professional Organizations for Recreation, has been working on the development of standards and evaluative criteria, and procedures for the establishment of an accreditation plan for recreation education in our colleges and universities. The work of the committee has been divided into three parts.

One group has been working on the development of the document to be presented to the National Commission on Accrediting to establish that recreation is a recognized area of service, that there is a recreation profession, and that there is a need for accreditation of recreation education as a means of providing a high quality of recreation professionals to serve the public. Approval by the national commission is necessary before any group can go into a college for the purpose of formally accrediting a curriculum. The purpose of the whole project is to develop standards for undergraduate curricula and graduate programs, and other standards for recreation education departments to serve as a basis for a program of accreditation acceptable to the National Commission on Accrediting. Such acceptance will assure the public that the pro-

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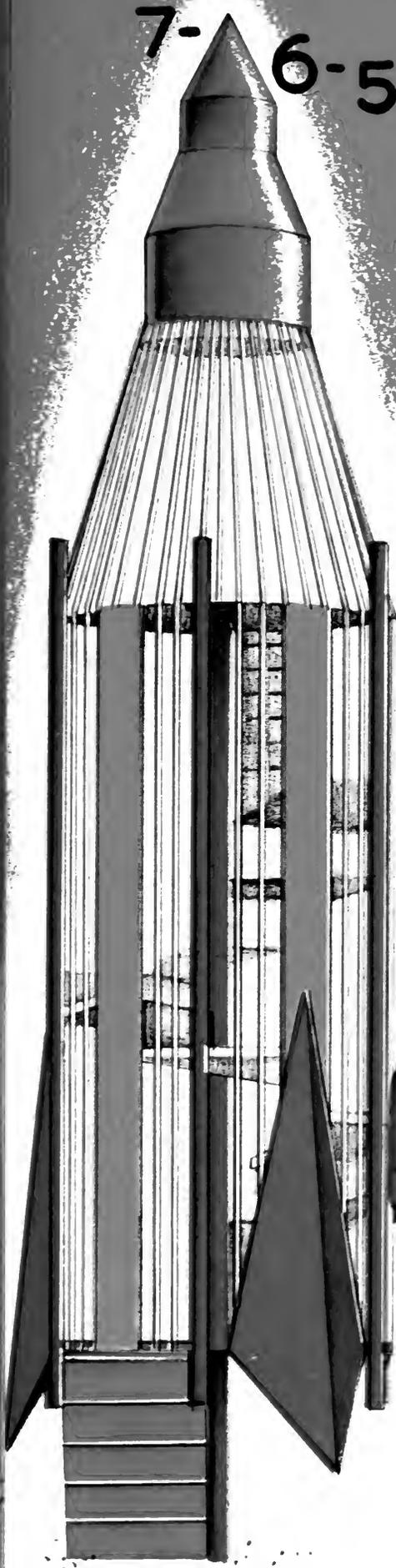
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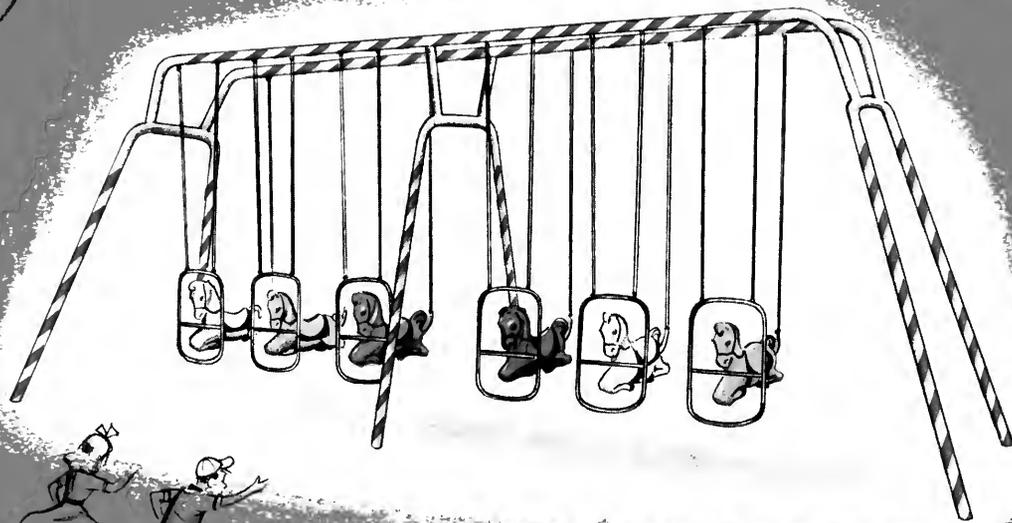
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## FOR A MORE BEAUTIFUL AMERICA

OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE to all of us who are fighting to conserve open land for the enjoyment of future generations, as well as for our own, is President Johnson's call for beauty in this nation—both natural and man-made. On February 8, he submitted to Congress a far-reaching program to beautify America. His proposals range from urban parks, national seashores, and recreation areas to curbs on water and air pollution. They proclaimed a war on ugliness. Some of his remarks are as follows:

For centuries Americans have drawn strength and inspiration from the beauty of our country. It would be a neglectful generation indeed, indifferent to the judgment of history and the command of principle, which failed to preserve and extend such a heritage to its descendants.

Yet the storm of modern change is threatening to blight and diminish in a few decades what has been cherished and protected for generations.

A growing population is swallowing up areas of natural beauty with its demand for living space, and is placing increased demand on our overburdened areas of recreation and pleasure.

There is much the federal government can do, through a range of specific programs, and as a force for public education. But a beautiful America will require the effort of government at every level, of business, and of private groups. . . .

### The Cities

I have recommended a community extension program which will bring the resources of the university to focus on problems of the community just as they have long been concerned with our urban areas. Among other things, this program will help provide training and technical assistance to aid in making our communities more attractive and livable. In addition, under the Housing Act of 1964, grants will be made to states for training of local governmental employees needed for community development. I am recommending a 1965 supplemental appropriation to implement this program.

I have already proposed full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and directed the Secretary of the Interior to give priority attention to serving the needs of our growing urban population.

The primary purpose of the open space program has been to help acquire and assure open spaces in urban areas.

I propose a series of new matching grants for improving the natural beauty of urban open space.

"In addition I will request authority in this program for a matching program to cities for landscaping, installation of outdoor lights and benches, creating attractive cityscapes along roads and in business areas, and for other beautification purposes.

"Our city parks have not, in many cases, realized their full potential as sources of pleasure and play. I recommend on a matching basis a series of federal demonstration projects in city parks to use the best thought and action to show how the appearance of these parks can better serve the people of our towns and metropolitan areas.

### The Countryside

"Our present system of parks, seashores and recreation areas—monuments to the dedication and labor of far-sighted men—do not meet the needs of a growing population.

"The full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund will be an important step in making this a Parks-for-America decade. . . .

### Rivers

"Through pollution control programs we can do much to restore our rivers. We will continue to conserve the water and power for tomorrow's needs with well-planned reservoirs and power dams. But the time has also come to identify and preserve the free-flowing stretches of our great scenic rivers before growth and development make the beauty of the unspoiled waterway a memory. . . .

### Pollution

"In the last few decades entire new categories of waste have come to plague and menace the American scene. These are the technological wastes—the by-products of growth, industry, agriculture and science.

"Pollution is growing at a rapid rate. Some pollutants are known to be harmful to health, while the effect of others is uncertain and unknown.

"In addition to its health effects, air

**WE** MUST preserve our monuments and architecture, our shores and lakes and woodlands, for if we do not we shall consign our heritage to the history books. To allow our landmarks to fall and our land to be squandered would be to destroy the noble evidence of our proud past.—ADLAI STEVENSON.

pollution creates filth and gloom and depreciates property values of entire neighborhoods. The White House itself is being dirtied with soot from polluted air.

"Every major river system is now polluted. Waterways that were once sources of pleasure and beauty and recreation are forbidden to human contact and objectionable to sight and smell.

"Almost all these wastes and pollutions are the result of activities carried on for the benefit of man. . . .

### White House Conference

"I intend to call a White House conference on natural beauty to meet in mid-May of this year. Its chairman will be Mr. Laurance Rockefeller.

"In addition to other subjects which this conference will consider, I recommend the following subjects for discussion in depth:

- Automobile junkyards. I am convinced that analysis of the technology and economics can help produce a creative solution to this vexing problem.

- Underground installation of utility transmission lines. Further research is badly needed to enable us to cope with this problem.

- The greatest single force that shapes the American landscape is private economic development. Our taxation policies should not penalize or discourage conservation and the preservation of beauty.

- The possibilities of a national tree planting program carried on by government at every level, and private groups and citizens.

### Conclusion

"The tradition of our past is equal to today's threat to that beauty. Our land will be attractive tomorrow only if we organize for action and rebuild and reclaim the beauty we inherited. Our stewardship will be judged by the foresight with which we carry out these programs. We must rescue our cities and countryside from blight with the same purpose and vigor with which, in other areas, we moved to save the forests and the soil."

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AN EDITORIAL in *The New York Times*, of February 9, commenting on the President's message, says in part:

"The central weakness in the national effort to combat ugliness is that the problems are so diverse and many-sided. What is everybody's business too often becomes nobody's business. For that very reason, the most important fact

about the President's message is that he sent it at all.

"In so doing, he has provided the public with a proper sense of underlying coherence in the diffuse struggle to create beauty in our man-made environment and to defend it in our natural environment. By defining government's responsibility, he stimulates a new awareness of the responsibilities of individuals and interest groups. The White House Conference on Natural Beauty which he has scheduled for May will also help in the long and arduous effort to rescue the physical appearance of this country from the mess that man has been making of it."

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

▶ COPIES of the *Fun for All* brochure of the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, depicting the progress in text and pictures of this modern recreation system, are available, free of charge, on request from Harvey Pollack, Special Events Coordinator, Department of Recreation, Room 420, City Hall Annex, Philadelphia 19107.

▶ A NEED TO PRESERVE the natural beauty of the lower Hudson River Valley, in New York, has been dramatized by a plan of Consolidated Edison to build a \$162,000,000 hydroelectric

plant on Storm King Mountain. A special committee of the State Council of Parks, of which Laurance S. Rockefeller is chairman, will study the situation in working to preserve the valley's scenic and recreational values. In his message to Congress on natural beauty, on February 8, President Johnson cited the Hudson as one of the rivers with resources that should be developed by state and local governments and suggested that, as an urban river, this could be preserved by the same sort of program that is planned for the Potomac. However, proposed scenic riverway legislation may prohibit the installation of the Edison plant.

▶ A WATER POLLUTION abatement bill, to be known as the Water Quality Act of 1965, was introduced in the Senate, on January 6, by Senator Edmund S. Muskie (*D-Maine*).

The senator said the bill is a bipartisan measure directed towards improving the quality of our water resources and making more effective our programs for the control and abatement of water pollution. Key sections of the bill, which is cosponsored by twenty-five other senators, provide for twenty million dollars a year for three years in grants for research and for increased construction grants for municipalities.

Senator Muskie also proposed pollution abatement measures which would require a substantial reduction of harmful exhausts from cars and diesel engines. Another key provision of air pollution bill would allow grant municipalities of up to two-thirds cost of facilities to eliminate air pollution from the disposal of solid waste.

▶ NEW DATE FOR AWARD PROGRAM. An award program for achievement in writing about "Recreation for the Chronically Ill," sponsored by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, will begin May 1, 1965 instead of April 1, 1965, as originally announced. Papers should be limited to projects now current or those just completed last year. Papers selected by the judges for awards will become the property of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation and National Recreation Association. For further details, write to the chairman, Dr. Morton Thompson, Director, Department of Recreation for the Chronically Handicapped, NRA, 8 West Eighth Street, New York 10011.

▶ SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS. The Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation will award a number of summer scholarships for training professional persons in the field of recreation for the mentally retarded. These scholarships may be awarded for one summer for a total of \$600 per summer. Qualifications are:

- A graduate of an accredited university.

- Must meet the standards of the graduate program at the particular university.

- Student records should indicate past experience or preference in work which is retarded or related disability group.

- Summer scholarships awards may be made to recreation students and other students who have undergraduate degrees in related fields such as physical education, special education, rehabilitation, et cetera.

- Applications are due April 15, 1965. Please mail applications to Dr. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, 1411 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

▶ FEDERAL AREA STICKER. The new Recreation/Conservation sticker to be issued under the new Land and Water Conservation Fund Act is printed in green ink on white paper, measures 3 by 3" and is designed so it may be easily fixed to the front bumper of an automobile where it can be easily seen at checkpoints where federal outdoor recreation fees are charged. Key words of the insignia are "Outdoor Recreation for America" and "Land and Water Conservation Fund."

Price of Recreation/Conservation sticker is now under consideration.

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### COMING EVENTS

**American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation Convention, March 19-23, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas.** THEME: OUR PROFESSION—THE CULTURAL FOCUS. For more information, write to AAHPER, 1201 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

**Kentucky Recreation Workshop, March 13-19, Kentucky Dam Village State Park.** For information, write to James Pheane Ross, 4-H Department, University of Kentucky, Lexington.

**Camp Fire Girls Birthday Week, March 21-27.** Sponsored by Camp Fire Girls, 65 Worth Street, New York 10013.

**Second International Christian Camp and Conference Convention, March 30-April 2, Green Lake, Wisconsin.** For information, write to Paul Nyberg, Box 81, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

**National Boys Club Week, April 4-10.** Sponsored by Boys Clubs of America, 771 First Avenue, New York 10017.

**45th Annual Convention of Eastern District Association of**

**the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, April 9-12, New York Hilton Hotel, New York City.** For information, write to Dr. William Rosenthal, New York City Board of Education, 80 Lafayette Street, New York 10013.

**National Convention, American Personnel and Guidance Association, April 11-15, Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis.** For further information, write the association at 1605 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

**62nd Annual Convention, National Catholic Educational Association, April 19-22, Americana Hotel, New York Hilton Hotel, and New York Coliseum, New York City.** For information, write to NCEA, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

**National Library Week, April 25-May 1.** THEME: *Know What You're Talking About—Read.* For further information and program material, write to The National Library Week Program, 58 West 40th Street, New York 10018.

# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Dorothy Donaldson

## What Is "Outdoor Education"?

THE INTERPRETATIONS of this term are almost as many as its interpreters. It all depends on your vantage point. The approach of the recreator to this subject is one of education for outdoor recreation. This means educating young people in the knowledges and skills related to enjoying the outdoors—whether via camping skills and crafts, nature science, hiking and exploration, observation, fishing and hunting, boating, physical fitness, swimming, riding, other sports, and so on.

The recently published *Teaching in the Outdoors*, by Donald R. and William I. Hammerman (Minneapolis: Burgess Publishing, 1964), explains outdoor education as "the vehicle that provides real meaning to abstract verbal learning, through direct experience." The Hammermans discuss the term from different points of view. A few of their illustrations follow:

When an agent from a Mid-Western Soil Conservation District office shows a group of Boy Scouts how wind and water combine to act as an erosive force in removing top soil from the corn fields and demonstrates with "splash sticks," *outdoor education is conservation education.*

In Yosemite National Park, when a geologist explains to a group of summer vacationers how the valley floor was formed over many years by successive movements of glaciers, and the group then hikes to various spots to observe the evidence, *outdoor education is science education.*

When a group of high-school youths learn fly casting and archery by doing, *outdoor education is outdoor recreation.*

Boys and girls go camping. They fish, swim, hike, cook over an open fire, and sleep under the stars. They make their own pack frames, construct their own shelters and learn to live comfortably in a wilderness environment. *Outdoor education then becomes camping education.*

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The values of outdoor education, as

in the camping situation for example, cannot be measured. Overnight or resident camping teaches getting along with one's fellows, social adjustment, character building, acquaints the camper with the beauties and mysteries of nature, and under good leadership offers an acquaintance with spiritual values.

To the recreator, education for outdoor recreation includes all of the foregoing and more and it stands for the *why* as well as the *how* of fun in the out-of-doors.

## The Carnage Going On

THIS MAY BE THE ERA and the generation and perhaps even the very year that the United States of America, in all its natural glory, goes down the drain. Almost everywhere America the beautiful is becoming America the ugly, the wasted, the blasted and the blighted, the home of the neon sign, the superduper highway (leading from no place to nowhere) . . . foaming detergents, the used-car lot, the useless dam, the monotonous housing tract. . . .

Practically all the carnage going on

is being conducted in the name of some kind of alleged progress. If this "progress" were true progress, no one could have cause for complaint. But, in fact, "progress" has come to stand for stupidity, greed, graft, malice, and moral debasement. We have imperiled the . . . our cities; now the countryside is to be laid waste. The culprits are everywhere: highway builders, conscienceless real estate dealers, fast-buck artists, contractors, ignorant state governments, the Federal Government—*From "Down the Drain," by Robert Boyle, in Sports Illustrated, November 16, 1964.*

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Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall answers Mr. Boyle in the same issue. He says in part, "The land raiders are still at work on America's resources. They will continue to scar and contaminate our land until enough conservation-minded people organize a vigilante movement that will check their desecrations. The trouble these days is that few people are aroused until blight hits their own backyard. Rear-guard actions fail more often than they succeed, and it is likely that we will lose most of the big fights unless enough people get involved in the overall battle. . . ."

## Letter To a Camp Director

Dear Mrs. Hart:

*It is after one o'clock in the morning. My daughter, home after a session at Camp Sierra, is sleeping the sleep of the young, while I am up to my eyes in incredibly dirty socks.*

*I decided to stay up as late as necessary to finish the loose ends that befell a camper's mother: a tangle of dirty clothes, crumpled postcards, precious bits of wood and stone and foliage . . . and the blue evaluation form which I am supposed to fill out and return to you. I have thought carefully, trying to come up with some small weakness in your programs, some piece of "constructive criticism" to help you improve your program, and/or to show that I am an alert, concerned parent.*

*I'm sorry, I can't think of anything. Surely there were some problems at camp. Surely some situations might have been handled better, some*

*facilities might have been improved. But after seeing the light in my daughter's eyes and listening to the music in her voice from the moment she bounced off the bus (clutching a horseshoe from Chippewa, Bud's own horse) until she fell asleep tonight (clutching uncounted shining memories), I can only say, "Thank you."*

*My preadolescent daughter will approach womanhood knowing that life is rich and deep and varied. She will know the friendliness of nature and the helpfulness of her fellows. Her life will have a sturdy flexible framework that will not be shaken . . . not even by spiders in the biffy!*

*Thank you. Oakland, California. Recreation Camps!*

*Sincerely,*

*Ruth Leviten*

*Quoted from the Oakland, California, Recreation Department Newsletter, The Rec-Ord.*



*The National Recreation Association Board of Trustees at luncheon in the Association headquarters in New York City, January 22, 1965. On that memorable date, they unanimously passed the proposal for the merger of the American Recreation Society, American Institute of Park Executives, National Conference of State Parks, and the National Recreation Association.*

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THOMAS W. LANTZ, superintendent-emeritus of public recreation in Tacoma; author; professor of political science.

SAN M. LEE, NRA vice-president, daughter of Joseph Lee; engaged in camp administration; active on several boards and executive committees of national and N. Y. C. organizations.

FRYVEL C. LINDEN, Portland, Oregon, banker and civic leader; director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

GEORGE A. LOWREY, JR.,\* assistant professor, College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas.

FREDERICK C. MANDEVILLE, JR.,\* superintendent of recreation, Meriden, Connecticut; former president of Jaycees and director of Meriden United Fund.

MRS. P. P. MANION, JR., civic leader; vice-chairman, Tulsa Park and Recreation Board; active in United Fund work.

FREDRIC R. MANN, Philadelphia businessman; chairman, Governor's Advisory Council of Recreation; active in many organizations.

HENRY W. MEERS, Chicago investment banker; member, Chicago Crime Commission; active, education and health fields.

DR. WILLIAM C. MENNINGER, famed Topeka psychiatrist; president, Menninger Foundation; active in social welfare.

HAMILTON B. MITCHELL, president, The Reuben H. Donnelley Corporation; past chairman, Recreation Commission, Pelham, New York; faculty associate, Graduate School of Business, Indiana University.

RT. REV. PAUL MOORE, JR., Suffragan Bishop of Washington, D. C.; particular interest in inter-group relations.

WELLES V. MOOT, lawyer, corporation official and citizen planner; former chairman, Buffalo Planning Commission.

NEIL A. OFSTHUN,\* director of Recreation Department, Rockville, Maryland.

MRS. CONWAY H. OLMSTED, Chicago civic leader; actively interested in the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

MRS. RUTH A. O'NEIL, member, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Phoenix; president, National Association of Parks and Recreation Officials.

BERNARD L. ORELL, vice-president, Weyerhaeuser Company; former director, Forest Products Division, U.S. De-

partment of Commerce; interested in multiple use of land for recreation.

LAWRENCE W. PIERCE, lawyer; director, New York State Division for Youth; former deputy police commissioner of youth program in New York City.

WILLIAM B. POND,\* director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento County, California; past-president of the Washington Recreation Society.

JOSEPH PRENDERGAST, NRA executive director since 1950; lawyer with social work degree; honorary doctor of laws.

PETER RANICH,\* technical assistant to recreation director, United Automobile Workers International Union, Detroit.

MRS. RICHARD E. RIEGEL, civic leader, Wilmington, Delaware; member of the board, Delaware Hospital; especially concerned with parks and conservation.

SANGER P. ROBINSON, Chicago businessman; civic leader; active cultural activities; director, Chicago Boys Clubs.

JOSHUA R. ROSE, member Recreation Commission, Oakland, California; assistant general secretary of the Oakland YMCA.

FRED R. SAMMIS, publisher, recreation and sports publications; member, Park and Recreation Commission, Darien, Connecticut.

ARTHUR B. SHEPLEY, JR., St. Louis lawyer; active on county Metropolitan Youth Commission; in public-safety field.

WILLIAM S. SIMPSON, vice-president-general manager, Raybestos; president, Museum of Art, Science and Industry, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

JOHN B. TIDWELL, JR.,\* superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Commission, in Tupelo, Mississippi; past-president, Mississippi Recreation Association.

GUS TYLER, assistant president, International Ladies Garment Workers; pioneer of many union recreation projects.

FREDERICK M. WARBURG, New York banker; former chief of Athletics and Recreation Branch of Army Special Services.

CONRAD L. WIRTH, director-emeritus, National Park Service; consultant and advisor on conservation and parks, advisor to U.S. Secretary of the Interior.



Susan Spotless says:

**KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL**

# Wildflowers in an Asphalt Jungle

*Determined citizens organize to save tracts of open space in city limits from urbanization and industrialization*

**D**ESPITE urbanization and industrialization, two cities have managed to preserve woodlands, wildflowers, and wildlife for the enjoyment of their citizens. This has taken fierce determination, dedication, and concerted effort.

Completion of a \$750,000 Nature Interpretive Center, dedicated in Kalamazoo, Michigan, last October climaxed a four-year effort by its Executive Director Dr. H. Lewis Batts, Jr., to prevent urbanization and industrialization from destroying a famed local natural area called Cooper's Glen. The project began for Dr. Batts early in 1960, while he was a member of the biology faculty of Kalamazoo College. Because fewer and fewer students came to the college with any knowledge of the outdoors, he determined to do something about it. This necessitated a year's leave of absence from the college, monumental dedication, and a one-man crusade. He organized a group which raised \$2,000,000 from generous local citizens, businesses, and organizations. \$1,250,000 bought the 300-acre wooded area, organized the nature center's nonprofit program, and established a \$1,000,000 endowment fund to finance it.

The building, designed by world-renowned Alden B. Dow, features a two and a half-story circular "Sun-Rain Room" fifty-four feet in diameter, with spiral ramp topped by a geodesic plexiglas dome. The room contains six hundred tons of glacial boulders carried here from Canada and northern Michigan during the last Ice Age. The tropical plants growing in the room represent vegetation that grew in Michigan during the semi-tropical age of dinosaurs. The room also illustrates dependence of plant life upon light and water and in-

terdependence between plants and animals—fishes, frogs, and turtles in the pool and humans on the ramp. High humidity for the tropical plants is provided by steady "rainfall," three small waterfalls, and a large pool.

The Glen Vista room was tunneled through a gravel ridge. A thirty-foot window at the end of the room overlooks the nature beech-maple forest. Native birds and mammals are attracted to the window by food, water, and recorded sound; outdoor microphones bring animal sounds into the interpretive center. The three-pronged research, education, and conservation program encompasses: youth nature clubs, nature day camp, natural science field school; managed experimental and demonstration farm; nature projects; curriculum-oriented science programs for elementary and secondary schools, supplementing their natural science lessons; and cooperation with graduate students and science faculty in natural science research.

There are temporary and permanent museum displays interpreting biological and ecological principles; live animals; natural history sales shop; classrooms; laboratories; reference library; offices and meeting rooms; orientation room; and state headquarters of the Michigan Audubon Society. Yearly membership fees are \$10 for an entire family, \$5 for individuals, and \$1 for students.

During the dedication weekend, October 24-25, five thousand guests crossed the two hundred-foot observation bridge, and visited the interpretive center, many of whom took the guided tours through nature center trails. Four years of dogged drive, devotion, and dedication have already started paying off, not only in the immediate Kalamazoo area, but also in the surrounding environs.

**L**AST SPRING a warm evening was enough daylight for short walks along the trails to see the azaleas, tuliums and spring beauty flowers set stage for the tenth anniversary of Baltimore's Cylburn project. The idea of wildflower preserve and garden center was the result a group of adults taking a walk to see almost the last stand-fringed gentians near the city. This was one Sunday in October some years ago. The walk was repeated the following year only to find the area had been bulldozed and sewer pipes laid in the dark field where these delicate biennial wildflowers grew with dainty orchids and lady's tresses for companions.

"We thought of the impending danger to wildflowers in a city and realized woodlands were being destroyed for housing developments," reports Elizabeth Clarke, supervisor of gardens and nature activities for the Baltimore Bureau of Recreation. "What could be done to preserve our heritage and also provide a place where one could take a walk within the city and have the pleasure of becoming acquainted with native wildflowers?"

"I called this to the attention of the officials of the Bureau of Parks. After several meetings with the director of the Department of Recreation and Parks R. Brook Maxwell and the superintendent of parks, Charles A. Hook, three parks were suggested for such a project. A few persons who had become interested and had heard me speak about the idea for many years visited these parks with me.

"When we came to Cylburn Park suggested by Mr. Hook, we all knew this was the only place a natural woodland with many wildflowers, gentian

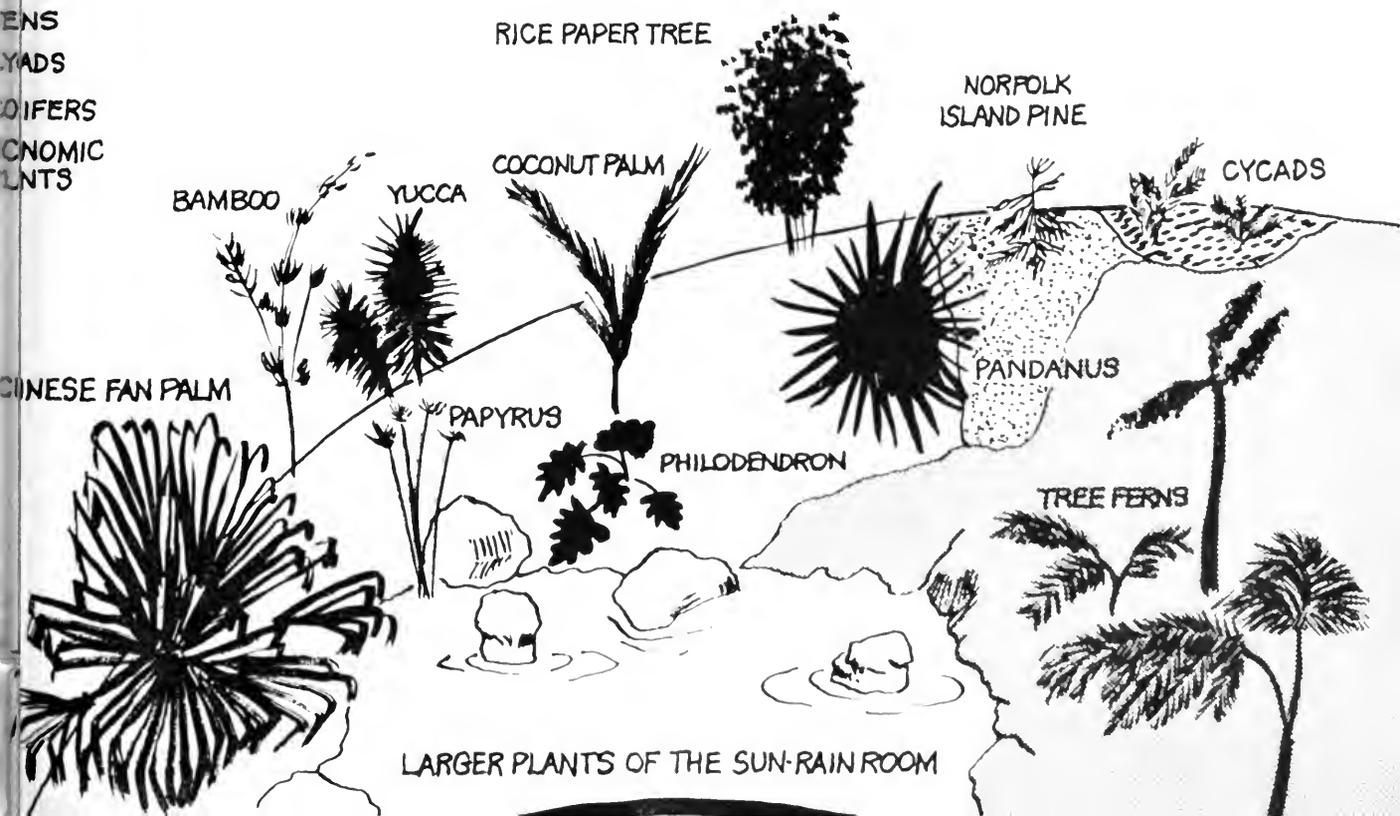


The Mansion of Maryland Cweiss was finished in 1872, purchased by the Baltimore Bureau of Parks in 1942, restored in 1954, and now serves as the part of the Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center.



Herpetology exhibit in the Clyburn mansion nature museum helps youngsters identify poisonous and non-poisonous local snakes. The varied exhibits are changed monthly and attract young and old alike. Materials for the displays have been gathered down the years.

alamazoo's nature center Sun-Rain Room illustrates dependence of plants upon light and water and interdependence of animals and plants—fishes, frogs, and turtles in pool and humans on ramp. Three waterfalls, fine "rain," and pool provide humidity.



slopes, and level places, a haven for birds. Through the tangle of honeysuckle we had visions of a place to grow wildflowers native in Maryland. This was the place where recreation, education, and conservation could be combined. It was indeed fortunate that this site was already a park. There was no need to acquire the land or have an enabling act passed to make possible the development of this preserve. Cylburn was a park and the Bureau of Parks would cooperate.

"It was in May 1954 that letters were sent to naturalists, ornithologists and persons interested in the out-of-doors, inviting them to attend a meeting to discuss the idea. The response was fine. Kodachrome slides of wildflowers were shown and a plot of the park in which this project could be developed was presented. That evening many persons expressed their willingness to serve on the steering committee. The project was off to a good start! Trails were blazed, wildflowers and shrubs already at the site were identified and catalogued. Collecting trips were organized. Plants on private land were transferred to the woodland (permission of the owner was always obtained)."

In November of 1954 the Board of Recreation and Parks approved the use of Cylburn Park for this project. The enthusiasm of these volunteers resulted in the organization of the Cylburn Wildflower Preserve and Garden Center. The chairman of the steering committee became the first president. Bylaws were adopted in 1956. Membership in this organization has increased steadily each year. A speaker's bureau was established to provide talks to the garden clubs in the area. For several years, reports Miss Clark, this new idea was the topic of conversation whenever natural history enthusiasts or garden club members assembled.

In the meantime, a group of dedicated botanists, naturalists, birders, and lay people were hard at work grubbing out honeysuckle, poison ivy, and small trees. Trail signs were carved and erected, labels were placed by the delicate wildflowers. The park forester cooperated by supplying labels for the native trees in the woodland and the many rare cultivated trees on the lawn. An educational

trail for young people was made near the mansion. Here games and quizzes that make learning flower names easy has become quite popular. Bog areas were excavated and filled with sphagnum moss. The violet patch was filled with special soil for special violets.

With the trails somewhat under control but always in need of care, attention was directed to the development of the horticultural library in the mansion. A grant of \$2,000 from the William Deiches Free Library Fund and some loan books from the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland formed the beginning of a library that contains rare horticultural and scientific books as well as the most up-to-date volumes on gardening and bird identification. This library on the second floor of the mansion is ministered to by garden club members. A librarian from the Enoch Pratt Library volunteers her services in the ordering and cataloguing of all books.

At the same time the library was being started, the Fessenden Herbarium was slowly acquiring mounted specimens of native Maryland flora. This herbarium workroom is for the serious student wishing to make positive identi-

### Insenate Destruction

THE MONUMENTS of our past have something to say to us that no book, no microfilm, no motion picture will ever be able to record. Through them, each generation reminds us of its values, its achievements, its hopes. Every significant structure that is torn down or recklessly "improved," every fine bit of landscape that is massacred and ruined forever for some ephemeral purpose, such as shortening a motor route, impoverishes our common heritage. Not age but significance and beauty is what makes a landmark worthy of preservation: some of the buildings of but yesterday should be marked for preservation no less than the most venerable colonial structure. . . . Without these historic monuments, our land will exist only in the one-dimensional world of the present, dynamic but insensately destructive: a present that will soon be past, leaving as its chief reminder blasted landscapes and the memory of buildings wantonly destroyed.

—LEWIS MUMFORD.

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Through the years members particularly interested in developing a nature museum were quietly but efficiently gathering together material for display in the nature museum on the third floor. The varied exhibits are of interest young and old alike. These displays are changed monthly.

The Mansion of Maryland Gneiss was finished in 1872. It was the former estate of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cotton. Purchased in 1942 by the Baltimore Bureau of Parks, it was not until 1954 that interest in the mansion resulted in restoration. The large rooms on the first floor give ample room for garden club meetings, lectures and flower shows. In use throughout the year, many school classes and organizations assemble in these rooms before picking a guide for a tour of the trails or an inquiring visit to the library and museum. The park naturalist appointed in 1963 now assists the volunteer workers in guiding visitors through the woodland.

Cylburn is unique in that it is a wildflower preserve within the city of Baltimore developed by volunteers who instinctively give of their time and effort. Volunteers willingly guide visitor school children and organizations over the trails explaining the need to protect these rare and beautiful treasures. During April, May, and June, frequently two or three school classes visit the trails to learn birds and flowers. The program of activities conducted at this specialized park is extensive. Early bird walks for young people and adults are sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society. The Baltimore Bureau of Recreation and the Natural History Society and the Cylburn Organization arranges and conducts walks, lectures, and seminars on many subjects. The extensive lawns are ideal for stargazing parties sponsored by the Astronomical Section of the Maryland Academy of Sciences. An herb garden behind the mansion and plans for the restoration of the formal gardens will complete the horticultural park.

Thus a wildflower preserve and garden center within the city serves children, youth and adults bringing recreation, education and conservation to the people, a heritage belonging to all citizens. #

**Apache Indians open their reservation  
campers and develop a thriving  
recreation enterprise**

# Be My Guest!

**Janche Hackett**

LIKE MOST Americans, the Apache Indian is trying to better his way of life. The descendents of Geronimo and Cochise, who once made some of the most daring and destructive raids ever carried out by American Indians, now extend their greeting "Hon-Dah" (*Be My Guest*) at their Fort Apache Indian Reservation to their fellow Americans. The Apache reservation, 1,664,872 acres of forest, canyons, and mountains in central Arizona, has been turned into the largest privately owned recreation area in the West. The Fort Apache Indian leaders, knowing that changing times must be met with progressive action if they are to survive and preserve their heritage, have used their tribe's treasury and money from their timber sales to develop and construct roads on their reservation to serve the needs of the thousands of visitors and campers they hoped would come to their reservation. With these funds they built one road that climbs 600 feet through forest to Hawley Lake. To acquaint the public with the reservation, an attractive "Recreation Enterprise" booth was constructed and shipped by truck to Los Angeles. Information, brochures, and maps were distributed to the public during the Annual Sportsman and Vacation Show.

Seven hundred free campsites have been constructed by the White Mountain Recreation Enterprise, the name of the tribe's business venture. The Apaches have provided each site in the main campground with a table fireplace and sanitary facilities. Hundreds of other campsites are placed along remote lake and trout streams for visitors seeking solitude. For those who do not camp, the White Mountain Recreation Enterprise has built on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, modern cottages with indoor plumbing at \$15.00 a week for two. Camp trailer spaces with water and electricity cost \$3.00 a week. Motels cost an average rate of \$9.00 a day for twin beds. The enterprising Apaches also constructed dams creating five recreation lakes, equipped with boat dock.

MRS. HACKETT, an active proponent of family camping and hiking, lives in Cresskill, New Jersey. See her article "Miniature Hotels in the Sky" (hiking in New Hampshire), RECREATION, November 1963.



rental boats, grocery store, and horseback riding concession. All are operated by Apache Indians.

To assure a trout season open all year round, the Apaches also operate two large fish hatcheries. The Alchesay Hatchery is equipped with an aquarium and message repeaters for the visitors' added enjoyment. Reservation fishing permits are sixty cents a day for the first day and forty cents each day after. Children under fourteen do not need permits.

This Arizona oasis offers forests of oak, juniper, pinon, and beautiful Colorado blue spruces. Streams and rivers run through the land and Yucca plants with their tall white blooms line the roads. Wardens patrol the most remote areas in trucks with four-wheel drive. The reservation's wildlife includes deer, elk, antelope, bear, and beaver. Hunting is permitted at the reservation provided you have a valid Arizona license and a reservation permit. Guides are not required but the White Mountain Recreation Enterprise will make a guide available to anyone who desires one.

VISITORS can almost choose their own climate at the reservation. At Whiteriver you can have an elevation of less than 5,000 feet, at Hawley Lake 8,500 and still 11,459 at Mount Baldy. Visitors soon become as accustomed to seeing the Indian children and their families as they are to the candlelike Yucca plants and the flowering Joshua trees along the roads. Shopping for supplies is done with the Indian families at their trading post in Whiteriver and Indian Pine. The trading post and supplies are similar to our supermarkets. Even the prices are the same. The children, bright-eyed and lively, seem to spend much time at the soda machines. Many teenage girls wear colorful traditional dresses, others wear blouses and dungarees. The men and boys look handsome in their Levi's and Stetsons.

The Recreation Enterprise has been careful to preserve for visitors all historical locations and has tried to keep the Apaches in their natural everyday surroundings. Historic Fort Apache was founded in the 1870's and most of its buildings are still standing. This fort's name was changed many

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# YOUR SPRING CONFERENCES

## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST



Mr. Reitz

**PLACE:**  
*San Francisco Hilton  
San Francisco*

**DATE:**  
*March 20-24*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:**  
*Charles J. Reitz  
Del Webb's Center, Suite 404  
2220 Tulare Street  
Fresno, California 93721*

**S**PEAKER for the opening general session of the 17th Annual California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference will be Dr. Max Lerner of Brandeis University, teacher, journalist, and author of such books *America As a Civilization*, *Age of Overkill*, and *Unfinished Country*. His topic will be "Increased Leisure and Human Values." Theme of the conference will be "Leisure in a Changing Society."

A day-in-depth program will examine "Leisure: Burden

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST



Mr. Pelton

**PLACE:**  
*Benjamin Franklin Hotel  
Seattle, Washington*

**DATE:**  
*March 28-31*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:**  
*Gerald W. Pelton  
2712 N.E. 62nd Street  
Seattle, Washington 98115*

**A**LL general-session speakers will examine aspects of the conference theme, "Recreation and Its Aspirations." Key speakers will be Dr. E. J. Tyler, director, Physiology Department, Brandon College, Manitoba; Dr. Robert E. Aggar, associate professor of political science, University of Oregon, Eugene; and Howard Holman, director of parks and recreation in Fresno, California. Conference banquet speaker will be Jim Whittaker, the first American to climb Mt. Everest. He will speak on the outdoor opportunities for hiking and

## MIDWEST



Mrs. Rensvold

**PLACE:**  
*Cornhusker Hotel  
Lincoln, Nebraska*

**DATE:**  
*March 28-31*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:**  
*Mrs. Verna Rensvold  
1000 Charlotte  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106*

**E**VERYONE is interested in "Getting the Job Done in Parks and Recreation" and that's the theme of this conference. General sessions will deal with "getting the job done" in educating for leisure and with "getting the job done" with youth. The outstanding work of the Nebraska Committee on Children and Youth will be presented by youth recreation chairmen from all over the state. Special emphasis will be placed on developing vital, creative, and imaginative programs for youth.

## SOUTHWEST



Mr. Shipp

**PLACE:**  
*Sheraton Oklahoma  
Oklahoma City*

**DATE:**  
*March 30-April 2*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:**  
*Robert E. Shipp  
3712 East Cranston Street  
Irving, Texas*

**D**ELEGATES to the 43rd Annual Southwest District Conference will come to a city that claims the distinction of being the largest city in the United States in area—650 square miles—with boundaries which dip into four adjacent counties. Its citizens believe so strongly in recreation that in 1961 and 1962 they voted general improvement bonds for park and recreation purposes totaling \$7,250,000. The 1965 convention city believes that, in order to make available an effective program that meets the leisure-time needs of all its

## SOUTHEAST



Mr. Jarrell

**PLACE:**  
*Cherry Plaza Hotel  
Orlando, Florida*

**DATE:**  
*April 20-22*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:**  
*Temple R. Jarrell  
2733 N.E. 25th Place  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida*

**O**RLANDO is the center of the country's electronic and missile "space-age" production and a major hub of Florida's widespread citrus-growing activities. One of the nation's outstanding recreation layouts is Orlando's senior citizen center with its shuffleboard and horseshoe courts, lawn bowling, and beautiful indoor facilities.

The conference's day-in-depth session will be illuminating as it focuses on the latest trends in recreation facility lighting. This session will be conducted by the General Electric

## From coast to coast, National Recreation Association District meetings will examine recreation in our rapidly changing era

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Fulfillment, Now and Into the Future." This day-long session will have as a reference a position paper on "The Changing Pattern of American Society," prepared by Dr. David Gray, recreation education coordinator, California State College at Long Beach. The general session topic, "Society in Transition—Where Are We Heading?" will be presented from different points of view by Dwayne Orton, educational consultant, IBM Corporation, New York; Dr. William M. Herrmann, director of planning and research,

including in the Pacific Northwest.

Several tours will be offered the delegates including one to the Boeing plant to see commercial airliners being assembled. Other tours will visit the Seattle Center with its many recreation facilities as well as King County areas which include state, county, and private park and recreation departments.

A two-day workshop on "Programming for the Ill and Handicapped" will precede the conference on March 27-28.

When group sessions will be concerned with the planning and design of facilities, the cultural arts, senior citizens, the handicapped, playgrounds, outdoor recreation, host recreation, armed forces, parks, and community centers. The conference will also offer four workshops for recreation leaders in the program areas of drama, outdoor recreation and camping, arts and crafts, and recreation in urban areas. There will also be a pre-conference clinic for swimming pool operators and managers. This will be a day-

and-a-half course conducted by the National Swimming Pool Institute.

When it is paramount to work with many individuals and organizations; in short, a successful program requires community effort. Hence, the conference theme: Recreation, a Community Effort.

The conference program will be diversified in its area of coverage as well as in its speakers, panel participants, and workshop subjects. Included in the workshop sessions are topics as "Music and Rhythm in Your Program," "The Philosophy of Teaching and Its Application to Recreation,"

company of Hendersonville, North Carolina. A number of special sessions will concentrate on current problems. "Your Next, Please" is the title of a workshop on fees and charges, to be attempted by a working group to establish basic policies to serve as guidelines for recreation departments in establishing organizational structure. "How to Conduct an Oral Interview—From the Sides of the Desk" will feature a play-role production by seniors from Florida State University majoring in recreation. A session on "New Design Trends for Recreation Facili-

ties" will include a series of slides depicting effective functional and esthetic planning of many types of recreation facilities. Another session will go into a thorough discussion of new state and federal legislation affecting the park and recreation field.

Los Angeles Police Department, and others.

Delegates will journey to Golden Gate Park for outdoor demonstrations, a box lunch, and a band concert. Social activities and special events include the annual golf tournament for delegates; an all-conference dance, The Cable Car Cotillion; and a special dance hosted by students, The Sidewalks of San Francisco. The conference will be preceded by a special administrative institute on "Organizing the Community for Action."

Among the sponsors for this workshop will be the Washington State Department of Institutions, the National Recreation Association, and the Washington Recreation Society. A major emphasis will be on community programs.

A special three-hour session called "Time Out for Problems" is being organized by Roy Gunderson of the Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department and will feature specialists in seven areas, including administration, federal and state agencies, and finances.

Speaking at the opening general session will be Nebraska Governor Frank Morrison. The governor is a great friend of parks and recreation and has personally introduced and guided legislation favorable to recreation through the state legislature. Speaker at the closing luncheon will be Bob Devaney, Nebraska's famed football coach, 1964 Big Eight Conference winner and Cotton Bowl contender.

There will also be a do-it-yourself craft session.

This ever to be "looked-forward-to" event is being planned through the cooperative efforts of the National Recreation Association and the Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department. The welcome gates are open to recreation leaders throughout the Southwest in all areas of recreation endeavor—church, hospital, armed forces, public and private.

"All About This Business of Federal Monies and Manpower." and "What Makes Teens Tick—What Do They Want?"

Delegates will enjoy two special luncheons and a banquet as well as special tours of the beautiful city. Golf and bowling tournaments are slated for the afternoon of the final day.

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## MIDDLE ATLANTIC



Mr. Westgate

**PLACE:**  
*Pocono Manor Inn  
Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania*

**DATE:**  
*May 9-12*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:**  
*Richard S. Westgate  
1009 Park Avenue  
Temple, Pennsylvania 19560*

**T**HE NEW FORMAT for the 1965 Middle Atlantic District Recreation and Park Conference is designed to provide a broader forum for the recreation leader and layman to discuss the problems and implications concerning recreation promotion and development in the state, district, and nation.

## GREAT LAKES



Mr. Langkammer

**PLACE:**  
*Claypool Hotel  
Indianapolis*

**DATE:**  
*March 28-31*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:**  
*David M. Langkammer  
223 Davis Building  
151 Michigan Street  
Toledo, Ohio 43624*

*Robert L. Horney  
110 Shepard Terrace  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705*



Mr. Horney

**M**ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS will greet delegates in Indianapolis including the city's new million-dollar recreation and park complex and its three-

The conference is geared to integrate the thinking of professional recreation leader, the volunteer, government officials, part-time recreation personnel in schools and municipalities, church leaders, industrial and military recreation personnel, and interested lay citizens.

Conference workshops will include sessions on recreation programs, charges and fees for park and recreation service, federal legislation, civil rights and the public recreation agency, programs for board members, conservation recreation, maintenance and maintenance equipment. The conference delegate will have the opportunity to develop specialized techniques for handling problems involving policy making, training, leadership skills, communication and the park and recreation program. A session on "a scholarly approach to recreation" will emphasize research.

and-a-half-million-dollar Clowes Memorial Hall which features facilities for ballet, opera, drama, and other civic cultural attractions. The host city has recently expanded its municipal park department into a metropolitan parks and recreation system, the first department so organized in the state of Indiana. The city was laid out in the wheel pattern of Washington, D.C.

Conference sessions will cover twenty timely and important topics, bringing the delegates face to face with program and administrative problems through workshops and direct contact with representatives of the federal government funding programs. The keynote address will be delivered by J. Austin Smith, president of the Locker Division of the Flexible Company, and a popular and trenchant speaker (see his editorial "None Does His Job Alone," RECREATION February 1964). The Great Lakes conference is cosponsored by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Park Board, the Indiana Recreation Advisory Council, Indiana Board of Health, and the Indiana Park and Recreation Association.

## NEW ENGLAND



Mr. Hainsworth

**PLACE:**  
*Viking Hotel and Motor Inn  
Newport, Rhode Island*

**DATE:**  
*May 16-19*

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:**  
*Waldo R. Hainsworth  
Fowler Road  
Northbridge, Massachusetts*

*Richard A. Tapply  
42 Lake Street  
Bristol, New Hampshire*



Mr. Tapply

**F**EW CITIES have as rich and colorful a past as Newport, founded in 1639, and fewer still have worked so hard to preserve their historic landmarks. Long

famed as an island resort, Newport seems "made" for recreation. From here, racing yachts start on the 635-mile Bermuda Race. Its tennis casino is world famous. Its jazz and folk festivals draw thousands to this picturesque port.

The first day of the conference will be devoted to federal assistance programs with representatives from various federal departments explaining the Open Space, Anti-Poverty, Federal Housing, Land and Water Conservation, and Juvenile Delinquency Programs. At the conclusion, there will be a session on techniques which may be used for community action to implement the federal programs. Other program highlights include a panel session on "Recreation IN Education—Recreation AND Education." An informal evening group discussion called "What's Your Problem?" will let delegates share and pool experience on vexing matters. Another session will be devoted to "Mutual Understanding and Responsibility Between the Recreation Professional and the Recreation Training Educator."

# APPLICATION FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

## 47th NATIONAL RECREATION CONGRESS

October 3-8, 1965

Mail to:  
 NATIONAL RECREATION CONGRESS HOUSING BUREAU  
 70 Second Avenue South  
 Minneapolis 2, Minnesota



Congress headquarters, Hotel Leamington

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3. THE NAME OF EACH HOTEL GUEST MUST BE LISTED. Reservations will not be accepted in any hotel unless two names are given for each double or twin-bedded room.
4. Be sure to indicate your arrival time in Minneapolis. Reservations will be held only until 6 P.M. of the day of arrival unless otherwise specified. Failure to notify the hotel of any last-minute change in arrival time may result in cancellation of your reservation.
5. Your choice of hotels will be followed if rooms are available, otherwise, assignment will be made to best possible advantage elsewhere.

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Capp Towers Motel †	10.00	13.00	16.00	3.00	27.00- 40.00	47- 84

X - Congress Headquarters  
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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## Dr. Goethe at Ninety



ONE OF THE NATION'S leading conservationists, philanthropists, and humanitarians, Dr. Charles M. Goethe, will be honored on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday on March 28. It is doubtful that anyone has been the wise counselor, the inspiration, and generous contributor to as many professional organizations and other civic, religious, and fraternal groups as has this distinguished gentleman. To coordinate the many plans that a diversity of groups are making to honor him with some special recognition on his ninetieth birthday, a Citizens Advisory Committee with nation-wide representation has been formed.

Dr. Goethe first gained national prominence during World War I, when he was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to handle the matter of morale on the home front. In connection with this work, he was instrumental in drastically reducing the incidence of prostitution around military bases and even managed to close down San Francisco's notorious Barbary Coast area. However, even before the spotlight of publicity focused on him by virtue of the Presidential appointment, Dr. Goethe was a name well known to men

of science, conservation, and politics throughout the country.

An investment broker at the turn of the century, Dr. Goethe was independently wealthy by the time he was twenty-seven. He then met Mary Glide, the daughter of a wealthy pioneer family. From the day they were married until her passing in 1946, Dr. and Mrs. Goethe dedicated their time, effort and fortune to innumerable lines of endeavors, each leading to human betterment. Shortly after their marriage, he sought to end the exploitation of child labor by lobbying a law through the California Legislature to cut down the hours a child could legally work. This was the forerunner of our "child labor laws" of today.

The now taken-for-granted public playgrounds that abound in most cities across the nation owe their existence largely to Goethe, who laid out the first such area in Sacramento and pushed the idea nationally. It was one of the first attempts to combat juvenile delinquency. The idea spread throughout the United States and around the world. The Goethes personally financed their trips to the Philippines, Japan, China, and Hindustan to set up model playgrounds in these countries. For his devoted efforts in behalf of the cause of recreation and his many contributions to the National Recreation Association during his long service as a member of the NRA Board of Trustees, Dr. Goethe was made a national honorary member of the Association.

In 1919, Dr. Goethe went to Switzerland to observe that nation's practices in conservation. He returned to initiate the ideas of guides in United States National Parks. This concept formed the basis for what is now known as the Naturalist Interpretive Movement.

Author of more than forty books, Dr. Goethe is internationally known in the fields of eugenics, biology, ornithology, conservation, and immigration laws. His contributions both in the areas of financial and moral support have benefited literally hundreds of scientific, civic, and cultural organizations. He has provided numberless scholarships, travelships, and research grants both to students and to scientists throughout the world. He has also continuously made gifts

of books, subscriptions and miscellaneous materials in science education more than two thousand schools and libraries in every part of the country. He still maintains a regular sixteen-hour daily schedule of worldwide correspondence and research from his Sacramento, California, home.

Arrangements for the National Recognition Day are being made by a local committee, chaired by Rodger C. Bitton, Associate Professor at Sacramento State College. The Committee on Arrangements, P.O. 9010, Fort Sutter Station, Sacramento, California, will be pleased to answer any requests for further information.

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**Mrs. James T. (Ruth) O'Neil**, chairman of the Maricopa County Board Supervisors, received the highest award made by the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association during its 15th annual conference in Yuma. A plaque citation for "outstanding services and devotion to the field of parks and recreation" was presented by Dennis McCarthy, state parks director. In making the award, Mr. McCarthy cited among Mrs. O'Neil's recent accomplishments:

- Maricopa County's acquisition of ninety thousand acres of parkland for a system called a "model for the whole country."
- Her appointment as the first Arizonan to the National Recreation Association Board of Trustees.
- Her chairmanship of a special committee on recreation for the National Association of Counties, 1962-63, which developed a national policy on parks and recreation to serve as a guide for the more than three thousand counties in the United States.

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**Olga M. Madar**, director of the United Automobile Workers Recreation Department, has been appointed to the national board of directors of American Youth Hostels, Inc. About two years ago, a survey of UAW members showed that if more leisure time was made available, these members would spend the time traveling with their families around the country, Miss Madar says, and the increase in camping activity seems to substantiate the accuracy of that survey. AYH pr



THE National Recreation Association's new associate executive director responsible for volunteer services, R. Roy Rusk, has a broad background

recreation and community organization experience. Mr. Rusk joined the NARA staff as of February 1. He will direct and coordinate a broad comprehensive approach to citizen involvement and support of the association. A graduate of San Francisco State College, where he majored in recreation, he has served this field in settlement house programs, programs for the aging and the physically handicapped, and as an instructor of recreation at San Francisco State College.

Mr. Rusk has also been active in the voluntary health agency field where he has gained administrative and community organization experience. His last position was national director of medical program consultative services with the Arthritis Foundation.

An active volunteer, he serves the Presbyterian Church as an elder, the International Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled as coordinator of its advisory committee on arthritis, member of the board of directors of a national health agency (and its past president), member and advisor to Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, and many other community efforts. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II in underwater demolition and as an instructor to the Army and Marine Corps beach battalions.

ates this type of family activity at a minimal cost and I urge local unions throughout the country to help in securing facilities and bikeways in federal, state, county, and local parks. In or large, over-crowded urban areas, there is a tremendous need for more hoteling and biking facilities."

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**Virginia Carmichael** is a "woman who has reached the heights of success in a job that most men wish they could do half as well," declares

the *Atlanta (Georgia) Journal*. Miss Carmichael, who became the city's first recreation director in 1942, was recently named Atlanta's Woman of the Year in Professions for 1964. Declared committee responsible for the selection, ". . . she is an extremely able, dedicated, imaginative public servant whose work in the field of recreation has directly reached and benefitted a major portion of the population of this city and whose activities have made a very important contribution to her profession."

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Waukegan's longtime director of Municipal athletics, **Harold S. (Zip) Morgan**, retires on March 1 after

forty-two years of service to the city. Mr. Morgan's annual reports have become well known and are used as reference material by schools, libraries, and park and recreation agencies. He will be succeeded by **Delbert Zoesch**.

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**Dorothy Whyte Cotton** is the new editor of *Parents' Magazine*, the third editor since the publication started thirty-eight years ago. She succeeds **Mrs. Mary Buchanan** who retired after an association with the magazine that began in 1926. The first editor was **Mrs. Clara Savage Littledale**.

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**George T. Bell**, commissioner of parks and recreation of the city of Toronto, has retired after forty-five years of civic service. Mr. Bell started his career with the city in 1919 after his return from overseas with the army. He spent most of his years in the Works Department but was appointed to head the Personnel Department when it was established in 1945. In 1954 Mr. Bell was recruited to reorganize the Department of Parks and Recreation.

One of the first things that Mr. Bell did following his appointment as parks commissioner was to prepare a twenty-five-year plan for the development and expansion of parks and recreation facilities.

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# CHOOSING YOUR DAY CAMP SITE

Monte Melamed

**C**AMPS, whether day or resident, cannot be planned intelligently, functionally, or economically until the scope of the camp program and the goals and objectives have been fully determined. The goals naturally influence the selection of the site, the layout, and the design of the structures, facilities, and the operating procedures to be created. Camp committees and planners will find the following guiding principles and criteria for the selection of a suitable day camp site helpful:

### SIZE AND ACREAGE

In the field of day camping, the ratio of acreage to campers varies from an ideal of half an acre per camper to a maximum of twenty children per acre, with ten to twelve children being the accepted medium for practical application. One half acre of land per camper is usually recom-

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mended by day-camp planners in order to provide plenty of room for an uncrowded layout, for exploration, and for an adventurous program, as well as to serve as protection against encroaching neighbors.

The minimum acreage to accommodate 300-350 children plus staff totaling forty to fifty, should range from two and a half to thirty-five acres. A prospective day-camp site should possess those physical characteristics which are readily adaptable and suitable in fulfilling the stated programming goals and objectives.

Day-camp standards for space have not as yet been adopted and finalized by national standard setting groups or by state or local agencies, primarily because of the variety of day camps and the various settings in which day camps function. At present, agencies make their "educated" estimates of site capacities on the basis of their own standards and programming goals.

Space requirements are but one multiple determinant of a day camp site; sanitary facilities, drainage, shelter, and accessibility are a few others.

### ACCESSIBILITY AND TRAVEL DISTANCE

The day-camp site should be a maximum of an hour's ride from the home base each way. The camp site should be directly adjacent to a largely travelled main thoroughfare and it should afford the campers a feeling of seclusion and release from the pressures of the city. Time, expense, and administrative work involved in transportation of campers is a major factor in successful day-camp operation and planning. The amount of use the day-camp site will receive, particularly on weekends and off-season, will depend largely on its accessibility.

### VARIED TOPOGRAPHY

A rolling terrain with native woodlands and some level ground for playing fields, athletics, et cetera is most desirable. Brooks, streams, lakes, and ponds are basic program resources and assets for any type of camp setting. Hills, ravines, steep hillsides, level and wooded areas make a more interesting and attractive. Level, open, and partially shaded spaces are needed for unit areas and playfields, while ravines and hills make excellent separations between units and sites.

### DRAINAGE AND SOIL

The soil and land slope should insure good drainage after rain, and adequate sewage disposal. An excess of light sandy soil is undesirable particularly on sloping ground. Hard clay soil results in mud after rain and poor seepage for sewage disposal. The ideal is a firm, sandy clay mixture which will soak up moisture and grow grass for firm footing for thousands of feet which will walk over it during the season.

Soil conditions determine the matter of drainage with porous or gravelled subsoil providing better natural drainage than clay soil or a soil wherein ground water approaches the surface. A site selection for a camp—day or resident—should be one on which the location of all places of waste disposal (latrines, septic tanks and grease traps, leech traps, fields) may be such as not to contaminate the drinking water supply.

Land higher than its surroundings, with gentle slopes, is

basic requirement. Possibility of flooding or drainage of polluted waters on adjacent property should be considered.

If the soil is rocky, it will be difficult to provide water and sewage disposal. Swampy and boggy areas, such as pools and stagnant water, breed mosquitoes and are undesirable from the health viewpoint. With modern earth-moving equipment, swales, swamps and bogs can be filled, hillsides leveled, and dams thrown up to alter the face of the camp and add usable grounds at comparatively low cost. However, the less we change the contour of the land the better.

Natural protection against prevailing winds and rains should be considered in locating and planning the shelter structures. However, it is better to locate a structure on a windswept hillside which is high and dry and which provides natural drainage than to locate it in a wind-protected but moist, muggy hollow. The land should be observed at different seasons when flooding is prevalent or in summer when low water and minimum stream flow exists but maximum use of camp is made.

#### NATURAL BEAUTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Varying natural resources—woodlands and meadows, hills, or a stream—will make a camp site far more interesting and adventurous than a treeless site without variations in contour and vegetation. The presence of a forest tract on the camp site is desirable for shade, nature trails, tree identifica-

tion, and information. Information and advice on ground water conditions may be obtained from state geologists or from experienced well drillers in the neighborhood or from the state water resources commission.

#### WATERFRONT AND LAKE

A water area of safe sanitary quality for bathing, swimming, boating, canoeing, and fishing is highly desirable for a good camp site. Where safe, sanitary, and natural swimming areas are nonexistent, swimming pools are the next best solution to the problems. The construction of artificial ponds should only be approached after consideration and consultation with competent engineers in compliance with the state and local regulations. Generally for small ponds, or fill and drain pools, there must be a turnover of five hundred gallons per day, per camper. Costs for the construction of a dam are usually high, and underwater hazards and muddy bottoms, all tend to increase maintenance costs and make control and supervision of campers difficult.

#### ENCROACHMENT AND ABUTTING NEIGHBORS

Possible future expansion and relations with neighbors need to be carefully and discreetly studied. A personal call on the abutters, to explain the purpose of the camp is not a generous gesture but a necessary precaution. On the other hand, there is always the possibility that a very attractive camp site could be spoiled for camping by undesirable

*A typical day-camp unit site and shelter at the Henry Kaufmann Campgrounds-Mildred Goetz Day Camp, Pearl River, New York.*



tion, overnight campouts, cover for wildlife, and for natural beauty.

A camp site must be suitable for its purpose. A camp which intends to feature trail cooking, overnights, pioneering, campercraft, et cetera should be located in an area where the building of fires is unrestricted. Large acreage of open farmland should be avoided since a period of fifteen to twenty-five years for reforestation will be needed for trees to give shade and natural beauty.

#### WATER SUPPLY

An adequate supply of safe drinking water and water for bathing purposes is of great importance where flush toilets and showers are provided. Provisions should be made for an average per camper consumption of fifty gallons per day, basing all estimates for the total supply on the maximum population of the camp. The average per capita consumption of water in a camp may vary from thirty to fifty gallons per day. Information and advice on ground water conditions may

neighbors, such as airfields, chemical plants, garbage dumps, et cetera. With sufficient acreage, a wide buffer area may be reserved around the perimeter of the site to protect the camp from encroaching developments. Good natural boundaries, such as a stream or the top of a ridge, are very advantageous. Adequate undeveloped acreage is also needed within the camp to "isolate" or separate unit sites or major camp activities from one another. Approximately five acres is required for central administration services and facilities. #

• For more on factors and considerations in planning a camp (day or resident), see "Planning Camps," Julian H. Salomon, *Recreation*, March 1963; "Factors Affecting Camping Facilities," Stanley W. Stocker, March 1963; "Camp Self-Inspection Blank," March 1962; "Day Camps That Are Camps," March 1961; "Water . . . Life Blood of the Camp," March 1961; "Are You Looking for Camp Land?" Stanley W. Stocker, March 1960.—Ed.

# NEW HORIZONS IN CAMPING

CAMPING moves rapidly toward new horizons as, with the burgeoning interest in the outdoor life, 30,000,000 Americans go camping annually. They attend, with zest, family camps, day camps, backyard camps, music camps, dance camps, farm and work camps, senior-citizen camps, tent camps, trailer and station-wagon camps, survival camps, physical-fitness camps, state, national park and forest camps. Photos of a few of these are shown here.



*Work Camp. The dance and other performing arts are taken seriously in well-rounded program of work camp, planned for work and play.*



*Trailer Camp. The trailer is attached to any car. Its use, it is said, there will be a*



*Left: Tent Camping. Family campers use tents as well as trailers. An estimated \$60,000,000 were spent on tents in 1964. Children abound in these camps.*



*Right: All Camps. The campfire is not only a source of warmth, fragrance, and cookery but will ever provide the unforgettable magic of firelight beneath the stars.*

*Right: Overnight Camp. This is an exciting part of many programs in an increasing number of public recreation departments and some of our elementary schools.*



*Right: Wilderness Camp. A camping party preparing breakfast. This is the camp for hunters, fishermen, hikers, canoe trippers, and trail riders.*

*Far right: The Winter Camp. Cold weather does not deter the hardy campers and the dedicated sportsmen. Note use of the tent as part of the camping equipment.*



...an amount of home comfort, is easily at-  
 appeal for family campers. By 1970, it  
 is travelling up and down our highways.



*Trail Camp. How to pitch a tent is one of the camping skills taught in classes in campcraft and outdoor living. The wilderness, or outdoor area, is used as a laboratory and classes have the chance to "learn by doing."*



*Left: Decentralized Camp. In small group camping, under supervision, campers erect their own shelter, prepare and serve own food, learn good camping procedures.*



*Right: Day Camp. This is now popular from Maine to Florida and from coast to coast. Youngsters leave the playground behind while they are introduced to outdoor life and camping skills.*



# RECREATION AREA STANDARDS: The State

*Many state parks are now used to capacity  
yet our population is expected to double  
and the workweek decrease in the next thirty-five years*

G. Leslie Lynch

STATE PARKS and reservations of various kinds are valuable assets from the standpoints of both recreation and conservation and each year they become more important. In many states the parks are now used to capacity and by the year 2000 it is estimated that the population will be doubled, the average work week will be thirty-two hours, economic conditions will be better, a still greater proportion of the population will be urban, and the proportion of automobiles to population will be higher. The people will have more time, money, and transportation facilities, and the result will be a much greater use of the large parks and other areas which are provided by the states.

Taking the forty-eight states (as of 1960) as a unit, there are 32.4 acres of state park per one thousand of the 1960 population and 268.1 acres of state forest, reservoir areas, fish and game areas, roadside parks, and other areas per one thousand of the 1960 population. State parks comprise 0.3 percent of the total land area and the other state areas 2.5 percent of the total land area, therefore a total of 2.8 percent of the area of the forty-eight states is in such use. If the population doubles by the year 2000, there would be only 16.2 acres of park and 134.0 acres of other state areas per one thousand of the population.

No standard for state park and reservation areas has been generally accepted but the opinion has been expressed by recognized authorities that there should be sixty-five acres of state park per one thousand of the population. If we assume that amount of land is adequate, for the expected population in the year 2000 of double the 1960 population, 1.2 percent of the land area of the forty-eight states would be needed for state parks. With 2.5 percent of the land area in

existing state forests and other reservations, a total of percent of the land area would be in state parks and reservations.

New York State now has 8.44 percent of its land area in state parks and 2.73 percent in other state areas, comprising a total of 11.17 percent of its total area. For the 1960 population there were 154.3 acres of state park per one thousand population and a total of all types of areas of 204.1 acres per one thousand population. The anticipated population of New York State in the year 2000 is 24,000,000. For that population the present state areas would provide 107.9 acres of state park per one thousand population and a total of 142.7 acres of all types of areas, including parks, per one thousand of the population. If the local governments of the state could provide what they should—twenty-five acres per one thousand population—for the expected population of 24,000,000 in the year 2000, there would be a total of 132.9 acres of state and local government recreation area per one thousand of the total population in state and local government recreation area. This total area would comprise 13.13 percent of the total land area of the state.

If the population of the forty-eight conterminous states doubles the 1960 population by the year 2000 and the state and local governments provided 65 acres of state parks per one thousand of the population and the local governments provided twenty-five acres per one thousand of the population, 1.7 percent of the total land area of the forty-eight states would be in such use. This added to the 2.5 percent of the land area of the forty-eight states now in state forests, reservoir areas, fish and game areas, roadside parks, et cetera would comprise 4.2 percent of the total land area of the forty-eight states.

There are six states that have a larger total acreage of all types of areas than New York, and, because of the small population, there are fifteen states that have a greater acreage in all types of areas per one thousand of the 1960 population. There are also three states that have more than

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11.17 percent of New York State in parks and reservations of all types.

Judging from what has been accomplished by a few states, it is not unreasonable to expect that all states could preserve at least 5.0 percent of their land area and provide a total of 7.5 acres per one thousand of the expected population in the year 2000, in parks, forests, reservoir areas, fish and game areas, roadside parks, and other areas. At least that much permanent open space for conservation and for recreation will be needed for future generations.

THE FOLLOWING statistics gleaned from the accompanying table are of interest:

**Acres of State Parks per 1000 of 1960 Population.** The range is from 1.5 acres to 489.8 acres per one thousand population. Twenty-two states have less than ten acres per one thousand; twelve have more than twenty-five acres per one thousand; and four have more than a hundred acres per one thousand. Considering all forty-eight states as a unit, there are 32.4 acres of state park per thousand of the 1960 population.

**Percent of State Areas in State Parks.** The range is from 0.02 percent to 8.44 percent. Ten states have 0.5 percent or more of their area in parks and three have more than one percent of their area in parks. Considering all forty-eight states as a unit, 0.3 percent of the total area is in state parks.

**Acres of State Forest, State Highway Roadside Parks, State Reservoir Areas, State Fish and Game Areas, and Other State Areas per thousand of the 1960 Population.** The range is from .04 per thousand population to 4,428.9 acres per thousand. Eighteen states have less than 100 acres per thousand; twenty-four have more than a hundred acres per thousand; and three have more than a thousand acres per thousand. Considering all forty-eight states as a unit, there are 268.1 acres per thousand of the 1960 population.

**Percent of State Land Areas in State-Owned Areas Other than Parks.** Twenty-three states have less than one percent of their land area in such open space; fifteen states have more than two percent of their land area in such open space; and seven states have more than five percent of their land area in such use. Considering all forty-eight states as a unit, 2.5 percent of the total land area is in state forests, state highway roadside parks, state reservoir areas, state fish and game areas, and other state areas.

**Percent of State Land Areas in All These Types of State-Owned Open Space.** Twenty-one states have less than one percent of their land area in such open space; eighteen have more than two percent of their land area in such use; eight have more than five percent of their land area in this use; six have more than ten percent of their land area so used. Considering all forty-eight states as a unit, 2.8 percent of the total land area is in state parks, forests, roadside parks, fish and game areas, and other state open space areas.

**To Provide Sixty-five Acres of State Park per thousand of the 1960 Population.** All but five states would have to increase the state park area by a total of 7,630,488 acres (11,922.64 square miles). For all forty-eight states,

0.7 percent of the total land area would then be in state parks and 3.2 percent of the total land area would be in state parks and the other state open spaces being considered. #

STATE PARK AREA STATISTICS (ARRANGED ACCORDING TO ACRES PER 1000 OF 1960 POPULATION) AND OTHER AREAS INCLUDING FORESTS, RESERVOIR AREAS, FISH AND GAME AREAS, ROADSIDE PARKS, ETC.\*

States	Existing Park Acres		Additional Park Needed @ 65 Acres per M		Existing Forests and Other Areas	
	Per 1000 Pop.	Percent of State Area	Additional Acres Needed	Percent of State 65 Acres Per 1000	Percent State Area	Acres Per 1000 Pop.
Wyoming	489.8	.26	—	.26	.39	741.5
Maine	219.2	1.07	—	1.07	1.96	401.1
New York	154.3	8.44	—	8.44	2.73	49.8
South Dakota	110.0	.15	—	.15	.03	23.1
Tennessee	70.1	.94	—	.94	2.48	185.6
California	45.0	.71	314,052	1.02	.27	17.3
Nevada	39.0	.02	7,420	.03	—	—
Idaho	38.3	.05	17,806	.08	.14	110.0
Oregon	36.6	.11	50,276	.19	1.43	498.8
Minnesota	29.5	.20	121,039	.43	29.53	4,428.9
Oklahoma	28.7	.15	84,481	.34	.64	120.4
Washington	28.0	.19	105,500	.36	9.75	1,459.0
Vermont	24.7	.16	15,711	.43	1.43	217.5
Florida	24.6	.35	200,075	.93	9.93	696.5
Michigan	24.1	.52	319,753	1.39	13.82	644.5
West Virginia	23.9	.29	76,395	.78	1.50	124.5
South Carolina	20.4	.25	106,205	.80	1.29	105.1
Kentucky	19.8	.24	137,195	.77	.58	48.7
Missouri	17.5	.17	205,406	.63	.97	99.2
Montana	15.6	.01	33,334	.05	.99	1,363.4
Pennsylvania	15.0	.59	565,966	2.55	14.85	377.9
Indiana	11.7	.24	248,561	1.31	2.63	130.5
Georgia	11.7	.12	210,184	.69	—	.1
Arkansas	11.3	.06	95,988	.35	.02	.04
Alabama	11.1	.11	176,154	.65	1.70	173.1
Iowa	10.4	.08	150,530	.50	.72	94.1
Rhode Island	9.9	1.26	47,367	8.25	1.15	9.1
Ohio	9.7	.36	536,315	2.41	2.07	55.8
Connecticut	8.8	.71	142,568	5.26	4.01	49.6
North Carolina	8.4	.12	257,723	.94	.65	44.9
Colorado	8.3	.02	99,472	.17	.35	132.6
Maryland	8.3	.41	175,881	3.19	2.55	52.0
Delaware	7.8	.28	25,514	2.29	1.74	49.2
Virginia	7.8	.12	226,962	1.01	.62	39.6
Nebraska	7.2	.02	81,641	.19	.19	67.2
North Dakota	7.0	.01	36,683	.09	.14	100.7
Texas	7.0	.04	556,063	.37	.20	35.6
Massachusetts	6.7	.68	300,315	6.65	4.22	41.3
Mississippi	6.6	.05	127,178	.47	—	—
Wisconsin	5.6	.06	234,662	.73	9.96	882.6
New Mexico	4.8	.01	57,225	.08	1.22	997.1
Illinois	4.8	.13	607,339	2.14	.27	9.4
Arizona	4.5	.01	78,839	.12	.06	35.1
Kansas	4.4	.02	132,018	.27	.21	50.0
New Jersey	3.9	.50	370,539	8.19	5.34	42.4
Louisiana	3.8	.04	199,466	.73	3.47	307.6
New Hampshire	2.2	.02	38,114	.68	1.24	117.6
Utah	1.5	.002	56,571	.11	.48	282.7
All 48 States	32.4	.30	7,630,488	.70	2.50	268.1

\* Source: State Outdoor Recreation Statistics—1962  
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation—Division of Research and Education  
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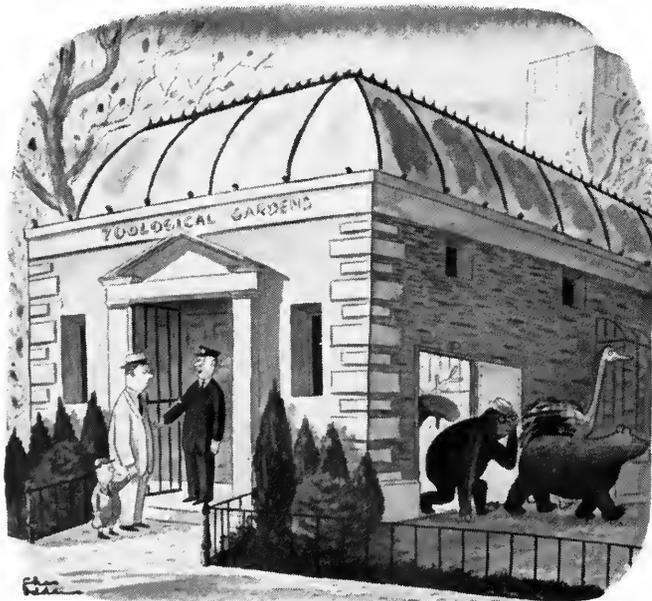
# NOTES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

## Riches of the City

A "PICTURE BOOK" issued recently by the New York City Housing Authority shows how more than half a million New Yorkers live in public housing. In a foreword to the thirty-six page book of forty-eight photographs, Adlai E. Stevenson, president of the Field Foundation Inc., and United States Ambassador to the United Nations, said, "The cities of our nation are beginning to realize that physical planning and social planning must go hand in hand. Each will fail without the other. Public housing authorities and the urban renewal agencies across the land are paving the way for better housing for all, and at the same time providing the facilities for the health, recreational, and cultural activities that make for growth, and for dignified and joyous living—for new lives in new neighborhoods. Healthy communities are the riches of the city."

The Field Foundation made a grant of \$10,000 to finance the publication which shows the human aspects of public housing. It will be distributed to fifteen thousand government officials, business and civic leaders, and others concerned with housing and social problems. The photographs show a cross-section of families in their homes, at play, and utilizing the community facilities and services available to them and their neighbors in developments financed with federal, state and city aid. The brochure points out that while more than five hundred thousand people are now living in public housing, nearly a million New Yorkers still live in forty-two thousand old-law tenements built before 1901.

Charles Addams, creator of macabre cartoon characters and "father" of "The Addams Family," this season's TV hit, has produced his first book of cartoons in four years, *The Groaning Board* (Simon & Schuster, \$3.95), from which this cartoon is reproduced with permission.



"Sorry, folks, we quit at five."

## Billboard Ban

THE New Jersey Supreme Court, in a decision that rests on aesthetic considerations rather than on conventional police powers, has upheld an antibillboard ordinance. Metuchen, New Jersey (*United Advertising Corporation v. Metuchen*). The majority opinion drew a sharp distinction between treatment of billboards and business signs. "Even if the baleful effect of both be in fact the same," the court reasoned, "still in one case the sign may be found tolerable because of its contribution to the business or enterprise on the premises."

The court then turned to aesthetic factors and economic effects. "A discordant sight is as hard an economic fact as an annoying color or sound. We refer not to some sensitive or exquisite preference, but to concepts of congruity held so widely that they are inseparable from the enjoyment and hence the value of property." A dissenting opinion argued for banning billboards as outright eyesores, without shifting attention to economic effects. The decision is noteworthy for its recognition of aesthetic factors in addition to traditional arguments that billboards are a threat to public safety. From *Public Management*, January 1965.

## Youth Camp Fee Increased

THE FEE FOR USE of Decker Canyon Camp, a favorite spot for organized youth groups, has been increased from \$.25 to \$.50 per camper per night, according to the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department. The new rate went into effect October 1 and is one of the general activity fee increases for municipal recreation facilities approved by the City Recreation and Park Commission.

The popular thirty-eight-acre camp is located in the Santa Monica Mountains a short distance from Pacific Coast Highway. Youth groups, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church and community organizations, make use of the facility year around. The primitive-type camp accommodates up to 125 campers per outing and has areas for sleeping, tables and chairs, roof-covered cooking spots with wood stoves, and food storage areas. Facilities are available for archery, horseshoes, and softball. Group spending a week or a weekend may also enjoy fishing and swimming in the Pacific Ocean at nearby Zuma Beach.

## Older-Age Volunteers

NOT only welfare and health agencies but also political groups, trade unions and service and trade organizations should develop conviction about the role and place of older age volunteers, work out job specifications, provide for orientation and supervision of workers and reimbursement of expenses incident to volunteering, and devise a solid partnership between paid and volunteer staff, declares the Community Service Society of New York City in its study *Older People on the Lower East Side*. A central volunteer

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# SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

Gerald Thomas

WHEN 103 Chicago Park District Day Camps closed their figurative doors late last August they had served 13,131 boys and girls over a six-week period. The children, between the ages of eight and twelve years old, had spent a never-to-be-forgotten summer with all the privileges of a high-cost executive camp. Each day had brought something new. A regular full-scale puppet show toured the camps. The show was not only presented for its entertainment value but the youngsters were taught how to make the puppets as well as stage their own shows. This was in keeping with the theme of the camps. Whenever possible, entertainment was combined with the educational value of the projects. Three young people's concerts were given at the Grant Park Shell.

There were periodic visits by the travelling zoo which brings small tame animals from the Lincoln Park Zoo for the children to examine and hear brief lectures about their background, origin, and habits. A magic show was another feature and a professional magician appeared at each camp at least once. An Indian chief added considerable interest to the camps. He taught Indian lore, authentic dances and the making of various costumes and utensils used by these early Americans.

Learn-to-swim classes were a feature of each camp. If no pool was available at the park where the camp was located, field trips were made to the lake or to a neighboring park. Still other field trips were made to various points of interest around the city. These included museums, amusement parks, and points of historic interest.

Each boy and girl attending camp was given a shirt, usually bearing the name of the park-camp, milk at lunchtime,

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and a duffel bag. All this in addition to the bus trips at a cost ranging from \$3 to \$18 for the period the camp was in session.

In previous years, each camp was allowed to independently purchase the T-shirts, duffel bags, milk, and arrange for bus transportation. This made for a lack of conformity both in the type of

promptly shows; and bicycle days, where bicycles were decorated and prizes awarded.

Riis Park experienced a visit from the local engine company of the fire department complete with snorkel. After explaining the various units the obliging firemen awarded the youngsters a free shower-bath from the snorkel.



The Lincoln Park Travelling Zoo visits each Chicago Park District day camp during the summer bringing small, tame animals for children to handle and learn to know.

article purchased as well as in the price. In many cases the cost of these items depended on the bargaining ability of the individual camp supervisor. Under a central purchasing plan, uniformity of equipment is provided and a better price is obtained through quantity buying. In addition, accounting procedures are handled in a more business-like manner and the possibility of discrepancies at the end of the year are almost nil.

With the exception of the earlier described features, each camp operates as a unit with individual programs and features. For instance, Marquette Park ran a youth jamboree with several thousand in attendance. This was a day-long program of athletic events, cookout, and entertainment of all sorts. Most of the camps had Indian days, where they thought up their own costumes; carnival days, at which they staged im-

High point of the day camp session was "Graduation Day" at the closing of the camp. Parents were invited to attend and see their children taking part in a ceremony complete with caps and gowns signifying their successful completion of the six-week course. Usually a cook-out was held and the children provided the entertainment with group singing and other skills they had learned in the camp.

The motto of the Chicago Park District day camps is "Fun in the Sun" and last year, thanks to an obliging weather man, it was ably carried out. One of the indications of the success of the camps is the fact that the same boys and girls keep coming back each year. When they pass the age of twelve, many become junior counselors and, later, senior counselors. Most of the 281 recreation leaders who supervised the camps this year were veterans of the program. #

# DAY CAMP THERAPY

*Mental patients find day camping a testing ground for group interaction and new self awareness*

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## TRIAL AT TIPPECANOE

Carl A. Lubbert, Recreation Director, Logansport State Hospital, Indiana

**A**N EXPERIMENT in group living was initiated at Indiana's Logansport State Hospital when mentally ill patients went day camping last summer. The project was initiated for a select group of patients, but, soon after it got started, it was expanded to include many patients who expressed interest. When the project was completed, in August, 509 individual patients had shared and enjoyed the camping experience.

The plan called for a visit to the Tippecanoe River State Park located approximately thirty miles from the hospital. Every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer, a group of thirty-five patients traveled to the state park for a full day of camping. The day consisted of preparing the fires, cooking the food, eating, group singing, nature study, fishing, and hiking.

The selection of patients was recognized as the most important aspect in the program. Every avenue of selecting the patient "camper" was used. The ward physician, nurse, and attendants selected patients whom they felt would most benefit from the camping experience. A customary camping group consisted of fifteen to eighteen women and an equal number of men of similar physical and mental ability.

The opportunity to get away from the institutional setting provided a good testing ground for group interaction and self-awareness. Every patient who went had a certain function to perform to the overall program creating a common bond among them. Through this experience patients experienced a sense of responsibility and social acceptance. In no way was the day-camp activity geared

just to provide something for the patients to do or keep busy.

Encouragement from the recreation leader and ward personnel was constantly needed to counteract reluctance of patients to leave the hospital or ward unit. In many instances, one or more of the ward personnel went along with patients, which helped to reduce patient anxiety and unwillingness.

The park setting was also well arranged to combat patient's hesitation to leave "home." Water and restroom facilities were close by and the shelter house was large and housed three indoor fireplaces. This facility made it possible to continue day-camp programming even when it rained. Table games, camp crafts, and group singing were conducted with little lost in the camping experience.

Since there were different groups going each time, the meals varied very little. The dietary department provided the campers with three menus. The first offered coffee, canned stew, diced carrots, potatoes, hamburger patties, onions, fresh bread, and butter. The coffee was cooked in an open bucket. The stew was cooked in coffee cans and, when heated, took only about fifteen minutes to complete. The second meal consisted of baked potatoes, hamburger steaks, peas, bread, butter, and coffee. The third offered barbecued chicken, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, bread, butter, and a cold drink. The patients assisted in the selection and preparation of their own meals. In a few cases, at camp, in which a patient was not capable of doing the job by himself, he was assisted by another patient.

**E**ACH PATIENT that attended was presented a booklet of information about the park beforehand to explain where he was going in order to reduce his anxiety on entering a new environment. This also gave the patient an opportunity to plan which of the trails would like to take and some knowledge of the vastness of the park. Tippecanoe State Park covers twenty-seven thousand acres and this size seemed quite unbelievable until experienced by a hike.

Another aspect that was found worthwhile on this project was the setting itself. To all the patients that went camping, it was observed that fellowship was prominent and not one note of discord was evident during the entire venture. The therapeutic effect of seeing and hearing nature at work brought remembrance of past wonder and beauty of God's creation. From the very moment the park was entered, patients and employees alike became campers and shared responsibilities.

The camp offered a relaxing atmosphere and a change for the patient to do for others as well as himself. In many cases, the patients showed quite a bit of initiative, such as toasting bread on a stick or brewing coffee in different ways. They were able to put some of their past experiences to use, proving to themselves and others that they could still contribute something to a group. Even the most regressed patients were able to participate in the activity, and, in some cases, volunteer to do things.

To some, the activity of fishing, hiking, games, and cooking was the greatest experience. To others, the joy of being with nature under a tree and ta



ing in the beauty around them was beneficial itself. Still others received their greatest sense of worth climbing the fire tower and viewing the countryside in all its beautiful splendor.

SOME of the many comments that patients expressed after their camping experience perhaps sums it up best. One elderly lady, who has been in the institution for over six years, just going through the motion of living, remarked, "I didn't want to come, but I'm sure glad I did." A young teenager said, "I didn't think the food I fixed would be good to eat, but it sure tastes good," proving to himself that he could do something constructively on his own initiative.

Other comments were in the same vein, and word traveled around the hospital fast that at day camp you actually

plan your activities and did your own cooking. The food cooked over an open fire seemed to delight everyone. At the meals, everyone ate together leisurely at picnic tables instead of the rush affair so evident of ward life. A prayer of thanks was offered at mealtime by one of the patients. This added much to the occasion.

The buddy system was used at all times and during the whole summer no accident occurred at the park. Of all the patients that went, only two eloped from the group and this occurred on arrival. They were later brought back to the hospital and regretted their mistake after hearing others in their group talking about the things they did and the good time that they had had.

The actual cost of the whole camping program was \$113.65 for admission fees and bus parking. Naturally, employees'

time, food, and transportation should be considered, in addition, but the fact remains that this type of care is continuous no matter what activity is being offered.

Camping was extremely popular with the patients and caused enthusiasm among the staff personnel. The experience provided much true socialization among the patients. They relayed their experience many times to others and discussed the different activities they had entered.

The therapeutic setting along the quiet trails is ample proof that patients, too, can find release from the tension of his daily existence. The ability to care for themselves even for a little while tends to give them a clearer perspective on life and perhaps gain strength and confidence in themselves to try the outside world again.

## A GIANT STRIDE

**Lul Poulicakos, Nursing Assistant, VA Hospital, Bedford, Massachusetts**

ONE TECHNIQUE that can be used to broaden the social range of mentally ill patients is small group interaction. At our hospital, during a discussion at a weekly remotivation group meeting, a group of eight patients was asked what they would like to do. One patient said that he would like to go on a camping trip. As the remainder of the group was enthusiastic about the idea, they were assured that if it was possible, we would go on the trip.

The patients in this particular group ranged in age from thirty to forty-five years, and their average length of hospitalization was five years. At the time the trip was planned, one patient who had earlier been combative was showing improvement in his behavior pattern; two of the patients were in poor contact and a third continued to be suspicious; another was unpredictable in temperament; while the youngest member had a tendency to wander away. Still, despite these negative aspects, a cohesive bond existed within the group. The idea of making the trip was discussed with the head nurse and the ward physician and both of them endorsed it.

The ward recreation coordinator agreed to arrange for transportation, make contacts for a camp site, and supply the necessary equipment. The social-service worker got in touch with the patients' families, informed them of the proposed trip, and secured their permission for the patients to make it. It was decided that the trip would be for one night only.

The next week, at the group meeting, the patients were told that permission had been received for them to go camping and that the camp site would be at a nearby Army base. They agreed on a date to go and started to develop their plans. The patients were told that they were expected to defray their own expenses, and they also knew that they would have to take the responsibility for the planning of this activity and accept individual assignments while they were away.

On the date selected, we left the hospital at 9 AM. When we arrived at the camp site, and after an initial orientation to the area, including a tour of the installation, the recreation coordinator and I remained in the background. Everyone was eager to participate in the

details of camp life. We encouraged the patients to accept such necessary responsibilities as planning the menu, shopping for groceries, obtaining drinking water, and cooking the meals.

It was gratifying to see how well the group worked together. When one patient overlooked a clean-up detail, another patient reminded him of it. The patients who were in better contact helped the more regressed ones by seeing that they had sufficient food and kept them involved with the group so that they did not wander away.

The group enjoyed taking pictures, swimming, and walking around the grounds. The highlight of the second day was an invitation to eat their dinner with some of the Army personnel.

Some of the comments made by the patients were very revealing:

"It was good to eat food that was cooked outdoors."

"I never saw so much food in one store at one time."

"It was a relief to be away from hospital rules and regulations."

"I never thought it would happen.

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# FLEET THINKING

*How to launch a community small-craft program*

Charles W. Russell

**T**RIAL AND ERROR is one way to learn to row a boat, paddle a canoe, sail a pram, or operate an outboard. Another way is to study books on the subjects, go out with experienced boatmen, or enroll in an organized small-craft program. By far, the organized program is best for the beginner before he has acquired a boat of his own. It also appeals to parents who want their children to learn proper and safe boating skills.

Small-craft instruction programs are usually set up in existing organizations, such as camps, boat clubs, civic and youth clubs. A community program, however, was organized in Boston, Massachusetts, back in 1936, making it, perhaps, the first community small-craft project developed in the United States. From the funds received as a gift from a sailing enthusiast, the state bought a boathouse and a fleet of sailing boats on the Charles River which it leased to a nonprofit organization, Community Boating, Inc. For a small fee, children and adults, both individually and in organized sailing classes, have an opportunity to enjoy the program from early spring to late fall.

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The Boston program, good as it is, however, does not provide the best pattern for most cities to follow. Without waiting for windfalls or government subsidies, communities can set up self-supporting programs. A case in point is "Operation Optimist."

The idea originated in Clearwater, Florida, back in 1947, but it has since caught on in many states and a few foreign countries. A member of the Optimist Club of Clearwater, with water, water everywhere, suggested the natural combination of kids and boats. On three days' notice, a boat-building friend came through with the inexpensive and now world-famous Optimist pram.

Other Florida cities soon followed Clearwater in building pram fleets. Some were financed by recreation departments and were administrated by civic organizations. Other fleets were either city or privately sponsored. The Clearwater Optimist Club owns the copyright of the boat plans and is able to control the type of sponsorship of pram fleets. Sponsorship is usually limited to official yacht clubs, chambers of commerce, Lions, Kiwanis, and other responsible civic and service groups. Commercial assistance in building and maintaining the fleets is permitted un-

der carefully controlled conditions for two reasons. First, when a business firm donates a boat to a fleet, it financially helps the sponsoring agency, and second, it contributes to community participation, which is one of the basic concepts of the program. After all, the more boats, the more kids can have fun on the water.

**T**HE GREATEST PROGRAM potential, however, for extending the benefit to be derived from boating to the greatest number possible is to be found in the specially organized courses sponsored by a variety of individuals and organizations in a cooperative community effort. These may be administered by a municipality, or by a group representing the various sponsoring civic organizations, or by both.

The Norwalk, Connecticut, community small-craft program for 1962, as reported by Lincoln Clark in his handbook *ABC's of Small Boat Sailing*, is typical of this type of community endeavor. The Norwalk program stems from the deliberations and recommendations of the small powerboat workshop of the 1958 Conference for National Cooperation in Aquatics. The CNCA, as it is better known, is an association of twenty-four national organizations which have an interest or active programs in boating and water safety. The purpose of the association is to promote the exchange of ideas and the cooperative efforts of the member organizations to advance the entire field of aquatics.

At the 1958 conference, the idea of boating programs as a cooperative undertaking of the local representatives of the national organizations in the CNCA was presented. The pilot project got under way in Westport, Connecticut, in 1960, and 128 youngsters enrolled in the safe-boat handling courses.

Two deficiencies in the organization pattern became apparent after the first year's operation. The town of Westport subsidized the program at the outset by providing the facilities as well as funds to purchase boats. The effect of the town's generosity, however, weakened the enthusiasm of the individuals



who brought the program into being, with the result that petitioned funds for additional equipment lost out to competing claims for funds from the town fathers. Perhaps the program would have continued to grow if the organizational framework had more clearly provided for, and publicized, the size and interest of the local boating fraternity. After a review of the Westport experience, a modified second experiment was conducted in the adjacent town of Nor-

EXPERIENCE seemed to indicate that a successful cooperative boating program has three basic ingredients. Number One is the existence of at least one individual who is strongly motivated to give children and adults the opportunity to enjoy safe boating, and who is also in a position, and willing, to devote a considerable amount of time to the program. He should be a respected member of the leading community organizations, preferably one that is affiliated with the CNCA, and also a person who is interested in new ideas to improve programs that may be suggested by the community boating committee.

The second ingredient to a successful program is the availability at little or no cost of a waterfront location. Ideally, it should be a body of water protected from storms, heavy seas, and waves from heavy boat traffic. A pier with rows of floats with mooring space for the craft and a shed or room for holding classes on rainy days is highly desirable, but it is possible to operate for much less than the ideal setup. Some communities may be fortunate in having a waterfront location for a boating program, but more likely one must be found or developed. Possible locations are a public beach, a town pier, a local yacht club, or perhaps a privately owned facility. The third ingredient is a committee composed of representatives of several of the leading organizations in the community.

The question is often raised as to why it is necessary to bother with a committee. An individual might con-

ceivably be able to organize a program more efficiently than a committee. The special value of a committee, however, is that it can more quickly win public support for the program and mobilize existing, but scattered community resources; in short, it enables the community organizations to accomplish more than they could accomplish separately.

SATISFACTION of these three necessary conditions is not sufficient to guarantee a successful program, but it does make the solution of remaining problems relatively easy—obtaining registrations, finding competent instructors, and financing boats and other equipment. After it has formed its organizational structure, the task of the boating committee is to design its program. This involves the answers to the questions of *who, why, where, when, how and how much*. The *who* and *why* are highly important because if we cannot find reasonable answers to these questions, a community boating program would be hard to justify in the first place.

First, *who* will be enrolled and *who* will teach. Many boating programs are open to all age groups—and *why not*—if they do not restrict in any way, the efforts of attracting teenagers, and particularly pre-teenagers to the program? The committee should aim eventually, if not initially, at having programs for everyone in the community interested in learning safe boating skills. Mothers, for example, who would otherwise be merely chauffeurs for their children, are worthy registrants. Special evening or weekend courses appeal to working fathers and off-season programs do attract a surprisingly large number of “frost-biters.”

Use of the boats should be limited to qualified swimmers. A reasonable requirement would be swimming skills equivalent to the Red Cross or YMCA beginner level, plus participation in a capsized drill involving self-rescue skills.

The instructor is the key person in the total program. The work of a good committee can be for naught if instructors are incompetent. By the same tok-

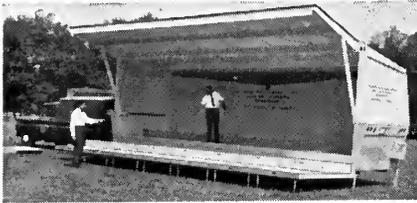
en, the weaknesses of a poor committee will often go unnoticed if the instructors do a good job. The ideal instructor is an expert boatman, teacher, and educational administrator. The main sources of instructors are college students and teachers, preferably those who have had training in Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadron classes or those who have attended Red Cross small-craft instructor schools. (See Page 142 for listing of small-craft schools.)

Now for *why* all this bother in the first place? Education is preparation for living, and it is clear that more must be done to enroll our children in activities which will contribute to the constructive use of leisure time. Much more can be done in planning a progressive program for children in creative activities that will develop, step by step, a better attitude towards safety, a better behavior pattern, and a deeper sense of social responsibility. Water-oriented activities are particularly suited to progressive programs leading to these goals. A child can be taught to swim safely almost as soon as he learns to walk. At or before six years, he is physically able to learn rowing skills which will prepare him for and lead him to the world of sailing and canoeing, where teamwork, discipline, and an appreciation for the rights of others is a way of life. With these qualities, he is ready to assume the responsibilities of operating an outboard motorboat which, because of its mechanical nature, and the similarity of the “rules of the road” to the highway traffic code, could well be an important part of the “missing link” that is needed to improve our miserable traffic situation and other community “jams.”#

• For the latest on boats and marine equipment, see “Boating Everyone!” Page 141. For more on boating programs, see “Sailing in Quincy Bay,” *Recreation*, June 1962; “Ways Along the Waterfront,” March 1962; “Recreation Afloat,” March 1960; “They Paddle Their Own,” June 1960; and “What Is Your ‘Boating I.Q.’?” June 1960.—Ed.



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fession has a basic responsibility for establishing the standards of preparation necessary for professional proficiency.

Another group of the accreditation project is working on the standards and evaluative criteria. These will be the basis for the accreditation of curricula. Because recreation education has been an evolutionary rather than a developmental process, there is wide divergence in the programs currently being conducted in the colleges. In the process of developing standards, it has been necessary to examine the competencies required in various positions, and then to try to define the educational backgrounds that have the potential for giving the student that competency. This has been a laborious process. It has involved, not only the committee, but hundreds of practitioners and educators throughout the country. The preliminary step was to develop various parts of the standards through regional and state groups.

The materials have been refined several times, and were finally sent out to about a thousand people in the summer of 1964. A session at the 1964 National Recreation Congress in Miami Beach was devoted to a discussion of these materials. Now all of the suggestions for revisions are being considered and changes are being made in the light of



Joseph E. Brown (right) receives a National Recreation Association Certificate from Philadelphia's recreation commissioner, Robert W. Crawford, who is also a member of the NRA Board of Trustees. The certificate marks the completion of Mr. Brown's internship with the Philadelphia department. He is now supervisor of Juniata Park there.

these suggestions. When all of the work is completed the committee will ask the National Commission on Accrediting for an informal review to determine whether the work that has been done meets the requirements of the commission, and what further work must be done before the commission will approve the professional group as an accrediting body, and accept the standards for accrediting.—EDITH BALL, Coordinator, Recreation Education Accreditation Project of the Federation of National Professional Organizations For Recreation.



At a recent meeting of the Recreation Education Accreditation Project, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, are, seated left to right, Gordon Starr, Dr. Betty van der Smissen, Shirley Gaillard, Jean Sauford, Dr. Janet MacLean, Anne Bushart, Dr. Edith Ball, Walter Cook, Dr. Fred Coombs, Dr. Jackson Anderson, Dr. Weston Hutchins, Loren Kottner. Standing, left to right: Dr. Douglas Sessoms, William Kloppe, Frances Cleary, Dr. Martin Meyer, Phyllis Lee, Harold Schrage, W. C. Sutherland. The project, begun in October 1962, is sponsored by the Federation of National Professional Organizations for Recreation.



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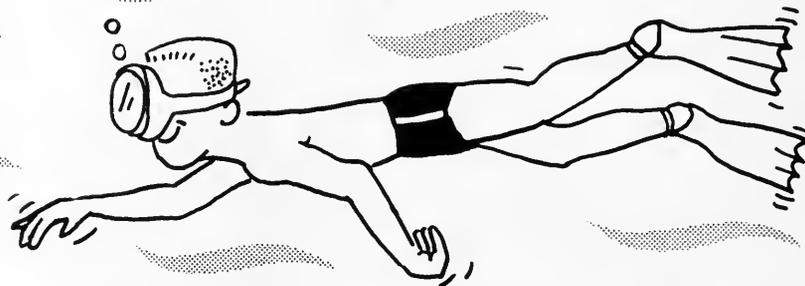


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# SKIN AND SCUBA TRAINING GAMES



Frank J. Scalli

**D**URING THE PAST YEARS, there have been many good basic training programs for the skin and scuba-diving instructor to use, all of which were designed by other instructors. Very often an instructor would take portions from a number of these programs and make up what he felt was his own training program. With the introduction of the national YMCA skin and scuba-diving program and the publication of its basic standard course, teaching programs have become more standardized. However, skin and scuba-diving training can be made even more educational and enjoyable with the following games which have been devised as another stepping-stone toward producing adequately trained students who will feel and act at home in the water—safety being the main goal. While these games are not designed to be played merely for fun, the student not only enjoys himself and looks forward to his next class, but also gains added command of his equipment and, most important, of himself in the water. It is suggested that an instructor devote time after every pool session to engage in one or more of these training games.

## UNDERWATER SOCCER

This game can begin the very first session after the students have used a face mask, this being the only piece of equipment needed to participate. The students should be broken down into two teams and lined up on each side of the pool at the deep end or at least in seven feet of water. The puck should be a lead weight of about three pounds with no sharp edges and should be placed in the center of the pool by an instructor.

On a signal from the instructor, both teams enter the water and start the game. The puck can be touched only with the feet (*no hands*), each team trying to move the puck toward its goal, the opposite side of the pool. Goalies may be used if both teams agree. The time for each goal should

be limited to three minutes, and not more than two goals should constitute a game.

The instructor should take a few minutes after the game while students are resting and reemphasize how dangerous over-exertion can be in the water.

## WATERBALL

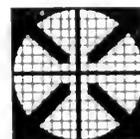
This game can start after the students have learned to use the face mask and flippers, which are all the equipment needed to participate. The students should be broken down into two teams and placed at each end of the pool. A hollow plastic ball about six inches in diameter, with enough weight in it to cause it to sink when dropped into the water, should be used. The goals should be two inner tubes on the surface, the purpose being to get the ball into the inner tube of the opposite team. After each goal is scored, the teams should change goals. The game should last no longer than three minutes for each goal, and the best out of three goals will win.

After the game is finished, the students, while resting, should be given a short lecture on over-exertion, which they may have more respect for now. After the game has been played the second time, it may be very beneficial to keep the students in the water, making them “snorkel” a number of lengths while still tired. This could be explained as the feeling one may get after surfacing while being exerted and having to swim on the surface. This could also be the time to teach surface resting or survival.

## MASK AND SNORKEL CLEARING

This game can start after the students have learned to clear their masks and snorkels, the only pieces of equipment needed to participate. The students should be broken down into two teams and placed at each side of the deep end of the pool. One student from each team should enter the water together, dive, and recover his mask and snorkel (placed on the bottom by the instructor), clear the mask on the bottom, surface, clear the snorkel, and return to his own side of the pool. The time taken and the amount of water in the mask should decide the winner. Then the next two students should enter the water and proceed in the same manner.

*Digested with permission from the report of the 11th Annual Meeting of the Conference for National Conference in Aquatics. MR. SCALLI is with the Boston Sea Rovers and is a member of the National YMCA Skin and Scuba Diving Committee.*



After the game the instructor should explain to the students that if they learn to think before they act and relax underwater, they should be able to accomplish this game with ease.

### UNDERWATER DONNING AND RELAY RACE

This game can be played after the students have gained complete knowledge of ditching and donning equipment and are relaxed in performing these skills. The equipment for the game should be a tank and regulator for each student, and on the bottom of the deep end, with the air shut off. Each student should be wearing a mask, flippers, and snorkel.

The class can be broken down into two teams. The starting point should be in the water at the shallow end of the pool. On a signal from the instructor, one student from each team leaves the shallow end, swimming on the surface toward the deep end. The student then dives to any unit, turns the air on, dons the equipment, swims underwater to the shallow end, surfaces, and starts the next teammate. All harnesses should be connected with quick releases before the student surfaces and starts his teammate. The instructor should explain that racing is usually not a part of scuba diving, but there are times when a student will have to move very quickly to avoid trouble and this can only be done by being well trained and relaxed in the water.

### UNDERWATER DECATHLON

This game can be played after the students have completed the training skills of the basic scuba-diving course. The equipment for the game should consist of masks, flippers, snorkels, tanks, and regulators. If weight belts are needed, they should be worn during the whole decathlon. The class should be broken down into teams of two, and

the starting position should be the deep end of the pool. On a signal from the instructor, the teams start. The number of teams starting depends on the size of the pool. Two or three teams may start together. The events are as follows:

1. Teams start with the hookup of equipment on the pool deck, and entry into the water (the instructor should check quick releases and air reserves without stopping the students).
2. After entry into the water, teams snorkel fifty yards. Back at the deep end, teams dive to the bottom on compressed air and accomplish the following:
  3. Remove the face mask, replace, and clear.
  4. Remove the mouth piece, replace, and clear.
  5. Remove the face mask and swim two lengths underwater.
  6. "Buddy breathe" two lengths of the pool.
  7. Ditch and don equipment.
  8. Surface and snorkel two lengths of the pool.
  9. Tread water at the deep end of the pool, remove the tank and regulator, and tow on the surface to the shallow end.
  10. Leave the water at the shallow end and remove all equipment—regulator from tank, et cetera.

The instructor should pay special attention to how students behave while in and out of the water. It should be stressed that not only time is a factor, but also performance such as quick releases, air reserves, contact with buddy, and calmness in water. The first team finished does not necessarily win if their procedure was not correct. This policy should eliminate any haphazard procedures in or out of the water.

These are only a few of the games that an instructor can use. You should take it upon yourself to use some of these games or design some of your own, utilizing the pool and facilities available. #

### Fast Stride

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...ever went on a camping trip before those crazy little cars." "You'd have to be a millionaire to buy those prices every day." Observations of this sort show that long-term patients need to be exposed to realistic situations before they are ready to leave the hospital. Some of these patients had never been in a supermarket. They were unfamiliar with many types of goods and amazed at the range of prices. Some had never seen the compact and foreign cars. Many things that are

common occurrences to the average individual appeared to be strange and new to these patients.

This camping trip provided pleasure for the group but the greatest benefit was the therapeutic value derived by the patients. The experience demonstrated that there are varied ways in which nursing personnel can prepare the patients for eventual discharge from the hospital.

Some of our immediate plans include teaching patients to use the dial telephone and planning trips for them to local shopping centers and frozen food lockers. We plan to visit industrial plants

and automobile show rooms. During the visits patients will be made aware of the changes in construction and materials used in making cars.

We hope to do more than initiate an institutional cure. We are introducing a variety of social situations which require adaptation to other individuals and the day-to-day process of work, recreation, and socialization. As the patient adjusts to his new responsibilities, it is hoped that hospital supports can be reduced and that his own security will be enhanced.—*From The Correspondent, published by the National League for Nursing.*

# STATE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

ELVIRA DELANY

**CALIFORNIA.** The Rellim Redwood Company of Crescent City has granted California's Division of Beaches and Parks free use of parts of its private road system and property to expedite construction of a major public campground in the Mill Creek area of Del Norte Coast Redwood State Park, south of Crescent City. State Parks and Recreation Director Charles A. DeTurk declares that construction access through Rellim property will result in substantial savings to California taxpayers. It will provide the contractors immediate access over a Rellim road rather than over the steep grade of a park road to be constructed next summer.

"Another advantage to the public is that we expect this access to enable us to make this new camping area available to the public by June, 1966, a year sooner than would otherwise be possible," Mr. DeTurk added. Darrell Schroeder, Rellim vice-president, says his company is eager to cooperate in the opening up of more of the land that the state now owns and which is intended for public use. "The full value of park property can be realized only when it is developed for public enjoyment. We are cooperating fully with the department to help minimize its costs in constructing public recreation areas. We feel it is our obligation as taxpayers to cooperate in these matters."

**ILLINOIS.** A waterway tourism promotion plan has been launched in Illinois that could set a precedent for other state, regional, and national promotions of boating and boating facilities. The plan is to establish "waterway trails," similar to the historical trails overland that long have been popular tourist attractions. Last summer Governor Otto Kerner inaugurated Illinois Waterway Trails by leading a four-day boat tour up the entire length of the Illinois River from Alton, Illinois, on the Mississippi River to the Chicago area. The tour was sponsored by the Illinois Boating Council and the Illinois State Board of Economic Development. While the primary aim of this program is to publicize the tourist attractions of the state's waterways, increased tourist traffic by boat is bound to be helpful to state recreation planners in pinpointing the places where it is desirable to build or improve boating facilities.

- Plans have been approved for construction of a \$200,000

boat landing dock on the north bank of the Little Calumet River, approximately one mile west of the Calumet Expressway in Beaubien Woods. This is on Cook County Forest Preserve District property. The proposed work will consist of a steel sheet piling bulkhead for a distance of about 100 feet. Timber mooring posts spaced ten feet apart will be part of the dock. At the upstream and downstream ends of the dock plans call for two concrete forty-foot wide launching ramps. Dredging will extend fifty-five feet out into the river and will be close to five feet deep. The dredged material will be used as fill on shore. The launching and dock facilities will accommodate small pleasure craft primarily up to eighteen feet in length. This project will probably be financed jointly by the county and Illinois Conservation Department.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE.** The third of three major state recreation projects, developed at a total cost of more than \$1,250,000 on the state's seacoast is now completed. Wallis Sands State Park in Rye, a former wayside picnic area, has been developed since last year into an eighteen-acre state park capable of accommodating up to three thousand persons. Developed at a cost of \$723,400, Wallis Sands is one of three coastal recreation projects given priority under the \$9,000,000 state park expansion program authorized by the 1961 Legislature.

The other two projects, completed last year, were the Shell, a modern, \$372,905 recreation complex in the center sector of Hampton Beach; and both on-shore and off-shore facilities developed at Rye Harbor at a cost to date of \$2,236,000—the first phase of a proposed \$3,000,000, long-range harbor improvement project.

**PENNSYLVANIA.** Included in the state's 210 projects are the largest and smallest urban renewal projects in the nation—Eastwick and Gates House, respectively. Eastwick, the largest and most diversified urban renewal undertaking in the United States, covers four square miles in Philadelphia. A former swamp and blighted area, the \$100,000,000 Eastwick section is being transformed into a new city with a city comprised of ten thousand to twelve thousand residences together with shopping centers and industrial parks.

The smallest urban renewal project in the country is four-tenths of an acre Gates House Project in York. Used as the headquarters of General Horatio Gates, American adjutant general during the Revolutionary War, historic Gates House and the adjoining Golden Plough Tavern, where Washington and Lafayette were entertained, were saved from oblivion through the redevelopment process. Restoration work, using urban renewal funds, was begun in 1961. Upon completion it will serve as a historic tourist attraction and become an integral part of Colonial York.

Pennsylvania can point with pride to many outstanding examples of the possibilities of urban renewal. Among them are Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle and Allegheny Center, Philadelphia's Independence Hall and Society Hill, Erie's Peach Sasafress and Liberty Sasafress Projects, and Easton's Union Street Project—one of America's outstanding low-rent housing projects.

# RESEARCH BRIEFS

## Plan for Identity

THE CITY OF Vallejo, California, must fight to re-route three proposed freeways which threaten her future potential. A group of Stanford student planners have warned city officials. Professor Thomas Williamson's thirteen students in Stanford's architecture program conducted a ten-week study of the city at the request of the Vallejo Rotary Club and the city's Community Development Council. They stressed that the freeways must be diverted before they cut off the city from its own waterfront or bisect the proposed Lake Chabot residential area. The students' presentation, via maps and diagrams, emphasized that Vallejo must halt its rampant "urban sprawl" and tie itself together as an entity through a revitalized "Old Downtown" and a green-belted waterfront. They pointed out that Vallejo's historical importance and its natural geographical charm and beauty—"facing the water and backed by rolling hills"—were too valuable to be sacrificed away for lack of a master plan. Vallejo must make use of its status as a transportation center for the North Bay area and turn this to its advantage.

The study stated that historic buildings should be turned into landmarks, while others too far gone must be removed. Developments must be shrewdly planned for both single-family residential and high-rise apartments, taking care that the waterfront is left free with natural growth and established as a small park and hiking areas. Park areas must be increased and spectacular city portals established to reinforce Vallejo's identity.

Vallejo already has a lot of good things going for it, the study pointed out—the Marina Vista redevelopment plan, an excellent city-school recreation program, and the proposed development of Lake Chabot Park on the north. The study suggested transforming the existing Dalwigg catchment at the southern entrance into a scenic lake surrounded by residential development, similar to Oakland's Lake Merritt. A park-lined canal might be dug from this lake through the city to the Mare Island channel, creating an island which could be developed as the high density city center of the

future. The waterfront along the channel would be developed with a major scenic promenade, houseboat development, and aquatic recreation facilities. If Vallejo can re-focus herself as a civic entity and draw on this potential, "It will be clear that the city is destined for a productive and vital future"—possibly becoming "the best place to live in Northern California."

## From Seven to Ten

THE THIRD AND LAST report on a six-year study of Boys' Club members entitled *Needs and Interests of 7-8-9-10 Year-Old Boys' Club Members*, includes information from experienced staff through nationwide interviews and questioning of their observations and contacts with boy members in all phases of club life. Observers also followed individual boys around their Boys' Clubs and recorded what each boy said and did.

"A good number of boys select low-organized games, such as tag and relays," the study reveals, "as a first or second activity (in the club). This probably reflects the boys' need for some structuring of activities that is uncomplicated by highly defined rules, physical demands, and social refinements beyond their understanding and ability. In this type of situation, skilled leaders with knowledge of child psychology, childhood games, and especially lead-up games or activities, play a most important role."

"Most (children) are insatiably curious and interested in exploring the new or unknown," the report states. "They can and will, if given the opportunity, express themselves in a variety of ways. While their physical energy rises and falls, their mental drive or curiosity remains constantly high. . . . Boys are hungry to learn, to explore, and they are known to be equally interested in mental and physical adventures, but because in many ways their world is limited, most are utterly dependent upon adults for the variety and intensity of their experiences."

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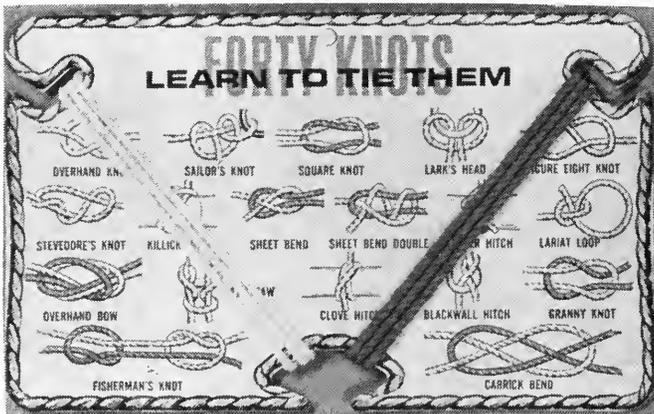
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• **EXAMINE YOUR WORLD.** Practically everybody collects something . . . buttons, match boxes, coins, stamps. One of the most fascinating new hobbies to come along in recent time is "element collecting," the systematic hunt for and cataloging of, the 103 basic elements, ninety of which make up the substance of our earthly environment. The pastime is fascinating and instructive fun for young people and adults alike.

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**BOATING, EVERYONE!**—A new mark of \$43,500,000 in sales was reached at the National Motor Boat Show in New York City when it ended its 55th successful course at the New York Coliseum on January 24. Although beset by blizzards on both weekends, the ten-day show had a record attendance of 340,000. The show also had a record number of boats on display, of which 143 were cabin or open sailboats. This was the largest display of sailboats ever. A seafaring reporter from RECREATION Magazine found the following craft and marine items of particular interest.

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### INSTRUCTION

Are you shipshape? For listing of small craft classes and aquatic schools see "Things You Should Know" on next page.

## Things You Should Know

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The 1965 Recreation/Conservation sticker will go on sale soon and will be valid for a period of twelve months. The Recreation/Conservation sticker is an annual recreation permit. It entitles the holder and all other occupants of a private noncommercial automobile to enter certain designated National Park Service areas, National Forest areas, National Wildlife Refuges, and other

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▶ **THE USE AND ABUSE** of water in one of the great river basins of this country is presented in a new and thought-provoking publication from the League of Women Voters. *The Ohio River Basin* was written by members of the league in

six of the basin states and financed in part by contributions from large cities in the area.

This booklet will be of interest to recreation and park administrators, students, and the increasing number of laymen who are beginning to realize the extent of water pollution and that something must be done about it. Recreators and planners will all appreciate this review of the basin approach to the problem, with agencies working together to solve it. Read *RECREATION Magazine* will want to compare this with the article about the Ohio River Basin project which was carried in the June 1962 issue. The Basin has had a long history of floods and drought, as well as the usual problems of pollution, and the information contained in this analysis could serve as a guide to other river studies. *The Ohio River Basin* may be ordered from the New York League of Women Voters, 131 East 23rd Street, New York City 10010, for \$7.75 postage per copy.

▶ **TO HELP FILL** the ever-increasing demand for trained water-safety instructors at camps, for recreation and departments, among youth organizations, schools and other groups, American Red Cross will hold eight aquatic schools at strategic locations throughout the country this coming summer. Most of these ten-day schools are conducted in June to give enrollees an opportunity to take training before starting summer work. Aquatic schools also are held in the late summer for persons who wish to enroll for training before returning to teach in schools or in courses organized by Red Cross chapters. These sessions are open to men and women eighteen years or over and are better than average swimmers medically approved as physically fit.

At five Red Cross Small Craft Schools instructor training will be offered in boating, canoeing, and sailing. Limited small-craft instructor training will be available at eight of the eighteen Red Cross Aquatic Schools. Applicants must be over eighteen years of age. Sea lifesaving or equivalent swimming ability is also required of enrollees.

Fees for board, lodging, texts, and other materials at the ten day schools range from \$55 to \$70. Additional information and application forms can be obtained from local Red Cross chapters or from area offices listed below:

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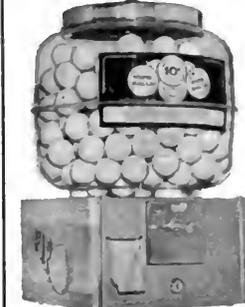
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Long-term gains were maintained. There was a continued reduction in the amount of heavy litter to be found on sidewalks and a continued improvement in refuse disposal. Both are highly significant in measuring sanitary conditions.

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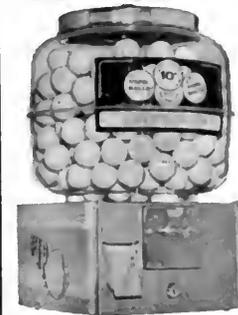
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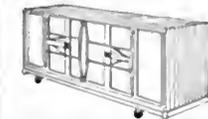


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times. Finally, as a token of friendship to Cochise it was renamed Fort Apache. Visitors can now watch Apache children at play on the old parade grounds. The Apaches raise their twenty thousand head of stock on open range and cows munch contentedly around the campsites.

A paved road goes to the reservation's most scenic area, the thousand-year old Kanishba Indian ruins. Here the visitor views desert land instead of forest. In July the desert is in full bloom with red, yellow, and white blossoms on the cactus plants. Tall mountains border the desert and mesa land. Wide ravines almost as deep as the mountains are snaked through the area.

The Kanishba Indian ruins consist of two stone "apartment" houses of the Pueblo period, capable of housing two thousand people. They were abandoned for mysterious reasons about 1350 AD (probably because water sources were exhausted). The buildings have remained in comparatively good condition. The ruins are a source of archeological wealth in pottery, beads, and implements of the Pueblo period.

For photographers and students of history, the Indians maintain Cebecue. This settlement has not changed with time. Visitors are also treated to fairs, rodeos, ceremonials, and other Indian activities.

Visitors can also see the salt caves which the Apaches

mined long before Francisco Coronado came upon them during his famous expedition from Mexico to New Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. During this expedition nado's men were the first to see the Grand Canyon Colorado River. The Apaches have markers that keep part of our history alive, but at all times they have careful to preserve the primitive flavor of the reservation.

This recreation enterprise is the White Mountain Apache's latest business venture. Most of the profit from the enterprise will be put back into more development. To a year-round tourist business, the Apache recreation enterprise is planning a winter-sports lodge and a ski run is already an all-weather road. The tribal council hopes the ultimate outcome of the tourist business will be jobs for the Indians, opportunities for college, and advancement of the Apache Indians.

The Cherokee Indians in North Carolina, with financial support from the Bureau of Indian affairs, have developed an Indian museum, 17th century Indian village, and an outdoor theater that performs a historical pageant, *These Hills*, by Paul Green, nightly during the summer. The beauty of the outdoor theater alone is worth the price of admission.

These and other Indian reservations make about 500,000 acres of U. S. territory that can help meet the recreation needs of our growing nation. At the same time the Indians are creating jobs for themselves and assuring future Indian generations the preservation of their lands and their heritage. #

## WEATHER SIGNS in the BACK COUNTRY



**B**EFORE THE DAYS of weather forecasts and storm warnings, when a farmer's very survival depended upon his knowledge of valid weather signs, many of his conclusions were based upon animal behavior and nature warnings. In the back country, these were known even to small children.

*When bats fly low, it will rain soon.* Insects on which the bats feed are forced down by the low air pressure before a rain, and the bats must fly low to catch them.

*Red morning, take warning.* This bit of weather wisdom is very old, and can be found in *Matthew 16:3*: "And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering."

*When the smells from creeks, ponds, and swamps become stronger, there is stormy weather ahead.* If the air pressure is high, these smells are held captive. When a low approaches, they are released.

*When bees stay near the hive, rain is coming soon.* It is

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axiomatic in back-country Indiana that a bee is never in a shower.

*When spiders desert their webs, it will rain.* The flight of insects seeking shelter is a very old portent of showers.

*When the grass is dry on a summer night, look for Dew.* Dew is favored by cloudless skies and fair weather to

*Spider webs shining early in the morning mean a fair day ahead.* Spider webs in the grass are seldom noticed unless dew is on them, and dew means good weather, fair sky and wind.

*Smoke falling instead of rising is a sign of bad weather.* Smoke is carried toward the ground by the low air pressure before a rain or storm.

All sorts of creatures and most people are ill-at-ease before a storm, with a strange restlessness they cannot explain. As is due, scientists tell us, to the many depressing and disturbing effects, both mental and physical, caused by low air pressure.

Such restlessness, noted by weather watchers for many years, is probably responsible for such observations: *Before a storm, pigs squeal more than usual . . . frogs croak more rapidly . . . goats bleat a great deal . . . ducks quack noisily . . . horses stamp, switch their tails, and blow bubbles even when sheltered from flies . . . cows thump their tails with their tails . . . crows caw more often . . . dogs bark easily and keep changing positions . . . sheep huddle together . . . donkeys scratch themselves against walls and . . . fireflies wink faster . . . people may seem unnerved*

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ities in Toronto. This plan is so advanced that today, only ten years later, seventy-five percent of it has already been implemented. While in 1954 Toronto had only one outdoor swimming pool, today there are ten; artificial ice rinks have increased from four to fifty; a new indoor arena and three multi-purpose recreation centers were constructed and wading pools multiplied from eighteen to fifty-seven. A number of small neighborhood parks were established in an attempt to bring green space to within a quarter-mile radius of all residential communities, and some of the larger parks, such as High Park, Riverdale Park, Ehibi Park and Allan Gardens, have been developed to such an extent that their rate among the finest of their kind.

Mr. Bell was called upon to handle difficult and heavy responsibilities in addition to his parks job. The construction of Toronto's world-renowned city hall was entrusted to Mr. Bell in this project seemed to be running a lot of snags and since then progress on this building has been rapid and steady. Mr. Bell is still being regarded as consultant in this capacity. Besides holding these two major positions, Mr. Bell was also a member of the Treasury Board (the watch-dogs of the civic budget), as well as a member of the Committee of Implementation responsible for the reorganization of other civic departments).

**Walter B. Forrest**, deputy commissioner, has been appointed acting commissioner of parks and recreation.

**Daniel M. Ogden, Jr.**, staff assistant in the U. S. Department of Interior resources program staff since June 1961, has been appointed assistant director of the Bureau for Planning and Research, and **A. Heaton Underhill** has been appointed assistant director of state, local, and private programs. Underhill joined the bureau in August 1962 as assistant director in charge of planning and surveys and cooperative services. Mr. Ogden will be responsible for nationwide planning and

surveys, water resources and special area studies, and research and education. Mr. Underhill will have charge of the bureau's technical assistance activities and of the grants-in-aid program to be administered under the recently enacted Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, including the review of state plans and of applications from the states for acquisition and development grants.

**Dr. Arthur T. Wilcox** of Akron, Ohio, nationally recognized for his achievements in the field of outdoor recreation, joined the faculty at Colorado State University as of January 1. Director and secretary of the Metropolitan Park District in Akron since 1960, Dr. Wilcox will be chairman of the forest recreation program in the university's department of forest recreation and wildlife conservation.

IN MEMORIAM

• **JACK EVANS**, manager of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department, died recently of a heart attack. Mr. Evans

was a former employe of the Denver Public Schools where he served in a variety of capacities, including coaching, teaching, administration, and as director of recreation. He was appointed manager of the Denver Parks and Recreation Department in April, 1964.

• **DR. HOWARD G. DANFORD**, professor of physical education at Colorado State College, died recently at the age of sixty-one. He was active in state, national, and international organizations, and was one of the nation's foremost teachers and authorities on volleyball. He was an outspoken enemy of collegiate sports hypocrisy. Says columnist Harry Farrar of *The Denver Post*, "The sports world has lost one of its philosophers, experts, and authors, but it is even more unfortunate that we have been deprived of an articulate and courageous critic. The man who called himself 'a foolish nonconformist' left a legacy of wisdom for those he counseled in the classroom, in the gym, and on the golf course." Among Dr. Danford's books are *Creative Leadership in Recreation* (reviewed in RECREATION, October 1964) and *Recreation in the American Community*.



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**Notes for the Administrator**

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bureau fanning out on a neighborhood basis may well be needed to stimulate interest in the face of widespread interest and apathy of both organizations and potential volunteers.

Action programs in this field have been sporadic and spotty, are fraught with problems but also with promise. They need to be initiated no matter how modestly with results (favorable and otherwise) analyzed and publicized. Unless he is lucky, today's retiree, unaided, is trapped in a tight pocket of financial and spiritual poverty. So, too, many of tomorrow's retirees and their numbers grow. The literature is available free from CSS, 105 East 22nd Street, New York 10010.

**Success Stories**

**T**HE California State Division of Recreation has published a 74-page guide to *Investing in Parks and Recreation Centers*. The book resulted from a steady flow of requests from the division from private citizens and local government officials seeking information and recommendations regarding the financing and development of local recreation facilities.

The book features 269 examples of how California communities and private citizens have successfully initiated and developed needed recreation facilities. Included in the success stories are athletic fields and sports areas, camps, community recreation buildings, gifts and memorial parks, golf courses, greenbelts and parkways, historical monuments, museums, art galleries, marinas, parks in general, parks for children, public fishing access, swimming pools, beach parks, river parks, reservoir parks, coastal parks, zoological gardens, and arboretums.

Individual copies of the book may be purchased for \$1.50, tax included, from the Documents Section, State Printing Office, P.O. Box 1612, Sacramento, California 95814. Complimentary copies have been provided to park and recreation administrators throughout the state, and to state and federal agencies directly concerned.

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An international holiday exchange handicapped persons has been set by FIMITIC (Federation Internationale des Mutilés et Invalides du Travail des Invalides Civils). From August 24-September 7, 1964, fourteen handicapped persons from Switzerland, Austria, and Denmark spent their vacations in the Johannsburg recreation home in Bad Godesberg, belonging to the German Association of Disabled, Reichsbund.

German, Danish, and Austrian handicapped were guests of the Swiss Association of Disabled from September 1-15 at the Blumenbergbad recreation home situated high above Thuner Lake. As a welcome, an entertainment with music and singing was arranged for the first evening. From August 30-September 12, Austrian, German, Swiss, and Swedish handicapped were the guests of the Egmont recreation home in Jutland, Denmark. Egmont is a school for handicapped and the hotel remains empty in the summer. It is then used as a holiday and recreation home.

Indiana children suffering from various emotional disorders benefitted from a new camp program last summer, thanks to a special grant provided by the state division of the National Association for Mental Health (N.M.H.). The division presented \$4,500 to Englishton Park, an estate operated by the United Presbyterian Church, to make possible a two-month camp experience for disturbed children. Professional leaders in charge of the program state that the majority of the children who attended the camp showed general improvement in their social adjustment at home, in the neighborhood, and in school.

The great value of sport fishing as therapy for mental or handicapped patients at hospitals and health centers is widely recognized and utilized by medical authorities. It has long been the fact, recently given public expression by the American Medical Association, that fishing is a healthy recreation-relaxer. A number of states already make special concessions from

licensing requirements for patients under such treatment. Moreover, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service customarily stocks ponds on hospital grounds with fish for such use, as do some states.

Along this line, an item in *The North Woods Call* of Roscommon, Michigan, on August 19 stated that a new Michigan law authorizes the state conservation department to issue free fishing permits to disabled veterans who are residents of state or federal veterans facilities and also to groups of mental patients under supervision of adult leaders. The disabled veterans can fish as individuals, but leaders of mental patient groups must themselves have valid resident fishing licenses.

✦ Physically handicapped Norwegian men are now being trained as garage attendants at the State Rehabilitation Institute in Trondheim, *News of Norway* reports. They receive training at a fully equipped service station built by Norske Esso, a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey. Students are selected from the institute's mechanical training department. The fifteen-week course covers a variety of practical and theoretical subjects. The twin purpose is to ease the shortage of skilled auto service station personnel and to return the handicapped to gainful employment.

In a related branch of social care, Norway's first course for mothers of children afflicted with cerebral palsy was recently held at Frambu, a recreation home near Oslo. The object of the twelve-day stay at Frambu was to demonstrate proper care of palsied children and to brief the twenty-three participants on services and benefits provided under Norway's comprehensive social-security system. Between lectures and demonstrations by experts, the mothers went on excursion to Oslo and a boat trip to Aarhus, Denmark, while a staff of babysitters looked after their children. For most of them this was the first holiday in years.

✦ Teenagers in Babylon, New York, are being asked to help extend the social life of retarded children. Mrs. Don B. Carlisle of Lindenhurst, junior advisor of the Babylon Town auxiliary to the Suffolk Chapter of Retarded Children, said the teenagers would replace college students who had volunteered as counselors' helpers at the day camp at Phelps Lane Park last summer.

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# NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Day Camping**, Irving M. Cowle. Burgess Publishing Company, 426 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis 15. Pp. 314, illustrated. \$5.45.

**T**HE AUTHOR is the owner-operator, with his wife, of a very successful and well-run day camp. He has written this as a handbook to instruct and to encourage other individuals or couples interested in this occupation as a life-work. It is based upon his years of experience and is, as he notes in his foreword, a meticulous, detailed account of just how *he* goes about the job of operating the camp, and what methods have worked out best.

While related primarily to private day-camp operation, the various chapters on site selection and the selection and training of leaders will be helpful to leaders in organization day camps. The book's only fault—if it can be called a fault—is that it conforms almost *too* closely to the author's immediate camp situation, which is in many ways unique. For a prospective operator of a private day camp, it will be a very useful book, however. Mr. Cowle includes sample forms he uses.

**The Camp Counselor's Book**, Mary L. Northway and Barry G. Lowes, Editors. Burgess Publishing Company, 426 South 6th Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota. Pp. 146, Paper, \$2.75.

**T**HE supervisor of research at the Institute of Child Study in Toronto and the president of the Ontario Camping Association asked former camp counselors to write the various chapters of this book. It is interesting to see that every one of those former camp counselors is now a director of some well-known camp.

This book is one of the few really interesting, very readable books written specifically for the new camp counselor. It has a relaxed, informal air about it. Responsibility is not minimized but it is not made into a big, grave, serious matter. The writers imply, "Sure, there'll be problems. Just use common sense, try to figure out what the child really is saying through his actions—and *enjoy* him! You're going to have a fine time!"

The chapter on "Your Campers and Nature" will convince any young counselor that he knows lots more than he thinks he does. "A Counselor's Typical Day" is a little gem. Barry Lowes succeeds in his attempt to "point out some

of the important little extra things that make the difference between an excellent counselor and one who just does an adequate job." Perhaps they're obvious, but what other book gives such specifics as:

"If the campers tend to pair off, walk with the loner, the one who is left out."

"Treat bed-wetting matter-of-factly, as an accident that could happen to anyone."

"Never, never, never withhold food. Food is not a privilege, it is a right."

"Of one thing you can be certain: At some time during the summer, it is going to rain."

"Don't be what I call a 'pull-chain' counselor; that is, one who hurries his campers into bed, pulls the light out, and disappears."

Mary Northway's chapter on "Understanding Your Campers" is worth the price of the book and more. Any counselor who reads and heeds the gentle wisdom and advice she gives will find the road to understanding the child is much smoother and more pleasant. Every chapter in this book could be used for quoting and for praise. The finest thing about them all is the *encouragement* that is behind the words of every author.—V. M.

**Camping Family Guide to Campsites** (revised edition). C. S. Hammond and Company, Maplewood, New Jersey. Pp. 383. Paper, \$2.50.

**T**HIS POCKET-SIZE GUIDE contains state and area maps giving camping locations across the United States in national forests, state forests, state and national parks and monuments, reservoir areas, city parks, and so on. Sites are pinpointed, routes numbered, approaches described.

Information about each is given in a brief text, the recreation areas of each state described, with tips given on canoe and pack trips. Handy to use, complete in coverage, this should be helpful in planning a successful and carefree vacation for yourself, your family or group in the coming year.

**Science Experiments with Sound**, Harry Sootin. Norton and Company, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York 10003. Pp. 95. \$2.95.

**W**ITH THIS publication, the author successfully brings the science of sound within the expanding scope of science for recreation programs. Experiments are graphically presented for older boys and girls especially, as well

as for others who are just getting started. Do you want to know how and an "echo," how pitch and quality sound are produced, the how and of many other aspects of sound? answers are simply demonstrated. materials required for experiments slight and inexpensive. Moreover, experiments may be easily related to music program as well as science reation program.

**Recreation for the Mentally Retarded. Attendant Training Project**, Southern Regional Education Board, Sixth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30312. Pp. 200. \$1.50.

This well-written and illustrated handbook was developed as part of "Attendant Training Project," supported by research grant MH-644 from the National Institute of Mental Health.

It focuses upon recreation activities which can be carried out by attendant personnel in residential facilities for the mentally retarded. It should prove valuable to leaders and teachers working with the retarded in day-care centers, schools, camps, and social clubs.

Every attempt was made to keep material simple and practical. This handbook includes chapters on "weekend recreation" for the retarded, the role of the attendant in providing recreation, selecting activities to fit the retarded, fundamental rules in conducting the program, and lists of activities such as active games, music and rhythms, quiet and table games, and crafts, and homemade games and equipment. A number of experts in college recreation, institutional administration and activities for the retarded contributed to the handbook.—Mort Thompson, Ed.D., National Recreation Association Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped.

## ERRATA

• ERRATA. *with apologies*: The review of Dr. Lynn Rodney's new book, *Administration of Public Recreation*, on Page 49 of the January issue of RECREATION, carried an incorrect title and a repeated line in the first paragraph. This is inexcusable we know, but we hope to be forgiven. This was the issue of RECREATION that survived the printing plant fire, and on this we rest our case—not as an excuse but as an explanation.

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**The North American Indian**, The, Shirley K. Harper & Row, 49 E. 33rd St., New York 10016. Unpagged. \$3.95.

**Falcon Her Bells**, Phillip Glasier. E. P. Dutton, 201 Park Ave. S., New York 10003. Pp. 23. \$5.95.

**Seashore**, W. W. Robinson. Ward Ritchie, Hyperion Ave., Los Angeles 27. Pp. 54.

**Wildlife**, Edwin Way Teale. Viking Press, 625 Madison Ave., New York 10022. Pp. 56. \$15.00.

**Walker's Guide**, Dick Smith and Frank Van Hook. Lone Book Co., Menlo Park, Calif. Pp. 2. Paper, \$1.95.

**Wax and Social Life of Honeybees**, The, C. R. Sells. Dover Publ., 180 Varick St., New York 10011. Pp. 352. Paper, \$2.00.

**Ways of Pathfinding**, Robert S. Owendorf. Pole Co., Cameron & Kelker Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. Pp. 96. \$2.95.

**Wings**, Norma Stillwell. Doubleday, 277 Park Ave. N.Y. 10017. Pp. 194. \$4.95.

**The New York Area**, John Bull. Harper & Row, 49 E. 33rd St., New York 10016. Pp. 23. \$8.95.

**The World**, Hans Hvass. E. P. Dutton, 201 Park Ave. S., New York 10003. Pp. 210.

**A Forest**, Millicent E. Selsam. Harper and Row, 49 E. 33rd St., New York 10016. Unpagged. \$2.50.

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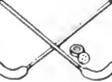
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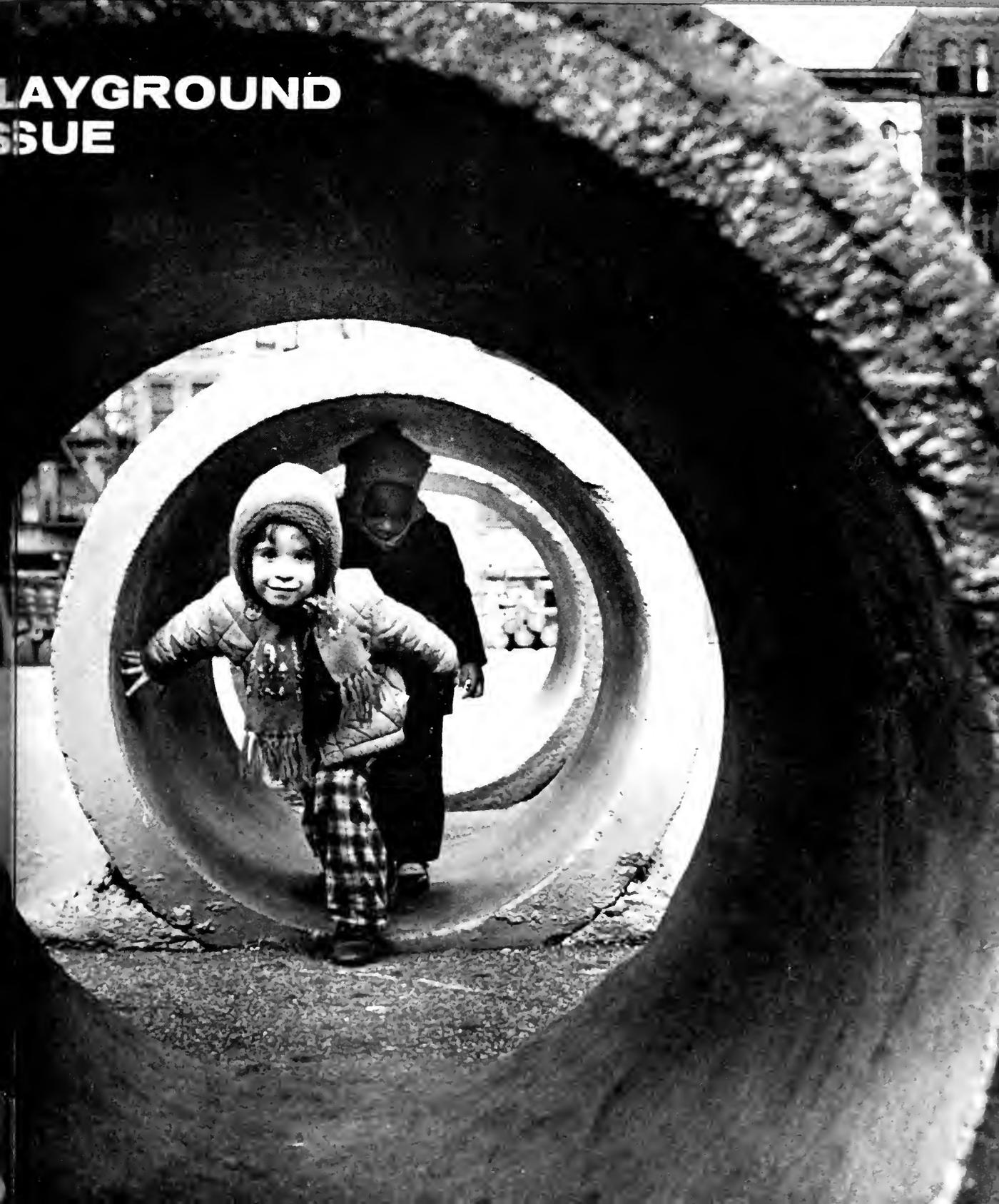
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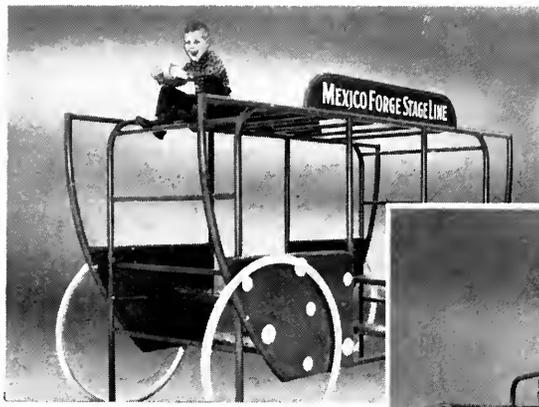
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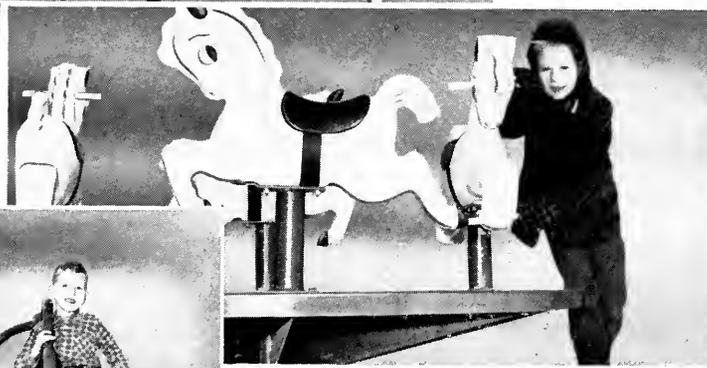
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**DOWN THE RABBIT**  
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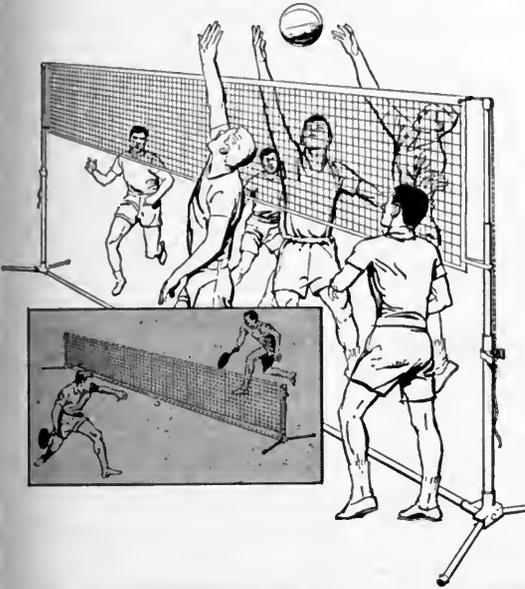
Exciting is the word for th issue of RECREATION There emphasis on senior-citizens grams, of course, for May is Citizens Month. But that's r . . . an editorial by the Na Recreation Association's ne sociate director responsible f volunteer services, R. Roy Rus set forth some of his thinki "volunteership" as related t reation, and will enable read know him better; while an : by Garson Meyer, president National Council on the Agri "Voluntarism in Retirement" points out the dramatic chang are undergoing in our conc today's elderly person. A stir ing article, on "Modern Th Concepts and Community Dr. by Siebolt Frieswyk, NRA co ant on the performing arts. an account of new theaters.

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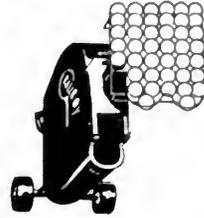
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# Playgrounds Build for the New Era

*This editorial was written by Howard Braucher—recreation pioneer and, at the time of his death, president of the National Recreation Association—for the playground issue of RECREATION, April 1932, some thirty years ago. It still holds true today. In 1945, Mr.*

*Braucher wrote, "We have passed out of the pre-atomic age. We do not yet know the world that is to be, but we do know that recreation has a deep, significant, abiding contribution to make."*

*The year 1966 will be the 60th birthday year of the NRA.*

**T**HE PRODUCTION of things in great abundance, in the era just ended thought essential to happiness.

So we rushed and hurried in our manufacture of things. We produced such abundance that we cared not for waste. We were swept along in a carnival of wasting things easily produced.

Now we see that enduring satisfactions are not mainly dependent upon having many things—in great quantity.

We are turned back upon ourselves—whether our capital resources be great or small; we are turned back upon what is within us—upon our own skills and our own capacities, upon what we can *do* rather than upon what we have or possess.

The playground is primarily a place for developing power to *do*. Swimming, skating, running, playing games, acting, singing, making kites, building model airplanes, observing nature, are not dependent on costly material things but rather upon power to do, upon individual skill.

Helping the individual child to do well and happily what he most wants to do now and will want to do later—is preeminently the task of the playground.

So in this changing from the old industrial era of overproduction of things to the new era in which there is to be thought for the consumer—for living and for culture—we turn more than before to the playgrounds and the play leaders.

We think, what is it that men, women, children most like to *do* when they are free to do what they please, what activity gives the most enduring satisfaction? What is the minimum of facilities needed; but even more, what is the playground under leadership that will give a degree of mastery, of achievement, that will make possible the maximum of satisfaction?

We turn to the playground as a means of fitting children through their happy activities to acquire habits of "living" every day, every week, every year, habits that not only give skill and self-control for a future always ahead but which right in the present, at very low cost, give within themselves power for life eternal, vital living, for keeping young.

Mastery over living may in considerable measure be independent of what one possesses outside oneself—if one has been led from childhood to develop enough within. The development of activity, skills, power, vitality, with leadership is the preeminent task of the one who leads children in their play.

More and more in the new era, play leaders and parents will work together in doing just this—making to children the greatest possible gift—the gift of the power to have the center of one's own doing, one's own living, and one's own control, within and not without oneself.

## Save the Grand Canyon! Open letter to conservationists:

On January 6, 1965 the Pacific Northwest Water Plan was introduced on the floor of the Senate. This plan calls for the construction of a pair of dams which will back the waters of the Colorado River into a ninety-three-mile reservoir, the Grand Canyon National Monument. Why does the Department of the Interior want to make a "bathtub" of one of the seven wonders of the world? The answer is power, power to sell to local areas which will subsequently subsidize the cost of water diversion further downstream. Let us ask ourselves, "Has the eighty dollar' come to mean so much we willingly accede to the destruction of our national heritage?"

Where was the publicity? Where is the debate on an issue so basic to the American heritage? In Phoenix, Arizona, November 9, 1964, public hearings were held on this issue. In the wake of the Presidential campaign none of our national news magazines even reported that they had been held. Can the excellent timing be accidental? Let's become informed, let's make ourselves heard on this issue. Each of us could affirm a personal dedication to this story to anyone who will listen, for every American should have the opportunity to "stand and be counted" on this issue. Should we choose to remain silent and oblivious, how shall we explain this to a generation that will see a reservoir where once there was a mighty canyon? How will we live with the awesome realization that the Grand Canyon, so powerfully reflected in our art, music and literature is a mute sacrifice to "progress"?

Today, we must ask our legislators to find another solution. If we fail today, tomorrow each of us must answer the question: "Information is available from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D.C. The Colorado Mountain Club (1400 Josephine, Denver) has prepared a brief proposal. Now is the time to stand and be counted. Who will defend our heritage if each of us does not assume our individual responsibility to be heard?"

ANNIE KAY HALLECK, Director of Physical Education, Havana Community Unit School, Havana, Illinois.

## File

Enjoyed [Anne New's] "Toward Understanding Leisure" [January]. It is a truly crystallized phrasology on a

lot of ideas for which I was groping. I put it in the file I carry to "hunt for ideas" when I know I am going to have to speak more or less extemporaneously and I'll certainly give full credit.

It's common to tell a speaker how much you enjoyed a talk but I fear we are sadly negligent in taking time to write even a short note when a person produces such a thought-provoking article.

C. O. BROWN, *American Amateur Baseball Congress, Battle Creek, Michigan.*

## Valuable Adjunct

Sirs:

I have taken a little page from my experience as a Rotarian and applied it to the use of the RECREATION Magazine with interesting results. Other recreation executives may want to do the same.

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tion on the information contained in each article and each department. If any of the directors asked if they could borrow my copy of the magazine, we receive ten copies of this magazine as an adjunct to our service, I made the following suggestion that our superintendent work out a plan to share their magazine with those in their division of Physical Education. Even a good magazine needs a little publicity plug occasionally!

NATHAN L. MALLISON, Superintendent of Recreation, Jacksonville

### Encore!

Sirs:

The publication of my article "Magic Yo-Yo," January 1965, was most helpful to me. In fact I have received letters from various parts of the country, including the Playground Recreation Commission of East St. Louis, Illinois, requesting copies of the magazine, a result of having read the article.

HERBERT ROTHGARBER, Free Press, New York.

### Issue Raised

Sirs:

I note [in your February issue on the "Letters" page] that Dr. E. Ziegler has taken issue with some aspects of my review of his book, *Philosophical Foundations for Physical Health, and Recreation Education* viewed in RECREATION, January 1965. With all respect for Dr. Ziegler's scholarship, I must strongly disagree with his statement that "recreation education" is "education for recreation" and does not refer to professional preparation for recreational leadership.

The largest department of professional preparation in this field is at East (State University of New York) Cortland) has the title of "Recreation Education." In addition, the AAHPER Conference report, *Professional Preparation in Health Education, Physical Education and Recreation* (see Pages 84-102) uses the "recreation education" specifically and exclusively to mean professional preparation in this field. What Dr. Ziegler refers to as part of general education is properly described as "education for leisure."

RICHARD KRAUS, Advisor, Graduate Recreation Curriculum, Teachers College, Columbia University.

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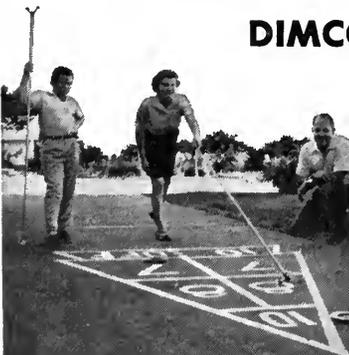
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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ARK, recreation, and conservation leaders were honored at the 36th Annual Medal Awards luncheon of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society in February. The awards

*Gold Medal of the Society* to **Kenneth Keating**, former U.S. Senator from New York, who has authored or cosponsored key legislation in the areas of scenic and historic preservation for local and general public benefit. *Horace Marden Albright Scenic Preservation Medal* to **Stewart Lee Hill**, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, for his outstanding leadership in the field of conservation and preservation of our country's natural resources.

*George McAneny Historic Preservation Medal* to **Professor James Van Derpool**, executive director of the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the city of New York, for his dedication to the task of organizing public support for the preservation of historic buildings remaining in the city.

*Gold Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal* to **Harold Pegram Fabian**, of Lake City, for his contribution to

the National Parks System as chairman of the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments to the Secretary of the Interior.

*The Silver Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal* to **U. W. Hella** of St. Paul, Minnesota, director of the Division of State Parks for Minnesota, for his noteworthy service in this capacity.

*The Bronze Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal* to **Daniel L. Flaherty** of Chicago, retired general superintendent of the Chicago Park District, for his important contributions to this important park area.

*Citations of Merit for Notable Achievement in the Field of Scenic and Historic Preservation* to **Virginia Daiker** of the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress and to **Diana Prior-Palmer**, national coordinator of the American Landmarks Celebration, both of Washington, D.C.

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Three recreation interns from Philadelphia, **Carol Peterson**, **Fred Swan**, and **Ronald Freed**, and their supervisor, **Joseph Brown**, recently visited National Recreation Association headquarters in New York City, meeting various members of the NRA staff, discussing problems and Association services.

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The Washington State Parks and Rec-



**Plans for the 47th National Recreation Congress!** The Policy and Program Committees for the 47th Congress, to be held in Minneapolis October 3-8, recently met in the host city to work on arrangements. Seen, left to right, are Sidney Lutzin, president-elect, American Recreation Society; Ralph Wilson, first vice-president; Beverly Sheffield, chairman, National Advisory Council, National Recreation Association; Richard J. Jorgensen, assistant director of recreation, Minneapolis; Lauric Fredrickson, president, Minnesota Recreation and Park Association; Joseph Pedergast, executive director, NRA; Charles M. Christiansen, Congress secretary; Roy R. Butler, executive director, ARS; Peter Ranich, chairman, NRA Great Lakes District Advisory Committee; Milo F. Christiansen, president, Federation of National Professional Organizations for Recreation. Other members of the Policy and Program Committees not shown are Stewart Case, ARS president; Russell Johnson, director of recreation, Minneapolis (see also Page 161); Robert L. Horney, NRA Great Lakes district representative; and Burton K. Storm, representative of the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, one of the sponsors of the 47th Congress.

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recreation Department has named **James E. Webster** to a newly created consultant post. Mr. Webster was formerly director of parks in Kirkland, Washington.



**Dorothea Lensch**, director of recreation for the Bureau of Parks and Recreation in Portland, Oregon, was named one of Portland's

Ten Women of Accomplishment for 1964. She has been director in Portland since 1938. Commented the *Oregon Journal*, "Dorothea Lensch can go from a modern dance class to a boxing match with ease. She can discuss the Opera Association in one breath and get excited about lawn bowling in the next. Whether it is baton twirling or weaving classes, bridge lessons or weight lifting, Miss Lensch knows exactly how each municipal program is functioning at all times. [She is] never too busy to listen to a problem or take time to explain a philosophy . . . Professionally, Dorothea Lensch operates a big business—recreation for Portland [26,000 volunteers per year work on various Portland programs]. Personally, she is an individual of great achievement."

**Peter Ranich** of South Bend, Indiana, has been appointed technical assistant to the United Automobile Workers' recreation director, Olga Madar. In making the announcement, Miss Madar said, "His experience and knowledge of the broad field of recreation, as well as his background as an assembly-line worker at the Studebaker plant, will add a new dimension to the services provided by our department." For the past six years, Mr. Ranich has served as assistant recreation director for the city of South Bend. He is a former member of UAW Local 5.

In his new position, he will assist in the preparation of written discussion outlines and handbooks for staff and local union leadership regarding recreation programming and philosophy and will help draft a UAW program for community action on the federal, state, and local level to provide opportunities for constructive use of leisure time.

He will also assist in securing enactment of recreation and conservation legislation at all levels of government. Mr. Ranich is on the Board of Trustees of the National Recreation Association, chairman of NRA's Great Lakes District Advisory Committee, a member of NRA's National Advisory Committee on Performing Arts, a member of the board of directors of the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association and on the board of directors of the St. Joseph County chapter of the American Red Cross. He will work out of UAW headquarters at Solidarity House in Detroit.



The new half-million dollar recreation center in Columbus, Ohio, has been named the **N.J. Barack Center**, by resolution of the Columbus City Council, in honor of the city's recreation director, Mr. Barack is also a past-president of the Ohio Recreation Association.



**Robert Toalson**, superintendent of recreation in Oak Park, Illinois, recently received two honors. The Young Republicans of Oak Park named him Outstanding Citizen of the Year and he was given special recognition at the local Community Chest annual dinner for having carried his division to its goal. The chairman of Oak Park Recreation Board, **Mrs. Hazel Hanson**, recently received a Brotherhood Award from the Council on Christians and Jews of Oak Park.

**Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas** received the Camp Fire Club of America's Plaque of Honor, one of the nation's most respected conservation awards, at the club's 69th annual dinner in New York City. Justice Douglas, who was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939, is an experienced hunter, fisherman, hiker and mountain climber, who has shared his knowledge and love

of the outdoors with others through some twelve books. He also holds two university degrees and has made substantial contributions to legal literature.

New York's Nassau County, which is feeling the full impact of urban expansion and the population explosion, named its first superintendent of recreation, **Joseph Halper**, former director of recreation for Oceanside, New York.

**New officers** of the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association are: President **Keith K. Bruns**, Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department; President Elect, **Eddie Brown**, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department; Vice-President, **Jack Dean**, Luke Force Base; Secretary-Treasurer, **Lee Dickason**, Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. New members are **John Kelly**, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base; **Lee Stan Glendale**, Glendale Parks and Recreation Department; **Henry T. Swan**, Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. Also elected to fill unexpired terms on the board were **Joe Salvato**, Tempe Parks and Recreation Department; **Charles Richey**, Lake Mead; and **Gene R. Tucson**, Tucson Parks and Recreation Department.

## IN MEMORIAM

- **JOHN MACHOCK**, superintendent of parks in Elyria, Ohio, died in February at the age of fifty-eight. Mr. Machock who was connected in maintenance of the city parks for forty-two years of life, was well known in northwest Ohio for his work at Cascade Park.
- **KENNETH FOWELL**, director of recreation in Great Falls, Montana, died in February after a lengthy illness at the age of fifty-six. He had been director in Great Falls for nineteen years and was state softball commissioner from 1946 to 1964. He took an active interest in square dancing and was the author of two books on the subject.
- **JAMES WALLACE**, director of the V. DeVenter Youth Foundation in Jackson, Georgia, died recently of cancer suffered during a fire at the youth center which is operated by a private group.

## PROGRESS REPORT ON MERGER

**F**OLLOWING the Chicago meeting of December 5, 1964 (*announced in December, 1964 issue of RECREATION*), a meeting of board representatives of the American Institute of Park Executives, American Recreation Society, National Conference of State Parks, and National Recreation Association was held in Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia, on February 28-March 1. The boards of the AIPE, ARS, and NRA have now approved a merger, and the new organization will be known as the National Recreation and Park Association. The NCSP has resolved to "explore possibilities of the conference federating with other park and recreation organizations to strengthen park conservation while keeping the identity of the NCSP...."

It appears, therefore, that the merger is "off and running" and the end objective is within reach. The meeting was chaired by Robert W. Ruhe of the Skokie, Illinois, Park District. Present were: Frank Vaydik, AIPE; Robert A. Lobdell, AIPE; Howard W. Gregg, AIPE; Alfred B. LaGasse, AIPE; Stewart G. Case, ARS; Sidney G. Lutzin, ARS; Edward H. Thacker, ARS; Ray R. Butler, ARS; Ben H. Thompson, NCSP; Donald B. Alexander, NCSP; Dr. Luther Gulick, NRA; Robert W. Crawford, NRA; and Joseph Prendergast, NRA.

A calendar of dates for action, in accordance with agreements reached at the meeting, lines up briefly as follows:

1. *Immediately*, Messrs. Butler and LaGasse will proceed to develop a draft of constitution and bylaws for the Board of Governors, and Mr. Prendergast will proceed to develop a draft of the lay division for submission to the to-be-formed Board of Directors. Mr. Prendergast will also draft a constitution and bylaws for the NRPA together with neces-

sary charter revisions of the NRA with consultation of the other executives. All of these drafts will be coordinated by the executives into one document and submitted to each member of the Joint Committee for information and comment.

2. *Prior to April 1, 1965*, all recognized national organizations currently active in the park and recreation field are to be extended the opportunity to join the NRPA as one of the founding organizations. Interested and qualified organizations are to indicate their interest to Mr. Ruhe, chairman of the Joint Committee on Merger and appoint appropriate representatives. (Mr. Ruhe's address: Director, Skokie Park District, 4400 Grover Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077.)

The respective heads of professional organizations are to indicate the names of their founders on the Board of Governors and their preference for a place and date for the first meeting of this group.

3. *By May 4, 1965*, the Board of Governors will act on the action documents proposed by the executive directors.

The Board of Directors of the lay division will convene under the direction of James Evans, Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Recreation Association, for purposes identical with those of the Board of Governors.

4. *Prior to June 1, 1965*, the organizations joining in this merger shall ratify the action of the Board of Directors or Board of Governors as it affects their respective interest, lay or professional, together with the document as it relates to the Board of Trustees. Notification or ratification is to be sent to Mr. Evans since he is chairman of the National Recreation Association which will amend its charter to incorporate into the National Recreation and Park Association.

5. *As rapidly as possible*, the Board of Directors of the lay division is to select the laymen it wishes to have serve on the Board of Trustees, and is to notify Mr. Vaydik, Mr. Case, and Mr. Wirth, if the National Conference on State Parks joins the professional division, so the Board of Governors can avoid duplicating names of laymen already selected.

6. *Prior to July 1, 1965*, Mr. Evans will be responsible for establishing a date and place for the Board of Trustees meeting and for temporarily presiding until a permanent chairman is elected.

7. *By July 1, 1965*, those organizations ratifying the "Plan for Merger" shall take the necessary action to transfer properties and and take all legal steps necessary to effectuate the merger into the National Recreation and Park Association. Continuing obligations of the founding organizations shall be assumed by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Definitions of the terms *layman* and *professional*, to be referred to the Board of Trustees for further consideration, are:

**Layman**—a person who is not currently employed in gaining his livelihood in the field of parks and recreation and who is eligible for membership of the lay division of the National Recreation and Park Association.

**Professional**—a person who is actually engaged in gaining his livelihood in the field of parks and recreation and who is eligible for membership of the professional division of the National Recreation and Park Association.

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A statement entitled "Proposal for Merger, Statement of Implementation," dated March 1, 1965 (see preceding #7) was approved as a supplement to the "Proposal for Merger," dated December 5, 1964.

▶ WITH THE SIGNING of the Appalachia Bill (P.L.39-4) on March 9 President Johnson set into motion a \$1,100,000,000 program to invigorate the lagging economy in depressed areas in eleven states. The major thrust of the Appalachia legislation will be to open up areas of growth potential by building new highways, making areas with industrial potential and recreation potential more accessible. The program also includes grant-in-aid funds for construction of colleges, vocational schools, sewage-treatment plants, and airports.

▶ A SEVEN-DOLLAR annual fee for the new federal Recreation/Conservation sticker will enable five million Americans to save on admission fees to most federal recreation areas, including the areas administered by National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Reclamation, the Forest Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (U.S. and Mexico).

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

▶ THE WORD "Recreation" is now added to the title of the Subcommittee on National Parks [and Recreation], according to a recent announcement by Lawrence N. Stevens, associate director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. "We are especially happy that 'Recreation' has become a full partner. . . ." he stated, "It indicates recognition of the full spectrum of the outdoor recreation field."

▶ MEMORIAL. On the death of Clarence E. Brewer on December 25, 1964, Mr. Brewer's family (wife and three sons) requested that contributions be made to the National Recreation Association in lieu of flowers. Contributions have been received from neighbors, associates of David Whitney Brewer at the Detroit Public Library, associates of Donald C. Brewer at the RCA Plant in Camden, New Jersey, and friends of Fred S. Brewer of Trenton, Michigan. Accordingly, the NRA has established the Clarence E. Brewer Memorial Fund as part of its endowment. It was requested that "the money be used to aid the program on behalf of the ill and handicapped."

▶ Three new useful materials called to the attention of the public by the Citizens Committee for the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission Report, are:

- "The New Horizons for Conservation and Outdoor Recreation"—an address by Laurance S. Rockefeller which challenges the conservation movement to make effective use of the

new tools now available for outdoor recreation action. Write to Citizens Committee for the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C., or see RECREATION, November 1964.

- Two reprints from the *Reader's Digest*—one suggesting techniques of citizen action in preserving natural areas, and one describing Minneapolis' pay-as-you-go park-financing program. Extra copies of both are available from the *Digest*, Pleasantville, New York.

- *Focus on Clean Water—An Action Program for Community Organizations*—prepared by U. S. Public Health Service and available for \$.20 from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

▶ THE Lifetime Sports Foundation, a new organization dedicated to "the fitness of youth and sports that last a lifetime" and headed by Bud Wilkinson, was announced recently. The new sports foundation gained immediate recognition with the endorsement of President Lyndon B. Johnson, whose supporting message was read at the press luncheon announcement at the Park Lane Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Wilkinson, consultant to President Kennedy on physical fitness, and former director of the President's Coun-

cil on Physical Fitness, described the planned program for the new foundation as follows: "The foundation will work with schools, youth-serving agencies and recreation organizations to assist them in improving their intramural and competitive programs and sports which can be played and enjoyed throughout life."

▶ FIVE FORMER LEADERS of street gangs will be employed and given on-the-job training in a juvenile-delinquency prevention program as part of a research project that is being supported by a \$15,648 grant to the Institute for Social Science Research of San Francisco State College, according to Dr. J. M. Winston, U. S. Commissioner of Welfare. The grant was awarded by the Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Development of the Welfare Administration, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, in cooperation with the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency.

The ex-gang leaders will be employed by the Youth for Service agency in San Francisco to help prevent and control delinquency. They will do this by establishing contact with street gangs and working with them informally through their own hangouts. The Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Development awards grants for demonstration and training projects which investigate new approaches to prevention and control programs to counteract delinquency.

▶ WORLD PARKS. Proceedings of the First World Conference on National Parks, held in Seattle, Washington, July 1962, are now available. More than three hundred representatives from sixty-three nations participated in the six-day conference. "Never before in the history of conservation so many different speakers talked about so many aspects of parks," the foreword to the 505-page book points out. "They discussed the effect of man on the wildlife of the Antarctic, the probable extinction of the rhinoceros, the religious significance of parks in the East, the international supervision of boundary parks, and the economic benefits of parks in encouraging tourism. They spoke about the emotional meaning of wilderness areas to man, the important role of parks in scientific studies, and considered practical problems of park management. The substance of their comments covered the general theme of the conference: National Parks Are of International Significance. Copies of the proceedings may be purchased for \$1.75 a copy, from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

## COMING EVENTS

**Joint Planning Conference, American Society of Planning Officials and Community Planning Association of Canada, April 25-29, Royal York Hotel, Toronto.** For further information, write ASPO, 1313 East 60th Street, Chicago 60637.

**National Play Tennis Week, May 2-8.** Sponsored by the United States Lawn Tennis Association, 120 Broadway, New York 10005.

**National Music Week, May 2-9.** Sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs, Suite 1215, 600 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 60605.

**15th Annual Southwestern Recreation Leaders' Laboratory, May 3-8, Arrowhead Lodge Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.** For further information, write to Mrs. Leo Haynes, 1532 Dartmouth, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Illinois State Square Dance Convention, May 28-30, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.** Details and housing information from H. R. Gass, 516 North Wille, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

# A CITY OF WATER AND ICE

*Minneapolis enjoys a varied outdoor  
recreation program*



*Kim Lake Calhoun in preparation for the sailing regatta that is one of the highlights of Minneapolis Aquatennial in July.*

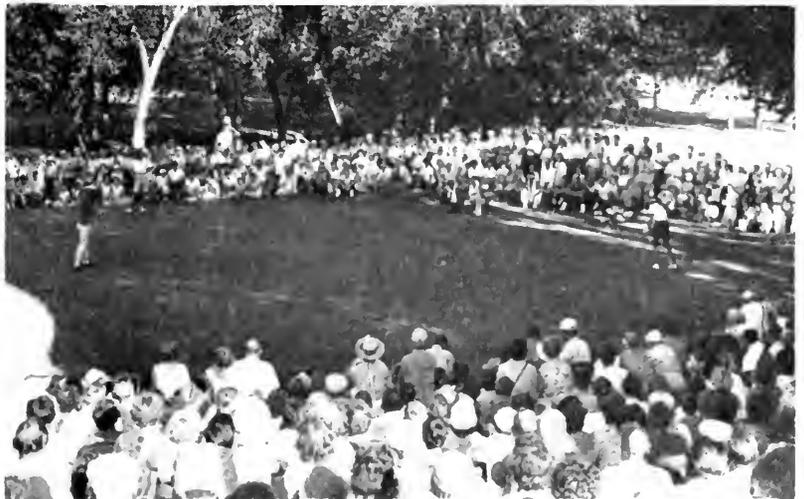
**Russell H. Johnson**



**W**HEN YOU HAVE water, water everywhere, you have the makings of an excellent year-round outdoor recreation program. And

Minneapolis is truly a city of water by very name: *minne* being a Sioux Indian word for *water* and *polis*, a Greek word for *city*. The recreation division of the Minneapolis Park Board has capitalized the city's magnificent natural

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*The 18th green at Hiwatha Golf Course during the American Women's Professional Open. Park board conducts indoor golf schools during winter months.*

resources—twenty-two lakes dotted over the 5,554 acres of its 153 parks—to establish a topnotch water-based program. Whether as participant or spectator, many thousands of Minneapolis citizens each year take part in and enjoy the varied recreation opportunities.

Come summer, there is nothing quite like a dip in a cool city lake on a hot day. Swimming is popular in Minneapolis. Pools are fine and Minneapolis has one. However, in most cities pools serve as the *only* source for water sports. In Minneapolis, the beauty and the great practical use of the many in-town lakes makes this recreation activity a particularly enjoyable one. A million and a half swimmers used the sixteen supervised beaches last summer.

Water activities are not confined to the swimmers. Sailboating and canoeing have their active followers. A familiar weekend scene on Calhoun, located only ten minutes from the heart of the loop, is a billowing skyline of sailboats competing in supervised regattas. And what could offer a more romantic setting for a young couple than taking a canoe ride at sundown on Lake of the Isles? It happens every day in Minneapolis.

During the winter, ice-skating facilities are maintained at seventy rinks, fifty-seven of which have warming houses. Ice boating and fishing are popular sports on the frozen lakes, and the sloping terrain of the parks offers a natural setting for tobogganing. Minneapolis has one of the three Olympic-sized speed skating tracks in the country, located on Lake Harriet. Olympic trials and frequent national and international meets are held here, including the colorful 10,000 Lakes meet each February. Over two hundred local skaters from seven clubs compete in meets

each Saturday and Sunday. An annual feature, over the Christmas holidays, is the Silver Skates event, which has launched many youngsters on speed-skating careers.

Skiing seems to be gaining momentum everywhere these days, and nowhere does it command a more active or dedicated group than in Minneapolis. The park board maintains two lighted ski slides and a rope tow at Theodore Wirth Park. Co-recreational classes in the park board ski school, recognized as one of the country's finest, are held each evening and Saturdays. Last winter, the number of ski students reached 827 adults and 502 juniors, with a total participation of 10,953. Ski jumping meets, held each Sunday in conjunction with private clubs, attracting over a hundred skiers from the Upper Midwest area. John Balfanz, a member of the U.S. Olympic ski jumping team, got his start at Wirth.

Hockey is another popular winter sport in this northern climate. Minneapolis has thirty-three lighted outdoor rinks. In its playground sports program there are 167 boys teams playing over six hundred scheduled games. Because of the wide number of youths competing on high-school and college teams in the city, it is important to maintain a program where they can continue to play hockey after graduation. There are, as a result, forty-five sponsored adult teams in Minneapolis, which play down to an annual state senior tournament at the arena.

**O**THER OUTDOOR facilities in Minneapolis are also in heavy use. Public links golf in Minneapolis has enjoyed a long and historic tradition. The park board maintains five 18-hole municipal courses and one 9-hole par-3 course, which accommodated a total of 276,991 rounds in 1964. So great is the weekend traffic at Gross, Hiawatha, Meadowbrook, Wirth, and Columbia courses that reservations start at 6 AM. The condition of these courses is a source of pride to all city golfers. Last year the National Public Links tournament was conducted at Gross, attracting a splendid field from forty-seven states and daily galleries of enthusiastic fans.

Women are active in golf, too. In 1960 and 1961 a professional tournament, the American Women's Open, was held at Hiawatha. Eleven city clubs have a membership of eight hundred who compete in weekly club events, city-wide tournaments and the Women's Public Links.

A renewed surge of tennis interest is the result of an expansive instruction program. The city has two hundred courts. Nicollet Field, where the majority of the meets are held, has times been the site of the National Public Parks tournament. In 1964 it was the International Jaycee champion and the Davis Cup Challenge Round between Australia and Chile.

Baseball and softball have long been stimulated and sponsored by the park board, which maintains 190 softball diamonds and 62 baseball fields. Softball was originated in Minneapolis back in 1895 by a fireman named I. Rober. Since then, the sport has expanded to include slow-pitch leagues with the result that over a thousand teams were competing last summer.

Baseball facilities are provided for all ages. Supervision was maintained last year for 91 city-wide and 321 private ground teams, with full schedules of playoffs. Park board fields are used in addition, by city high-school and American Legion teams.

In the fall season, football takes over. Some 134 teams competed last year on 43 fields, 12 of them lighted, and other 110 teams took part in touch football. The park board also owns and maintains Parade Stadium, a 16,500-seat structure which serves as the site for Minneapolis high-school and state-college football games.

Sports are not the only outdoor activities, however. Many claim that one of the most attractive activities the park board offers is the musical concert series. Some 350,000 persons annually attend the seventy concerts staged at Lake Harriet, Loring Park, and Minnehaha Park. The concerts, free of charge and co-sponsored by the Minneapolis Musicians Association, are a highlight of the summer season.

Minneapolis, site of the 1965 International Recreation Congress, October 3-8, is truly an outdoor paradise. Come and see for yourselves. #

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# SWEDISH MODERN



## *Stockholm's supervised play areas are a boon to mothers*

*The lure of the sandpile is international! In Sweden, a sandpie becomes "sandkaka" but, whatever its name, it evokes a familiar and gleeful response.*

MOTHERS in Stockholm have a hard time getting junior to come home at day's end. He'd much rather stay at the park, playing with his friends and learning new arts, crafts, and games from the pretty, blonde recreation leader. Not all playground leaders in Stockholm are pretty and blonde but they are lively, well-trained and carefully screened for their jobs. The city staffs city parks the year round, and sixty-four others during the summer with the park leaders who plan and execute special programs for youngsters. The original idea, which became a reality when Stockholm's mothers convinced the city fathers of its value, was to provide a supervised place where a parent could leave her family while out shopping and doing errands. This was in 1938. Now the program has developed to include not only tiny tots but children up to the age of fifteen. Swedish children don't begin their formal schooling until the age of seven, which makes the parks even more useful than they would be in countries where schooling begins earlier.

"I leave my five-year-old son here all the time," says a student mother study-

ing at the University of Stockholm. "It's a great help to know that my child is in safe hands while I'm attending classes."

The parks have myriad activities to amuse the young ones, including craft classes, art and sport contests, organized games, and play productions, plus all the regular playground facilities. The plays given by the children under the direction of the playground leader are among the most fascinating activities at the parks. They are given in open-air theaters with simple and effective sets. Audiences never fail to appreciate the youngsters' spirited performances. The city park system has props and costumes for such children's plays as "Snow White," "Sleeping Beauty," and "Little Red Riding Hood."

Even gardening is included in the program. Each park has its own small garden which the children cultivate themselves. Swedes have a great love for flower-growing and the younger set demonstrates the same green thumbs as their elders.

Fenced-off play areas are reserved for tiny tots where supervisors keep an eye on them. The supervisors have the names and addresses of all the younger children that come to the park, as each mother signs in her child, so that the attendant will know who is present.

Many parks are large enough to have their own playing fields, often used for soccer, a favorite Swedish sport. Besides soccer, Ping-Pong is very popular. Young Swedes play a special variety of Ping-Pong, where several contestants walk around the table, each taking one swat at the ball. The winner is the one who has not made any mistakes—the others are eliminated, one by one.

The biggest difficulty the recreation program has encountered is finding suitable playground leaders. The salaries, which begin at \$262 a month to a maximum of \$306, are not especially attractive to men; consequently all but a few applicants are women. Women with experience in handling children in outdoor groups are preferred, with approximately six out of ten applicants being chosen. Of these, about a third qualify because of previous experience, and the rest are employed because of promising attributes. They are given further orientation in a currently expanding training program. The attendants, most of whom have children of their own, work forty-five hours per week and receive four weeks vacation a year.

Twenty-five other Swedish towns have a similar summer program; Gothenberg, Hälsingborg, and Norrköping have year-round programs. #

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# SUPER-BLOCK PLAY AREAS

*A New York City housing project rehabilitates its recreation space*

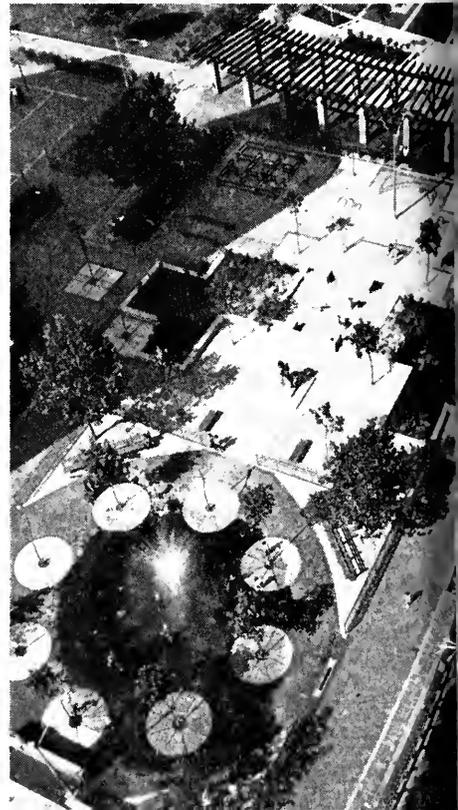
M. Paul Friedberg



*Above: Light and shadow weave fabric pattern and beauty across the pavement, terraces, steps, and green plantings. This is the children's private mountain and eminent domain.*

*Left: Bird's-eye view showing length of multi-purpose space and position of recreation areas. Project is one of the New York City Housing Authority low-income developments.*

*Below: A closer look at fountain and arrangement of interesting shapes in children's play area at far end and upper center. Take out your magnifying glass and examine this close-up.*



**T**HE MEASURE of a successful recreation area is not determined by its equipment alone. Benches, tables, and play apparatus by them-

es cannot create a fulfilling experience. The total of the environment is important. The play of spaces, relationship of forms, intricacy of patterns, tactile quality of textures: all these, and more, come together to produce a world of experience necessary for a successful recreation area. It should be a separate world, provide a different type of excitement than the workaday world, the responsibilities of the home. It is this total experience that the designer should seek to achieve: one that enlarges and heightens the life of those it seeks to attract, one that is permissive to the individual, one that has no obligation except enjoyment, relaxation, interest, and excitement.

In an area that can express this world of recreation is the site of the super-block housing project. The super-block was developed to release space when the city became more densely populated. Buildings went up, one apartment was built upon the next, and the ground not left but on was then made public for the use of residents. The concept is valid. Its execution, to date, has had many problems. The traditional approach has been to deny the very purpose which created the super-block's existence: that is, to free the land. Presently, most of the ground is covered with lawns, shrubbery, and trees. Pockets are left open for play and sitting areas. These are generally walks of limited widths that connect the entrances of buildings to the streets or the entrance of the play area to a building and/or the street. Because these projects are usually densely populated and the climatic and social environment is alien to plant life.

**Mr. FRIEDBERG, head of M. Paul Friedberg & Associates, New York City, is actively involved in the design of major housing projects, New York City parks, New York City schools, homes for the aged and federally assisted housing throughout the country, and recreation planning across the nation.**

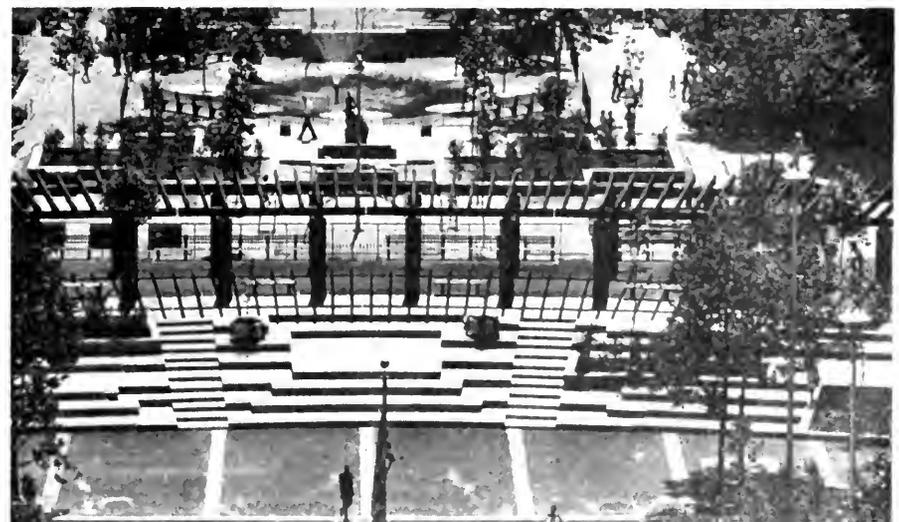


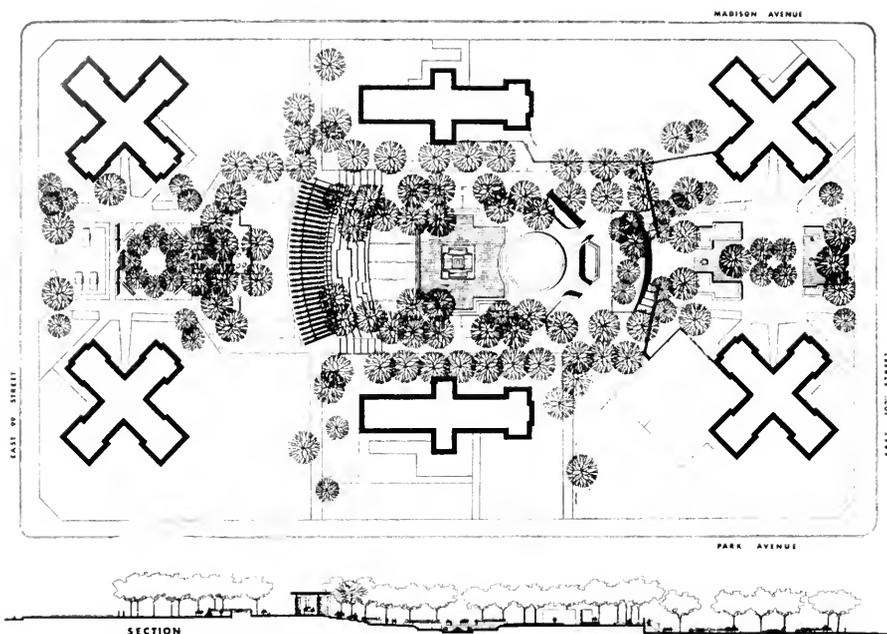
*Above: Amphitheater overlooks a plaza with large fountain in the center. Four sculptured seals spray water into pool which is used as a wading and spray pool on hot days.*



*Above: Beyond the fountain, the three textured brick walls of the amphitheater not only form the backdrop of a Greek stage but provide exciting climbing wall for boys.*

*Below: A different view of trellises and terraces. Everything is designed and built to last; only direct maliciousness could be destructive. Raised beds integrate design.*





*Above: Architect's drawing shows layout and different levels of terrain.*

*Left: Opening-day ceremonies drew two thousand neighborhood people. Note that walls of amphitheater curve and are large enough to be roofed over, to provide a refreshment stand, dressing room, or restroom.*

survival of the plant material requires a great deal of care and protection. Fences, constant policing, signs, and a high degree of maintenance are necessary. More important, the initial design, conceived to fulfill the requirements and needs of the residents, becomes confused and coercive in order to protect the plant life in a never-ending battle between the management and maintenance

departments and the residents.

Recently some attempts have been made to ameliorate these conditions. The Vincent Astor Foundation offered to sponsor an experiment which would rehabilitate an existing project. At the instigation of the board of directors of the New York City Housing Authority, a closed competition was held wherein the collaborative efforts of the firms of

Pomerance and Breines (architects) and M. Paul Friedberg and Associates (landscape architects) provided a high level of design which recognized the urban quality of the neighborhood and the requirements of the tenants. The design is predicated on permissiveness; it attempts to reestablish, reaffirm the personal identity of the tenants, eliminating the need for signs, fences, and barriers. The lands once usually covered by lawns and shrubbery are given back to the tenants. In their place are established large paved areas, raised planter areas, bosques of trees, textured walkways, terraced steps, sunbreaks, spray pool areas, and a general feeling of openness and invitation.

Interestingly enough, the new design provides as much green area as had previously existed, except now the leaves of the trees planted in close formation, the ivy and vines which are twined through the sunbreak, the densely planted masses of shrubbery and raised planter beds provide the necessary greenery. Patterns and textures weave the pavement into fabrics, exposed aggregate concrete, asphalt block, and other materials create an interest in the horizontal plane and visually soften these large paved surfaces. This radical approach regards esthetic satisfaction as its prime consideration but also proves extremely functional. An existing seven-foot difference in elevation has been developed into an amphitheater of informally terraced concrete steps with planting pockets at different terrace levels.

The children use the attractive terraced steps as their own private mountain during the daytime. This amphitheater overlooks a plaza area with a fountain in the center. The fountain is composed of four sculptural aquatic animals which spray water into a pool. During the summer the children use it as a spray pool and, at other times when the water is off, the animals provide a different play experience. It is one of the few decorative fountains existing in a public housing project.

Beyond the fountain are three textured brick walls juxtaposed to form a Greek stage. The walls are curved and large enough to be roofed over to provide a refreshment stand, a dressing

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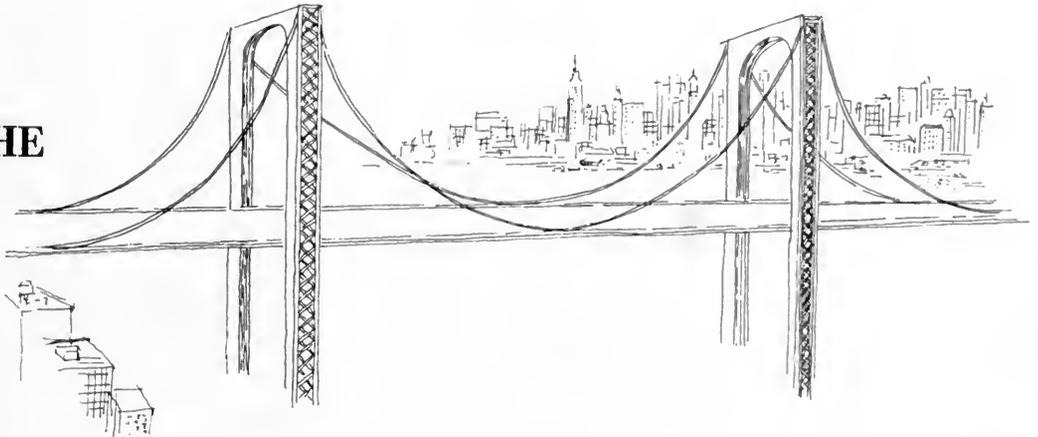
# SITE READING

*Can you realize the potential of an odd parcel of land?*

Some unusual play areas are being developed on sites that need an imaginative eye to see their potential. One such is near the curving ramps of the world's largest sus-

pension bridge, New York City's Verrazano Narrows Bridge. Other areas are being planned on transmission right-of-ways in Southern California.

## BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE



AT THE RECENT OPENING of the New York City's Verrazano Bridge few visitors knew that from amid the sea of construction along Fort Hamilton Parkway, a new playground—designed for the future—will emerge. On a ten-acre site near the majestic suspension bridge's curving ramps, new ideas—that have been studied for a number of years—will soon become a reality. The New York City Department of Parks' standards for construction of parks and playgrounds in general are being revised and updated in design, materials, and construction methods.

In the Narrows Bridge Playground, court-games areas will blend into curving play areas for younger children, quiet-games areas for older people, and a formal setting for flagpole commemorating Giovanni di Verrazano. The children's areas will include shower walls and basins; climbing areas, new shapes and sculptures, colored pavements, and the traditional swings, slides, and seesaws.

Shaded areas will zigzag across a climbing wall. Mothers' sitting areas will be nearby under groves of trees with planters cut into the playground at several points. The line of fencing around the ten tennis courts has been varied by staggering the courts. Sitting areas along Fort Hamilton Parkway have been imaginatively designed. The recreation building, set 45° to the axis, builds up to a gently sloping shelter.

At Mill Basin in Brooklyn, contract plans are being completed for a considerably larger area permitting a full-size baseball field, softball field, and football field. The playground area, at one corner, will again follow an imaginative design approach. Here, children will have traditional

and new equipment organized into several areas along with sandpits and shower basins.

The analysis of a New York City playground requires the careful consideration of many factors. The average site should, and, in fact, generally must, serve all age groups. Several activities need areas about as standard as the metric bar in Paris. Softball, basketball, and handball courts for teenagers, forcibly squared up to the city's rigid street pattern and enclosed by fencing, are natural targets for critics of the great expanses of pavement. In the remainder of the playground, the designer has much more freedom.

As a pilot project, plans have recently been studied for a typical three-acre city block. An asphalt softball area is dished in the center for artificial freezing for ice skating. At one end, the field is surrounded by trees and grass areas. At the other end, a raised platform for a pleasant sitting area serves as a shelter with trees growing up from below through holes in the surface. At the center of the area, a 50'-by-100' swimming pool, sculpture grove, and children's areas are planned both above and below grade. A recreation building for the pool has gamerooms opening off the platform at the second floor. Other studies include bridging streets with wide bridges similar to the above platform design.

Changes are being made in building, shelter, apparatus, and bench design. Surfacing and color are being studied. Utility details will not be revised except in relation to new materials and construction methods.

The city park department respects the standards that it served so well but recognizes that it is time for change. The designer will have new standards but still the right and

duty to use them with imagination.—NEWBOLD MORRIS, *Commissioner of Parks, New York City.*

## POWER-LINE PLAYGROUND

THE Southern California Edison Company has a system of transmission right-of-ways emanating from the Huntington Beach generating station. They pass through the cities of Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Westminster, Garden Grove, Anaheim, Stanton, and various parts of Orange and other counties throughout Southern California. Towers are approximately a hundred feet high and are located about 1320 feet apart. The right-of-way owned by the Edison Company is two hundred feet wide, and although municipal green-belt development of the area is a relatively new departure for the company, they have demonstrated a willingness to explore all the potential uses of the area. They are still groping for policies to guide this new use, but stress that any development allowed will be based on the individual transmission needs of that particular portion of the right-of-way.

In the city of Fountain Valley the first steps into development of a right-of-way were guided by planning director Stan Mansfield and city administrator Ed McDonald in 1962. A subdivider agreed to participate in the plan, and the Edison Company gave the city a lease for a ten-year period. All future negotiations will be separate considerations. A park development plan was drawn, and was approved by the city council and the Edison Company. It was then graded and fenced by the city, while the developer contributed \$6,500 to the project. An irrigation system was installed, grass planted, and three picnic tables, tetherball pole, and volleyball standards added. All metal equipment had to be grounded, adding about \$20 to the installation cost. With the addition of a recreation equipment storage bin, the area was operated last summer as one of three city playgrounds. A major limitation was shade and shelter, but most activities were conducted successfully.

The area is not being used as a supervised playground now, but Fountain Valley will install a slide, climber and swings. Also, bids have been received for concrete walkways, picnic tables, and bench pads and are awaiting council action. Trees will be purchased, and a home-owners association has volunteered a twelve-man crew to provide the labor.

Maximum development of the Edison right-of-way

throughout Fountain Valley would involve forty-thousand acres of usable land, estimated with development cost \$252,000. To acquire this land would cost over \$340,000 at current land values of \$23,000 per acre.

The new master park plan for Fountain Valley calls for right-of-way property adjacent to schools to be leased and developed first, hopefully in the same irrigation contract as that of the school. Other portions would be leased and developed as funds become available. Future development will follow an existing pattern of requesting adjacent land developers to contribute a pro-rated share of improvement costs. This pattern has met no opposition.

Five other agencies appear interested in developing right-of-way areas. Anaheim has a proposed plan but has not yet presented it for Edison approval. Huntington Beach and Westminster are also studying possibilities within their cities. Montebello's plan has been approved, but it has not yet moved to develop the site. The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Westminster is also exploring the use of the right-of-way as a school playground.

Developing right-of-way property:

- Provides much needed green-belt or park-like area for individual and family activities.
- Utilizes land area to fullest potential.
- Improves appearance of land and provides esthetic and visual relief from urban development.
- Reduces expenditures for parkland acquisition, thereby freeing funds for early capital improvements on other parks or right-of-ways.
- Increases property value of adjacent land.
- Purchase of adjacent land would increase usability of right-of-way.

The disadvantages include:

- The somewhat restricted development and activities. Permanent buildings are not as yet permitted, but a request is pending for use of a portable structure of Edison Company design, height, and recommended building materials.
- The possibility of the Edison Company terminating the agreement and resultant loss of park area and development costs.
- The buzzing of power lines which annoys or frightens some individuals.
- The lease agreement cost which is variable and determined by potential development of each parcel.—RALPH LAUDENSLAYER, *Director of Parks and Recreation, Fountain Valley, California.*

MY MAIN educational work has been for playgrounds, meaning such forests, mountains, oceans, and brooks, not omitting backyards, roofs, and vacant lots, and playgrounds proper, together with the facilities, obstructions, hazards, sunsets,

human inspiration and suggestions appurtenant thereto, as may provide the fullest opportunity for boys and girls to grow up as human beings according to the curriculum that nature has marked out.

—JOSEPH LEE.



sculptured play pieces and animals have become an important part of our better play areas. These miniature Percherons inhabit a forested playland area in Opelika, Alabama.



The atmosphere should create for the child the feeling of being an accepted explorer. In this tree creation set up in Kansas City, Missouri, the child evokes a primitive era.

# PLANNING PLAY AREAS

*Designers and developers of playground equipment must be ever conscious of the world of make-believe*

**Donald Bridgeman, D.P.E.**

Dr. Donald Bridgeman, who has just returned from a personal survey of playgrounds from coast to coast, here presents some of the observations and ideas garnered on that trip. His study will form the basis for a playground manual being prepared by the National Recreation Association for the U. S. Corps of Engineers for use in planning and construction of playgrounds on Army family installations. A licensed pilot, Dr. Bridgeman visited many areas in his private plane and took innumerable photographs in both black and white and in color. These will be utilized for the development of a series of filmstrips with manuals related to various aspects of playgrounds, such as layout, construction of equipment, functional value of types of equipment, and supervision.

ROBERT Louis Stevenson in the second verse of his poem "The Swing" has captured the child's world of imagination:

*Up in the air and over the wall  
Till I can see so wide  
Rivers and trees and cattle and all  
Over the countryside.*

Playground equipment designers and landscape architects should ever be cognizant of this world of make-

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believe. The facilities for play which they contribute to the community should be designed to ever stimulate and release the creativity inherent within each child. The basic design, the selection of the construction materials, ultimate color, and even the final orientation of the play pieces to the natural environment should focus on this objective. They should release the participant's mental and emotional energies as well as the physical energies.

Practical problems of safety, durability, maintenance, and the need for supervision must still be considered and designed into the basic play idea. Nevertheless, success of the play concept must be predicated on the hypothesis that these practical problems will be dealt with only after the fundamental objective of meeting the needs and expectations of growing children has received primary consideration. These concepts, although nebulous in nature, must be approached in specific meaningful ways. This article will deal with only four of these: shape, proportion, color, and orientation.

## SHAPE

THE basic design of equipment and areas should appeal to the esthetic sense of sight. This is not to say that attempts have not been made in this direction, but too often play areas I have seen have the appearance of those institutions generally reserved for those we have found necessary to remove from society. Standards for beauty that are accepted as a part of our culture, whether they be from the school advocating flowing lines or the college of intricate

geometric pattern, should be respected. It may be necessary to sacrifice small allotments of space so that fences, isolating areas may follow an irregularity of pattern in keeping with the natural environment in contrast to the traditional fenced plots. I saw simple sand retainer walls, designed as a symmetrical part of the play area, serving, in addition to their primary function, as a winding challenge to the youngsters who mount and walk on them. They also provided a seat for the supervising mother.

The sense of touch and the pleasures associated with it are often overlooked in an age that caters primarily to the senses of sight and hearing. Yet we have only to watch small children as they run their hands over irregular objects, pausing to linger where the esthetic sense is pleasing and quickly speeding by the surface that awakens no response, to recognize the importance of nurturing this inherent pleasure. This brings to my mind the beautiful sculptured play pieces or animals that have become an important part of our better play areas. I remember a small two-dimensional boy's head on a restroom door where I saw dozens of boys stop and use their index finger to trace the irregular part through the boy's wavy hair.

### PROPORTION

**T**HE PRINCIPLE of proportion should receive careful consideration as it is a matter of ultimate importance in the world of the child. Equipment properly proportioned for age groups will encourage the small youngster in his initial play experience and still provide for an adventurous child a more challenging point of beginning. Thus, the child enjoys successful play experience on equipment designed in keeping with his physical limitations as well as the less tangible factors of his emotional readiness and social development. Proportioned equipment may serve to promote for natural divisions in age groupings as the older child turns away from areas designed primarily for his younger brother. This may further serve to reduce equipment breakage caused by older children on undersized equipment.

### COLOR

**C**OLOR is one of the components that should contribute to the total objective of developing a play environment indigenous to the local natural community while complementing the play instincts of the child. Using any old color just for the sake of color is in itself not a satisfactory criteria for the haphazard paint schemes used by professionals in the field. My trip proved to me that if color is to be a part of the play motif, a rationale for the use of it must be thoroughly investigated. Answers to the following questions should contribute a sound basis for using color in play areas:

- What colors contribute to a play atmosphere?
- How can color assist or detract from optical proportions?
- In what ways can the use of color contribute to safety in the play space?
- What colors are generally complimentary to the natural environment?

- What effect will changing seasons have on the use of color where play space is utilized through two or more seasons.

### ORIENTATION OF EQUIPMENT

**T**HE SUCCESS or failure of a play area to meet the needs of its participants may depend to a greater or lesser degree upon the orientation of the equipment. The factors of spacing to promote for maximum safety for the participants should be underscored. However, in turning to the task of building a real play community, several special principles should be observed. Swing locations that please the youngster, as Stevenson writes, "to escape over the garden wall" rather than face the brick apartment or chain-link fence are worthy of consideration. A small hill on a playground would be a natural location for the slide to give a young astronaut a sense of towering height as he ascends the ten-foot slide ladder.

Natural depressions or prominences may serve to separate play areas in lieu of manmade barriers. Play walls and play houses should be located away from busy walks in order that the child may be swept along to his land of make-believe without hearing the shouts of the astronaut as he makes reentry. The atmosphere should create for the child a feeling of being an accepted intruder. Equipment should still be in the line of sight of the professional supervisor at least in a location to receive the casual supervision of parents in attendance.

Moulded or sculptured pieces demand similar semi-orientation, I found. The piece may be large with many small play spaces encouraging multiple play ideas. On the other hand the theme may demand several small pieces that contribute to a central idea. If the latter is the case, it is important that this equipment be physically related to permit the child to unfold their play role.

Maximum use of plantings to provide for shade and beauty cannot be overlooked. Careful selection of shrubs will further aid the general traffic flow. Traffic patterns should be established that permit a free flow of traffic while protecting running children from moving and swing equipment.

Equipment permitting a limited number of participants at one time, as illustrated by the swings and slide, should be located as far from the gate as possible. This permits those pieces of equipment such as climbers to absorb larger numbers as groups descend upon the play area. Stragglers then find their way to the swings, reducing conflicts over who has first turns.

### SUMMARY

**M**Y TRIP proved that the final development of a play area cannot be realized in any arbitrary way. The planner must carefully collect all the pertinent information pertaining to the specific project to be developed. These factors must then be given a position on a priority list prior to applying the basic principles of compromise. The pitfalls of the process is apparent when decisions are reached before an exhaustive study is made to accumulate all relative information. #

# TOT AREA ON A SHOE-STRING

Virginia L. Bedford

**T**HE OLD LADY who lived in a shoe had so many children she didn't know what to do—but the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, could have helped her! When the city was confronted with preschoolers who had no place to play, it found the answer in an obsolete horseshoe court which was converted to an imaginative totlot by using unaided ingenuity and shoestring financing.

Several years ago the Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department purchased 1.8 acres of a partially developed park site. This property was quite rundown, since it had been neglected for many years. Installations at that time consisted of a small wading pool, a large cement sandbox adjacent to the pool, some heavy-duty swings, and, exactly in the center of the property, some horseshoe courts, enclosed by a four-foot wall. The area inside this wall was approximately 65'-by-65', or 4,225 square feet. All these installations had been built during the depression as part of the National Youth Administration projects in Albuquerque.

Development of a community center at this site, with organized, supervised recreation activities was precipitated by the request of residents of the neighborhood, since there were so many children and teenagers in the area, and the need for a constructive recreation program was urgent. The response was enthusiastic and participation in all activities was unexpectedly high. A supervisor was appointed and organized programs inaugurated.

One of the many problems encountered during the initial summer of operation was what to do with preschool children, aged four to six, who came to the playground and who wanted to be on the "fun." Most of these children came with their older brothers and sisters, who often became so absorbed in their own games that they could not

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*Salvaged sewer culvert makes an ideal playhouse in tot area which Albuquerque developed in an obsolete horseshoe court to provide activities for preschoolers.*

look after these younger children. Pre-occupation with the little ones not only deprived the older children from participating wholeheartedly and fully in games and other activities, but led to constant disruption and disorganization of games. It was imperative that some provision be made for preschoolers' activities.

The old horseshoe courts were of no practical value since interest in this activity had completely died out in the neighborhood and the courts were never used. Why not use these obsolete courts with their low wall as a special "tot area"? The area was large enough to accommodate at least forty children, with plenty of space for their playtime needs. Here they would be protected from the more active and skilled games of the older children,

completely undisturbed, and able to enjoy a more meaningful experience. However, almost no funds were available in the operating budget at this time. Imagination and ingenuity, plus weeks of hard work, salvaging of scrapped materials, and donations of paint solved the problem! Intrigued and excited, the recreation leaders volunteered their time and talents to the project, and most of the work was done by them.

**T**HE FIRST STEP was to do something about a mass of broken glass and other debris. After the pitchers' boxes were removed, the most practical way to clean up the area was to remove about three feet of top material. After this, paint seemed to be most urgent, in order to make the area attractive and

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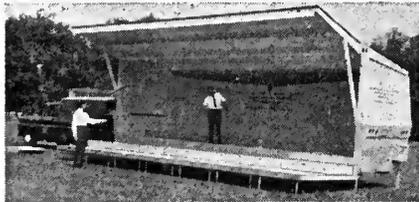
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inviting. Donations of odds and ends of paint samples from several local paint stores solved this need. These samples were used to great advantage, with many unusual results.

The wall was built of adobe bricks covered with cement, a type of building material native to this part of the Southwest. It was constructed of sixteen panels with a pilaster of concrete approximately every twelve feet, and the entire wall was a dull dark brown color.

When the murals were completed, the pilasters were painted white, separating each design, so the many colors in each of the murals did not conflict. Then, the outside of the wall was painted white with the rounded top a bright turquoise blue for contrast. The small wooden entrance gate was painted bright red and the gate at the opposite side still another color. This profuse use of color created a gay and inviting appearance.

To brighten it up, each of the sixteen panels was painted with a different mural. Several were free-form designs; several, broad alternating stripes; and the balance with more realistic characters which it was felt would intrigue the children. No traditional Mother Goose or Walt Disney characters were used. Many of the designs had a humorous twist, such as an amusing octopus, with white gloves on each of its tentacles and jaunty "Mr. Bee" with top hat, bright weskit and cane!

**WHAT TO DO** about equipment? A large surplus cement sewer culvert was located. This culvert, six feet in diameter and four feet long, weighing almost a ton, was put in place by a crane. Instead of placing it so that the children could crawl through it, it was set on end and became a playhouse. A round opening in one side, about two feet in diameter, gave the appearance of a window, and another rectangular opening served as a small open door. Not only could this "equipment" be used to "play house," but was also excellent for climbing.

Several old discarded bus stop benches were retrieved from the city dump. These were wooden, but had heavy cement ends. When these were set in place, their normal position was

reversed so that they served as a bench, with a back, and were the right height for use by small children. A sandbox was made by using the lumber from the original horseshoe pitch boxes.

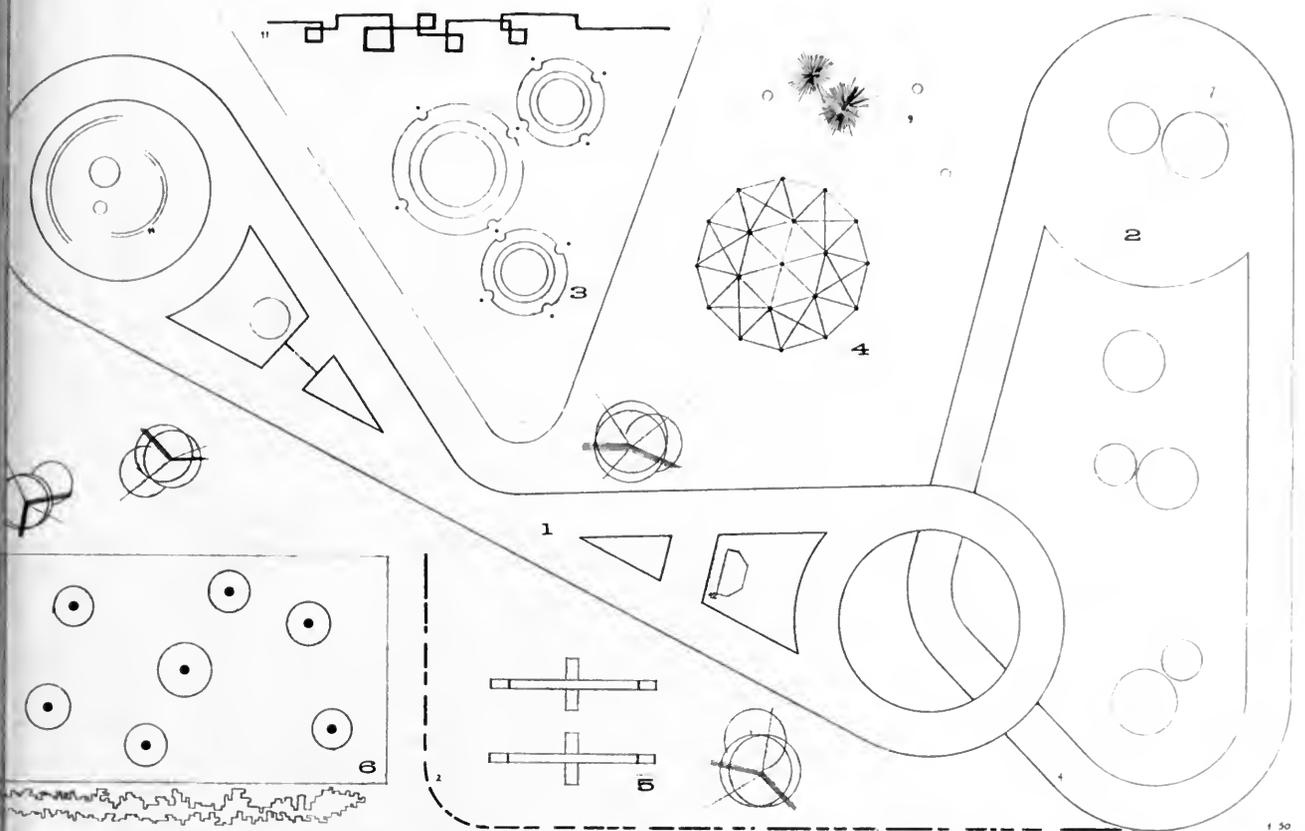
The problem of something to use for table games, finger painting, drawing and coloring was solved by the donation of a Formica-topped table, which would withstand rain or snow. This was cut down to the proper height and set on cement. Two large weatherproof storage boxes were built out of scrap wood for storing of blocks, books, balls, and other materials used exclusively for preschoolers. A large tree donated by some of the high-school boys added more shade, and the installation of a pole, topped by a wooden birdhouse, made by some older children in a craft class, completed the equipment.

The greatest expense incurred in developing this area was the purchase of two aluminum canopies for shade and a set of junior swings, a six-foot slide and the building of a small cement shelter for hardtop games. All the rest of the play equipment was homemade or retrieved from discarded materials.

The ground was topped with two feet of river sand. Although this material made a soft surface should the children fall, it was not too satisfactory, as it retained the heat quite noticeably and clung to the children's clothing. It had to be used, however, until some time later when a sprinkler system was installed, and the ground area planted with a sturdy type of Bermuda grass suitable for heavy wear and tear. When this grass was planted, enough area around the inside of the wall was left bare, so these small children could have some space to plant flower seeds, and feel that they too had a part in developing their "tot area."

The results of all this have been most rewarding. Most important, the problem of solving a real need in the community has been met. This is evidenced by the constant use of the preschool area, not only by children from the immediate neighborhood, but from other parts of the city as well. In addition, the many people who helped in the project had the satisfaction of meeting a challenge and developing an obsolete facility into something useful and attractive. And all on a "shoestring"!

# RECIPE FOR CITY PLAYGROUNDS



...ety distinguishes this playground. Facilities (in a variety of structures, colors, and shapes) include: (1) a concrete roller skating course with toll and gas stations, (2) a water course around an island, with climb-through play structures, (3) a sand area with circular tower "fortresses" and decorative tu-

bular construction which might be used for chinning, (4) another grass area with geodesic construction device and trees for climbing, (5) a grass area with seesaws, (6) play sculptures for climbing, separated by a decorative wall from the adjoining sand area.

PLAYGROUNDS in New York City are generally uniform, with some few notable exceptions. Hoping for bolder thoughts on playground design, the Park Association of New York City, a nonprofit citizens organization, recently sponsored a competition among students for new design ideas. A display of the winning designs was followed up with the publication of an attractive pamphlet, *New Ideas for City Playgrounds*. It gives reproductions of a few of the best designs and points up the elements necessary to a good playground, as follows (in brief):

**Variety.** The first characteristic of a good playground is that it should never be dull. Too often people think that playgrounds can be made more interesting by installing "temporary" equipment, only to find that children grow bored of it after one or two uses. Variety, the spice of playgrounds, should take many forms: shapes, colors, textures, and, most of all, activities. Children need many different things to play with.

**Unity.** A playground should not be just a collection of pieces. It should have a unity all its own. The various activities should be related to a basic scheme, and thereby

make play more comprehensive. Children should be encouraged to tie together the different playground elements into unlimited combinations of games and adventures. Simplicity of design is often the best motto.

**Security.** Children should feel secure and safe in a playground—particularly small children. Security includes shelter from the weather, facilities for adult supervision, and physical separation of different ages and activities. Shelter may be a roof or a wall, or simply trees overhead—particularly good because they provide shelter without deep shadow. Supervision means either comfortable seating for adults or play areas designed for adult participation. Physical safety is also a part of security.

**Adventure.** Playgrounds should give each child the opportunity for exciting and imaginative play. Obviously the techniques for achieving this result vary with the age group to be served, but the principle can be applied in each instance if sufficient ingenuity is used. Copies of the pamphlet are available free from the Park Association, 15 Gramercy Park, New York 10003.



PROGRAM

# EVENTS THAT ARE SPECIAL

*What do children remember after the playground season is over or their playground years are behind them? They remember the special events and projects that made them feel like Little Jack Horner pulling plums from the program pie. Such events call for careful planning by the recreation staff and much hard work by participants, parents, and leaders. The resulting fun and festivity is enjoyed by all. Here are some events and projects that were real highlights.*

## Project Unisphere

AS THEIR end-of-the-summer program, playgrounds in Hopewell, Virginia, presented a miniature World's Fair. One of the ten playgrounds in the city was selected as the site for the big project. Each playground decided on the section of the world it wished to

represent and planned, weeks in advance, for the construction of its pavilions, the gathering of its costumes, furniture, objects of art, and any materials pertaining to its chosen country. Travel agencies provided colorful posters and several business organizations donated plastic flags and other decorations. Children were chosen from each playground to populate the Indian village and Hawaiian beach. The beach was located in the sand.

As Fair day approached, the actual building of the pavilions began. Learners and children alike participated in the erection of a Japanese teahouse (complete with thatched roof), pavilions from Northern Europe, Southern Europe, the British Isles, Latin America, and a game booth, playground art exhibit, and Early American hot stand.

*Benefit suppers in Tampa, Florida, not only raised funds for service projects but promoted neighborhood amity and unity.*





How to turn a pickup truck into a tugboat! It required some fifty-five thousand paper napkins twisted into a chicken-



wire frame and hundreds of hours of work by youngsters in Trenton, Michigan, to prepare a striking float for parades.

As its Fair symbol, Hopewell used a large plywood unit placed in the wading pool. Around the fence that lined it were flags of many nations carrying out the theme "Face Through Understanding." Hopewell's mayor cut a ribbon at the entrance to officially open the day's festivities. Music was provided over the public-address system and programs were handed out at the gate. A carousel was in operation for the children to enjoy free of charge.

Junior Olympics were held in the tennis court and winners were awarded gold cups. "Miss Universe" was selected from approximately thirty contestants. The chamber of commerce president, an editor from the *Hopewell News*, and the city manager served as judges for the event. The winner was given a gold cup, crown, and a large stuffed animal.

The last event on the program was an exhibition of gymnastics by the Explorer Scouts. Most parents and children were by this time exhausted, but happy that the Fair had been so successful.—RAYMOND L. MATHIS, JR., *Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Hopewell, Virginia.*

## ootin' Tommy

ONE MAY THINK of a napkin as simply a piece of paper used during meals. However, the children and recreation leaders in Trenton, Michigan, used some fifty-five thousand napkins and chicken wire to construct a float representing the city's recreation program in its many aspects. The float measured 35'-by-17'-by-13'. Two weeks of continuous labor were spent on its construction. During the last few days the Quonset hut, in which it was built, stayed open late into the night.

Carrying out the theme of Trenton's Summer Water Carnival, the float was shaped like a tugboat complete with bulging eyes, puffing stack, bellowing horn, and rocking motion. For mobility, the float was constructed over a pick-

up truck. Many parks were supplied with sections of the chicken-wire frame to stuff with twisted napkins. The painting took nearly two days.

A contest was initiated to name the float. Children between seven and fourteen years were allowed to enter. The winning name was "Tootin' Tommy," and the winning entrant marched in the parades with the float.

Parades and events in which the float was featured included the Wyandotte July 4th parade, Riverview July 5th parade, Trenton Water Carnival, and the Trenton Carnival. During the parades the Trenton Twirlers, a group of majorettes aged seven to sixteen, accompanied the float. The girls, numbering fifteen in all, wore red-and-white uniforms and carried the city banner. One of the recreation park leaders trained the troupe at her park. In addition, they were requested to march in the Detroit Soap-Box Derby parades.

This was the second year of such activity in the Trenton recreation program, and the department is looking forward to more of these types of events.—R. ERIC REICKEL, *Director of Parks and Recreation, Trenton, Michigan.*

## Olympic Campout

THE OLYMPIC GAMES are an old and revered custom in our society. The Olympic ideal of individual and peaceful athletic competition has survived thousands of years after the civilization which founded it died. The idea of a Junior Olympics is certainly not new. Indeed, hundreds of communities conduct such events. However, California's Tantau Recreation and Park District added a new and exciting dimension to the Junior Olympics, using the original Olympic customs as a model.

During the Olympic Games period it was the custom in Greece that all wars should cease and all men should be at

peace. The contestants from the Greek city states would make the trip to Olympia, site of the games, and camp outside the arena. Winners of the contest were crowned with olive wreaths as a sign of their victory and were honored in their cities. Using this idea as a starting point, the district decided to combine an Olympics with a campout. This was to be the major undertaking of the summer. Since Tantau is a small district with a population of only about four thousand it was decided to make the effort really worthwhile.

Registration was taken a month prior to the games. Each registrant paid \$.25 to cover the cost of his breakfast on Olympic day. Registrants were divided into three groups, each group having the same approximate overall skill level determined by a trial two weeks prior to the games. Each group had twenty boys aged eight to twelve. The eight- and nine-year-old boys competed against each other and the ten- to 12-year-old boys against each other. The groups were given the names of three city states, Athens, Corinth, and Sparta. Information on their city was given to the boys a week before the games. In the meantime, the arts-and-crafts class had fashioned wreaths from plastic flower stems purchased at the dime store. The wreaths were sprayed with spray paint, gold for first, silver for second, and red for third.

On Olympic night everything was in readiness when the teams arrived at sunset. Sleeping gear was set up on the lawn and park area of the district. Each team had a yell and each had a storyteller to tell about his city. A staff member narrated the history of the Olympic games; an outdoor showing of the movie *Bob Mathias, All-American* followed; then the campers were put to bed.

It was a long night for the director and recreation supervisor. Sixty rambunctious boys can present quite a problem. The boys were awakened at 6:30 AM for breakfast. Breakfast consisted of cereal, hot chocolate, a doughnut and a banana. The whole meal was quickly prepared in the district kitchen and served to the hungry youngsters. After breakfast, the sleeping gear was gathered and stored in the recreation hall. The teams formed for the parade to the adjacent playground where the games were to be held. Running before the teams was the Olympic torch bearer carrying the torch of the Olympics. The torch was made of construction paper and aluminum foil.

Track and field events for the eight- and nine-year-olds were 25-yard dash, 220 relay, broad jump, basketball putt, softball throw, and tug-of-war. Track and field events for the ten- and twelve-year-olds were 50-yard dash, 440-yard relay, broad jump, basketball putt, softball throw, tug-of-war.

Each city state was allowed to enter three men in each individual event, one relay team and one tug-of-war team in each class. Four places were given on a 4-3-2-1 basis.

Scores for both age classes were counted together in totaling the scores as well as scores given for the Olympic Parade (five for first; three, second; one, third). Sparta emerged the winner in points. With the winners wreathed,

the events run, and the torch extinguished, the recreation staff, bleary-eyed but happy, staggered on home to little rest for the next day's activities.—ROY SAVAGE  
*Director of Recreation, West Side Recreation and District, California.*

## Fun for Funds

TWO YEARS AGO the recreation department in Tampa, Florida, decided to have one service project a month and that each of its fifty-seven playgrounds would combine money-raising activities in which all the proceeds would be combined to help a local agency or organization.

The first year \$1,700 dollars was raised to provide *lettes* for the Tampa Municipal Hospital. This money was obtained through sales of all kinds which included: scone, white-elephant, auction, peanut, and popcorn sales. Other playgrounds had benefit suppers, family parties and talent shows.

The benefit suppers involved many people outside the playground participants. Merchants were approached for bargain food prices and help on publicity. Mothers and fathers were involved in cooking and serving the food. Participants helped in making decorations and selling tickets. And, most important of all, next-door neighbors—many for the first time—ate and talked with each other.

The family benefit parties also resulted in many people meeting their neighbors for the first time. They also showed those who participated that there are many games and activities people of different ages can enjoy at the same time and families can play together with mutual enjoyment.

Directors found the service-project benefits the playground vehicle to show off local talent. One district of nine playgrounds had so many volunteer "hams," that the best was chosen to be in the traveling talent show which was given on many areas.

In addition to the yearly service projects, during Christmas Tampa encourages playground youngsters to think of others—to realize that giving is the best part of Christmas. Food baskets and toys are collected for needy families; decorations are made for hospital patients; talented participants entertain patients at the hospital and homes of the aged; and caroling groups sing to shut-ins and senior citizens in the neighborhood.

The department is now raising \$1,000 to provide necessary equipment for the Clinic for Crippled Children and Adults. There is no doubt this equipment will help a benefit many people but it could never begin to affect as many people as the activities conducted to raise the money. These activities gave many youngsters the opportunity to display their talents; they helped communities become a cohesive neighborhood; they helped the playground become the hub of the community; and most important of all, they helped remind citizens of all ages that truly it is better to give than to receive.—STORMY HESEL, *Information Specialist, Recreation Department, Tampa, Florida.*

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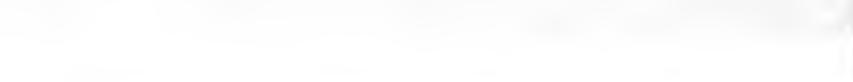
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# PLAYGROUND SURFING

*How the Tampa recreation department lured skate "surfing" from the sidewalks to the safety of the playground*

**David M. Barksdale**

**A**LMOST OVERNIGHT, skate-boarding, or sidewalk surfing, became a very popular activity with youngsters, teenagers, and college students in Tampa, Florida. Although surfing, or riding and doing stunts on platform roller skates, is a lot of fun which requires agility, coordination and balance, it is also potentially dangerous to the surfer, pedestrians, and automobile drivers when done on the sidewalks. A Tampa city ordinance makes it unlawful to ride anything with wheels on the sidewalk and the chief of police stated that his staff would enforce the ordinance for the safety of all concerned. It soon became apparent something had to be done to help make surfing safer and yet still challenging.

After a meeting of supervisors, the recreation department decided to act on the following ideas:

To change the concept of *sidewalk surfing* to *playground surfing* through a full picture spread in the local daily newspaper, radio-spot announcements.

*DAVID M. BARKSDALE is superintendent of recreation in Tampa, Florida.*



*Limbo surfing. Teenager Richard McConnell displays his complete control of his platform skates during this playground contest. Dick, winner of many roller-skating events, has switched his skills and enthusiasm to surfing on the playground.*

and an article in ten neighborhood newspapers.

- To conduct a special weeklong Wheel Jamboree on each of the fifty-seven playgrounds. (See below for specific contests.)

- To allow youngsters to surf on the basketball or tennis courts when there were no other scheduled activities.

- To conduct skill contests periodically when the interest and attendance indicated a need for same.

Wheeljamboree parties were not restricted to surfboards only but included anything on wheels, so that more youngsters could participate in the special activity. Through the cooperation of the press, radio, and TV, youngsters and their parents were not only alerted to the danger of sidewalk surfing, but were informed about the challenging alternative—playground surfing. Youngsters responded by attending the special wheeljamboree playground parties. Now, recreation leaders are keeping their fingers crossed that they can keep the youngsters playground surfing instead of sidewalk surfing.

Among the contests conducted during Wheel Jamboree were:

#### PLAYGROUND SURFING

*Maneuvering:* Cardboard cartons are placed six feet apart along a straight line sixty-six feet long. Each rider

weaves to pass on alternate sides of the markers. Points were scored as follows: ten points for perfect execution; one point off for each time a marker is touched by any part of the rider or his surfboard; half a point off for each time the rider falls off the surfboard.

*Straight line balance:* Contestants ride for thirty feet between parallel lines four inches apart, without touching beveled blocks placed against the lines in pairs (twelve blocks required) at distances of six feet. Ten points scored for perfect execution; one point off each time a wheel touches either line; one point off each time a wheel rolls outside the line on either side; one point off each time a wheel touches a block; one point off each time a rider falls off his surfboard.

#### BICYCLES

*Water race:* Contestants line up, each with a paper cup full of water. Contestants hold cup of water over the top of their heads and race to the finish line. Cups of the first two over the finish line are checked and the one with the most water in cup wins—ten points.

*Blindfold race:* Each blindfolded contestant rides until he thinks he is at the finish line (only one contestant at a time, for safety). The one who dismounts nearest to the line wins ten points.

#### SKATES

*Skating meet:* Participants are divided into age classifications and 50-, 75-, 100-yard dashes are conducted skates with winners receiving points; second place, five points; third, one point.

*Obstacle race (125 yards):* Four stacles placed twenty-five yards apart include a tennis net to skate under, 1 of tables to climb over, six-inch hurdle to jump over, and row of barrels with top and bottom off to crawl through. Winner gets ten points; second place, five points; and third place, one point.

#### HOOPS

*Hoop rolling:* Fifty yards (25 yards down, around a tree or other marker and 25 yards back) for large wheel twenty-six inches or more in diameter. Shorter distances for smaller wheels. Winners receive ten points; second place, five points; and third place, one point.

*Pushmobiles:* Judged on best made biggest, most original, best looking, cetera. Points awarded accordingly.

Participants who score the most total points by participating in one more events and youngsters who excel in the individual contests are given award card.#

## INTRODUCTION TO CAMPING!

**S**UMMER is the time when children should be outdoors exploring shady woods, looking for wildflowers, observing birds and animals, catching tadpoles, and watching frogs. It is the time for hikes, smelling pine needles, and roasting hot dogs on a green stick, the time for dressing up like an Indian and whittling a stick.

Some children are fortunate and experience these pleasures during the summer at a cottage or a camp; but what of those who stay behind in the humid city or town? Must they miss these opportunities? No! Day camping brings them all within the means of every child.

What is day camping? It is an organized group of experience in outdoor living on a day-by-day basis and under trained leadership. The program should

be nature-centered and, wherever possible, should have a natural outdoor setting. Day camping is:

- An outdoor program for small groups.
  - An opportunity to develop camping skills.
  - An introduction to camping.
- Day Camping is *not*:
- A playground program transplanted in another location.
  - A vacation or stay-at-home club.
  - A building-centered program.

Last summer, with these objectives firmly in mind, the recreation staff in Hamilton, Ontario, transformed its day campers into Indian braves and princesses, each with a great sense of fellowship and pride in the tribe to which he or she belonged. The children, recruited from the playgrounds, traveled to the

day camp each day for a one-week period at a cost of fifty cents for the week. Hamilton has two wooded areas available for day camping, Cootes Paradise on the west and King's Forest on the east. The camp lore, nature studies, hikes along wooded paths, crafts made from bark and moss found in the forest, Indian games and stories intermingled with traditional camp songs around the council ring, the carefully constructed lodges, spotlessly cleaned in hopes of winning the coveted pennant, were the highlights of the week at day camp. It was a week of learning, a week during which the great out-of-doors took on new meaning.—FLORENCE MEILLER, Director of Recreation, Hamilton, Ontario, in Report of Recreation Program for Summer 1964.

# YOUR PLAYGROUND MANUAL

Virginia Musselman



**P**LAYGROUND MANUALS are a yearly phenomena that come in all sizes, shapes, colors, weights, degrees of thickness, and types of contents. Some are handsome, printed jobs; some are run off on that jelly-like substance that makes the manual look like the menu in a French restaurant. Most are mimeographed. In many, various colors of paper indicate different sections. In many, the pages are unnumbered. Most are far too long. Annual reports and recreation directories have improved tremendously in the past few years. Playground manuals are better every year, but still need more attention. During World War II, a poster of Uncle Sam used to point his accusing finger at everyone entering a railroad or bus station and say "Is That Trip Necessary?" Perhaps it is time to ask "Is That Manual Necessary?" The following comments are based upon those manuals that try to "cover the waterfront"—to combine the functions of a directory, schedule of events, statement of administrative policy, first-aid manual, and department regulations, with those of specialized books on specific activities, especially games, crafts, music, and drama (in that declining order). Too many turn out to be inadequate, routine substitutes for face-to-face leadership training:

When sitting down to plan the manual with your staff (What is the way you do it, isn't it?) perhaps the following questions may help:

**What is the objective of the manual?** The purpose seems to vary widely. Is it a how-to-do-it for new leaders? A shot-in-the-arm? A directory? A schedule? Are you really clear about its objectives? Are they stated?

**What use is made of it?** Do you really know? Will a new leader really read an inch-thick, heavy manual?

**How much did it cost?** Have you ever figured it out? Mimeographing may be cheap—but time and labor are not. If the manual doesn't meet a real need, time and labor have been misused, and a lot of paper and stencils have been wasted.

**Is it just a crutch?** If your leaders are well-qualified and selected carefully, they don't need the directions for dodging the words for "Coming Round The Mountain," or the way to make a paperbag puppet. If they are that inexperienced, *reading* won't train them.

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*Questions to ask yourself  
when you consider the resources  
and materials your leaders should  
have to do the job expected of them*

**Is it duplicating material in your department library?** If those shelves have a good collection of books, why not put them to use? Why waste effort? Maybe it is a *library* that is needed, not a manual!

**Is it being used as a substitute for pre-season and in-service training,** in which activities can be learned by *doing*? Reading how to play jacks may teach the rules, but it doesn't teach the hands. Practice does that!

**Is it honest?** Legally honest? Ethically honest? You have no right to copy anything out of a copyrighted book, pamphlet, magazine, et cetera without permission from the publisher or copyright holder. The fact that "it's just mimeographing," or "it's just for use by our own department," or "we don't sell it" has nothing to do with it. Copyrighted material cannot be reproduced in any way, for any use, except by permission of the copyright holder. This holds true for music, plays, stories, et cetera as well. Ignorance is no excuse. NOW you know!

**Who selects the contents?** How is the material evaluated? What criteria are used for what activities? Who selects what? Is it a rehash of last year's manual or has it been planned for progression in the program?

**Is it just a habit now?** Has the need for it declined as leadership has become more professional? Or have you thought about it?

**How much does it arouse the interest of the leader?** Suggest new techniques? Methods of using themes? Ways to reach the community? Or does it offer only a static framework in which the leader can conduct an adequate but uninspired program without any personal involvement or creative effort?

**Is it the best and most efficient way of achieving what it is designed to do?** Would a kit of several smaller "pieces" be more effective? Would better planned staff meetings do the job? A better focused supervisory program? More workshops and demonstrations?

**Is it really good for the leader?** Does the manual provide just enough to encourage him to use his own creative ability? Does it regiment him? Does it discourage his use of the best in recreation literature?

**W**HAT, then, should a playground manual include? The perfect manual probably has not been written, and the contents of a good manual may vary in different communities, under different circumstances. Indeed, *it should* vary. No manual should be a duplicate of the manual in another community. It should be custom made. In general, if a contest for the best playground manual was being held, what would the judges look for? Every department should

work out its own criteria, but here are some obvious points. The manual should:

- Be attractive in appearance, concise in style, easy to read.
- Display prominently the name of the department, city, and state (often omitted).
- List the major personages, such as mayor, city manager, recreation commissioner, recreation and/or park board, et cetera.
- Carry a cordial welcome and greeting to the playground leaders by the head of the department and other officials.
- List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of people or departments that the leader might need to call, including police, fire, hospital, the recreation office, and the home phone number of anybody who might be needed in an emergency.
- Contain a statement of the *purpose* of the manual.
- Include a table of contents. Pages should be numbered.
- Provide a chart showing lines of authority and the department's organization structure if the department is a large one.
- State the department and/or city policies and regulations. These include hours, clothing, policing, illness, accidents, use of car, safety, behavior of leader, behavior of users of public recreation areas, discipline, liability, et cetera.
- Include sample forms required of leaders: requisitions, accident, attendance, registration, reports.
- Include a playground calendar, showing opening and closing dates, dates of big events, weekly themes if used, et cetera.
- Include information about program activities: suggestions of types suitable for various ages, sex, and degree of skill; suggestions for special events; personnel schedules for sports clinics and tournaments, swimming instruction, day camping, craft programs, and special music and dance activities; schedules of specialists and any mobile units.
- Give information about leadership development: schedule of staff meetings, use of specialists, dates for inservice training by workshops and demonstrations, et cetera.
- Offer suggestions for leadership techniques in various program areas such as games, crafts, storytelling, music, drama, dance.
- Provide sources of special help: where to find rules for O'Leary, material on nature craft projects, theme parties, picnic events, storybooks, special supplies like balloons and records, et cetera.

*Above all*, the judges would look for evidence of cooperative planning of the manual by the department personnel. Such planning should be for the main purpose of smoothing the way of the leader, orienting him, and showing him the framework in which he will function. As one park and recreation department put it in its statement of purpose, "We hope this manual serves as a guide to more effective recreational leadership rather than a compilation of cutouts and games."

**E**DUCATION for democracy cannot be merely taken for granted. What goes on in the schools every hour of the day, on the playground and in the classroom, whether reflecting methods of control by the teacher

## ORIENTING NEW LEADERS

**A**NY NEW LEADER coming into your department for the first time, would find it very helpful to:

- Meet all the other leaders in a big get-together, in order to get a feeling of the department as a whole. An informal social occasion will break the ice.
- Meet those assigned to his area: other leaders, specialists and supervisors.
- Have some form of department orientation where he could find out such things as how to get supplies, what hours he will work, what to do if it rains, how to report an accident, how to take attendance, when and how he will get paid, et cetera.
- Have some form of preservice training *in what he will be doing*—and on the spot if possible. The new leader needs the chance to really play the games, make the crafts, tell the stories, sing the songs, run the sports clinic, et cetera, not just hear or read about them.
- Have regular inservice training in specialized workshops and in staff meetings, where he can talk out his problems, get new ideas, learn new projects, tie in his program with others, et cetera.
- Have an up-to-date, adequate department library to refer to for new activities and techniques.
- Have a playground manual that supplements the face-to-face regulations, that includes sample forms he will be using, schedules of city-wide events, addresses and telephone numbers he may need, policies he will have to enforce (such as no bikes, no dogs, et cetera). He would like that manual to have some encouraging words on leadership and some ideas about new and interesting program activities.
- Be allowed and encouraged, if a year-round employee, to attend state and district conferences and, when cost is not prohibitive, the National Recreation Congress.
- Be encouraged to continue his professional growth through formal and informal recreation education, whether he is employed only for the summer, or is a year-round employee.

If the new leader has been well-trained, he will have his own game and sport books; know his drama, dance, and music material; or be prepared in his craft and nature projects. He does not need ten pink pages of games, five blue pages of crafts, three yellow pages of music, or one white page of drama. If he is not well-trained, he will need much more than this. He will need help from *people* not *pages*. In other words, if he is worth hiring, he is worth trusting, and training in *what* and *how*. He will need a playground manual of procedures in order to know what is expected of him, but you should expect and require him to know activities to a reasonable extent, and to know where to go to supplement what he knows. The more you expect of him, the more he is likely to give you! #

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or opportunities for self-expression by the pupils, must be checked against the fact that children are growing up to live in a democracy.—PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.



# TRADE! TRADE! WHO'LL HOSS TRADE?

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*Fishing rods, hickory nuts and Indian heads, foxhorns and jackknives—everything is all set for the swapfest. Coonhound water races are an added attraction and draw big crowds.*

James McLain



**H**OW LONG has it been since you “hoss traded” something you no longer used for something equally useless? For the thousands of people living in Jefferson County, Kentucky, the answer is “Last October!” It was when the Jefferson County Recreation Board asked all sportsmen if they had an old boat, motor, long johns, trailer,

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or hunting dog lying around that they would be willing to swap for an equally old fishing rod, canoe, rowboat, oars, boxer shorts, camper, or pet coon.

The occasion was “Sportsman’s Barter Day,” held in Chenoweth Park, near Jeffersonton, Kentucky, on Saturday, October 17. Trading was to start at 9:00 AM, but anxious sportsmen, eager to know if they still possessed their old touch as “hoss traders” arrived much earlier. In fact, pocket knives had changed ownership by 8:15 AM.

Those who had several items were allowed to spread their displays on park picnic tables, while those with just one item could mill around the big “Trad-

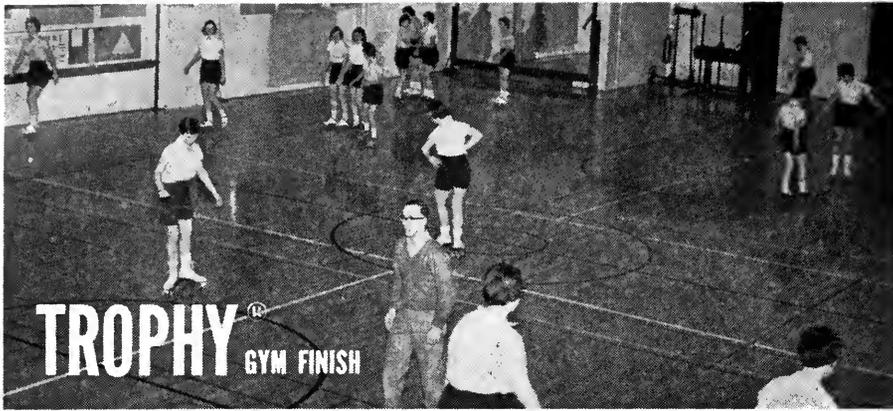
in’ Post” and bark their wares. No limits were placed on trading, so several items swapped hands a number of times. Owners were allowed to sell as well as trade their items, so vociferous bargaining was heard throughout the day. The old-timers boasted of the whopping trades they had made in the past.

Displays consisted of several antique guns, pistols, Indian relics, a bushel of hickory nuts, and fishing equipment. These were set up to be handled and looked over by prospective buyers.

**S**EVERAL DOGS were on hand, not only to be traded or sold, but to participate in the Coonhound Water Races put on by the county recreation board as an added attraction. Even the hounds enjoyed the sound of an old foxhorn (a trader’s item) being tested by several night hunters, who had courage enough to try and blow the homemade horn.

The Coonhound Water Races always please the crowd. The names of the dogs were placed in a box and were drawn out five at a time. The five names drawn made up the first heat. Several heats were necessary and were run off one at a time. The winning dog of each race was brought back to swim in the “Championship Race.” Champion of the 1964 Coonhound Water Races was a hound by the name of “Bill,” owned by James Rhodes of Louisville. A 42-inch trophy was Bill’s award for his afternoon’s swim. The dogs swam a distance of 150 yards after a “coon-scented,” floating cage pulled across the lake by rope and pulley.

October proved to be ideal for such an event—at the end of the fishing season and just prior to the hunting season. Sportsmen are either putting away or getting out their equipment and find they have something to trade. Now that the Jefferson County Recreation Board sponsors the trading day it is certain that most sportsmen will polish up that old gun, clean that hunting coat (now too small), shine up that old rod and reel, box up those fishing lures (that never caught any fish), and be better prepared to attend the next old-fashioned “swapfest” at Chenoweth Park. Much to the surprise of the county recreation staff, the event drew several lady sportsmen with items such as rid-



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ing clothes (that they say shran saddles, camping utensils, and fishing gear.

The Sportsman's Barter Day was howling and yelping success and Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board is already working to prove the next one. One thing to be added will be the "auction block." Anyone with any item who cannot find a trade or those wanting to auction their articles may do so. The auction will be held about midday and again at the conclusion of the day. A good auctioneer rattling off a spiel about various articles will add much color to the program.

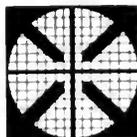
The 1965 Sportsman's Barter Day is set for Saturday, October 2, 1965, to be held again at Chenoweth Park in Jeffersontown, Kentucky. Everyone is invited! #

## Super Block Play Areas

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room and/or a comfort station. So if a refreshment stand has been developed, A brick and wood sunbreak located at the top of the amphitheater provides a passive area for relaxation overlooking the entire central plaza and further serves as a visual link between the left and right side of the central space. The raised planter beds are eighteen inches to two feet high and can be used for sitting. The walls are wide enough to let the children to use as catwalks without bothering the plants. Elevating the plant beds gives the plants just enough protection for their survival. Further, these raised beds are used to define spaces within an area and help integrate passive and active forces without having to resort to high fencing. It is an attempt to integrate design and function without detracting from either building play value into many of the decorative elements.

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# OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS

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## Community Use of Play Areas

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- A lighted area for night softball, croquet, horseshoes, archery, shuffleboard, and volleyball.

Community use of indoor facilities requires the following:

- A separate entrance to the facilities to be used and provision for shutting off the rest of the building.

*Quoted from Physical Education for Children (Holt, Rinehart and Winston). MISS HALSEY is professor emerita of physical education, The State University of Iowa. MISS PORTER is professor of physical education at Northern Illinois University.*

*On the right: Because of the absence of moving parts, creative playground equipment, in general, is as safe as any apparatus can be. (Anaheim, California)*

*On the right: Some forms, such as those designed by Joseph Boen, are mobile enough to shift and call upon a child to adjust to other children as they play on the same apparatus. (Oakland, California)*

- Equipping the gymnasium for square and folk dancing, volleyball, deck tennis, paddle tennis, shuffleboard, badminton, and table tennis.
- A clubroom with kitchen facilities for evening PTA and club meetings.

## Creative Equipment

TRADITIONAL playground equipment is being in part supplanted, in part supplemented, by so-called creative equipment or by improvised, home-made apparatus. Creative equipment, which is more or less abstract in design, may be used in a variety of ways. Playground executives who have installed such equipment like it, as the following letters indicate:

"The newer equipment unquestionably holds the children's interest and certainly gives them opportunity for the invention of 'games' both of an individual and a group nature. This, in turn, increases the amount of physical exercise they do, since they play for a longer period of time.

"The use of new creative type of equipment gives the child the opportunity to use his imaginative talents in



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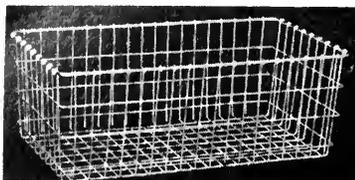


*Here a child can imagine all sorts of wondrous things, have all sorts of fine adventures. (Palo Alto, California)*



*Sculptured forms and animals, including marvelous denizens of the deep, are everywhere. (Garden Grove, California)*

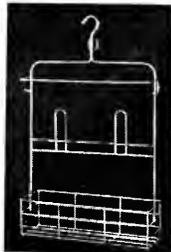




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"Because of the absence of moving parts, the creative apparatus, as presently available, is completely safe—or as safe as playground apparatus can ever be. We feel that if you remove all elements of danger from apparatus, then there will be no challenge in it for the children.

"Unfortunately, it is true that creative playground equipment available currently is relatively expensive in initial outlay. It is our opinion that the maintenance cost and the like will be considerably lower than is for traditional apparatus." (John Turner, St. Louis.)

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# RESEARCH BRIEFS

## National Survey of Community Recreation Services to the Mentally Retarded and Physically Handicapped

Summarized by Morton Thompson, Ed.D.

In 1964, the National Recreation Association and the National Association for Retarded Children cooperated in a survey of two thousand community recreation departments to determine what services were being provided in the community setting for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped. It was conducted by Dr. Morton Thompson, of the National Recreation Association, and Arnold Corbin, for the National Association for Retarded Children. It has been used by Ruth Marson as the basis of a master's thesis in therapeutic recreation at New York University. A total of 427 communities indicated that they had some recreation program or facilities for either the mentally retarded, physically handicapped or both. Of the 427 communities, only 202 responses were received in answer to the questionnaire.

In 139 instances provisions were made for the mentally retarded separately in a variety of fifteen different program facilities. These are listed below in order of popularity:

Playground	Health Agency
Community Recreation Center	Summer Camp
Park	Excursions
Swimming Pools	Home Care
Day Camp	Hospital
Special Schools	Gymnasium
Arts and Crafts Center	Roller and Ice Skating
Bowling Alley	

In 164 instances provisions were made for physically handicapped separately in a variety of fourteen different program facilities. These are listed in order of popularity.

Community Recreation Center	Day Camp
Home Care	Arts and Crafts Center
Playground	Dancing
Park	Roller and Ice Skating
Swimming Pools	Bowling Alley
Summer Camp	Hospital
Special Schools	Gymnasium

In 605 instances provisions were made for both the physically handicapped and the mentally retarded in a variety of twenty different programs. These are listed in order of popularity:

Playground	Bowling Alley
Community Recreation Center	Special Schools
Park	Roller and Ice Skating
Day Camp	Excursions
Health Agency	Arts and Crafts Centers
Hospital	Municipal Plunge
Summer Camp	Arts Center
Gymnasium	Civic Auditorium
Home Care	Dancing
Youth Cabins	

In each of the above lists the first four recreation facilities listed far outranked the balance of the list.

MORTON THOMPSON is director of the National Recreation Association Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped.

The following breakdowns of the ten most frequent and popular activities and facilities for each category—physically handicapped, mentally retarded, mentally ill, and non-handicapped—show that these groups are offered almost identical opportunities. Perhaps more than anything else they show how similar are the likes and dislikes of the population.

### Physically Handicapped

Activities	Facilities
1. Arts and Crafts	1. Playground
2. Games	2. Swimming Pools
3. Picnicking	3. Park
4. Music Performances	4. Community Recreation Center
5. Spectator Sports	5. Arts and Crafts Center
6. Nature Activities	6. Day Camp
7. Special Shows	7. Excursions
8. Dramatics	8. Gymnasium
9. Carnivals	9. Special Schools
10. Fishing	10. Dancing

### Mentally Retarded

Activities	Facilities
1. Playground	1. Arts and Crafts
2. Swimming Pool	2. Games
3. Park	3. Picnicking
4. Community Recreation Center	4. Nature Activities
5. Day Camp	5. Music Performances
6. Excursions	6. Dramatics
7. Gymnasium	7. Spectator sports
8. Arts and Crafts Center	8. Special Shows
9. Dancing	9. Carnivals
10. Special Schools	10. Hiking

### Mentally Ill

Activities	Facilities
1. Arts and crafts	1. Park
2. Games	2. Swim Pool
3. Spectator Sports	3. Playground
4. Picnicking	4. Community Recreation Center
5. Music Performances	5. Day Camp, Gym, Health Agency, Hospital
6. Carnivals, Drama, Fishing	6. Excursions
7. Special Shows	7. Municipal Plunge, Bowling Alley
8. Nature	8. Arts and Crafts Center, Dancing, Summer Camp
9. Gymnastics	9. Civic Auditorium
10. Camping, Hiking, Ice Skating	10. Home Care

### Nonhandicapped

Activities	Facilities
1. Arts and crafts	1. Playground
2. Games	2. Park
3. Spectator Sports	3. Swimming Pools
4. Picnicking	4. Dancing
5. Dramatics	5. Roller and Ice Skating
6. Music Performances	6. Community Recreation Center
7. Special Shows	7. Gymnasium
8. Skating (ice)	8. Excursions
9. Gymnastics	9. Arts and Crafts Center
10. Carnivals	Day Camp
	10. Civic Auditorium

Despite the similarity of the above lists and the large variety of activities and facilities, it must be pointed out that even the most popular activity, arts and crafts, is available in slightly over half of the 202 responding communi-

ties. It is also significant that the most popular facility, playground, was available in less than half the communities.

*Administration of Programs.* In the 202 responding communities, the personnel directly responsible for the ill and handicapped recreation programs consist of 54 directors, 87 supervisors, 193 leaders, 40 part-time workers, and over 1,100 volunteers.

*Transportation.* Only thirty-six of the communities provide any or all of the transportation to and from recreation activities and facilities.

*Financial Support and Supervision.* Financial support of public recreation programs in these communities comes from such sources (other than taxes) as: fees and charges, civic and social clubs, health agencies, private trusts and grants, and the parents and family of the persons involved.

*Program.* The recreation program for the ill and handicapped is a *separately* run program in all but *twenty-six* communities. In only one community is the program for the mentally retarded run separately. Eighty-one of the

communities group their ill and handicapped under *men- age, chronological age or handicap.*

This survey provides us with a picture of the recreation services provided for the ill and handicapped by community recreation departments in the United States. The picture is not too encouraging since, out of a group of over 1,000 communities, only 427 indicated some type of recreation service was being provided for mentally retarded and/or physically handicapped.

Despite the tremendous growth of recreation, new developments in medical science and increased leisure time for Americans, there has been a great lag in developing recreation services for the handicapped by community recreation departments. We believe that the next few years will show a marked increase in this service by communities.

A new guide for programming for the handicapped by public recreation departments which utilizes the data of this survey is available for \$1.00 from the Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped, National Recreation Association, 8 West Eighth Street, New York 10011.

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# STATE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

ELVIRA DELANY

**FLORIDA.** A \$4,500,000 waterfront improvement program was made possible when Miami freeholders approved a bond issue in a recent vote. The voters approved an expenditure of \$2,250,000 for downtown bayfront development including a marina to replace the antiquated docks at the Pier 5 charter-boat area and to expand neighboring Bayfront Park. The sum of \$2,370,000 was approved to greatly enlarge the existing Dinner Key Marina and to provide picnic sites and playgrounds that will tie in with Bayfront Park facing on south Biscayne Bay.

**ILLINOIS.** A tract of 786 acres of Beach State Park has been set aside as the first Illinois state nature preserve. Reports *Illinois Wildland*, "This tract has been informally designated as a nature area since the park was first established. It has been protected from encroachments by the diligent efforts of the Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society. This unique area includes fine examples of sand dunes, low dunes, and marshland. It harbors many interesting unusual plants including the Waukegan juniper, prickly pear cactus, blazing star, gentian, and bearberry. Areas within several other state parks and a number of areas owned by other organizations and agencies are being considered for nature preserve status. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County has offered eleven tracts within its

holdings for dedication as nature preserves. The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission has approved these areas in principle. Dedication can be completed as soon as the necessary legal documents are prepared.

"The Cook County tracts consist of some of the finest areas within the forest preserves and include a number of sites of outstanding interest. In the past these tracts have been deliberately reserved from development and considered as wild areas. Their dedication as nature preserves will formalize this status. The areas to be dedicated are portions of Black Partridge Woods, Busse Forest, Cap Sauers Holding, Cranberry Slough, Jurgenson Woods, Pawpaw Woods, Salt Creek Woods, Sand Ridge Prairie, Shoe Factory Road Prairie, Spring Lake Tract, and Sweet Woods-Zander Woods. Credit is due to Charles G. Sauers for initiating the dedication of these areas. Mr. Sauers, who serves as a member of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, retired last May as general superintendent of the Forest Preserve District. Under his leadership the district gained fame for its outstanding accomplishments."

**KENTUCKY.** A revenue bond issue sale of nearly \$2,500,000 has been authorized by the Kentucky Property and Building Commission to finance improvements at state parks. Revenue from the bonds will be used to add eighty-eight new rooms in lodges at six state parks, 640 new individual tent-and-trailer camping sites at ten parks and additional dock facilities at four parks. The new facilities are expected to produce about \$500,000 in additional annual revenue to the state.

**MICHIGAN.** Service and information concerning operations for the three Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority parks in *Washtenaw County* are now available at a new headquarters building at Hudson Mills Metropolitan Park, five miles northwest of Dexter. The new combination office and garage will supply services for Delhi, Dexter-Huron, and Hudson Mills Metropolitan Parks, located from five to twelve miles northwest of Ann Arbor. Canoeing, picnic, playground and nature study facilities are the primary attractions of these three parks along the scenic Huron River. The building will be in operation Monday through Friday 8AM-4PM. The new structure of steel, glass, and brick covers two thousand square feet and has public restrooms, a recep-

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• A revenue bond issue of \$450,000 will be used to finance Windmill Island, a new 36-acre park being built in Holland on reclaimed marshland. The bonds recently were sold at an interest rate of 4.224 per cent, and the facility will be paid off from admission charges. The park development will feature an authentic Dutch windmill that has been dismantled in Vinkel Noord Brant, the Netherlands, and shipped to Holland, where it will be reassembled. The windmill will be 125 feet high with 80-foot wings and a grist mill. Windmill Island will include a miller's house, a church, canals, and dikes.—From Public Management, December 1964.

**NEW YORK.** A major boat-launching site is to be constructed in Riverhead by the State Conservation Department. The department and the Riverhead Town Board have agreed on a thirty-year lease of 5.4 acres on Peconic in South Jamesport adjacent to a town recreation area. The launching site will have a parking area for a hundred cars and boat trailers and two 40-foot concrete launching ramps separated by a floating dock for boarding. Cost of construction will be borne by the department and the town will operate and maintain the facility. Riverhead is in Suffolk County on Long Island in an area feeling the impact of New York City's ever-spreading environs.

**WEST VIRGINIA.** The state will have a new attraction to offer anglers during the coming year—a year-round trout fishing season. Beginning with this year's opening day, August 24, the trout season will remain open on a twelve-month basis, allowing fishermen the added advantage of nearly four more fishing months during the year, according to Warden M. Lane, director. Mr. Lane said the new regulations concerning trout fishing were the result of majority approval by sportsmen's clubs and individual sportsmen throughout the state. In general concurrence with the suggestions of sportsmen, department biologists prepared recommendations which in turn were submitted to the department's advisory commission.

"The new length of the trout season will also allow for efficient operation of our hatcheries," says Mr. Lane. "It will also allow us to stock, earlier in the year of course, some of our more marginal trout waters. This will provide a more equitable distribution of trout over the state. Not the least among the problems eliminated by the new season is one faced by industry every year: hundreds of industrial workers all applying for vacations at the same time. With the new season, trout fishing vacations can be scheduled virtually any time of the year."

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THE NEWEST THING in infield rain-covers is made of a fabric using denier Caprolan nylon laminated vinyl. The development of nylon field covers in recent years has revolutionized the job of protecting playing surfaces from the elements. Before nylon, it took as many as thirty men to unroll old, heavy brown canvases, which were difficult to put down, and even harder to remove once they became wet. When not in use, the new covers are rolled up on aluminum drums and stored out of the way against the stands. The vinyl-laminated Caprolan fabric resists mildew and rot, even when wet, and deterioration from chemicals.

Vinyl-laminated Caprolan nylon was chosen for the new "Yankee Slicker" which is now used by the New York Yankee baseball club because of its light weight, and its advantages in tear strength, seaming, and heat sealing over other types of cover materials. The extra strength alone helped make vinyl-laminated nylon the first choice for the Yankees because when rain interrupts a Yankee game little consideration is given to gentle handling of the cover—the important thing is speed.

The Yankees have long entertained fans with demonstrations of speed in unrolling tarpaulins. While an announcer counts off the seconds, the stadium field crews race the clock each time the weather calls for the infield

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prise because this was the first time the  
department had experience of serious  
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## ATTRACTING AND TRAINING JUNIOR LEADERS

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**C**ULTIVATION of future recreation leaders should begin at the grass-roots in early practical education on the playgrounds. Much work has

gone into the formation of junior leadership programs. The major problem in these areas seems to be the lack of flow-through to channel prospective young leaders into the recreation profession. Many times their introduction to the playground has been through physical education.

Little consideration is given to the ability of junior leaders to supply thoughtful and productive ideas or to assign them challenging responsibilities. The young person who may have an idea that his future might lie in the direction of recreation is too often dissuaded by the lack of education cooperation on the part of the recreation professional, basically because of a elementary approach. The junior

Mr. RICHARDSON is superintendent of recreation in Freeport, New York

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leader is not given an opportunity to contribute to the program or to become acquainted with the broad areas of recreation, and he is seldom included in the planning and reporting stages. Consequently, his summer position becomes a routine bore and does not awaken his enthusiasm or interest.

Include the junior volunteer in your thinking and summer playground planning. Call upon him for suggestions whenever possible and never allow him to believe he is being used to foster the program without proper recognition, if such recognition is deserved.

The recreation professional must reach into the school curriculum for an opportunity to present the educational side of recreation. In Long Beach, New York, the recreation director, Yale Neumann, has accomplished this. The need is there but it never really has been dealt with professionally.

The interested recreation college freshman usually comes from a background of athletics and has some knowledge of playgrounds from his own community. Would it not be a positive approach to expose him to the philosophy and administrative attitudes and methods of the profession? The recreation superintendent is best trained for this task. It should not be part of a physical-education department's responsibility. The offering of a noncredit course with a project to interest high-school students would have carry-over value throughout the total community recreation program. A major part of it should be in laboratory experience with an emphasis on reporting and planning. This approach works very successfully in industry with their cooperative programs and most definitely in other professions.

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• For more on junior leadership, see "Ready, Willing... and Able," Recreation, April 1964.

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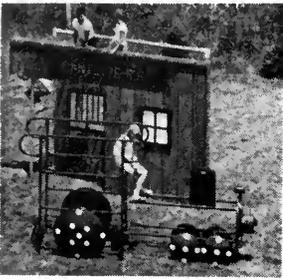
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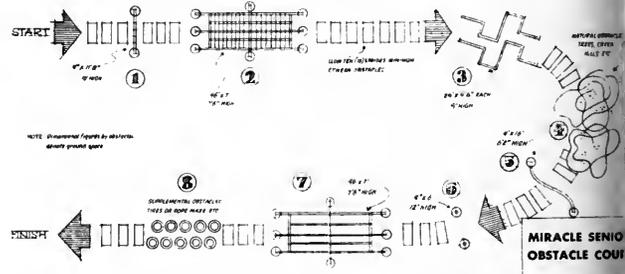
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### GAMES

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new help and hope for the children of the world through the United Nations Children's Fund. For copies, send \$.50 to Food Wonders of the World, P. O. Box 773, Detroit, Michigan 48232.

## FILMS

**The seeing eye.** How to derive pleasure and meaning from the world's great paintings is the subject of "The Magic Mirror," a new educational film produced by Hallmark Cards, Inc. for distribution to schools, libraries, museums, and similar institutions. The 16 MM color film, titled "a photographic study of the great paintings," runs 27½ minutes and is essentially a pictorial essay that seeks to instruct the viewer on how he may appreciate more fully the masterpieces of the great masters. It will be distributed through Association Films, Inc., La Grange, Illinois.

Beginning with the earliest cave drawing, the film traces man's interpretation of his world through the paintings he has created, and in turn the artist's view of nature, his use of color, and the extent to which he reveals himself. The title, "The Magic Mirror," is derived from a painter's frequent use of mirrors and his efforts to mirror his age in his art.

**No man is an Island.** When people become isolated, they feel that everyone is a stranger. They withdraw from their friends and family and feel lost in their own dark world. Once institutionalized, they discover that there are people who care. An educational film, "Who Care?" traces the progress of one person from the time of her admission to the hospital to her departure. The film (16 mm, color 22 minutes, cleared for TV) was designed specifically as a career recruiting aid, introducing the psychiatric aide, the psychiatric nurse, the occupational therapist, the clinical psychologist, the recreational specialist, and the psychiatrist. It can be used by clubs, organizations, churches, et cetera to help promote understanding regarding the social problem and to help dispel misconceptions about mental illness, its treatment, and prognosis. For additional information on purchasing or renting this film and the discussion guide that comes with it, write to the National Association of Mental Health, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 17. (Also ask about the NAMH Counselors' kit and career leaflets.)

**Tonic of Wilderness.** Scenes of wilderness solitude in *The Enduring Wilderness*, a 28-minute color film, make an eloquent plea for the protection of national parks as reserves and sanctuaries in regions now feeling the impact of urbanization. Produced for the National Film Board of Canada by noted nature photographer Christopher Chapman, the film has been released in the United States by Sterling Educational Films.

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Morton Thompson, Ed.D.

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Each week, more than a thousand blind men, women, and children in New York City regularly participate in the fall-through-spring free recreation program at The Lighthouse, which operates on Sundays through Saturdays. The Lighthouse has the largest organized recreation program for blind people in the world. Almost two-fifths of the cost of the fall-through-spring program is spent transporting people to and from their homes.

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The Lighthouse recreation program

MORTON THOMPSON is director of the National Recreation Association Consultative Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped.

also offers indoor and outdoor mobility training, elementary braille, literary activities, trips and outings, clubs and vacation programs, including five summer camps. The staff includes well-trained recreation workers, and skilled instructors. Some of the staff members are visually handicapped. A corps of about a hundred dedicated volunteers help make the program possible.

✦ Silvia Cristina Zylberpic Martinez recently paid a two-week visit to the United Nations and New York City as her prize for winning a national contest to design Argentina's United Nations Twentieth Anniversary Commemorative Stamp. Silvia, a thirteen-year-old deaf mute, submitted a design that won over 1,440 entries. Her four peso-stamp portrays two doves of peace flying in front of the UN Secretariat and bears the inscription, "Dia de las Naciones Unidas." Silvia's program was organized by the International Recreation Association through the cooperation and support of the IRA affiliate in Argentina, the President of the Republic of Argentina, Dr. Arturo Illia, Esso-S.A.P.A., the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires, and the Argentine Committee of Non-governmental Organizations for the United Nations that sponsored the design competition.

✦ The Vocational Rehabilitation Administration has provided a fund for the arts and crafts program for the handicapped, sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. This will make possible the services of a project director whose responsibility it will be to coordinate a professional-volunteer effort to improve the design, quality, and workmanship of products made for sale by handicapped people. A nationally famous group of designers will assist in making designs and patterns available to the handicapped.

✦ A parent's responsibility for the mental and physical health of his child is the subject of two 16MM films. *Who Cares About Janie?* and *Journey in Health*. Presented by the Smart Family Foundation and distributed by Association Films, these color motion pictures are available for free-loan use to TV stations and adult community organizations. For further information, write to Association Films, 347 Madison Avenue, New York 10017.



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# A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## Expansion of National Parks

**P**RIORITIES for expansion of the National Park System were the subject of a paper by Joe Penfold, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission Report, presented to the eleventh annual conference on national conservation hosted by the National Wildlife Federation in December. Mr. Penfold urges conservationists to establish realistic priorities for NPS legislation. He points out that amounts available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund will not cover costs of acquiring lands in all areas authorized or likely to be proposed during the next few years. He suggests that priority for use of fund bill monies for National Park System areas be given to speeding acquisition in authorized areas (Point Reyes, Padre Island, and so on), and to those new areas "most immediately threatened with destruction, and which would contribute maximum values . . . ."

Mr. Penfold notes also that there are practical limitations on the number of new area proposals which the Interior committees can process. He suggests, again, that priority go to those threatened with destruction, ahead of areas proposed for the National Park System areas which are already in federal ownership.

## AYH "Outdoor Bound"

**T**HOUSANDS of young Americans take to the open road on the first bright days of spring . . . and American Youth Hostels stands ready to give service to the "outdoor bound"! AYH is celebrating its 30th Anniversary Year in 1965 by extending this service. The theme of the year is "Hosteling for More Americans."

The AYH headquarters is in the National Recreation Association headquarters building in New York City, and early on a Friday afternoon, the sidewalks outside these offices swarm with young people departing on all sorts of AYH trips. Their eager young faces and the restrained excitement that rip-



*En route to adventure! Houseparents at the Friendly Crossways Youth Hostel in Harvard, Massachusetts, greet their young guests, members of Tewksbury Hostel C*

ples from person to person are an almost irresistible invitation to join them on their weekend adventuring in the country.

May, which is National Bike Month, offers an excellent opportunity for recreation leaders to explore hosteling as an outdoor activity which can enrich their own programs. Who can resist sampling the countryside in spring? Hostellers not only bike, but they hike, canoe, ride horseback.

Membership in AYH has doubled in the past five years, but, in relation to the need of American youth for hosteling activities and exercise, the organization feels that there is still a tremendous task ahead in introducing them to larger numbers of young people. So far, hosteling is more widely enjoyed in Europe than in the U. S. One of the main AYH objectives in '65 is to work more closely with recreation leaders in starting hosteling in their areas; another is to provide more hostel accommodations in large cities, thus enabling hostellers to travel across our country as they do across the varied lands of Europe.

One of the finest contributions to the development of hosteling in America is the new hosteling-cycling film, *A Road to Adventure*, which had its premiere

only a few months ago. Each AYH regional director, as well as AYH national headquarters, has a copy of this film. It is also available from Horace H. Man, Jr., Box 1036, Dayton 1, Ohio.

## Help Wanted: Female, in All

**W**OMEN choosing the recreation field as a career have the choice of many leadership settings, as suggested by Marjorie B. Miller, recreation supervisor of Headquarters Air Defense Command, in the January 1965 issue of *RECREATION*. As she pointed out, they include public recreation, commercial recreation, rural, church, hospital, American Red Cross, armed forces recreation, Peace Corps, and private agencies.

In the matter of opportunities for women in the American Red Cross, she would like to add that the Red Cross offers college-trained women opportunity for service to their country and the men and women in the armed forces through recreation services to patients in military hospitals and Clubmobile and center programs overseas.

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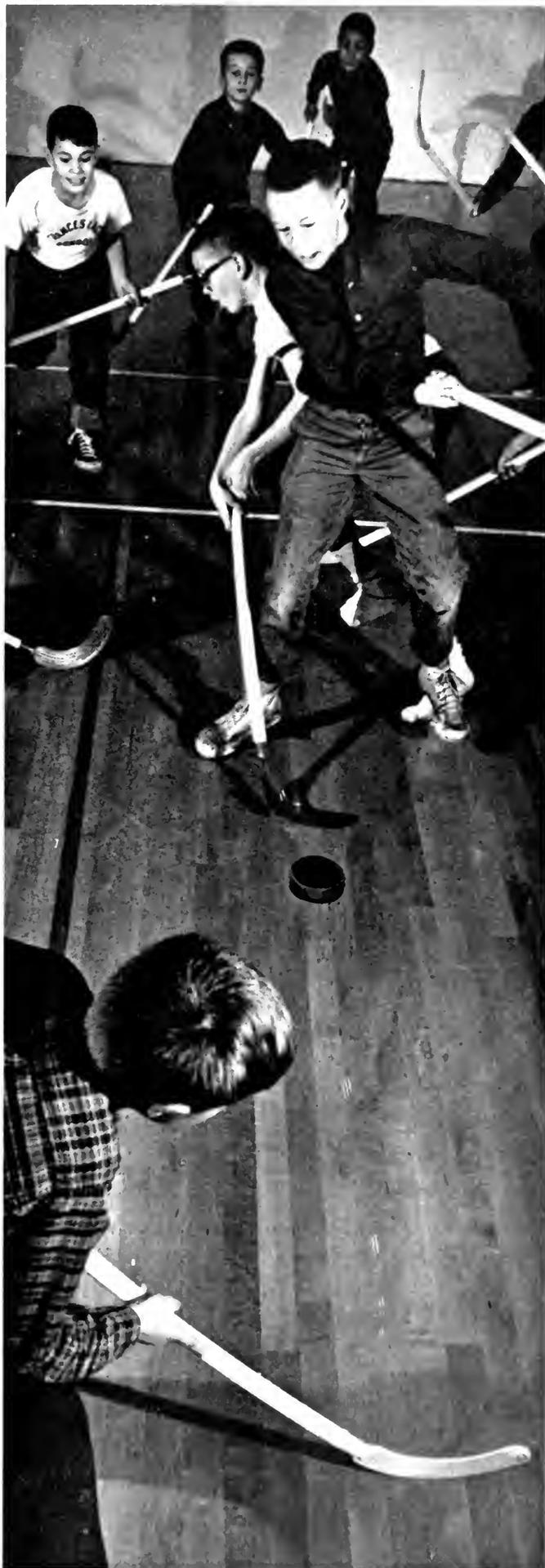


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### "Arts and Crafts Lady"

**Y**OU WOULD THINK that in a much used park in the largest city in the United States, there would be a planned



*Guess who! No, the man in the knitted mask is not the Olympic ski jump champion, a bobsled star, that Man from U.N.C.L.E. or even Vice-President HHH! Just a hard-working recreation director braving the icy elements. Any reader who can identify him will receive our Honorary B.S. in Identification.*

and organized recreation program. In New York City's historic Washington Square Park, there isn't. It could be a recreation leader's or specialist's paradise. The children would follow you like the Pied Piper of Hamelin. And so it

was with arts-and-crafts specialist Iris Kahn, who independently volunteered her skills and time to the children there last summer. Her "classes," conducted on enthusiasm and a shoestring budget, grew rapidly, and with community support, she was able to continue with the group through the fall and winter at the Lower West Side Children's Center.

One of the highlights of the program has been an exhibit of the children's work at one of Greenwich Village's busiest banks, the West Side Savings Bank. The exhibit, which included drawings, paintings, collages, and crafts, was enthusiastically received by the community. After some well-earned publicity, Miss Kahn began receiving supplies from interested people. Known to her children (aged three and-a-half to twelve) as the "arts and crafts lady," Miss Kahn says, "Keep children off the streets and pursuing activities in a constructive manner is the purpose of this program."

*At a recent meeting of the National Recreation Association District Advisory Chairmen at NRA Headquarters, the visitors and NRA staff got better acquainted during a luncheon. BELOW, Left: NRA executive director Joseph Prendergast and Donald M. Jolley, Pittsburg, Kansas. Center: John B. Tid-*

*well, Jr., Tupelo, Mississippi; Willard C. Sutherland and Leslie G. Lynch (NRA). Right: Frederick C. Mandeville, J. Meriden, Connecticut; Neil A. Ofsthun, Rockville, Maryland; Donald F. Bohuet (NRA); and Peter Ranich, Detroit, Michigan. The District Chairmen convened for two days of meetings.*



*BELOW, Left: Dorothy Donaldson (NRA), Mr. Tidwell, and Harold Wilcox (NRA). Center: Betty van der Smissen, Mr.*

*Lynch, and Donald Joyce (all NRA). Right: Mr. Jolley and Joan Little (NRA). District Chairmen serve on NRA Board.*



# NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Time and the River: Grand Canyon,** Francois Leydet. Sierra Club, 1050 Sanson Tower, San Francisco 4, California. Pp. 176, illustrated. \$25.00.

BEAUTIFUL BOOK about one of the great natural beauties of America, captured through eons of time by the flowing of the Colorado River, now threatened with extinction by the construction of a series of dams. The project is proposed by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. Upstream, the beauty of Grand Canyon was destroyed as a part of the Pacific Southwest Water Plan, and now plans extend to the living river in Grand Canyon proper. (See *Let's Live*, Page 155.)

In this book, by means of exquisite drawings or plates, beautiful paper and type, clear, well-written text, Francois Leydet, a resident of the West, writer on natural history subjects, and author of *The Last Redwoods*, tells the almost unbelievable story. "These dams," he writes, "are hydraulic power devices to produce electricity and dollars for projects that ought to be financed by less costly means. The dams would make water available that is not available today." He quotes Rachel Carson's dedication to Albert Schweitzer in *Silent Spring*, "Man has lost the capacity to foresee and to forestall. He will end by destroying the earth." Mr. Leydet's work is published by the Sierra Club, which is doing everything possible to inform America's people, for if enough of them will care, and act according to their love of the land, this tragedy will not come to pass. This book belongs in every conservation library.—D. D.

**How We Do It Game Book** (3rd edition). American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, 2116 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Pp. 339, illustrated. \$3.50.

THE GAMES in this book are those from the previous editions selected for the column that appeared in the *Journal* of the AAHPER from 1956-1960, plus twenty-three others that have appeared from 1959-1963. While called "original" in the introduction, these games are adaptations and modifications of basic games and game formations, such as tennis, handball, football, bowling, basketball, volleyball, et cetera. A typical example of such modification is sponge ball, a variation of softball using the rules of softball, but

paddle-tennis paddles instead of bats, and a dime-store sponge-rubber ball instead of a softball. The modified game can be played by younger children, by boys and girls, and yet teach some of the fundamental skills of softball.

Other examples (two of the few games for primary children) are adaptations of "Farmer in the Dell" and "Looby Loo." For the Christmas season, they become "Santa's in the Shop," et cetera and "This Is the Way We Trim the Tree," et cetera.

A collection like this one, relying as it does too heavily on balls and the teacher's whistle, is valuable in exploring the ways by which a game can be made to fit a specific age, or playing area, or a different number of youngsters, and yet still involve certain fundamental physical skills. The really important thing that a leader should remember, however, is that an adaptation should have such a real purpose and not be a substitution for a lack of knowledge of basic games in various types of formations, with and without equipment.—V. M.

**Our National Parks in Color,** Devereux Butcher. Clarkson N. Potter, 23 East 67th Street, New York 10021. Pp. 190, illustrated, \$5.95.

MR. BUTCHER comes forth with another book with dramatically beautiful photographs, in color, of America's national parks. In all, there are 148 gem-like illustrations. The text describes twenty-eight great national parks, the Park Service's thirty-three national nature monuments, and eighteen archeological monuments; tells how to get to them, where to stay. How such a book can be so beautifully published to be sold at so reasonable a price is amazing. A perfect gift book for the nature lover, conservationist, armchair traveler, or visitor to our nation's parks.

**Imaginative Techniques in Painting,** Leonard Richmond. Reinhold Publishing Corporation, 430 Park Avenue, New York 10022. Pp. 121, illustrated. \$10.95.

WRITTEN by a well-known English artist and writer, this book is a high-priced one—in the "gift class." The author teaches by demonstration to help painters and amateurs to develop their own imagination in painting. He shows many examples of work but offers no set rules so that he "stimulates the mind to personal interpretation in order to convey the definite character of the artist's creative impulse."

All media are covered. Most of the drawings and paintings are black and white with some beautifully colored ones. The chapter on "Unusual Water Color Techniques" is noteworthy, indeed.—Mary B. Cummings, *Recreation Specialist, National Recreation Association Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped.*

**Design in Photography,** O. R. Croy. Hastings House, 151 East 50th Street, New York 10022. Pp. 174, illustrated. \$8.95.

HAVE YOU EVER seen an "optical breakdown" of a lily or a pattern produced by "kaleidoscopic multiplication" of a geranium? Dr. Croy introduces us to both. Actually, you would have to be either a photographer or a designer, or a combination of both, to truly evaluate this book, but for anyone in search of ideas for design or for photography, it is a *must*. To the uninitiated it will be fascinating. The book is full of beautiful photographs for it is one of the "Communication Visual Book Series" put out by Hastings House. It shows, among many things, how a halftone can be reduced to mere lines or partial shadows or into dramatic effects of pure blacks and whites. More complicated techniques for the expert photographer venture into superimposition and combination of positives and negatives, masking, tone separation, and so on. Anyone interested in the above topics will be thrilled with this new publication, and artists will find it an inspiration. They will want it on their reference shelves.

Dr. Croy, a doctor of natural science, is Austrian, and the first of his well-known books on photo tricks was pub-



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lished in 1938. On his sixtieth birthday recently, the President of the Austrian Republic awarded him the title of Professor.

### IN BRIEF

**EXPLORING WITH PAINT**, *Henry Petter-son and Ray Gerring. Reinhold Publishing, 430 Park Avenue, New York 10022. Pp. 68, illustrated. \$5.50.* Here is an especially good book for teachers, recreation leaders and anyone working in art with children or adults because it shows how the leader can motivate an individual to free his imagination to do creative work and explore original ways of using all manners of "tools": cardboard, foam rubber or sponge rollers, oil painting knives, kitchen spatulas, eye droppers, sticks, his fingers, tissue paper, crinoline, cheesecloth, wax, brushes, and crayons. A chapter on "Setting the Mood" is especially informative for a teacher of creative painting and will start many others on paths to creative expression. Techniques of motivation are carefully described.

**THE CITY AND THE ARTS**, *August Heckscher. Institute of Local Government, University of Pittsburgh. Pp. 16. Paper, \$1.50.* Mr. Heckscher's main concern

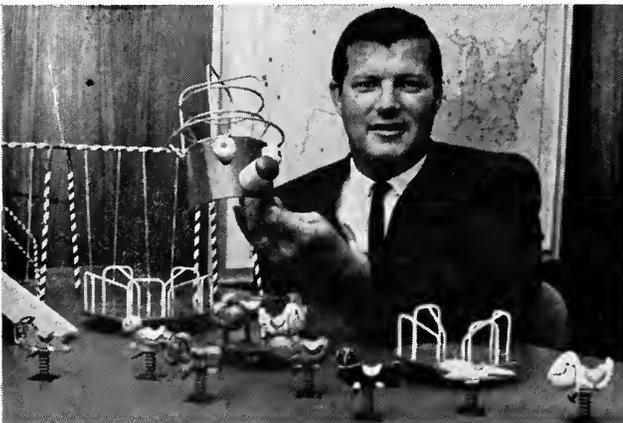
in this publication is for the top-level artist and organization and what can be done to enrich community life by bringing them together with local government in a close working relationship. His attitude toward arts councils and other forms of cooperative arrangements between public and private bodies is favorable. Several important examples are cited in *The City and the Arts*. The role of educational, recreational, and other community services affecting the arts is practically ignored. He puts the solution of the problem in the hands of the select few. City hall which deals with the public at large and the public welfare will probably want a solution based on the interdependence of all forces affecting the cultural life of the city at all levels including recreation and education.—S. F.

**PRINTS AND HOW TO MAKE THEM**, *Arthur Zaidenberg. Harper and Row, 49 East 33rd Street, New York 10016. Pp. 173, illustrated. \$6.95.* Arthur Zaidenberg has written many fine books on art and this is one of his best. It covers the graphic arts completely from earliest rubbings through chemigraphs and sensitypes. It is full of illustrations and has a short and concise easy-to-read text. Here is not only an interesting book but an excellent guide to any-

one putting out a newsletter, pro folder, or other graphic material. *M.B.C.*

**WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPE**, *Rex Br Reinhold Publishing Company, Park Avenue, New York 10022. 160. Paper, \$10.00.* Anyone who to do a watercolor will find help. This is a companion to the author's earlier book on *Watercolor Technique*. Mr. Brandt is a well-known artist and a very successful teacher; his writings are as informative as his teachings; he is very thorough. With the clear instructions on how to use the color, tyros will be able, after some practice to brush line, dry brush, wash, "wet-into-wet." In explaining why he concentrates on landscape painting in this book the author quotes Kuo (1078-1085 A.D.): "We like landscapes for these reasons—things grow from the ground, water flows, rocks play; animals, birds, and man feel a sense of belonging; there is space, haze, and the feeling of the presence of a world. The landscape painting invites the qualities even to the dweller in the finest of a city. . . ." Many of the fascinating paintings used as illustrations are combination land and seascapes.

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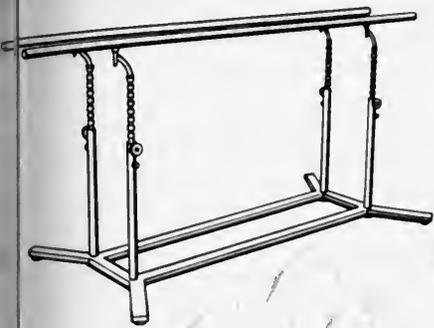
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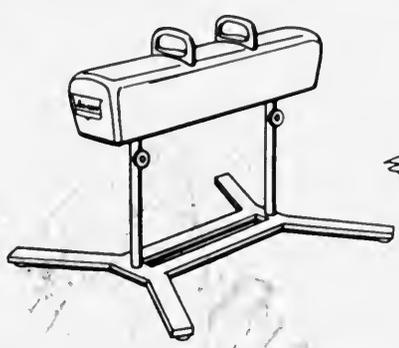
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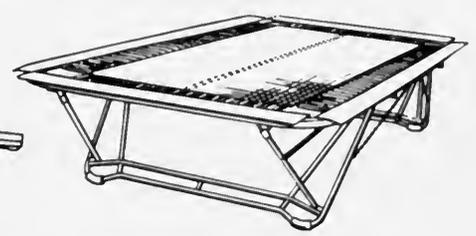
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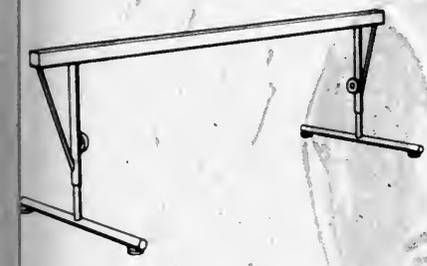
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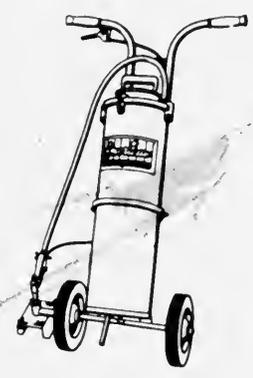
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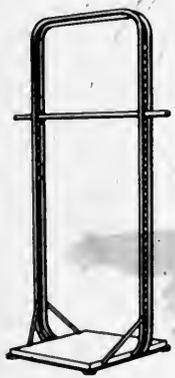
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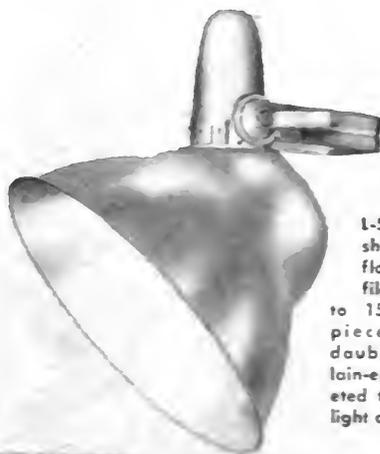
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**Next Month**

The summer issue of RECREATION appears in June and deals with door summer recreation interest and concerns. "Explorers in Surf" and "Harbor Recreation" both deal with water recreation while "Our Coastal Marshes" to do with preservation of these the benefit of wildlife and the other life-giving qualities. The program section of the magazine offer some new games, and the administration section carries good articles on park planning. Don't overlook the article by Colonel Donald F. Hull, executive director of the Amateur Athletic Union, on "AAU Plays by International Rules."

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## Semantics

Dr. Richard Kraus of Columbia University and Dr. Earle F. Zeigler of the University of Illinois have been having difference of opinion in respect to the "recreation education." This antic controversy developed when Kraus reviewed Dr. Zeigler's re-book Philosophical Foundations Physical, Health, and Recreation Education (January 1965). Dr. Zeigler's exception to parts of the review Letter to the Editor (February 1965) to which Dr. Kraus replied in the April issue. Now it is Dr. Zeigler's turn!

In regard to that matter of "recreation education," [Dr. Kraus] and I are involved in a bit of semantics which ought to be straightened out. Perhaps this is a question of one geographical region of the country as opposed to another, but I have checked this matter in our people here also and they don't use the term at all. They tell me that the people call it the professional curriculum in recreation. Here it is simply the professional preparation for recreation and municipal park administration.

[Dr. Kraus] made much in his letter at the 1962 AAHPER Conference in May. May I suggest [he] read this again more carefully? The heading which Dr. Kraus referred is simply the work of some progressive recreation educators. . . . on Page 87 . . . they refer to "general education," "related to the professional education," "special professional recreation education." For that matter, the entire conference report as noted on the cover called Professional Preparation in Physical Education, Physical Education, Recreation Education. "Recreation Education" is, therefore, simply a name progressive educators have given to the field of recreation. This was pointed out very clearly in my text. If the State University of New York at Stony Brook called their preparation work "recreation education," then I maintain they are also confused. . . . I really don't feel too badly about this term "recreation education," because I am not as progressive enough in my thinking to believe it could have meaning for the general population. If it were confined to purely professional preparation, it would seem as though we were asking the general public to ignore the meaning of the actual words and accept our interpretation.

EARLE F. ZEIGLER, Head, Department of Physical Education, University of Illinois, Champaign.

## Spring Cleaning

Sirs:

I caught [the] budget article [by Joseph E. Curtis] in the February [issue]. I always enjoy reading [his] articles. . . . I agree we need to "spring clean" every year in many areas. . . . This is the type of articles more recreation people should write.

JOHN D. DITTMAR, Recreation Director,

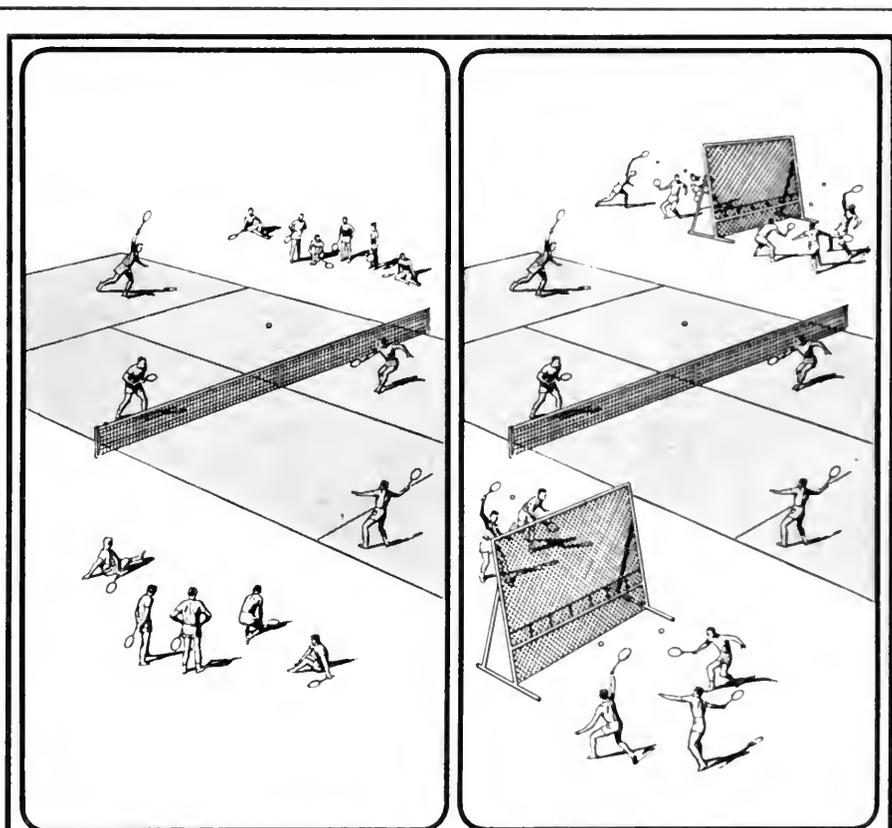
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**R. Roy Rusk**



which is the most powerful single force in man's existence. It provides him with an outlook on life, his values, and his loyalties. Aristotle described man as "a social or political animal who finds association with his fellow beings pleasant. His physical nature and biological equipment have compelled him to associate with his fellowman to insure his existence, comfort, protection, and progress."

In earlier civilizations organized community effort, as we know it, was rare indeed. Communities were small and families and neighbors helped each other.

Social patterns change. Our modern society is dynamic not static. Needs must be met by group action if we are to protect the community as a whole. Arnold Toynbee said, "The twentieth century may be best remembered as the first age in history in which people have thought it practical to make the benefits of civilization available for the whole human race."

Activities and services that were formerly the responsibility of a family or small groups of individuals have now become matters of national, state, county, or municipal concern. The recreation movement is an excellent example of community organization for a need because it affords an adequate substitute for the once available vacant

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lot or neighborhood play group. though the recreation movement began with an interest only in small children it has grown until it now includes concern for the development of foundations for a broader culture and has opened new vistas in the use of leisure time which will help to free man from his narrow interests and perspective.

It is pleasant indeed to contemplate the beginning of volunteership in the United States, especially since our society is so young.

During our pioneer period in which neighbors were scarce, the "bee" syndrome was established. We lived apart in a vast new land. Labor was a vital need which we attempted to meet through an often frantic series of hunting bees, quilting bees, barn raising and so forth. It was through this pattern of mutual assistance that we were able to meet our physical and social needs. From this raw development we can clearly trace the growth of our primary and secondary groups that have reacted, reformed, and related over the years. (*See also "Recreation Our Necessity" (recreation in early North America). RECREATION, February 1964.*)

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It can be said that within this country no community or individual is self-sufficient. The army of volunteers in the United States today is larger than anywhere in the world—and stronger. One knows how many there are as they cannot be counted, because the number

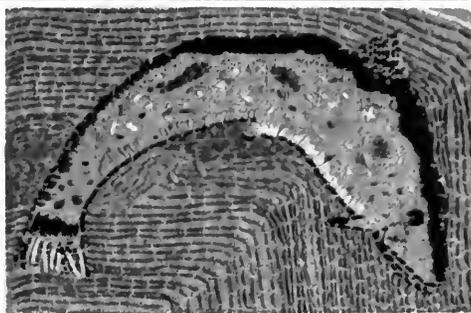
...uates constantly and because so many serve more than one agency or program. By their works ye shall know them . . . 's take a look at some figures which serve to point out more clearly the impact volunteership has made in this country.

MORE THAN a hundred thousand voluntary health and welfare agencies, a hundred thousand fraternal, etc., veterans, and related organizations sponsor some health and welfare activities. Over three hundred thousand churches offer some type of health and welfare service. United Funds and Community Chests have expanded from 1940 to over two thousand in 1970. In 1958, the total of all philanthropic giving in the United States was \$7,000,000,000. By 1970, it is expected to approach \$13,000,000,000, or more than ten times the \$1,250,000,000 raised in 1940. Ample evidence, indeed, but there is more to be said for volunteerism than can be said through figures. There is the often life-giving person to whom contact, a precious commodity in a highly mechanized hospital ward—the stranger who becomes a friend and who brings so allays the marasmus of old age the adult who carefully relates his advice to actions of youth. There is youth who serves the whole community understanding such service to be an investment in his future.

The obvious fact is that volunteers are people and because they are people they offer a quality which has not yet been reproduced by machine. (Another interesting fact is that while volunteerism has become an integral part of our social structure, we often tend to be more concerned with the care and feeding of our agency's program than the care and feeding of its most vital force—the volunteer.) They may also be, and they are, professionals. The lawyer serves as legal council to an agency—the physician serves, so does the banker, merchant, teacher; in fact all professions are actively engaged in the provision of volunteer service, thereby filling a need that requires a special kind of knowledge the purchase of which would be financially prohibitive. Modern sociologists and students of

community growth are coining new words and phrases to better describe our American way of life. More effective city planning and an ever-increasing ability to plumb greater depths within the mores of masses promise to insure a more fruitful life for the future but from within all of this I can still

hear the "bee" syndrome humming, and man has found a way to beat the system by trading his skills for the benefit of his fellowman. The carpenter can still build but this time it is a clubhouse for the baker's son. And the baker? He has furnished the bread for the carpenter's church bazaar! #



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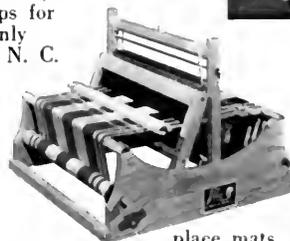


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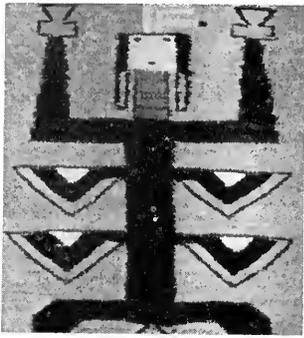
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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



**Dr. Harlan (Gold) Metcalf** doesn't need any testimonials but he is going to get some nonetheless on May 15 when his students,

friends, and colleagues tender him a testimonial dinner at the State University of New York at Cortland. Dr. Metcalf is chairman of the recreation education department at Cortland and one of the country's outstanding recreation educators and pioneers. Previously, he was on the staff of the National Recreation Association for two years providing service to state government bureaus in twenty-two states. A six-letter athlete at Oberlin, he was named All-Ohio guard at football. Dr. Metcalf is also a championship archer, an inveterate fisherman, and the inventor of Plug Golf (a fishing game).



**Nick J. Catamas**, recreation chief at the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Fernando, California, was presented with the Achievement

Award of the Medical Section of the California Park and Recreation Society at its recent annual conference in San Francisco. Mr. Catamas was also elected director of the medical section and will serve on the CPRS board of directors for the next two years.



**Gordon D. Hunsaker**, director of recreation in Coronado, California, became general manager for the Sun City Civic Association in Sun

City, California, as of April 1. Sun City is a "retirement community" just south of Riverside. (See Mr. Hunsaker's article on graduation night activities on Page 245.)

National Teacher of the Year is **Edward E. Klinck**, a sixth-grade teacher in White Ridge, a suburb of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Klinck, who received the award from President Johnson at the White House, is a conservationist authority on the National Park system and pioneered a program of field trips for his classes.

**Valerie Barilleaux** and **Tom D'Angelo** were named winners of the annual G. Gernon Brown Award for outstanding New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD) supervisors. Barilleaux was named the outstanding cultural division supervisor for 1962 while Mr. D'Angelo took top honors among athletic division personnel.



*Miss Barilleaux (left) and Mr. D'Angelo receive their awards from Mrs. McL.*

Brown was NORD's executive assistant director from 1954 until his death in January 1963. Mrs. Leo McLain, daughter of the late Mr. Brown, donated the awards and also made the presentations.

Miss Barilleaux is acting center manager at Behrman Center. She has been working with the city's playground division since 1932 and moved to NORD when the department became a part of the city government in 1947. Mr. D'Angelo is center manager at Stallion Center. He has been with NORD since 1954.

**Harvey E. Wolfe** has been appointed field consultant in rehabilitation of the disabled for the American Public Health Association. Mr. Wolfe will represent a new division of the APHA Professional Examination Service devoted to the evaluation of training programs and employment and promotion practices for personnel in the professions involved in the rehabilitation of the disabled. The new division will cooperate with the

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e evaluation of course content and  
structional methods through the use  
a variety of examination methods  
d provide assistance to public and  
untary agencies in the effective use  
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sions participating in rehabilitation pro-  
grams. The program of the division  
ll be oriented toward establishing a  
ser link between educational institu-  
ns and operating agencies to facili-  
e the correlation of training pro-  
ms with job requirements. New  
valuation methods and testing materi-  
will be developed or existing meth-  
s and materials will be adapted to  
v areas within the rehabilitation  
d.



**Robert Wilder** of Grants Pass, Oregon, is the new state recreation director for the Oregon State Highway Commission. He replaces David G.

Robert who is now state parks superintendent. Mr. Wilder holds a master's degree from the University of Oregon in recreation and park management. Formerly, he was with the River Road Park and Recreation District of Eugene, Oregon.

**William J. Duddleson, Jr.**, of Washington, D. C., has been appointed head of the Division of State Planning and Technical Assistance in the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. Mr. Duddleson has been associate director of the Citizens Committee for the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission Report, a national committee of the American Conservation Association. He assumed his new duties January 4, 1965.

The division directed by Mr. Duddleson reviews comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plans required participation in the new Land and Water Conservation Fund grants-in-aid program. It provides outdoor recreation advice and assistance to states, local governments, various federal agencies, and private outdoor recreation interests. It also reviews sale or transfer

of surplus government real property for outdoor recreation uses.

Directors for two nationwide projects aimed at improving the economic prospects of older people have been named by Garson Meyer, president of the National Council on the Aging. The appointees, both of New York City, are Jack Osssofsky, former administrator of two self-insured labor-management pension plans for the 35,000-members of District 65, Retail-Wholesale Department Store Union, AFL-CIO; and Mrs. Zoe Fales Christman, public-relations

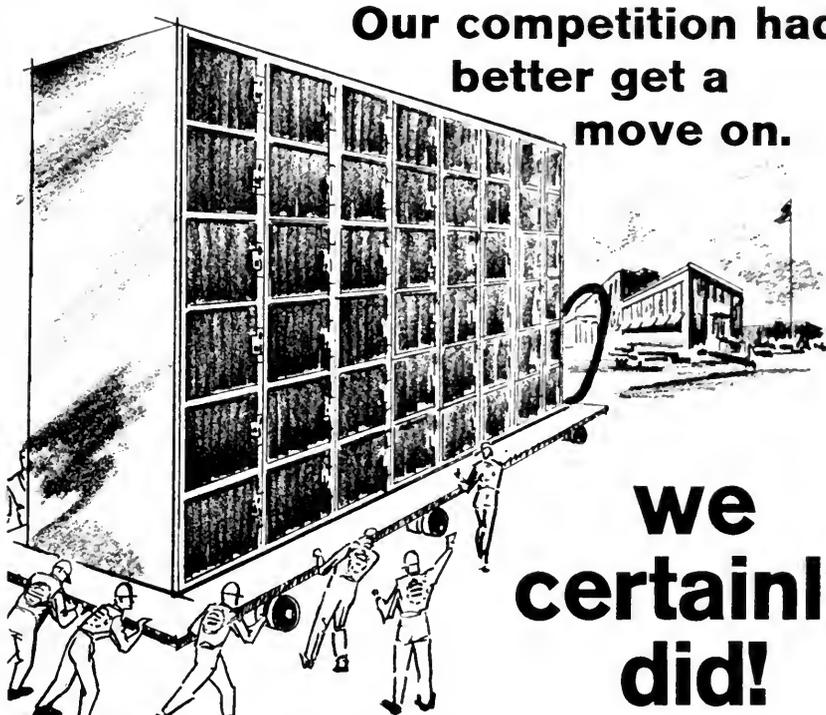
director from 1947 to 1963 of the Division of Employment. New York State Department of Labor.

As administrator of the council's contract with the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, Mr. Osssofsky will study established community programs to assist the aged poor. He will draw on successful local experience in these programs and the long experience of the Council itself as the basis for as many as ten model projects designed to provide services and employment income

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# REDWOOD CRISIS

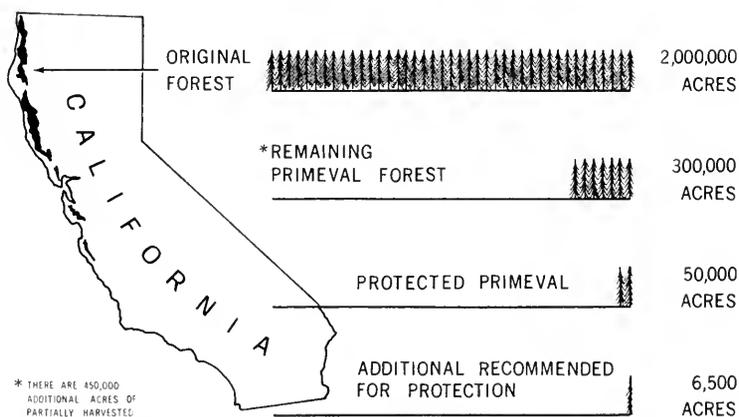


Freeway construction has already reached Prairie Creek State Park from the north, aimed straight at the Garland Memorial Grove and the magnificent natural beach along the foot of Gold Bluffs despite the rising tide of public indignation.



The Malarkey Forest: Bought by the Simpson Lumber Company, and, as the lumber industry says, converted from a "static forest to a dynamic forest." It was logged and then burnt by its owners. The last redwoods are going, going, gone.

## THE COAST REDWOOD



**Redwood crisis: What we rescue today, this hour, this very minute, is the most that can ever be saved—hopefully by means of a new national area. These giant trees grow nowhere else on this earth.**

**T**HE PRIMEVAL stands of redwoods, found in California and nowhere else, are one of the most treasured plant types and one of the natural wonders of the world. They are among the oldest of all living things—with many reaching a thousand years and a few exceeding two thousand years. Rising from the fern-covered forest floor, along the fog-shrouded and rain-drenched Pacific Coast, many grow higher than a twenty-story office building—to create a forest scene of natural beauty unexcelled anywhere else on earth. Nonetheless, the California

Highway Commission has adopted a route for freeway construction through these memorial groves, even though some are state parks.

Despite public outcry, the commission is pushing ahead. Already many of the giants have been cleared away; and, in addition, timber companies are buying the acreage that is left, setting up new logging camps and moving in the chain saws. Many groves have been wiped out.

Everyone who is interested in knowing more should send for the Sierra Club *Outdoor Newsletter* of November

6, 1964, entitled *How Will You Ha Your Redwoods?* and for its Fact Sheet No. 1—*Perpetuation of Primeval Redwoods.* (Sierra Club, Mills Tower, S. Francisco 4.) Those interested enough to want to go into action to help do the following:

- Write to The Honorable Edmund Brown, Governor of California, State Capitol, Sacramento and tell him how you feel about freeways in the redwood parks.
- Send a copy of your letter to The Honorable Edwin L. Z'berg, Chairman, Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Planning, and Public Works, State Capitol, Sacramento, California.
- Join the Save-the-Redwoods League, 114 Sansome Street, San Francisco (annual membership: \$3).
- Write to the President, The White House, Washington 25, D.C., urging him to continue to work for prompt establishment of a Redwood National Park. Only by immediate acquisition of crucial areas can we hope to have redwood preserve adequate for the needs of the future.
- Write to your United States Senator and Congressman, urging them also to work for a Redwood National Park. Point out the importance of immediate action.
- Alert your friends.

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OTHER BUREAU in Washington, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, is expressing interest in recreation. The May issue of its *Occupational Outlook Quarterly*, a publication issued to provide counselors with pertinent information on employment trends and outlook, will be devoted to recreation. Among the contents dealing with the topic is "Recreation Becomes Cash Crop", by Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, which deals with recreation as a new source of income from farmlands. "Under the Land Conversion Program," writes Freeman, "the Department has promoted cost sharing and transition payments that enabled 123 farmers in 93 test counties in 33 states to convert 8,344 acres of cropland to recreation." Among the intriguing titles included: "The Revolution in Leisure Time," by Robert Henle, deputy associate commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, covers growth and implications of leisure; "Recreation's Challenges are Discussed in Floor Recreation—Profile of the Professionals," by Neil Stout, acting chief, Division of Research and Education, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. There are numerous others. The magazine is thirty-five cents per copy. Order from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

PAMPHLET published by the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and now available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, is *Executive Order 11604, Providing for Establishing User Fees Pursuant to the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965*. It includes sections 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (30F.R.3265). Regulations included have been extracted from the *National Register* and reprinted here. "Public Lands: Interior," the Secretary states: "The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (78 Stat. 397) authorizes the President to determine for the establishment of entrance, admission, and user fees at designated Federal recreation areas. *Executive Order 11200* provided for the designation of areas at which such fees may be charged and directed the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe a schedule of fees which may be collected at these areas."

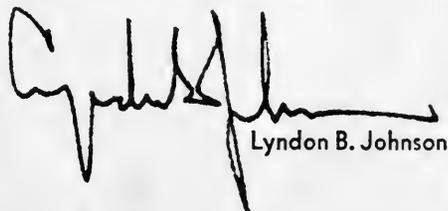
PROPOSED Tocks Island National Recreation Area in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York would provide outdoor recreation opportunities for nearly 46,000,000 people, about a

## THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, D.C.

Beneficial use of leisure time can bring immeasurable improvement in the quality of life in our society.

I am pleased, therefore, to join in calling special attention to June as National Recreation Month.

The observance of National Recreation Month comes as a timely reminder that the opportunities for refreshing and otherwise rewarding recreation must compete with an ever-growing list of other demands on our natural resources. This is an occasion to remind ourselves that these opportunities must be preserved and expanded to meet the needs and desires of an increasingly urban and growing population. This is a vital challenge of our times.



Lyndon B. Johnson

quarter of the nation's population. Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall strongly urged enactment of legislation establishing this area at recent House Committee hearings. Pointing out that the Tocks Island Dam and Reservoir has been authorized, Secretary Udall said, "It is imperative that Tocks Island National Recreation Area land acquisition and development of recreation facilities be carried out on a time schedule consistent with the plans for the construction of the dam" [by the Corps of Engineers].

▶ ARTS COUNCILS in the United States and Canada plan to establish a central headquarters staffed with paid employees before summer. Reports *The New York Times*, "The office will provide research services for the growing arts council movement, private and public . . ."

"It will be set up by the Arts Councils of America, Inc., a nonprofit organization that has been trying to keep up with the needs of the expanding movement of volunteers."

▶ FIFTY PAINTINGS about "the city" by New York painters, borrowed from collections and museums in New York State, are on exhibition at the New York State Pavilion at the World's Fair. Entitled "The City: Places and People," the exhibition is a sequel to last year's show "The River: Places and People." The new exhibition is sponsored by the New York State Council on the Arts, now in its fifth year.

▶ A REMINDER. May 1965 has been proclaimed by President Johnson as Senior Citizens Month. It is his hope that "all citizens—of all ages—will par-

ticipate in this month in helping make life beyond sixty-five a better life for senior citizens of our land."

▶ TO MARK "ten years of a united profession," the National Association of Social Workers will sponsor a tenth anniversary professional symposium on social work practice and knowledge at the Shelburne Hotel in Atlantic City, May 21-23, just in advance of the Annual Forum of the National Conference on Social Welfare.

▶ OPPOSITION to President Johnson's plan for a national redwood park in two northern California coastal counties was expressed in two alternate proposals made by the California State Resources Agency. One alternative calls for a "national parkway" instead of the traditional type park. The other calls for a park site different than that proposed by the federal government. The federal proposal is for a park that would include areas of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, including the Redwood Creek watershed with its primeval redwoods in Humboldt County. (*For more on the Redwood crisis, see Page 216.*)

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

▶ SUGGESTIONS for the Greater Enjoyment of the New York World's Fair is the title of a pamphlet just published by Comeback, Inc., 16 West 46th Street, New York 10036, available for \$2.25 per copy. This was compiled for the aged and disabled, their families and friends. It gives details on ramps, parking lots, renting wheelchairs, toilet facilities, et cetera, and should be of great help to the families and friends of the aged and disabled who will need just such information.

► **REPORT ON PERFORMING ARTS** in the U.S. *Only in our time have we begun to recognize the arts as a community concern.*—John D. Rockefeller 3rd. A group of citizens from all parts of the country who are identified with many segments of American life were asked by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, in 1963, to join in a study of the future development and support of the performing arts in the United States. Their report, *The Performing Arts—Problems and Prospects*, has just been published by McGraw-Hill Book Company and is now available from the publisher for \$1.95 (paperback).

A preface signed by the Rockefeller Panel states, "In this report, we hope to engage the attention of the American people and to waken their concern about the performing arts in the United States. For, in spite of tremendous growth and exciting promise, the performing arts as we see them today are in trouble." The report presents some of the problems facing the arts, promoting public discussion and action.

► **NEW REGULATION:** If you are registering with the National Recreation Association Personnel Placement Service, send for the standard personnel form. When returning it, a \$5.00 registration fee should accompany your application which helps to pay the cost of collecting, assembling and preparing your credentials for photographing. *This fee is paid only once and does not have to be renewed.*

The Association's personnel files serve two purposes: (1) providing a national central clearing house for the

records of those professional recreation persons who are actively engaged in the practice of recreation leadership, and (2) maintaining an accurate file of qualifications and interests of persons who would like to consider new assignments in recreation. Even when not interested in placement, you should write to Recreation Personnel Service to keep your record up-to-date.

► **TRENDS AND PORTENTS.** Recreation leaders do not need a crystal ball to peer into the future. They have only to look at a few signs of the times and grasp their far-reaching implications for an age of ever-expanding leisure. Consider the impact on the recreation profession of the following facts:

- Culture is the latest big business in the country, declares *The New York Times* in its National Economic Review supplement of January 11, 1965. "Last year's three billion dollar market will double itself by 1970, if not sooner, the experts predict. From 1953 to 1960, spending on the arts rose about 130 percent. . . . Interest in culture . . . has become the newest status symbol, and conspicuous esthetics may become the norm, to the surprise of no one."

- Book publishers had a record year in 1964 with sales receipts five to ten percent above the previous record year of 1963. Total sales were over \$1,800,000,000.

- American industry spends about \$1,500,000,000 annually on employee recreation programs and recreation facilities. Business concerns now own 125 golf courses and buy more sports

gear than all U.S. schools and colleges put together.

- Some thousand theaters and purpose arts buildings will be in the next decade at the cost of \$4,000,000,000.

- Programs and pilot projects under way offer hope of eventual economic conversion of ocean waves to supplement our rapidly dwindling freshwater supply.

- The federal government has announced grants of almost \$1,000,000 to state, regional, and local agencies to initiate or strengthen program control and abatement of air pollution.

- The population of the United States is now close to 200,000,000; by the end of the century it will approach 300,000,000.

- The standard workweek is now forty-nine hours. In 1900, the standard workweek was sixty hours; in 1950 it was forty-eight hours. By 1970, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates, the standard workweek will be thirty-six hours, and in year 2000 it will be thirty-two.

- Space-age research will result in many byproducts such as a transparent unlosable golf ball.

- The participant sports that will increase in popularity will involve the outdoors, the family, and excitement . . . sky diving, boating, and fishing for example.

- Living patterns will center on recreation interests . . . the golf course housing project is already a reality with more than a hundred under construction in twenty-six states.

- More states will follow the example set by California and make seat belt controls mandatory for autos and buses.

- Instant-loading cameras are sweeping the high-price market.

- View telephones are now very popular and accepted by enterprising businessmen.

► **ERRATUM.** Announcements of National Recreation Association District Conferences appeared on Page 11 of our March issue. In this announcement, reference to the "17th Annual California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference" did not mention that this conference is cosponsored by the California State Division of Recreation and the California Parks and Recreation Society. Sorry, but the title, "Your Spring Conferences," may have made us feel that everybody was covered nicely. Charge it up to the spring, and that sort of all-in-the-family feeling. Please, all sponsoring agencies do forgive us!

## COMING EVENTS

**National Conference on Day Care Services, May 13-15, Washington, D.C.** For further information write to Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

**Tennis Teaching Conference, June 25-26, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York.** Workshop for physical education teachers, coaches, professionals, recreation and camp instructors, taught by Judy Barta and "Cap" Leighton. For details, write to Theresa Rizzitiello, Conference Chairman, Martin Van Buren High School, 230-17 Hillside Avenue, Queens Village, New York 11427.

**30th Annual Conference, National Association of County Officials, July 11-14, El Cortez Hotel, San Diego, California.** For further

information, write to NACO, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

**Family Camping and Outdoor Recreation Workshop, July 26-31, Flathead Indian Reservation near Missoula, Montana.** Sponsored jointly by the Montana State University Department of Health, Physical Education and Athletics and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. For further information, write to Dr. Walter C. Schwank, Director, Health, Physical Education and Athletics, Montana State University, Missoula.

**Workshop in American Square and Folk Dancing, August 9-14, Colorado State University, Fort Collins.** For further information, write to the Lloyd Shaw Foundation, Inc., Box 203, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

# VOLUNTARISM' IN RETIREMENT

*How voluntarism  
as it relates  
to services to the aging  
is going through dramatic  
changes*

son Meyer



**W**E ARE in a period of revolution involving drastic adaptation to new ways of life. Many of us have moved from the horse and buggy through the automobile, airplane, into the jet age. We have accommodated our living conditions to these new, improved, and welcome changes. These

dramatic changes, the great technological and scientific developments have produced a new social phenomenon—mass retirement at approximately sixty-five years of age. It has given society the largest single bulk leisure time in our history. With it has come the challenge to so turn our lives that this leisure time shall be a blessing rather than a problem.

Generally, there are two types of leisure time that we must consider. One is the leisure time given us through the reduction in the hours of the workday and shorter work weeks. The other is the leisure time given us through retirement. As we moved from a six-day week to a five-day week it was not at all difficult to accommodate ourselves to this additional day of leisure. We played more golf, pulled more weeds, or caught more fish. As we moved our working day from nine hours to eight, this additional hour was also easily absorbed in our leisure programing. These were not serious problems; but, in retirement, when we suddenly are faced with full days of leisure time, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks in the year, the use of this uncommitted time becomes a serious problem. How we use this time will determine whether our lives will give us satisfaction and happiness or whether we will be faced with endless drudgery. Today we are rapidly moving away from the concept that the community must serve the elderly person, to the more satisfactory concept that the retired person is ready, able, and willing to serve his community in a voluntary capacity.

As De Tocqueville, the French statesman and author,

MEYER, a retired Eastman Kodak executive, is president of the National Council on the Aging and an active participant in civic affairs in Rochester, New York. This material was given at the 1964 New York State regional conference of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

after visiting our country in 1825, wrote: "As soon as several inhabitants of the United States have taken up an opinion or a feeling that they wish to promote in the world they look for mutual assistance. As soon as they have found each other out they combine. From that moment on they are no longer isolated men."

There is a story about the little child who got lost in a huge field of wheat and whose wails for help were stilled by exhaustion before he was missed. The townspeople began to trample the wheat field frantically in search of the youngster until someone suggested that they all line up at one edge of the field, clasp hands, and proceed methodically through it. The wheat suffered no further damage—and the child was found. Everyone in that long human chain contributed the span of his reach to the rescue. As De Tocqueville observed about Americans, they tackled the job together and were not isolated men.

The value of each person in this human chain was increased as he voluntarily agreed to become a part of a community project. Voluntarism, given so frequently on a regular stipulated time basis, is quite unique in this country. Not only De Tocqueville but many foreign visitors are impressed by the extent and the continuity of our voluntary efforts. Voluntary efforts took root when the pilgrim fathers set the pattern of voluntary common effort for the common well-being. From that day, voluntarism has never left us; nay, it has grown to tremendous proportions. The desire to be helpful, of putting into operation the religious injunction of being your brother's keeper, the great desire to be helpful to your neighbor, from helping him build his barn to pushing his car out of a snow-drift, has been strengthened with each succeeding generation.

Voluntarism as it relates to services to the aging is going through some dramatic changes. Until recently much of the emphasis was on *servicing* the older person—finding a friendly visitor, transporting the older person to the hospital, volunteering services in homes for the aged or in centers. It was younger people doing something *for* older people. With the increased time given to older people through retirement, and more older people in better physical condition and in sounder mental health, we now find the older

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# TOMORROW STARTED YESTERDAY

*Older citizens are contradicting society's stereotyped images of old age and are making the most of their vintage years*



*The asset of vintage. Senior citizens of Tallmadge Hamilton House in Seattle launched a T-Day campaign: an heirloom exhibit and old-fashioned tea party.*

## REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST

NOT ONLY do retired citizens have experience and skills to volunteer for community service projects but they have another priceless asset to contribute in their remembrance of things past. Senior citizens are sharing these precious memories with their communities in some interesting projects across the country, to give future generations a real sense of heritage. Other projects are also demonstrating the many ways older citizens can make much needed contributions to their communities. These projects are cited by the Office of Aging of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare as examples of what can be

expected of senior citizens anywhere in the country, in big cities, small towns, or even in a neighborhood area.

- In some New York City schools, older residents are providing students with eyewitness accounts of what life in this country was like before the invention and development of everything young people take for granted today—before TV, before radio, before the airplane, even before the automobile. They have proved exceedingly popular teachers and their "classes" have opened many somewhat blase young eyes.

- In Northport, New York, the public library makes recordings of the reminiscences and experiences of the oldest native citizens of the area for preservation as local history.

- In New Jersey, the Essex County

Section of the National Council of Jewish Women is currently sponsoring a tape-recording project in an attempt to recapture the memories of a vanished generation. Many of those being interviewed, members of an older adult class, came to America from Eastern Europe and they have provided graphic descriptions of the social and economic conditions which existed in the shtetl village from the 1880's through the 1900's. They describe the markets, schools, the holiday rituals, the weddings, homes, food, and pogroms. Since most migrated to the United States around 1900, the interviews also explore their memories of the voyage here, their arrivals at Castle Garden and how and where they lived as migrants. A recent interview provides a vivid report of a worker in the famous Triangle Shirt Waist Factory Fire of 1911.

- Teaching of early skills and handicrafts is one of the contributions senior citizens are making in many communities through cooperative undertakings with young people.

- Social Security Administration representatives try to interview as many centenarians on the SSA rolls as possible. From these interviews SSA has developed a special, four-volume repository of priceless reminiscences. (Copies not available for distribution but may be read in the U.S. Office of Aging Information Division, Room 4347, regional offices of the Social Security Administration.)

## SWIMMING IN THE MAINSTREAM

SENIOR CITIZENS in Detroit, Michigan have become an important part of the overall community development project. The city has created a club where senior adults can make the most of their later years. Studies have shown that health, housing, and financial security are not enough, that seniors want to keep on "living," learning, and contributing. They want to keep on "swimming in the mainstream of civilization. There are some of the human needs Detroit is striving to meet.

New programs, far more dynamic than shuffleboard, checkers and co-



*Don't say, "Oh, humbug!" These ladies can make even a humbug ham. Participants in the senior-center program in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, organized a Humbug Band using novelty instruments made out of small kitchen utensils attached to kazoos and were equally inventive when it came to headgear.*

ty sings, have been developed. e cover a broad range of education, ation, and community service. e include lectures on legislation and nt events; classes in painting, ing, instrumental music, part sing- ramaics, foreign languages, and a. Seniors can participate, or if ave skills in any other areas they ncouraged to teach others. Also ble are book reviews, trips to ont theaters, sports events, museums d universities, debating programs, l lessons on poetry-reading. Hun- d of other interests from wood- vng to music appreciation, from rizing to birdwatching, from quilt- o charades, can be cultivated. is practically nothing a senior ul in Detroit cannot do if he wants al if he makes his wishes known. etroit Department of Parks and tion will supply the teacher, the e the students. If the senior needs a transportation, the city bus will m or her for ten cents. Seniors ke two-hour tours of the city for ater. They get special rates at all lf courses (\$.25 a day). The provides individual book service enteen nursing homes. Book- services are supplied in many s. Drug firms give discounts on options. Bowling alleys and tes also offer discounts. There special rates for seniors at basket- d baseball games.

plan to promote positive atti- ward retirement and "enforced

leisure," and to provide opportunities for useful and creative roles has been brewing for a number of years. Two years ago Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh created a departmental Council on Aging to explore the needs of the city's 160,000 men and women aged sixty-five or over, to channel these needs to the right departments and agencies for action, to improve existing programs and develop new ones. He appointed heads of the Housing Commission, Welfare Department, Public Library, Civil Service, Detroit Street Railways, United Foundation, and Parks and Recreation to serve on the council. Subsequently, a coordinator was named to plan future programs which would involve all city departments as well as private agencies, churches, and state government—all to work together on a common problem.

The Detroit plan to change attitudes and get rid of stereotyped images of old age is to open a network of multi-service centers throughout the city. Education and recreation programs are offered five days a week under the supervision of parks and recreation personnel and others with special skills. These centers are also to serve as referral centers where seniors get help on personal problems. Caseworkers, social workers, and nurses are to be brought into the program to work on a part time basis. All centers are to be within walking distance or near a bus stop.

Detroit already has thirty-five recre-

ation centers designed to handle large or small groups. Senior programs are already being held in twenty-one of them. More programs and more buildings will be added as needed. Plans are to use public libraries, housing facilities, health centers. One new multi-purpose building is being constructed at one of the housing projects.

Other things "on the fire" are forums, workshops, and education programs for potential senior leaders. As time goes on, there will be an increasing demand for them. Still others are programs to teach young people to use their leisure time wisely in preparation for retirement years, campaigns to get seniors to take part in community-service projects, and to get educational institutions to offer comprehensive courses to train professional leaders for these multi-service centers.

In Detroit there's no need for any of the older citizens to feel unloved, unwanted, unimportant.—PAULINE STERLING, *feature writer, Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation.*

## LET'S GO

**T**HE Philadelphia Center for Older People has been conducting a summer day camp since 1959 for its members. For the last few years, guests of the Stephen Smith Home for the Aged in Philadelphia have joined them. The camp is now subsidized by the Philadelphia Foundation which picks up the largest share of the cost. →

In 1963, the center offered twelve trips to four different states—eight to Pennsylvania, two to New Jersey, one to Maryland, and one to Delaware. The average daily attendance was ninety-four. Two hundred different individuals participated in the outings, and 1,203 meals were served in the twelve days of day camp.

Members paid \$2.75 a week for three trips which included noonday meals and afternoon snacks. The eager travelers lined up on the sidewalk in front of the center often an hour before bus departure time.

A wheelchair from the Arthritis Foundation was folded and taken aboard the bus each day. It was very useful when members tired or needed a booster ride going up a hill. However, many of the older people showed surprising agility, even riding the horses on a carousel at an amusement park, the whip, the airplane, and the roller coaster.

Ocean City was a real treat for some who had not been to the seashore in twenty years. One person, who had not taken a trip out of Philadelphia in five years, was ecstatic over a stroll on the boardwalk. This trip was so popular that two station wagons accompanied the two buses, and 114 people enjoyed the outing. To make it even more of a "feast day," the menu included fried chicken.

The center has recently published a new brochure to celebrate its fifteenth anniversary. Copies of this, plus a financial statement and other information, may be secured by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Philadelphia Center for Older People, 921 North 6th Street, Philadelphia 23. —From *Aging*, published by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

## NEW VISTAS

THE Travelwenders Club of Bellaire, Texas, in the greater Houston area, is really going places. The recreation department, in cooperation with the Gray Line Touring Service, offers monthly excursions to points of interest around the greater Texas Gulf coast to senior citizens in the area. The organization meets twice a month in the Bell-

aire Community Building. The first meeting is devoted to guest speakers, businessmen, clergy, and civic leaders. Travel films are shown and plans are laid for future tours. The second meeting is the tour itself. These excursions are made to points of interest within the surrounding area. All tours are planned so no one must spend the night away from home. They average from four to seven hours in length. Excursions are made on luxury, air-conditioned type buses, with trained narrators on board.

This section of Texas is fortunate in that it possesses countless places of interest, as well as natural landmarks. If one has never seen the wonders of a large modern hotel kitchen, the press room of a metropolitan newspaper, the check-processing equipment of a large bank, whole new vistas open up in seemingly everyday activities. Bellaire is able to offer its retired citizens a chance to see these things at nominal cost. The only charge is the fee which the touring service places on the excursion. This naturally varies according to the tour.

This program was the brainchild of Vera Saxenmeyer, who is employed as a secretary by the Gulf Oil Company and is attending the University of Houston at night. A real need is being met by giving these retired citizens a chance to use their still active and inquiring minds. They are eager, receptive, and, above all, openly grateful for this opportunity that their community has presented them. — D. L. O'KEEFE, *Director of Parks and Recreation, Bellaire, Texas.*

## HEIRLOOM TEA

HOOPSKIRTS and pantalets, bustles and bows, handlebar mustaches and sideburns were the order of the day when the senior citizens of Tallmadge Hamilton House in Seattle, Washington, launched an "Heirloom Tea." With a minimum of effort in preparation, plus a maximum of fun, T-Day has gone down in local history, to be long-remembered.

Brainchild of one of the day-center's art instructors, the idea of an heirloom display was presented during the climax of one of the weekday lunch peri-

ods. Over coffee and sandwiches, group (whose membership is well over five hundred) was reminded that mementos from a bygone era must be in possession of a majority of Hamiltonians. Therefore, it might be within the realm of possibility to have an heirloom exhibit, right there in the house, a show groups of young people might find impossible to duplicate.

The grand-and-glorious generation could proudly show off a priceless heritage from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and top it off with an old-fashioned tea party—with members in quaint costume.

To make it easy for everyone, it was also suggested the exhibitors bring their displays during the forenoon (informally labeled on standard record file cards), place them on table shelves, or around the two fireplaces on the ground floor, utilizing the second-floor craft rooms as well. Each person would assume entire responsibility for his or her articles, and could, if he wished, remain seated near the display during the tea hours—to answer questions, or just talk about the time and circumstances under which the items were made.

The general public could view and admire all of these rare and exceptional articles for a nominal sum, be welcomed with the gracious hospitality of earlier days, and finally be served tea and a sweet before the warmth of an open hearth in the Fireside Room. At the close of the afternoon, each exhibitor would be responsible for the removal of his or her possessions, and finally, the men's clean-up committee would leave the place in shipshape condition.

Committees were formed and a wide variety of ideas discussed. A kitchen committee solicited old-fashioned homemade goodies. The tea-table committee began rounding up old silver, china, linen, and bric-a-brac. Everybody planned, worked, and got better acquainted. Outdoor displays were handled by the menfolks. Intensive search unearthed an honest-to-goodness surrey complete with "fringe on top," and, on the day of the tea, it arrived via truck and was parked on the front lawn for the afternoon. Needless to say,

ens of snapshots were taken with the  
rey as background.

and-lettered posters and souvenir  
marks printed on the Hamilton  
se press were given to patrons after  
had signed in the guest book.

ospitality" ribboned tags were made  
ufficient number so that each mem-  
could wear one, and all would be  
e to feel that this was *his* or *her*  
ay.

s the day drew near, members ap-  
ed in increasing numbers, cos-  
ed and beaming. Local newspapers  
ished advance pictures taken in the  
side Room—two members with the  
spinning wheel and an 1838 iron  
ing pot, one member in Colonial  
ume, the other wearing a black silk

orn worn originally at the inaugura-  
o of President Grant.

n June twenty-third nearly fifty  
s and hostesses in costume greeted  
de who began swarming in long be-  
re the appointed hour. There was a  
eff, reminiscent of the Old West,  
val "villains" and men-about-town  
d vests, bowler hats, and big black  
rs; there were quaint ladies in poke  
nets and shawls, long ruffled skirts

ostrich-plumed hats, pink petti-  
a, and black lace stockings. The  
a-can" girls got wolf calls!

Crriage robes, crazy quilts, old em-  
olery, weaving, and knitting hung

along the walls. Heirlooms included a  
sampler made in England in 1817, a  
copy of *Peterson's Ladies' Magazine*,  
dated 1800, and a newspaper of 1800  
carrying an account of the funeral of  
George Washington. Three century-old  
music boxes tinkled out little tunes in  
the various rooms. And oh, so many  
more!

The house bulletin board displayed  
dozens of pictures of Hamiltonians in  
baby clothes, graduation and wedding  
attire; family groups around an old-  
fashioned piano on a Sunday night  
long ago; tintypes and daguerreotypes  
—small boys in sailor suits and long  
curls and little girls with long braids  
and wearing sashes. All were topped  
by a hand-lettered sign, "Guess Who?"

The tea was the greatest success and  
most fun in Hamilton House history!  
Members are already formulating plans  
for this year's tea—bigger and better  
than ever!—EVELYN C. CONWAY. (*Mrs.*  
*Conway, an ex-newspaper woman and*  
*active member of Tallmadge Hamilton*  
*House, was the originator of the Heir-*  
*loom Tea.*)

tivities. With this in mind, a "kitchen  
band" was organized in the early  
spring of 1964. A meeting was held  
with the ladies showing an interest in  
forming such a musical group. One of  
the senior-center ladies was selected as  
director of the band with a recreation  
leader as advisor. Since the purpose of  
this band was to provide fun as well as  
entertainment, the band was named the  
"Humbug Band."

The ladies were asked to bring in  
novelty instrument ideas. Some very  
ingenious instruments were made from  
small kitchen utensils attached to ka-  
zoos. Many of the ladies raided their  
grandchildren's toy boxes. These in-  
struments have become the nucleus of  
the kitchen band. Several new instru-  
ments have been made and added to the  
band. The ladies are always bringing  
in new ideas—some very original. The  
band has expanded to twenty-four lad-  
ies, with a waiting list. As new instru-  
ments are added, the band grows larger.

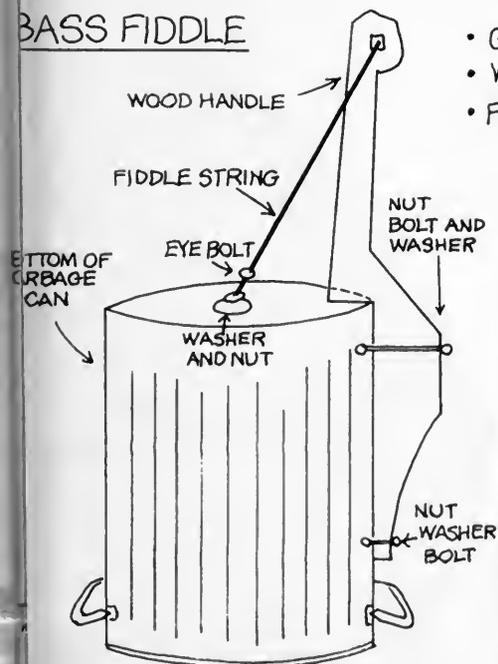
The group first met for one hour  
each week, and after weeks of rehears-  
als, performed before an audience. The  
band was applauded enthusiastically  
and accepted as a part of the center  
program. The members willingly prac-  
tice and perform for many of their  
centers' special programs. Flag Day,  
St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Thanksgiv-

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## KITCHEN BAND

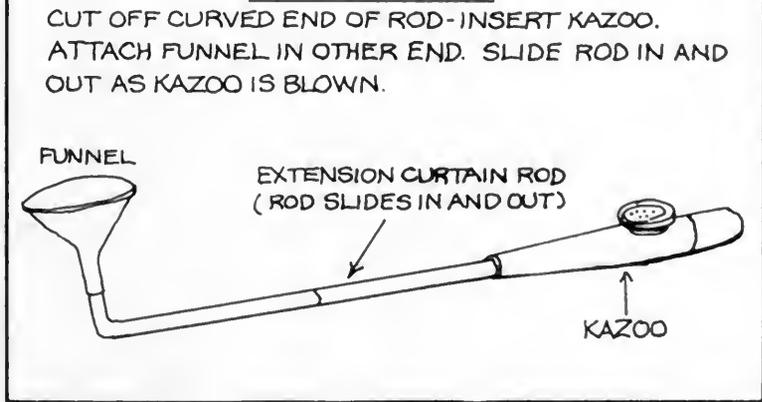
ONE OF THE GOALS of the senior-  
center program in Milwaukee  
County Wisconsin, is to provide recrea-  
tion for the elderly in a variety of ac-

### BASS FIDDLE



- GARBAGE CAN
  - WOODHANDLE
  - FIDDLE STRING
- HANDLE BOLTED THROUGH SIDE OF  
GARBAGE CAN - ATTACH FIDDLE STRING  
TO HANDLE AND CENTER OF BOTTOM  
OF GARBAGE CAN.

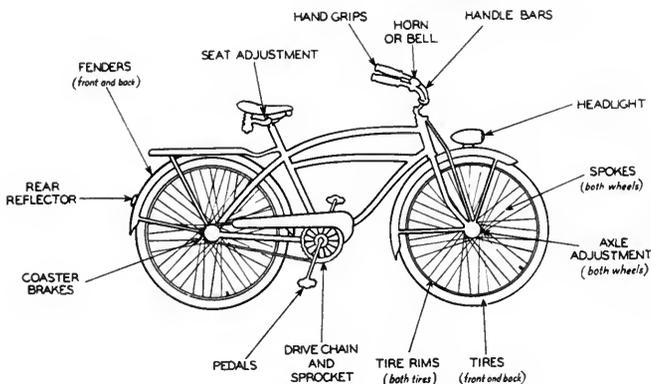
### SLIDING HORN



# Can They Pass the Test?

Young bike riders should learn the rights and wrongs of way

ALL young bicycle riders in your community should be safety tested in the spring. First of all, their bicycles should be examined for mechanical safety. The diagram on this page shows parts of the machine to which attention should be given. In particular, the examiner will want to look for loose handlebars, defective handgrips, loose seat, wheel loose at the hub, loose mudguards, defective or improperly adjusted spokes, warped rim that rubs against fork, worn or shaky steering post, worn-out pedal treads, defective pedals, drive chain that is too loose or too tight, and defective coaster brakes. Be sure the bicycle meets ordinance specifications in regard to *headlight, rear reflector, horn (or bell) and brakes*. Any attachment added to the bicycle, such as a luggage carrier or basket, should be securely fastened and in good working order. In addition, the rider should be given a written or oral test on traffic rules and safe-riding practices. Suggested questions (*with correct answers in italics*) follow:



## Knowledge Test

1. A bicycle rider should (occasionally) (*always*) use a hand signal before making turns.
2. Bicycles (have) (*do not have*) the right-of-way over pedestrians on sidewalks.
3. Cyclists (should) (*should not*) carry parcels under one arm while riding.
4. Letting an extra rider on your bike is considered a (safe) (*dangerous*) practice.
5. The use of guard clips on trouser cuffs (*does*) (does not) prevent some bicycle accidents.
6. Every bicycle (*should*) (should not) have a bell or horn in good working order.
7. A bicycle should be ridden on the (*righthand*) (left-

hand) side of the street.

8. An eight-sided sign means (*stop*) (slow down) before entering the intersection.

9. After stopping a bicycle on the right side of the street in traffic, the safer way to dismount is on the (left) (*righthand*) side.

10. Hitching a ride by holding onto the rear of a moving truck (is fun if you know how) (*causes many accidents*).

11. When making a left turn, the smart bike rider (signals) and then turns left in front of traffic) (*dismounts and waits across pedestrian crosswalks*).

12. A quiet street in a residential district (is) (*is not*) a good place to perform stunts on a bicycle.

13. Before making a (*left*) (right) turn, a bicycle rider should give a hand signal by extending the left arm in both directions.

14. It is (wise) (*unwise*) to ride through an intersection when cars are making turns.

15. A package rack or carrier (*helps*) (hinders) a bicycle rider who tries to ride safely.

16. When approaching a flashing red light, the cyclist should (*stop*) (slow down) and then proceed when safe.

17. Bicycles which are being ridden at night should have a (red) (*white*) light shining toward the front.

18. Before making a turn, a bike rider (*should*) (should not) look back to see if traffic is close behind.

19. A rider (can) (*cannot*) ride a bicycle with complete safety on an icy street.

20. The smart cyclist wears (dark) (*light*) clothing when riding at night.

21. When approaching a flashing yellow light, a bike rider should (*slow down*) (stop) and then move ahead when safe.

22. Cyclists (need not) (*should*) obey all traffic signs and signals.

23. When a group is riding bicycles in traffic, the safest thing to do is ride (double-file) (*single file*).

24. Bicycle riders (*should*) (should not) come to a complete stop before entering a main street.

25. A chain-guard is useful on a bicycle because it (makes the bicycle look better) (*helps prevent accidents*).

These tests should be followed by skill tests, of which there are many, to demonstrate the rider's skill in handling the bike (see RECREATION, May 1961, Page 223 and May 1962, Page 243). This material was prepared and is published with permission of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, 60 John Street, New York 38.

# THE CHANGING FUNCTIONS OF PARKS

Recreation is  
a facet of the  
park picture”

ASK ANYONE you meet “What is a park?” and you will get a variety of answers. However, all would agree that a simple definition of a park is a place for people to enjoy themselves out-of-doors during leisure time.

Webster defines a park as “a piece of ground in or near a city or town kept for ornament and recreation.” He goes on to list those which are “stocked with beast and chase by prescription or the kings grant” (a type of park never known in this country) and also those areas “maintained in their natural state as public property, such as Yellowstone National Park” (the type of parks for which this country is famous and justly proud).

When we focus our attention on city parks, however, the former definition becomes pertinent, “a piece of ground kept for ornament and recreation.” Some of the elements in both of the other two types may be present and are present in some degree in certain areas, such as zoological parks usually found in larger cities as well as some parks remaining in their natural state.

The quality and quantity of ornamentation described has to do with the soul-searching and satisfying quality of beauty, and the recreation attractions we find in our parks. Ornamentation, Webster informs us, is “that which is added to embellish or adorn, such as a jewel” and adornment by the creator very well covers a living blade of grass, a twig, leaf, or a blossom. Each, in its place, is a part of the adornment of our landscape to enjoy in our leisure time, as well as to break the humdrum of everyday living.

Through trees, shrubs, and flowers, whether in the natural state by nature’s handiwork, or placed by man, the environment and character of a city is embellished and adorned by the color, form, and order in which they are used. The

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Today’s parks must contribute to the person’s physical and spiritual well-being and to his esthetic side as well. The Traveling Theatre in York, Pennsylvania, adds a new dimension to park and playground programming. Our country’s parks offer drama, dance, music, and art festivals, as well as programs in nature lore.

lives of the residents of the city, as well as those commuting or visiting the city, are enriched and uplifted by the esthetic qualities of these gifts provided so abundantly by nature which can be utilized by man to rich advantage.

**R**ECREATION, another facet of the city park picture, is universal and also means various things to various people, depending upon age, interest, skill-level, environment, and background. Recreation is individual. It is a time set aside which is controlled or scheduled by the individual, according to his or her own interests and abilities for use of leisure time. This is a time-off period from the hustle and bustle of daily living. This is a time when it is not necessary to perform any required task, whether it is on the job, at home, or elsewhere. This is the only time one schedules to his liking.

Recreation in its broadest sense may even mean *inactivity*—just doing nothing or just sitting enjoying the subtle beauty of a flower garden or marvelling at a sunset through the trees. This is inactive or passive recreation which many enjoy—“refreshment of strength and the spirit after toil,” as Webster phrases it.

However, more often recreation in parks means active play, which contributes primarily to the physical well-being of the participant. Usually this is accomplished in supervised or organized games, such as playing ball, pitching horseshoes, and other team events. Therefore, our parks must serve at least a dual capacity: they must contribute to the person’s physical and spiritual well-being and to his esthetic side as well. In total, they must contribute to the recreation or development and unfoldment of the whole man.

In the design of our city parks and playgrounds, the esthetic quality inherent in an area must be utilized to its fullest extent, whether it is a stream, a grove of trees, or its

topography. These assets must be recognized and evaluated in the total landscape scheme and preserved and protected, whenever and wherever possible, and enhanced if possible. In designing a placement of structures and areas for games it is necessary to have a solid conviction that beauty need not be sacrificed to make it functional and to try and avoid inducement of vandalism. [See "Planning Play Areas" and "Super-Block Play Areas," RECREATION, April, 1965.]

Granted, the designer has his initiative and imagination taxed to the fullest when he attempts to introduce amenities into the layout of a ball diamond with its backstop, skin area, and bleachers; the designing of a football field with its goalposts; a hard-surface court with its appurtenances; or just an area with playground equipment. However, this can be accomplished, especially if the area is large enough to support the use for which it is intended, and it is being accomplished in many places. Those who come to play or attend the game enjoy themselves more, consciously or unconsciously, because of pleasant landscape and surroundings in which the game is played.

There are some who hold the view that a small plot is sufficient in the growing neighborhood, a few facilities are adequate to serve the participants, and there is little or nothing more desired or required in what our parks and playgrounds should provide. Therefore, let us examine what our parks and playgrounds are and can be, or should provide for our people, for parks are for people. It will be just touched on briefly but it is sure that the significance of these functions will be readily grasped. Parks are over and beyond just an area and facilities for active recreation.

**W**HENEVER POSSIBLE in acquiring an area for park and playground purposes, the area should be of sufficient size so the active recreation facilities can be designed within the landscaped park rather than to have it become necessary to develop the entire area into active recreation as a playfield. A park should encompass all recreation activities intended whether active or passive.

Another changing aspect of parks and their functions is the school-park concept. This is the consolidation of park and recreation areas and facilities within the area and facilities of the school in a given neighborhood or city.

The reasons for the trend toward amalgamation of the school and park throughout the country are many. It avoids costly duplication of facilities and promotes efficient use of park and school recreation facilities.

Where it is feasible or necessary to establish a school in a certain area, neighborhood, or small community, it is reasonable to assume that there is also a necessity for a park in the same area. Therefore, planning is very important. The result is a school and playground within a landscaped park with all necessary physical, education, and recreation facilities close at hand for the participants. Whenever the area is large enough to support landscaping, it can be so designed as to quiet the noise of the robust activities by screening out much of the noise by the use of plant material. This area will lend itself to passive recreation.

As the population increases, property values also increase and it becomes increasingly more difficult to acquire prop-

erty in a given area. By proper consolidation and advance planning of school-park areas, procedures for the acquisition of land within a given area can commence well in advance of the construction of residences within the area. It is much more feasible and less costly to acquire a plot of land suitable and large enough for a school and park prior to the construction of homes within the area than to acquire it after construction of homes has begun.

One of the first cities to inaugurate and develop the school-park concept was Glencoe, Illinois. The results were watered by many citizens, cities, and communities. In 1948, Minneapolis, through the continual efforts of its superintendent of parks, Charles E. Doell, developed its first school-park combination in the Waite Park School and Park. Since that time there have been twelve more combinations developed in Minneapolis and two more are on the drafting table. It is definite that the enthusiasm increases as the trend grows and the economical aspects begin to be evident.

Parks are or can be:

- A colorful oasis in the drabness and congestion of city life.
- Natural or designed landscapes to break the monotony that so often is the tone of city life as well as insulate man from the noise that is produced from active recreation.
- Settings for our city buildings.
- A place for beautiful horticultural displays.
- Pleasing settings for presentation of cultural programs and exhibits—music, drama, art, dancing, and flower displays.
- A home for active and passive recreation for all age groups, from tots to senior citizens.
- Relatively secluded areas where the family and visitor can be insulated for visiting and picnicking for a spell, away from the hustle and bustle, noise and odors of normal daily routine, and away from the boisterous action of active play. Here in the quiet surroundings of nature, tensions fall away and we begin to relax. We come closer to being our true selves once more in our association with God's creation such as the trees, shrubs, soil, birds, sun, and wind.
- "Green mansions" where the demands of our exuberant and ever-increasing youth may be satisfied. Here, they can let out their stored-up energy formerly expended in vanishing vacant lots and in extinct home chores such as splitting wood, carrying wood, ashes, and water, and gardening. Without the park and recreation facilities, and the release of this energy, vandalism and poor use of leisure-time increases. #

**T**HE TRUE RETURNS from park use are . . . measurable only in the recreative effect of man's mind, body, and soul, and for which there is no common denominator or unit of measure. The benefits we know are legion, their value is immeasurable. The direct way and, essentially the only way, the products of parks can be realized in significant measure is through the intelligent and appropriate use of park resources by people. Quality control then becomes a must as to the resources, the opportunities, and the activities, if the final product of human enjoyment is to be of value.

—Fifth World Forestry Congress, Seattle

# NATION BUILDING IN MALAYA

*Youth clubs and community centers  
are an integral part  
of the new Malay Federation*

**Errol S. Winans**

**M**ALAYA's seven hundred youth clubs and 188 community centers are "a necessity not a luxury," declares Tengku Abdul Rahman, prime minister of the recently formed Malay federated states. He feels the clubs are an intrinsic part of building a new nation.



*Recreation consultant at work.  
The author is shown in  
his Bangkok office during his  
recent East tour of duty.*

*Head office of the  
People's Association, Singapore,  
recreation authority for the  
Malay government, which  
sponsors 188 community centers.*

Says Ong Kah Kok, deputy director of the Peoples' Association of Singapore, "Each of our community centers is not merely a place where people meet for the purpose of recreation. Each center is a nursery for the young citizens of Singapore in education and social discipline, beginning with the unwritten rules of sportsmanship and acceptable group standards and values. We think of our 188 centers as a challenge to intelligent and responsible leadership. Our centers are links in the chain that bind us into one united people of Malaysia."

These comments by Mr. Ong were made to the park and recreation administrators of the cities and the school districts of Santa Barbara and Los Angeles during his brief tour of California communities last fall. His study of American programs, sponsored by the U.S. State Department, is of particular interest at this time because of the recent

*MR. WINANS, a recreation planner and consultant, spent two years in the Far East, under the auspices of the Asia Foundation, helping to develop recreation programs. He was recently appointed to the recreation faculty of the University of California, Los Angeles, where he will be teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and will work with Dr. Serena E. Arnold in the revision of the total recreation curriculum which is expected to be initiated in the fall of 1966. The new curriculum will place a heavier emphasis on theoretical explorations of leisure and recreation leading toward a more comprehensive graduate research program.*



*Ong Kah Kok, deputy director  
of the People's Association, and  
his family. Mrs. Ong is  
an elementary-school teacher.*

federation of his State of Singapore with Malaya, Sabah, and Sarawak into the new Malaysia federation of over eleven million people.

Leisure presents itself as a problem to most of the people of Singapore, whose daily chores add up to strains and stresses in their physical, mental, and emotional stability, according to Mr. Ong who has been associated with community recreation in that government since 1958. He points out that some of the people think it best to go to sleep and forget many of the painful incidents that occurred during the day. A few spend their leisure hours drowning their individual conflicts in drink. The recent riots in Singapore might suggest that a minority wish to spend their leisure by trying to make their neighbors uncomfortable and their lives inconvenient and difficult. A portion of the population believes that leisure is a waste, and many bustle about trying to convert every minute into dollars and cents. Generally, however, people at leisure in the tip of southeast Asia seek the companionship of their fellows in some form of common activity or experience which relieves them from the humdrum daily routine.

**T**HE ESTABLISHMENT of the Peoples' Association, as a statutory authority for community recreation, was accomplished in 1960 under the leadership of Lee Quan Yew, Singapore's young premier. He serves as chairman of the association's eleven-member administrative board. Among the board members are the ministers of finance and of labor and law. Objects of the corporation, which serves the island area of 390 square miles, include the following:

"The organization and promotion of group participation in social, cultural, education and athletic activities in order that the youth of Singapore may be made to realize that they belong not to any particular racial or religious community but to a Malayan community, which transcends communal and racial loyalties."

Funds allocated by the government for community recreation in 1963-64 amounted to 3,500,000 Singapore dollars (\$1,167,000, U.S.) for the development of land and facilities and the operation of community centers and youth clubs. Annual per capita expenditure which approximates sixty U.S. cents does not include public funds expended for the operation of several parks, five swimming pools, public beaches, nine holiday camps, and sport fields.

As a graduate of the University of Malaya in the field of social work, Mr. Ong is cognizant of the value of neighborhood-centered facilities and programs. One community center for every ten thousand people provides children, youth and adults with the welcome resources of space, facilities, and equipment, and the advantages of trained leaders.

A major factor in the state's recreation plan is the assistance provided by twenty-six national voluntary organizations concerned with drama, ballet, music, literature, photography, and twelve different sports. Among these groups are the student associations (referred to in Singapore as "student unions") of universities, colleges and secondary schools. This long-standing interest of Singapore's voluntary associations in organized recreation programs played a prominent role in the decision of The Asia

Foundation in 1958-59 to finance the services of an American recreation administrator for the Singapore Governme

**T**HE RANGE of activities in community centers, described by Singapore's forty-year-old recreation official, indicates that its program might be quite similar to that in a comparable facility of a California community. One may spend a few quiet moments reading newspapers printed in English and Malay or in Chinese and Indian dialects. Radio and TV provide free entertainment for those who prefer to look and listen. For those who are physically more energetic there are table tennis, basketball, soccer, badminton, and sepak raga (a national game in which participants bat-about a small hollow-cane ball using feet, knees, bows, shoulders, and heads). Literacy classes, sewing groups, folk-dance instruction, and radio-repair shops are provided for those who feel that they must participate in leisure activities which make a specific contribution to their knowledge, understanding, or skills. The differences among Singaporeans in race, language, religious beliefs, and formal education are not the barriers that might be expected as these people join together in inter-community center sport tournaments, handcraft exhibits, cultural shows, and camping experiences.

To administer a modern program for seven holiday camps in addition to 188 community centers, Mr. Ong's staff includes four assistant directors, six supervisors, twenty-three community organizers, 531 community center leaders and 1,008 part-time assistants.

Premier Lee Quan Yew, and Dr. Goh Keng Swee, minister of finance, who serve as chairman and deputy chairman of the Peoples' Association, have insisted that community recreation personnel participate in a continuous training program. One hundred recruits are now in residence for a four-and-a-half-month instruction and field experience training course in community center leadership. The emphasis on "nation building" in this million dollar (\$333,000 U.S.) training plan has already attracted the interest of other oriental countries. Recently, Dr. Chamnan Yuvapurna, former mayor of Bangkok, and Chit Nilpanich, inspector of recreation for Thailand's National Municipal League, sent a team of ten municipal recreation officials to observe Singapore's training methods. Arrangements for this study were made in cooperation with Graham J. Lucas, Asia Foundation representative in Thailand.

**A**MERICAN leaders in the park and recreation movement are not entirely taken in by Mr. Ong's modest statements that he is in our country to pick up the latest on the recreation front and see how much of it is applicable for use in Singapore. That the Singapore deputy director is one of the "brilliant young administrators in the Malaysian complex" was verified by the comments of a recent Santa Barbara visitor, Dato Ong Yoke Lin, Malaysia's ambassador to the United States and to the United Nations.

The programs and progress of southeast Asian countries have brought the time closer to all of us when American leaders can justify their visits to these countries to see what ideas can be utilized for the building of our own youth recreation. #

# MODERN THEATER CONCEPTS AND COMMUNITY DRAMA

*Exciting innovations in  
theater design*

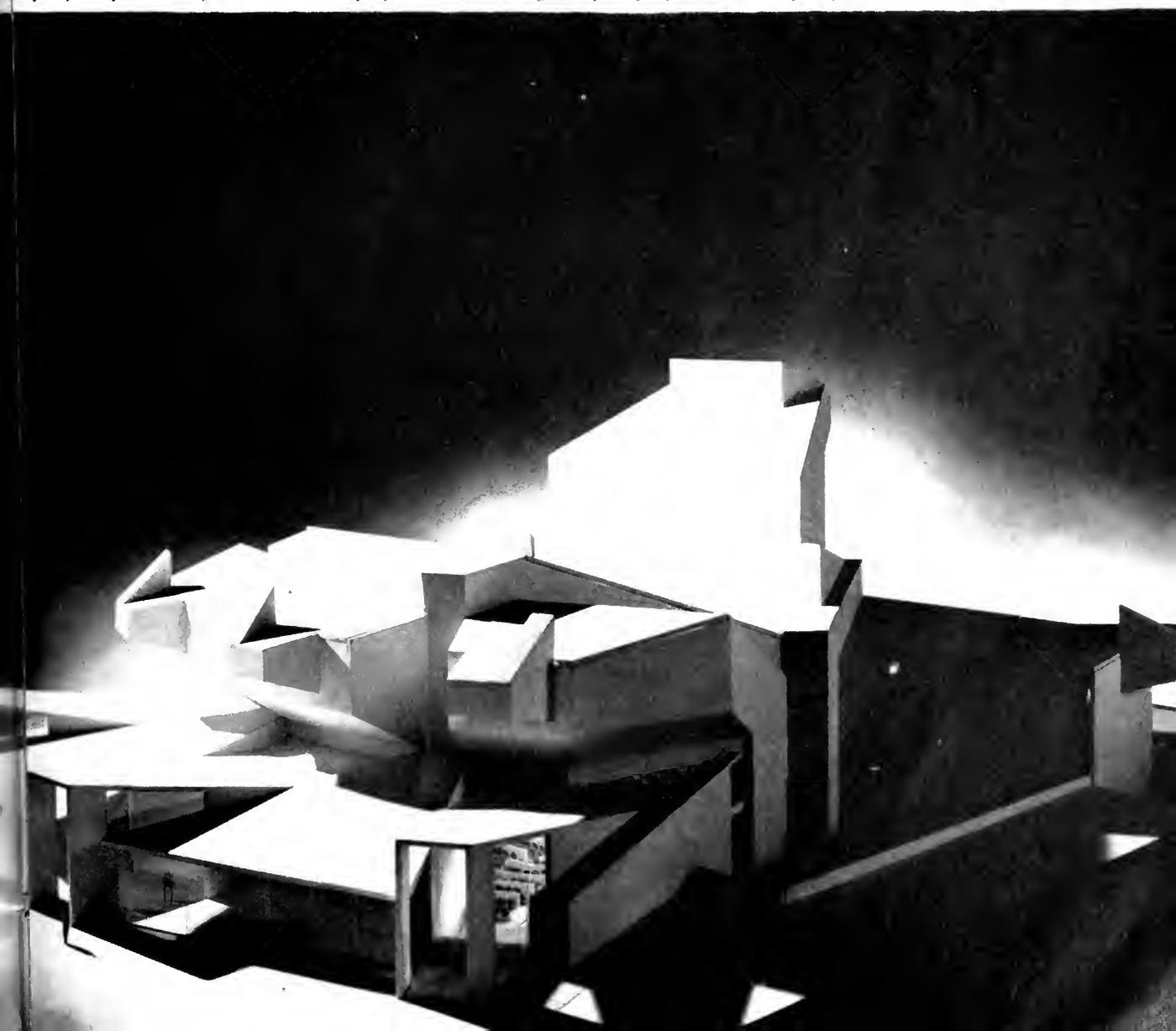
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MODERN THEATER concepts and their realization are among the most dynamic elements in today's cultural explosion. At present, most of this intense activity is concentrated upon indoor facilities. The importance of these new indoor facilities is, of course, recognized in the field of recreation. Perhaps of greater import to the recreation field, however, is the comparative lack of attention paid to outdoor theater facilities, mobile theater units, and theaters expressly built for children's performances. ➔

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Concept by Ralph Alswang and Paul Rudolph for a theater using new film-projection techniques for Ford Foundation exhibition.





The latter types of facilities present special problems which may be more complex than those which arise in the planning and construction of indoor theaters for adults. New technologies, nevertheless, can be applied to their solution. We are mindful that ancient Greek theaters were outdoor arenas, and that park and recreation systems have been carrying on in the Greek tradition for a long period of time. Therefore, park and recreation departments should have a special interest in latest concepts in theater technology, as many are directly concerned with outdoor and mobile facilities.

A theater, in the minds of most, is a building in which an audience facing a stage up front watches a play or film through an opening called the proscenium arch. This picture-frame opening separates audience and playing areas when the curtain is drawn. Modern theater designers, no longer content with a proscenium stage—and they are not alone in their discontent—are developing a variety of new theater forms. Arena staging, for example, although not basically new, is used with greater flexibility in order to bring audience and players into a more communicative relationship. Recreation leaders may take pride in the fact that the new concepts of an arena theater received an early impetus from the work of the late Margo Jones at the Dallas Playhouse. Miss Jones, prior to going to Dallas, was drama director for the Park and Recreation Department in Houston, Texas.

The renaissance of live theater is worldwide in scope. Thomas de Gaetani, managing director of theaters and concert halls for New York City's Lincoln Center, speaking before a recent meeting of the International Association of Theatre Technicians, indicated its scope in the United States. He reported that the United States now has three thousand community theater groups, twenty-eight hundred college and university theater programs, and that, during the next decade, three thousand theaters will have been completed in schools, colleges, universities, and other institutions throughout the nation.

The multiplication of living theaters offers the architect, the technician, the director, the playwright, and all others associated with the theater opportunities to apply new concepts, designs, materials, technical equipment and devices, and a host of techniques hitherto in an embryonic state of progress or nonexistent.

If there is one outstanding and exciting feature of today's renaissance of living theater it is the sense and spirit of striving for a theater that has a place which is here and a time which is now. The Ford Foundation project, "The Ideal Theater," and Gropius' "total theater" show how seriously the problems are being attacked from all sides and the high degree of creative imagination that is going into their solution.

The diagrams on Page 232 used by the U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology in its current theater survey indicate some of the basic possibilities of audience and stage relationships. It can be seen that a relationship of one type or

the other may be permanently built into the theater; or, if some modern designers would have it, a theater may offer the best of several possible worlds by constructing an adaptable or flexible area. The "caliper stage," or stage surrounding the audience, is not included in the institute's theater forms.

SOME OF THE TERMS and nomenclature now being employed in theater technology are quite confusing. A uniform classification would help both professionals and nonprofessionals. To clarify the situation, Richard Southern, founding member of the International Association of Theatre Technicians and the Association of British Theatre Technicians, has the following capsule descriptions to offer us.

- The term *arena theater* implies a full amphitheater seating with an arena (but no stage) in the center.
- The term *center-stage theater* implies a circular (square or polygonal) arrangement of seating with the acting area raised on a stage in the middle.
- The term *open-stage theater* implies a stage bounded by a back wall but open to seating on the other three sides.
- The term *proscenium theater* implies a stage wholly enclosed by four walls, with seating on one side only, and the acting area viewed through a *proscenium opening* in the wall on that particular side.
- The term *end-stage theater* (if we adopt it) would apply to what was in effect a proscenium theater from which the proscenium wall had been totally removed. An easier name might be the more familiar *platform-stage theater*, implying a hall with a platform across one end.
- The term *theater-in-the-round* covers both arena and center-stage types, but should not be classed as an open-stage theater.

Comparing the diagrams on Page 232 with the definitions you will note the *apron stage* and *extended stage* are comparable to Mr. Southern's *open stage*. Mr. Southern makes a distinction between an adaptable and multi-purpose theater. The former, he says, is logically intended as a building solely for the performance of plays; whereas the latter may be used for all kinds of presentations, such as lectures, recitals, concerts, and so forth, and should be classified as a multi-purpose hall.

What is in the names, of course, only time and usage will tell. At the moment, many terms must be used in specific content in order to be understood. Moreover, new terms will have to be invented for more explicit use. Scores of examples might be used, each with its own distinctive features, but the following will illustrate to show how modern concepts may be realized in terms of the designer's own ideas about them and his solutions to the specific functions and problems posed by each theater.

THOSE WHO WISH to see how advanced theater concepts may become will find the descriptions in *The Ideal Theater: Eight Concepts*, a project sponsored by the Ford Foundation, exciting and stimulating. They include a theater for simultaneous film projection and live stage action, a thousand-seat open-air theater, a theater for modern dance, a flexible open-stage theater, a drama school complex.



*Concept by Eldon Elder and Edward Durell Stone for a two-thousand seat outdoor theater. The audience seating circles down to focus on an acting area below entrance level. It is reminiscent of the summer pavilions of the Regency architects of England.*



*Concept by Jo Mielziner and Edward L. Barnes for a theater to house intimate music-drama convertible to proscenium and non-proscenium forms. This is theater in modern terms not a reworking of 19th century structures.*

an theater center, a theater for intimate music-drama, and form and space studies for proscenium and non-proscenium theaters. (The latest books on theater concepts are reviewed on Page 258.)

James Hull Miller, designer of the Theatre of Western Springs, Illinois, speaking at a meeting of the International Association of Theatre Technicians in 1962, had the following to say about community theater: "What is required of a community theater today? In the first place, it is not only a theater, it is a community house. It must service a list of activities which range from meetings to theatrical productions. These include dance, children's drama, and concerts, with audiences up to four or five hundred. It must be socially useful."

Mr. Miller chose the open stage (*end-stage*), including a forward platform as shown in the diagram on Page 232. Describing the theater in further detail, he pointed out that this type of stage "creates a highly dimensional acting area" and "an environment where a number of set pieces can be arranged in space in many simultaneous patterns"; and furthermore, "the near stadium slope makes possible a room basement area below the lobby, used here for the children's theater programs and for storage."

The Tyrone Guthrie Theatre of Minneapolis, which delegates to the 1965 National Recreation Congress will get an opportunity to visit, uses a modification of the extended *end-stage* (also called *open stage*). The plan grew out of Mr. Guthrie's experience with The Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford, Ontario. Design of seating, stage, and other fea-

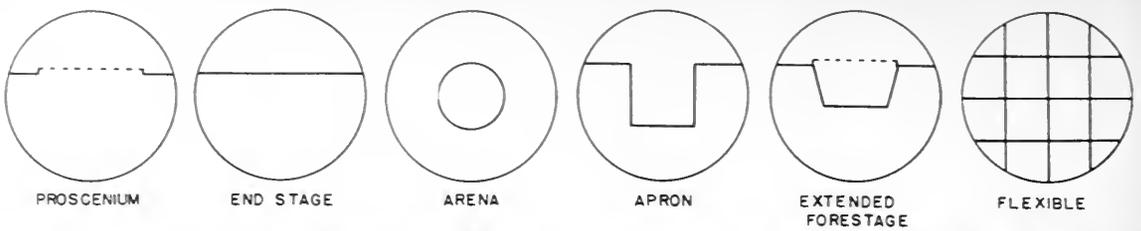
tures is asymmetrical. The design stimulates the imagination of the audience and the actors. An inactive design might presumably have a contrary effect, perhaps not deadly, but at least less lively.

The Loeb Theatre in Cambridge, Massachusetts, may be the most technologically adaptable theater yet designed in the United States (*see diagram*). The building committee states that, "We see the building as an opportunity, not a fixed definition, as a working instrument, and not as a separate institute. We see a theater flexible and spacious, so constructed that it can adapt itself to future techniques. . . ."

Quoting from Mr. de Gaetani's description, "The theater shape is predicated on that of an audience seated in front of an unframed stage. When a 'picture frame' is needed, a series of panels are moved along ceiling tracks to provide the first variation: a proscenium theater (with modest apron or modest orchestra pit).

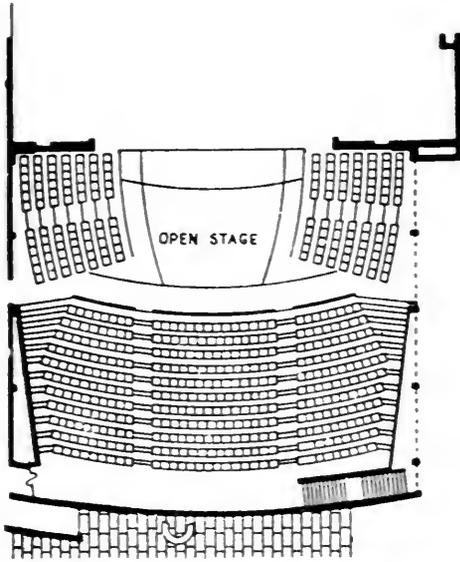
"Without the proscenium, the performing area extends into the auditorium on either side of the first seven rows of seats, providing the second variation: partial surrounding of the seating area by performing area. The side stages are, in effect, on two levels. Since there is also a balcony on each side wall.

"The third variation brings into play this theater's electro-mechanical forces. The first seven rows are sitting on a series of elevators which, coupled, raise the 156 seats to stage level, then, mechanically, the seven rows split and the two seating banks are pivoted on to the side stages. The vacated elevators then become either a raised, depressed,



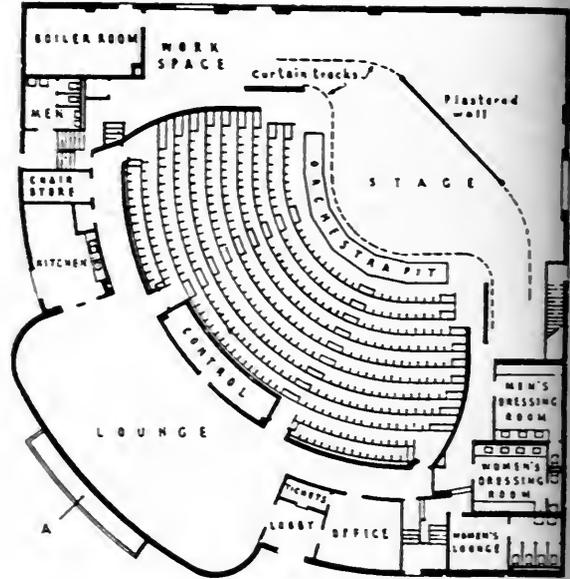
Modern theater designers are constantly seeking more flexible forms of performance-audience arrangements or rearrangements. They have departed from the conventional proscen-

ium theater and are making more and more daring innovations of the end stage, arena (central) stage, apron, extended forestage and even combinations of these various fo



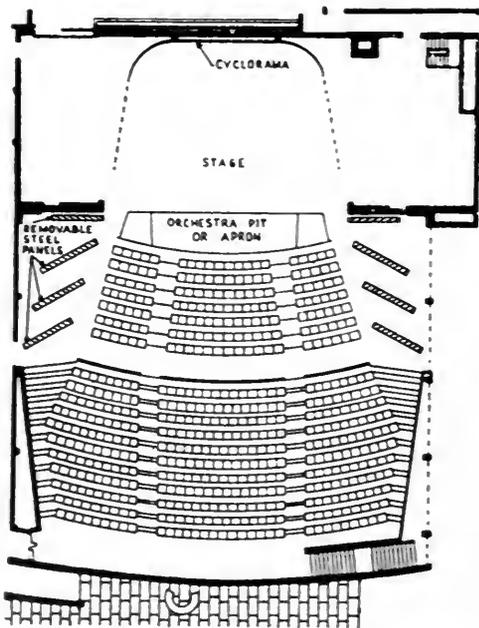
The Loeb—audience on three sides

The flexible theater designed for Harvard University's Loeb Drama Center provides various audience-stage arrangements.



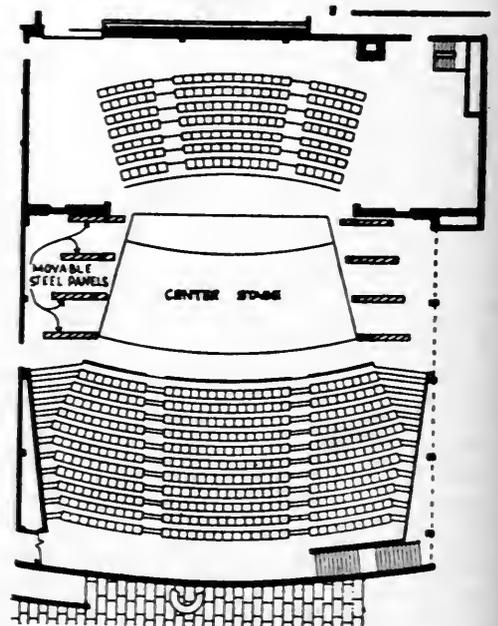
Western Springs

Designed by James Hull Miller, the theater at Western Springs, Illinois, is a novel variation on the open-stage concept.



The Loeb—proscenium theatre

The Loeb can be an open-stage theater, proscenium theater, or arena (central stage) theater as shown in these three dia-



The Loeb—central stage

grams. All of the indicated forms are controlled by a main electro-mechanical synchro-winch spot line system.

r multi-level apron stage, with audience on three sides. The fourth variation finds the restless 156 seats swiveled into and joined on the stage proper, providing a 'central stage' or modified arena theater."

THE FOREGOING examples of modern theater concepts and their application provide only an inkling of what is going on throughout the world in theater design and construction for colleges, universities, secondary schools, civic and private auditoriums. It is hoped that the park and recreation field will become increasingly involved in these endeavors and become engaged in them more fully as new indoor facilities are developed. The many community theater organizations associated with recreation and parks will, it is certain, take a most active interest in new theater facilities and equipment.

It is with outdoor theater facilities, children's theater, and mobile theater that the recreation and park field may perhaps make its unique contributions to drama. Within recent years outdoor theaters have been constructed in Wilmington, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Muskegon, Michigan; and Central Park (Delacorte), New York City; and in other localities. Children's theaters are comparatively rare, among those being the children's theater in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Children's Drama Center in Los Angeles. Mobile units have become fairly common but are mainly of simple construction. See "Mobile Units in Recreation Programs," RECREATION, September 1960).

Recreation and parks have a long record of activity in outdoor, children's theater, and mobile theater units. Outdoor theaters such as in Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia; Woodminster Park, Oakland, California; Carter Iron Theatre and Watergate Theatre, Washington, D.C.; Theatre of Red Rocks, Denver, Colorado; Philadelphia Layhouse in the Park; Starlight Theatre, Kansas City, Missouri; Forest Park Theatre, St. Louis; and many notable outdoor facilities are widely known.

The late Lebert H. Weir, once on the staff of the National Recreation Association, prepared recommendations for twenty-two outdoor theaters in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1935. George W. Braden, also formerly on the NRA's staff, made a study of *Municipal and School Outdoor Theatre* in California in 1931, and referred to many as examples of "week revival" theaters.

NEW NEW outdoor theaters have been constructed, but, perhaps, more worthy of notice is the fact that relatively little has been done to provide the advantages of modern technological advances in theater design itself, use of new materials, improved seating equipment, lighting, sound, and devices and equipment to meet changing weather conditions. The new public auditorium in Pittsburgh featuring a retractable roof (dome) was designed to meet the problems of changing weather.

The problems of outdoor theater are usually attacked in piecemeal fashion. The total approach to the problems appear to be totally lacking in terms of what can be done with modern technologies. Anyone who has worked on outdoor theater performances knows how difficult and frus-

EDUCATIONAL dramatics for children are of fundamental importance. The dramatic instinct of the child is very near the surface—is very free. To foster this instinct, to provide the child with a means for self-expression which will not stifle spontaneity nor thwart personality but will stimulate the imagination and develop inner resources—this is vital and far reaching.—JANE HOLLINGTON, *children's drama specialist*.

trating the limitations of stage, light, sound equipment, effective seating, and lack of other facilities can be.

Leaders in the park and recreation field now have an opportunity to use their influential position to update and modernize outdoor theater facilities. A program of action would do much to improve the outdoor cultural life of communities immensely.

THE CONDITION of children's theater continues to be almost entirely neglected despite the substantial rise of children's theater activity everywhere. Most facilities are still make-do. Performing children's theater in them is like running a nursery program in a high school. Theaters are not designed for children with the few exceptions previously noted. Somehow, sometime, communities must design theaters expressly for children's theater performances and creative dramatics. They are long overdue. Recreation and parks might well be the vehicles for pioneering work in children's theater facility developments.

Mobile units as indicated in the September 1960 issue of RECREATION Magazine serve a number of purposes in the recreation drama program. Puppet shows, children's theater performance, talent and variety shows, and other types of performances are transported on these vehicles to various sections of the community. Joseph Papp conveys his professional Shakespeare performances to playgrounds and parks of New York City in three units used respectively for scenery and props, seating, and stage and dressing rooms.

Several advanced experimental designs have been developed, but have not yet got off the drawing boards. Most plans have been locally devised and realized with varying results. It would seem that recreation and parks have a special reason for devoting serious efforts to improving mobile theater units, and for using them more extensively.

Recreation and park departments will undoubtedly become increasingly involved in the exciting and widespread innovation in theater design. Their special concern would apparently be most active in seeking to apply modern technological knowledge of design materials and equipment to outdoor theaters, children's theaters for children's theater performances and creative dramatics, and the extension of mobile theater units toward more serviceable ends. #

• For more on new theaters developed by park and recreation departments and other innovations on the drama front see "Puppets in Wonderland" (Montreal Marionette Theater), *Recreation*, February 1965; "Foldaway Theater," October 1963; "Theater in the Garden," December 1963; "Drama Is Recreation" (special supplement), February 1962; and "The Theater as Teacher," December 1961.—Ed.



# TROJAN HORSE TACTICS



*The strength which can develop through cosponsorship is a grass-roots strength, as the York Recreation Commission has discovered. This Easter party for tots was cosponsored by the commission, the local Girl Scouts, and the York Parent-Teachers Association.*

*Use cosponsorship as an infiltration device to broaden recreation services*



*Bicycle skill and safety test. This program is cosponsored by the local Young Business Men's Club, the York Police Department, and the recreation commission.*



*Painting class for senior citizens. This activity was cosponsored by the York Soroptimist Club and the recreation commission. Service clubs, hobby clubs, and other groups can make important contributions to the public recreation program, thereby enriching the lives of their fellow citizens.*



**T**HE Trojan Horse was a device used by the ancient Greeks to infiltrate an enemy camp after a long and unsuccessful siege. Cosponsor-

ship of recreation projects by the public recreation departments and other community groups is a program promotion device in some aspects resembling the Trojan Horse. While we, as recreation administrators, are certainly not engaged in a war as such, we do have the ever-constant struggle to claim the public as our supporters. It is here that cosponsorship of events and activities serves as a tool to win understanding and support for what, hopefully, becomes a common cause.

Cosponsorship is as old as civilization. It is simply a form of sharing. However, in today's complex sophisticated society, it deserves a new look as a public-relations tool. The naivete of the early recreation days is gone. We can, with nostalgia perhaps, remember the pretelevision days when huge crowds attended public music concerts, Fourth of July celebrations, and public play events. Recreation was comparatively easy to sell, because "word got around." Neighborliness in the church, school, and the barber shop, so to speak, oriented community relations. Inter-

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ests were simple and participation by the public could be assumed. In some communities in the small or rural areas, this picture still exists. For the most part, however, community recreation as a public service in our cities and sprawling suburbia today faces a tougher challenge.

Especially in the larger and older cities, recreation tastes, even among children have become more sophisticated. The public recreation program competes with TV programs, mass spectator sports, and many increasingly diverse types of commercial recreation. There is diffusion of interest in many directions. The attention of the people is difficult to capture and hold. Public-relations counseling with the aim of selling goods or ideas, has become big business. It is in this environment that cosponsorship of activities can helpfully serve a "Trojan Horse" role. We must reach the people where they are. As the old adage states, "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em!"

In successful cosponsorship it is important to study out the ground. One should know existing groups, their leaders, and the interests they favor. In most cities today, civic and service clubs are organized and meet regularly. Many service clubs have national objectives paralleling the aims of public recreation in children and youth work. Some favor programs for older persons. Hobby groups of various types are active. Many of these are autonomous groups centered about cultural, social, and

athletic interests. Their aims and objectives are beneficial and consistent with public recreation goals and standards.

The hobby groups frequently tend to become selective and are sometimes ingrown. Do we not all know an art club self-engrossed and talented, a group of stamp or coin collectors with self-centered enthusiasm for their own collections; a camera club exchanging technical tricks among themselves? The chief interest of these groups is to express their own talents. They often have much that can be contributed to the community. How do we then break into the circle and use their group to open doors of interest for a wider group? How do we capture these special-interest persons and enlist their leadership for larger service?

Cosponsorship can be our Trojan Horse. We enter their area of activity. We may begin by undertaking an exhibit, a tea, an open house, a hobby show. A cosponsored creative hobbies night for instance, with live demonstrators, may lead directly to new classes and new leaders.

In this process we may reach and serve a new group of taxpayers. While some organizations are entirely independent, others may welcome a loose affiliation with the recreation program. Most of these groups are noncommercial and some operate on limited resources. Any reduction in their overhead costs may be a welcome help. It may be helpful to the group to offer help with the agenda, to assist with promotional fliers and secretarial services, and to suggest new program ideas.

**S**OME MIGHT CONTEND that recreation tends to lose identity in this procedure, because the role of the recreation department is preferably unobtrusive and efficient. We may suggest, aid, abet, explore and guide, but we do not dominate, neither do we threaten the autonomy of the cosponsor. It is also important that we do give credit.

The strength which can develop through cosponsorship is a grass-roots strength. The recreation department acts chiefly as a catalyst, an enabler. The end result is a breaking down of walls of indifference and small view-

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# A New Community Idea

East Orange  
plans an  
education plaza



A new concept of combined education and recreation facilities, a centralized education plaza, has been proposed by the East Orange, New Jersey, Board of Education. This is a step in coping with an increasingly congested urban area "to provide educational opportunity of highest caliber . . . and a cultural, recreational, and enrichment center for the entire community." Education leaders propose that this be achieved over a period of fifteen years. The centrally located area will consist of fifteen acres. On these will be constructed a number of buildings to which all the school children of the city will be brought. The physical structure of the plaza is planned to permit and encourage the development of a program which fits all kinds of pupils. The concept is further described and details of plans presented in a booklet, *The East Orange Education Plaza*, just published. Copies are available from the Board of Education, East Orange, New Jersey, for one dollar each.

Will the advantages of the East Orange plan outweigh its deficiencies? There are varying opinions on this. Two of them are reproduced below. (Additional opinions from readers of RECREATION will be welcome.) DOROTHY DONALD, Editor.

## Evaluation of Concept

THE EFFORTS of education authorities to provide better and more efficient schools at the lowest possible cost are commendable. From a purely educational point of view, the education-plaza concept may seem to be the answer to many of the education problems, especially in East Orange, New Jersey, where the plan is proposed. However, the education system has a broader function than just educating our children along purely academic lines. From the standpoint of providing the greatest possible service to all of the people, the education-plaza concept would prevent the schools from performing one of their most important functions.

The elementary school should be a neighborhood center as well as a school. While neither the educators nor the people as a whole have fully realized the potentialities of the elementary schools as neighborhood centers, the need for them to serve in this capacity is becoming greater every day. For the school to be a neighborhood center, it must be a recreation and cultural center, as well as an education center, for the entire neighborhood population. The school building should be the principal feature in the neighborhood recreation park, and the indoor recreation facilities needed for the entire population as well as for the school should be provided in the school building.

According to the brochure proposing the education plaza in East Orange, the elementary schools and their buildings would be sold. As stated in the brochure, "The sale of valuable property and its return to the tax rolls must be considered an asset." East Orange is sadly deficient in all types of open space for recreation. Instead of disposing of the elementary-school buildings, East Orange should greatly enlarge and improve them. The removal of neighborhood schools does not eliminate the need for neighborhood recreation parks and recreation buildings. It will be required to provide the indoor recreation facilities that should be included in the school building. The saving in school building costs will be more than offset by the cost of recreation buildings which will largely duplicate the facilities that must be provided for the school children in the education plaza.

Another objection to doing away with the neighborhood schools and turning the children to the education plaza is that the tendency to segregate groups is increased. The neighborhood schools and recreation parks help bring whole families together for leisure-time activities. To accomplish that result at neighborhood recreation parks without school buildings would require an expensive building, and the support of the school in making the

...a real center would be lacking. The education plaza for the junior senior high-school levels may be a good idea, but to include elementary-school children has many objections. There is great need in this country to develop a neighborhood spirit, and one of the most important steps in that di-

**E**AST ORANGE is in complete agreement with many of Mr. Lynch's long accepted theories on the school and recreation facility serving a neighborhood center. However, East Orange is attempting to meet a need which many other large cities have not met, and which has led to their deterioration. The neighborhood school with its related facilities has not led them or improved their reputation. The education-plaza concept may be the bridge that can close the gap in the transformation that takes place when a community changes from a suburban to urban center.

A very carefully planned program of presentation and interpretation of an educational plaza has been initiated by the East Orange Board of Education. It began with a meeting of the community's clergymen prior to release of the plan. Subsequent meetings were held with faculty, PTA councils, and the general public. It is a program that will require at least fifteen years to complete. It is expected that concepts may have to be revised as more experience is gained and conditions change.

For our neighborhood recreation facilities, they will all remain. Key indoor recreation facilities within school buildings will be retained to serve as neighborhood centers. All school buildings constructed in the last ten years have been planned and built in consultation with the recreation commission to insure maximum community use. These will not be abandoned. East Orange has always been a leader in the recreation field. It is a community of eighty thousand residents on 3.9 square miles. It has approximately fifty acres of highly developed school or playground space in ten fa-

recreation is to make our elementary-school buildings and the adjoining recreation parks so attractive and inviting that they become real education, cultural and recreation centers.—G. LESLIE LYNCH, *Areas, Facilities, and Survey Consultant for the National Recreation Association.*

## East Orange Viewpoint

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East Orange is in the process of completing a three-acre park in a high-rise apartment district where the cost of the land alone was \$214,000. The park will contain a 3,600-square-foot fieldhouse, bowling and putting greens, shuffleboard, basketball, and bocce courts, and children's apparatus areas. The city has two county parks immediately adjacent to its borders with combined acreage of 119. There is an eighteen-hole golf course on the city's water-reserve lands, just ten miles from its boundaries. East Orange is also

embarking on a preliminary plan for the further development of some two thousand virgin acres of water-reserve lands. Included is a golf center, swimming pool, ponds for boating and fishing, nature center, and picnicking, game, and camping areas.

All this does not indicate that East Orange is sadly deficient in all types of open space for recreation. In addition, East Orange is enlarging two parks and has forwarded Green Acres (state-aid) applications for expansion of two more. The removal of certain elementary-school buildings, some more than sixty-five years old, will not hinder the city's program.

Additional study is needed. The school board does not want total approval. This would come only after implementation of the "middle school" (fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth), which is needed *now* to meet a shortage in classroom space.—GRAHAM M. SKEA, *Superintendent of Recreation, East Orange, New Jersey.*



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# NOTES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

## Multiplicity

**S**PECIAL public service districts, now numbering over eighteen thousand, should be subject to stringent control by state, city, and county governments, according to a report entitled *The Problem of Special Districts in American Government*, issued recently by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. The report reviews the operations of special districts and public authorities, ranging in size from the mammoth Port of New York Authority to the smallest volunteer fire protection district, in terms of their relation to local government. While such districts often provide useful governmental services, the commission found that too many of them were being created and they continue to operate despite their adverse effect on local government generally.

The commission is a permanent, bipartisan body created by the Congress to give continuing study to the interrelationships among local, state, and national levels of government. Its twenty-six members are drawn from state, city, and county governments, as well as the Congress and the Executive Branch of the national government.

The report reviews the procedures for the creation of special districts and goes into their financial activities. These districts, while spending over \$3,000,000,000 annually, and having outstanding long term indebtedness of over \$10,000,000,000, are often subject to almost no control either by the people themselves or by elected public officials.

Perhaps the greatest problem stemming from the existence of the multiplicity of special districts is that it is often impossible for the people, despite their initial role in creating special districts, to effectively call to account those responsible for providing government services. For example, in a given area, as many as eight districts—four governed by elected boards of directors, four by appointed boards of directors—plus a city and a county, all may have responsibility for providing various government services. In such a case, how can the individual citizen with his responsibilities to home, family, and work keep up with them?

In order to provide some control over the creation of special districts and to facilitate the dissolution, consolidation, or merger of existing districts, the advisory commission recommends creation of a city-county agency to view all proposals for the creation, dissolution, consolidation, or merger of such districts. In order to secure an effective coordination of government services, the report recommends that cities and counties be required to approve all acquisitions by special districts of land within their jurisdiction and to comment on district plans for capital improvements. A state agency should make similar determinations where a statewide function is involved.

The report is available free from the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Washington, D.C. 20575.

## Boating Accidents

**T**HE RATE of boating accidents continued to decline in 1964 despite a marked increase in the number of boats in use on our nation's waterways, according to a survey conducted by the Outboard Boating Club of America. Forty-one states participated in the survey. Statistics were available from the remaining nine states at the time the survey was made. A compilation of reports from the forty-one states shows there was an overall decrease of about 10 percent in boating fatalities last year, while the same states increased boat registrations by more than 13 percent. Although the survey also revealed an increase in all types of boating mishaps (fatal, nonfatal injury and property damage) of about 9 percent, the sharp increase in the number of boats in use resulted in a significant reduction in the overall accident rate (number of accidents per thousand boats in use.) In addition, a number of state officials attributed increases in the number of boating accidents to reported to improved reporting systems. Therefore, it is pointed out, they may not have had an actual increase in accidents, even though the number they reported for 1964 is higher than that of the preceding year.

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# RETIREMENT

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# LEISURE

*Education for retirement is a relatively new field of great potential*

Virginia Musselman

AT THIS MOMENT a man is sitting on a bench in a subway station in New York City. He has held a responsible position. He has had a good education. He has ample funds. Yet each morning at nine o'clock he goes down into the subway, pays fifteen cents, and watches *others* go to work. Each evening at five o'clock he returns, and watches *others* come home from work. It is his way of holding on to the status of work, of refusing to accept the status of the nonworking, the retired, the old.

At this moment a woman is sitting in a lounge of a residential hotel in Washington, D.C. She is well-dressed; she has ample income. She sits there most of the day, watching people come and go.

At this moment an old man in a convalescent institution for the aged is lying on his thin old back turned to the wall. The only privacy left him. He is not sick. He has just given up. When there is a man who served in the recreation field for many years, whose books on community recreation have been the backbone of the recreation movement. Since *his* retirement he has filled his days happily by writing a book he has always *wanted* to write—but he is not the pioneers in the recreation movement in this country.

So it goes. Some give up and turn their backs on living. Many others open their minds and hearts to new experiences. What makes the difference? Attitudes toward leisure—toward uncommitted time—is very often the deciding factor; and this attitude is a reflection

Virginia Musselman is program director of the National Recreation Association. This material is adapted from a speech given at the Governor's Conference on the Aged and Aging at Purdue University, September 1964.

of the types of one's opportunities while growing up. Changing an attitude can be dangerous unless the new one is not just new, but better.

Traditional ways of living, and attitudes toward life and leisure, are no longer valid. A major problem for all of us is how to *cushion* change for the older and the retired adult, and how to educate the present and coming generations in an attitude toward leisure and retirement that is one of relaxed anticipation; a looking forward to new opportunities for creative self-expression, richer personal relationships, and increased service to others.

Dr. William Menninger says that people who stay young despite their years do so because of an active interest that provides a satisfaction through participation. Life cannot be lived from the sidelines. Many of those who join the ranks of the retired do so with reluctance and resignation. For, in our youth-worshipping and production-oriented society, the land-of-leisure is largely unexplored territory to the older person. Here, the time patterns of life no longer create the same design. The daily routine no longer has the security of large blocks of time filled by a familiar work schedule.

Suddenly, almost without realizing it, and sometimes without accepting it for real, the work-rhythm is broken. The ticking of the clock no longer has the same significance. Personal relationships born and bred on the job are changed or broken. When life has been wrapped around a work core, the meaning of life shrivels when that core is removed.

A minister once said, "We had lots of sins in our little white-steepled churches, but I remember in my own the most serious was dancing, the next was cigarettes, and the third was sitting

down." Many people still feel guilty if they are not working at something.

In pre-industrial societies, most adults were concerned in earning a living as long as their relatively short life lasted. Today, the middle-aged-to-older worker has more *free* time than time spent on the job. His problem is that he does not realize the importance of it. He does not realize that free time will take the place, eventually, of his work time, and so he does not go about deliberately to *plan* for it, to prepare to turn this leisure into an annuity against the poverty of spirit and the poverty of heart that are just as terrible as economic poverty.

The 1961 White House Conference on the Aging tells us that the average person when he retires at sixty-five, receives a gift of an additional thirty thousand hours of time to use as he wishes. This is not always a welcome gift.

In our production-oriented society, more output by fewer workers will make education for leisure a very important, if not the most important, problem to be solved. Regardless of how often you have heard it talked about, this new problem is a fact, requiring new methods, new philosophies and, most of all, new *attitudes*.

Attitudes are formed very early, and, as they crystallize into habits of thought and behavior, they are harder and harder to break. Psychologists tell us that dogs *can* learn new tricks—the hard thing is to break them of old tricks. So it is with our attitudes toward retirement, toward old age, and toward leisure.

People's needs change very little, but opportunities to *fill* such needs can decline with age. We all need to love and be loved, but friends die, families grow up, and become separated. We all need



to do some useful work, but retirement takes away the big time blocks of work. We all need to feel that we have a place in the world, but we fail to see the many opportunities around us to be useful.

For basic existence, we all need shelter, health, and financial resources. These are the bread in the wise statement "Man cannot live by bread alone." For social and psychological health, other basics must be added:

**Usefulness**, which gives us a reason for living, encourages us to be givers, not takers.

**Challenge**, to keep our responses alive and active.

**Affiliation**, to feel a part of the group with interesting social give and take, to keep us out of selfish self-pity.

**Satisfaction**, to feel a pride, to value one's self as a unique individual.

**WHAT CAN WE DO** to provide these opportunities? Dr. Paul Haun says, "... social planning and personal concern should abandon the search for global solutions and invite the elderly back into the human race."

The time has come to accept four basic concepts:

*That* recreation, along with health, education, work, and religion, is one of the five essentials to every individual's personality development and every community's social well-being.

*That* we should start thinking of leisure as an opportunity, not a problem.

*That* our present stereotyped concept of aging and the aged should be updated and changed.

*That* social planning should not be fragmented, but should bring together all of the specialized groups involved in any phase of the life of the individual.

None of these is easy. Each means a departure from an accepted, traditional way of thinking. It is much easier to

stay in a rut than to blaze a new trail. At the last conference of the American Association of School Administrators, Dr. Frank Brown of Florida said, "There are two ways to get to the top of an oak tree—climb it or sit on an acorn." We have been sitting on the acorn in regard to education for leisure. Let us start climbing the tree!

By and large, the community recreation program, which includes both public and private agencies, is geared primarily to serving the needs of children and teenagers. These services need not be curtailed; indeed, they should be strengthened, but those education and recreation agencies that prepare leaders should pay special attention to training them for service to the adult, and older adult, as well as to children.

It is heartening to see the acceptance of the importance of recreation in retirement villages, high-rise apartments, mobile home estates, nursing homes and hospitals, as well as in special community programs. It is evidence that the concept of total planning is bearing fruit. We need to see people as a whole, not in isolated groups of preschoolers, or teenagers, or retired adults. A well-planned area or facility is one that serves *all* these groups. Children need sunlight in the winter. So do older people. Baby carriages are easier to push up ramps than stairs. So are wheelchairs. So are shopping carts. The provision of halls and doors wide enough to allow use by someone in a wheelchair, or in a long-leg brace, or wheeling a toddler is just as important in a civic building or a recreation center as it is in a supermarket. It should not be necessary to issue a directory of stores, theaters, and public buildings accessible to a handicapped person, as several communities have done. Good planning is good planning for *all*. We must not

be so blinded by our interest in any segment of our community that we to see the overall need.

If we accept the fact that leisure is an opportunity, and that planning for leisure should not be fragmented, then every agency must accept its responsibility to educate for leisure. New York's Division of the Aging puts it well: "Government, industry, unions, and voluntary groups need to emphasize *now* that to make those added twenty years fruitful, fiscal ability, leisure-time activities and interests need to be developed in the twenty- and thirty-year periods of life and not left to the fifty- and sixty-year decades."

**T**O IMPLEMENT a program of social recreation, an early emphasis, recreation must be accepted as one of the "Big Five." If you think of it as "fun and games," "for children," or as time-fillers, diversions, or cornball, then you have a stereotyped conception and are recreationally illiterate.

No one who does not like to dance has to dance or read a book, or knit a sweater, or play a violin, or work a crossword puzzle, or grow flowers. Recreation *must* be voluntary. It cannot be lowbrow or egghead. The range of recreation activities is enormous. George Butler, in his *Introduction to Community Recreation* lists over five hundred, and does not attempt to list many other kinds of personal activity.

The types of recreation activities best suited for individuals or groups depend like any educational process, on a number of factors. Dr. J. W. Getzels of the University of Chicago lists these: on motivation, on personal capacity, on previous experience, on the ability to see relevant relationships, on personal involvement, on self-evaluation, and on

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The variety of available physical and cultural recreation programs is almost infinite. Yet behind the attractive facade of these programs lie some of the basic problems of our mechanized twentieth century. A nation of wings and wheels, we have more free time than any other people in history. This is the blessing and could be the curse of a progressive and successful civilization.

—President Lyndon B. Johnson

June 1-30, 1965 is being observed as National Recreation Month by civic groups, United Funds and Community Centers, park and recreation departments, and other organizations concerned with recreation across the nation. They will utilize the new theme for 1965, *FREE TIME—HORIZONS UNLIMITED*, to emphasize the need for wise use of leisure time and to highlight programs and services now available to their communities.

THE ABOVE MESSAGE from the President of the United States launched June/National Recreation Month, 1964. Last year, the National Recreation Association, through its Affiliates, presented 310 June/National Recreation Month citations to volunteer individuals and groups for outstanding service in recreation. More than half of the governors in the United States issued



Two thousand agencies affiliated with the National Recreation Association have helped establish community-wide celebrations of June/National Recreation Month. Park and recreation departments use this opportunity to "kick off" their summer season, "showcase" their activities, and gain community support. Last year, Knoxville, Tennessee, chose this time for a carnival on its downtown mall, formal opening of a senior-citizen center, and a Junior Olympic program (above).

proclamations to alert the people of their states to the variety of free-time programs available. Many state recreation societies helped to plan formal presentations of the governors' proclamations. Two thousand agencies affiliated with NRA helped to establish community-wide celebrations. Radio and TV stations across the country also joined in the celebration by donating public service time for announcements about June/National Recreation Month and by providing news coverage of outstanding community events.

The Bureau of Recreation of the city of Knoxville, Tennessee sponsored an outstanding program for June/National Recreation Month last year. Under the guidance of Administrator Maynard Glenn, the bureau planned a far-reaching program to reach every age group. Some of its activities included a carnival on the Market Mall to acquaint the business area of the city with all the facets of recreation for both youth and adults, the formal opening of a \$160,000 senior-citizens center and an \$85,000 community center; and a Junior Olympics program.

The Headquarters of the United States Air Forces in Europe took the kit prepared by the NRA and developed it for special use by the armed forces, including a suggested base-commander's proclamation. Some of the USAF ideas for activities would serve civilian programs too; such as, a sports night with demonstrations in fencing, badminton, bait casting, table tennis, and body building; instructional classes in judo, handball, archery, tennis, and golf; competitive exhibitions between teams in soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, and swimming; week-long tournaments; parades and talent shows; a bicycle rodeo for maneuvering skills and bicycle safety; arts-and-crafts design contests; new hobby classes; father-son softball games; family bowling leagues; and a family talent night.

The 1965 celebration should be even bigger than before. Why not share your ideas with others? Send a report to the Public Information and Education Department of the National Recreation Association. (8 West 8th Street, New York 10011) and let us know what programs were successful in your community. #

# THE V.I.T.'S

*What do you have to offer those Very Important Teenagers who seek VITAL programs and projects that are with it!*

**R**EMEMBER the baby boom of 1947? How can you forget it as you look at the 2,700,000 seventeen-year-olds we now have among us and try to meet their recreation needs? *The New York Times* reminds us that these seventeen-year-olds "cut their baby teeth on television, sharpened their bite on space, grew up to marry sooner, pay later, become drop-outs and juvenile delinquents, crowd the colleges . . . act distressingly complacent and painfully idealistic, head straight for hell and be the bright new hope of tomorrow. . . ."

" . . . Seventeens are fifty-one percent male, half from middle-income families, two-thirds living in urban and suburban areas, eighty percent in high school—seniors, mostly—almost three out of ten destined not to graduate and almost half of those who do graduate (forty-five percent of them girls) college bound. One out of eight (female) and one out of fifty (male) are married." And our younger teens are also awesomely hip.

As you examine your recreation activities and service projects for teenagers, are they also awesomely hip or do they stem from the days of the horse and buggy or even the Charleston and the Big Apple? Here are some programs and projects that are attracting and challenging teenagers across the country.

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

**T**EENAGERS of Vancouver, Washington, earned themselves a new home. Through their own interest and efforts they played a large part in the successful passage of a \$480,000 bond

issue for a new recreation center. The large area planned for teenagers at the new center includes an outside entrance and is accessible to the 80'-by-100' multi-purpose room. The center offers teenagers their own club facility where they can mix with members of the four local high schools, socialize, dance, watch TV, read magazines, play Ping-pong and pool, and discuss, among their peers, the important issues of the day.

During the bond issue drive the Vancouver teenagers donned tags saying "I Can't Vote But You Can" and distributed material stressing the importance of registering to vote. They distributed question-and-answer material, spoke to fellow students and parents, stuffed envelopes, guarded and transported architectural models of the recreation building and city hall (all of their own choosing) after assuring themselves of the value of both issues.

The teenage Trap Club took the initiative at each step in the bond-issue campaign to aid in ways brought up by its own teenage council. The teenagers took the initiative in the campaign because they were vitally interested in the issues before the public. In the state of Washington, in a special election of this type, successful passage is based on getting forty percent of the registered voters who voted in the last general election to vote before the issue is valid, and a sixty percent yes vote before the issue is passed. The recreation building was passed by more than a sixty-three percent margin. In viewing the potential and value of a formally organized teenage club, the bond issue provides a backdrop.

Since 1944, Vancouver teens have had their own facility, the Trapadero, nicknamed "The Trap." After Pearl Harbor, many crowded communities

organized similar teen clubs as a solution to the teens' problem of a place to go. The need for such a youth center in Vancouver became apparent with rapid population rise following establishment of a wartime shipyard and several industrial plants here.

The school district, following initiative of the high-school student council, provided a room in the basement of the Memorial Building. Funding came from the recreation commission, the school board, and, indirectly, from the federal government's Lanham Act Funds. After a school wide contest to determine its name, the Trapadero Club was officially opened April 29, 1947. Since that time, "The Trap" has been extremely popular with all high-school students. Equipped with a coke bar, kitchen, pool and Ping-pong tables, TV, public-address system, and record player, the club has been the teenagers' "home away from home."

Formerly, the funds for personnel came from the city and the Community Chest through the auspices of the Vancouver Recreation Association. In 1955 with the discontinuance of the Community Chest funds, the recreation association, which in March of 1955 became an actual city department and now is known as the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department, assumed the full responsibility for the club advisor's salary, with the school district still maintaining the Memorial Building with all utilities and maintenance. Then, during August of 1958, the parks and recreation department moved into the Memorial Building and assumed full responsibility of the advisor's salary and maintaining the building, thus making the city fully responsible for the teenage club. With the passage of a bond issue for both a recreation build

and city hall, the Memorial Building will be torn down to provide a site for the construction of a centrally located city hall.

## LET'S LISTEN TO YOUTH

The Protestant Youth Council Youth Planning Board in Kenosha, Wisconsin, is a teenage group that carries out such projects as a weekly radio program, "Let's Listen to Youth," and a continuous clothing drive through World Service, and sponsors a Halloween and Valentine party for younger youth at Protestant Youth Community Center. Two annual events are the Ecumenical Youth Rally and a Progressive Dinner which attracts 250 teenagers. The food courses are served at four different churches and young people conclude their evening by returning to the PYC center for recreation. The Youth Planning Board also sponsors a senior banquet each year.

The PYC Community Center began many years ago to provide recreation for church groups. Today, it serves the community regardless of race or religious faith. Thirty-five volunteer members, representing most Protestant denominations, administer the program. Financial support comes from the United Fund, churches, and interested citizens.

Located near the American Motors Corporation, the center offers facilities for gym play, arts and crafts, roller skating, woodcraft, gameroom play, indoor trampoline center, and handball facilities. The center opens its doors to such community groups as hobby clubs, drum-and-bugle bands, winter practice session, dance groups. Such groups as orchestra boosters and boosters, Boy Scouts, and other groups hold "Fun Nites" at PYC and raising projects. The center is used by various groups for rehearsals each year visiting marching bands and as their headquarters.

Carroll K. Rikli, director of the PYC Community Center for the past ten years, is a professional recreator with a background that includes college and public-school teaching, coaching, city recreation supervision, and twelve years as player-manager of a barnstorming semi-pro softball team the "Oklahoma Cowboys."

1948. Save the Children Federation, international child-welfare organization of Norwalk, Connecticut, has worked among American Indians. From experience, federation counselors know that Indians are a proud people, too proud for charity and handouts. The federation sponsorship program works on the theory that the best way to help



*Yavapai Indian teenagers remodel an old building into a community center at a Save the Children Federation self-help work camp in Fort McDowell, Arizona.*

## SHUFFLING OUT OF THE DUST

GENERALLY, American boys and girls are presented with a variety of play experiences to choose from in their leisure hours. To an American Indian child, leisure means listless hours shuffling through the dust with nothing to do . . . nothing to learn . . . no resources to tap for the future. Since

a youngster is to give him the understanding, encouragement, and the minimal financial aid he needs to help himself.

Currently, federation sponsors are making it possible for 3,398 Indian boys and girls to stay in school, with funds for clothes, personal books, and other essentials. Many youngsters, old enough to do so, are earning their sponsorship aid by working in reservation hospitals, the girls as "Candy Strippers."

the boys as "Teendocs." While they give service to the hospital ambulance crews, in the pediatric wards, the hospital kitchens, and records departments, they are being exposed to future health careers. Not only do they learn about the worthwhile careers open to them in medicine and hospital administration, but they acquire knowledge of sound health practices to take back to their homes on the reservations.

Many American Indian boys and girls are working for their communities, learning new skills and earning money for back-to-school expenses at Save the Children Federation summer work camps. The federation conducts these summer camp programs in cooperation with tribal leaders and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

On the Papago reservation near Tucson, Arizona, twenty-two boys worked on a ranch last summer, learning ranch management, cattle herd operations, and soil and moisture control. They repaired tribal ranch buildings, corrals and fences, cleared brush and pasture land.

This summer, children on the Colorado River Reservation in Parker, Ari-

zona, will again pour their youthful energies into work projects, recreation activities, and educational field trips. They will take part in crafts projects and art classes. In 1964 these youngsters donated over five thousand hours of time to improvements on the reservation, earning their sponsorship aid through their own efforts. A survey conducted at the end of the 1964 camp season showed that about nine-tenths of the students wanted to enroll in college after high-school graduation.

While these projects were established for Indian youth, they are examples that could apply to *any* youngster. Similar projects are now being set up by the federal government's anti-poverty program under a variety of agencies. Still others could be developed in any community by public and private agencies, service clubs, and churches.

## SELF GOVERNMENT

**T**HE Youth Council in Winnipeg, Manitoba, was inaugurated in 1947 for the purpose of establishing a set of

standards for the operation of centers in Winnipeg Community ers. This organization has changed a great deal in its structure, objectives and its fields of endeavor have been changed to meet the ever-changing needs of those in their teen years. Today the Youth Council is composed of teenage delegates from each of the eighteen community centers in Winnipeg who elect annually a seven-member executive committee. Two adult advisors, one from the senior staff of the recreation department and one from the Winnipeg Police Department, give guidance to the youth during their meetings and projects. Objectives of the Youth Council are to develop leadership skills in youth to learn and develop an appreciation for democracy through self-government and to develop a greater love of life and happiness through participation in wholesome community recreation.

Last year, the Youth Council sponsored its second Greater Winnipeg Youth Conference which was held May 8-9 at the United College. The conference played host to some thirty delegates, representatives of community centers throughout the Metropolitan Winnipeg area. The theme "Self Government for Youth—Does It Work?" proved to be an excellent subject for a conference of this type. The guest speakers provided the teenagers with excellent controversial material to stimulate the discussion groups. Chas. A. Barbour, director of recreation, delivered an entertaining after-dinner speech at the conference banquet. The entire conference was planned and operated by the teenagers with very little assistance requested from the adult advisers.

The conference and other projects of the Youth Council are financed by funds raised from three area dances held annually. The area dances are attended by approximately fifteen hundred.

Meetings of the Youth Council are held every third Sunday from September until May. The meetings are very well attended and the level of discussion is high. Representatives find the meetings stimulating and they often receive excellent ideas and assistance from other representatives. #

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# NO TIME FOR SUICIDE!

## x High-School Seniors Killed in Auto Accident on Graduation night

, this June, and for all the Junes to come, this type of headline will stare at millions of Americans as they drink their coffee some bright June morning. Seniors feel they must howl on the eve of their being thrust out into the world, and, for the first time in twelve years, school shackle. Most statistics are all but those involving deaths among graduating high-school seniors are frightening. Hundreds each year never get to develop the wonderful potential in them by their adoring and sometimes foolish parents. They howl and are on the road with shiny, formal suits and tuxes torn and blood spattered . . . victims of the fatal formula: a little beer, a lot of car, and some care-free delight.

The parents of those graduating from Coronado High School in Coronado, California, gave these facts careful consideration and then the parent organizations, school clubs, school officials, and city officials all started thinking of a solution and came up with a plan which has kept Coronado free of "senior suicide" for many years.

Coronado is the home of the world-

famous del Coronado Hotel. Built in the late 1800's, it was the stopping place for royalty from all over the world. It has housed American presidents and any famous or infamous person one can imagine. Its grand ballroom has seen many a grand affair and now sees Coronado's graduating seniors on graduation night. . . .

It has long been known that the aftermath of the senior prom is a problem. The dance and dinner are held at the hotel immediately after graduation exercises. At 2:00 A.M. the city enters the picture: it supplies the municipal swimming pool and the seniors alternately swim and warm themselves around huge barbecue fires on the pool deck. A school band is hired to supply music at poolside and dancing is also offered.

At 4:00 A.M., pooped but still in no mood to throw in the sponge, the seniors leave the pool, clean up, and return to the hotel for breakfast. Only then, as they wipe the last bit of egg from their chins, do they unwind somewhat. Even then, many don't . . . they head for the beach, a few blocks away, and take an ocean swim.

The graduates end up tired, happy . . . and alive. And their parents are



*It's three in the morning and a warm fire feels good after swimming away part of graduation night at city pool.*

thankful . . . though exhausted, because, you see, they have planned and chaperoned the entire night! But the many hours of planning, which begin in March, are not begrudged. Coronado parents call it "Operation Grad Night" and, as a parent I know it well and appreciate it . . . one of my sons graduated last June! — GORDON HUNSAKER, *Director of Recreation, Coronado, California.* (As of April 1, Mr. Hunsaker became general manager for the Sun City Civic Association, Sun City, California, a "retirement community.")

## People in the News

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for the elderly poor. His final report will commend action and standards for a full-scale assault on poverty among the aging as a major part of the national war on Poverty.



**Ed M. Andrews** of Lynchburg, Virginia, district scout executive of the Piedmont Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, is the new assistant

executive director of the American Camping Association. His new responsibilities include management of the publications and membership departments and business administration of ACA. Mr. Andrews has had wide experience both the Red Cross and Boy Scout

water safety programs, in conference and workshop planning, and has written several guides and outlines for training and conference programs.

### IN MEMORIAM

• THOMAS ARVIN BELSER, superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation in Montgomery, Alabama, died in January at the age of sixty-five. A former chemistry teacher, high-school principal, and YMCA boys work secretary, Mr. Belser became superintendent of recreation for the city in 1948. He became superintendent of the Department of Parks and Recreation when it was created October 1, 1949 and held that position continuously until his death. Mr. Belser was an ardent grower of camellias, Alabama's state flower, and an active flower-show judge.

• FREDERIC RICHARD LANOUE, one of

the country's leading swimming coaches, died recently at the age of fifty-seven. He had coached the championship teams of Georgia Tech and taught his survival technique called "drownproofing" to Naval cadets, the Marine Corps, and Peace Corps volunteers. He was the author of *Drownproofing, a New Technique for Water Safety*, published by Prentice-Hall in 1963. (RECREATION published an article by Mr. Lanoue on his drown-proofing technique, March 1964.)

• NEIL C. HURLEY, JR., board chairman of Thor Power Tool Company and an internationally known industrialist, died in February, in Oak Park, Illinois, at the age of fifty-four. In 1956 he founded the Thor Center For Better Farm Living, a non-profit institution working for better rural family living. The center sponsors an annual seminar devoted to all aspects of rural life, including recreation.



**1.** After the student has decided upon a design or motif and has worked up a fully developed drawing he can transfer this onto Upsou board, masonite, or plywood using tracing paper.



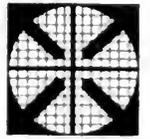
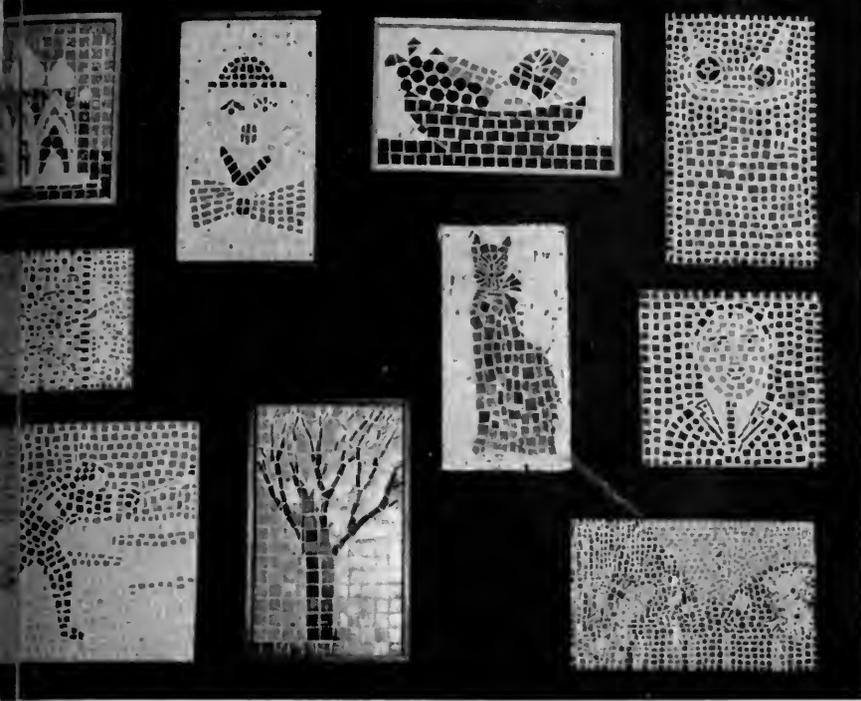
**3.** To glue the cut tile on the board, use any quick-dry glue that is waterproof. The mosaic must dry overnight.

## MOSAICS TAKE THE FLOOR



**4.** Coat the spaces between each tile with plaster of Paris. Be sure to have plenty of rags for wiping excess plaster from the tile surface. A good craftsman is a careful workman as well as artist.

**2.** Use soft vinyl or rubber tile, not asphalt tile, which is brittle and easily breaks or crumbles in the cutting. Whether one is making mosaics or laying floor covering, it is important to understand the nature of your material.



Mosaics from modern materials. This Byzantine and Renaissance craft is enjoying a current revival among twentieth century innovations. Plastic spray protects the final product.

**Jack Lerman**

THE SMALL colored-glass tesserae and ceramic tiles used in making mosaics are extremely beautiful. Mosaic seems to sparkle with a jewel-like quality. Actually a mosaic is many small pieces of colored glass, ceramic or stone set in cement to make a design. From the early pre-Renaissance, mosaic craftsmen developed works of tremendous size and beauty on the walls of cathedrals and courtrooms. Like their contemporary counterparts, the craftsmen of today use the mosaic techniques in buildings, ceramics and wall decorations. Always intrigued by a mosaic's intricate design and interplay of colors, I have long wanted to present a mosaic problem to my classes. But the idea could not materialize because of the prohibitive cost of the glass tesserae and ceramic tile. Vinyl floor tile proved to be the solution. The low cost, the flexibility (a child can easily cut it into small geometric shapes), the simplicity of gluing the cut tile to plywood or board, and the many colors manufactured make the material a most effective substitute. Although the use of vinyl tile does not produce the same effect, it will give the student excellent experience in mosaic making. The necessary materials and

developmental steps follow.

**Materials Needed**

- Vinyl or rubber floor tile* (single-weight). A suggested assortment (of 9"-by-9" colored tiles) is red, yellow, blue, green, orange, pink, dark blue, black, white, etcetera.
- Scissors* (medium or large). Small light-weight tin snips are also excellent if available.
- Boards for setting and gluing tile.* Wall-board, Upson board, plywood, or Masonite are excellent. The size may be determined by the student, but 8"-by-6" panels have proved successful.
- Glue.* Any quick-drying glue that is waterproof will do the job.
- Plaster of Paris.* This powder is used for filling the spaces between tiles.
- Rags.* These are for wiping excess plaster from the tile surface.
- Waterproof plaster spray.* The spray gives a high luster to the finished mosaic and protects the surface.

**Procedure**

*Step 1:* Developing the idea. To insure a successful experience a fully developed drawing should be prepared by the student, then the student can simply transfer this onto Upson board or plywood,

using tracing paper. Direct drawing on the board is also possible.

*Step 2:* Cut the tile into small shapes. A medium-weight scissors, or light-weight tin snips, is an excellent cutting tool. The floor tile comes in two weights. For ease in cutting, be sure to purchase the single-weight tile. Also be sure it is a soft vinyl or rubber tile, not asphalt tile. Asphalt tile is brittle and easily breaks or crumbles in the cutting. Quarter-inch squares or rectangles are the most effective size for an 8"-by-6" mosaic. Some students have used various forms of amoeboid shapes—but remember, keep them small! If the tile is cut in large squares the feeling and textural quality are apt to be lost.

*Step 3:* Gluing the cut tile on the board. Setting the tile permanently to the board is simpler than setting tile in cement (grout). Place some glue on the back of each tile and press it directly onto the desired area of the drawing, leaving about an eighth-inch space between tiles. After all the tiles have been glued and set in their respective places, the mosaic must dry overnight.

*Step 4:* Coating the spaces between each tile with the plaster of Paris. After the glued tiles have completely dried, apply a mixture of plaster of Paris (the consistency of paste) in the spaces between tiles. This must be done quickly because the plaster dries and sets in minutes. (To insure a slower drying time, always mix the plaster into the water, not the water into the plaster.) Use a rag to wipe the excess plaster from the tile proper.

*Step 5:* Spraying the finished tile. Spraying with a plastic spray prevents flaking of the plaster. It also gives a high luster to the finished piece. For the purpose of functional decoration, the plastic spray will waterproof the work so that it can be used as a decorative hot plate or as a protection for wood surfaces. #

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# A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## Notes on Oldsters

*"Senior Citizens Month . . . a time dedicated to community action on behalf of older Americans . . . What we do for them today will enrich the lives of our children in the decades to come."*

—LYNDON B. JOHNSON, February 16, 1965.

- Available from the Presidents Council on the Aging, Washington, D. C. 20201, is a *Projects and Promotion Guide for Senior Citizens Month*. Send for your copy. Address inquiries to Fred Panzer, Coordinator.

- The Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks is starting a city-wide senior citizens drama group which will specialize in light opera.

- Minnesota is stressing *work* for its aging at the local level. Regional coordinators on the staff of the Governor's Citizens Council on Aging have been assigned to work in the regions of the state where they live, to stimulate and counsel local leaders and to provide day-by-day follow through. For details, get January 1965 issue of *Aging*, published by U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

- A state jamboree of senior citizens clubs and organizations was held recently by the New Orleans Recreation Department. Over three hundred enthusiastic seniors attended from all parts of the state. Steps were taken to form a state association. Strong professional recreation leadership to guide this embryonic organization was recommended.

## Educate for Leisure

**I**CONTEND that organized recreation breeds recreational illiteracy and dependency. We need to educate for leisure so that the individual gains independence in pursuit of his leisure activities." So said Dr. Betty van der Smissen, research director of the National Recreation Association, to the 1965 Fourth U.S. Army Special Services workshop, February 16-18, in San

Antonio, Texas. She discussed standards for evaluating recreation programs.

"Frequently, we hear that we will begin any program activity IF there is enough demand," she said. "I would



*Dr. van der Smissen (center) chats with Lt. Colonel H. H. Copeland, chief of Special Service, Fourth Army, and Lou Hamilton, director of the San Antonio Recreation Department, during workshop.*

like to suggest that participation is not a matter of demand, but of motivations. Changing interest into action means presenting a program in such a way that the individual believes in participating." She stressed the need for providing instruction in basic skills in order to motivate interest in various recreation activities and to enable the individual to be more self-sufficient in his leisure time. Twenty-nine conferees from Army installations and units in the Fourth Army area gathered with eleven guest speakers for the annual conference in the Headquarters Fourth Army Quadrangle, Fort Sam Houston.

## Good Teen Club Idea

**W**HEN A TEENAGER applies for membership in a Teen Club at Montclair Recreation Center in Oakland, California, a note immediately goes to the parent. Signed by the center recreation directors, it invites at least one parent to attend one of two "Parent Meetings," on either a Monday or Thursday evening, at the center. The note says in part: "If you cannot attend either of the Parent Meetings, it will be necessary to hold your teen's application until the next semester. We feel it is essential that staff and parents meet in order to better acquaint you with this teen club opportunity.

"We feel that teenagers need and are interested in having full support from their parents. This meeting will give

us an opportunity to discuss what program the center can offer, standard behavior, the role of the teenager, parent, and the recreation director. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussions.

"We hope you will attend and it possible for your teenager to be in the club's program."

## They Don't Want a Ghetto

**P**ICKED UP by United Press International, an article in the February 1965, issue of RECREATION, "Enabled Disabled" by Dr. Elliott M. Ave appeared in condensed form in thirty newspapers in Canada and United States, from coast to coast. Under an intriguing variety of bold headlines. It is interesting to note one aspect of the article was selected to appeal to the community in different parts of the country and such a variety of instances. Among community headlines were:

"Handicapped Don't Want a Ghetto," Paterson, New Jersey.

"Sightless Child Is Recreation Problem," Great Bend, Kansas.

"Professor Stresses Need for Organized Plans for Disabled," Stillwater, Minnesota.

"Handicaps, Like Beauty, in a Holder's Eye," New Castle, Pennsylvania.

"Recreation Agencies Fill Important Role in Community Life," Duluth, Georgia.

"Education Teacher Finds Injustice in Recreation," Trenton, New Jersey.

"Director Cites Problems in Recreation Service," Kansas City, Kansas.

"Handicapped Are Being Coddled," Bucyrus, Ohio.

"Disabled Needs Recreation," Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Injustices to Handicapped Contribute to Dependency," Anaheim, California.

"Says Recreation Plans Unjust to Handicapped," Greenville, South Carolina.

"Injustices in Recreation," Montreal, Quebec.



Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico (left) affixes the new Recreation/Conservation Sticker to the bumper of his automobile. The senator purchased this sticker from Edward C. Crafts (right), director of the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The sticker sells for \$7 and permits the holder and all occupants of the automobile to make unlimited visits for a twelve-month period to national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and other federal recreation areas where an admission fee is charged.

### Bike Safety Program

BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM was conducted during the summer of 1964 jointly by the Recreation and Police Departments in Webster, New York. This program was initiated because of the mounting unrests and hazards caused by bicycle riders in the Webster community. This program was held at five of the playground sites. One day was spent at each playground to conduct the particular programs involved. Six hundred to seven hundred children participated, with 235 bicycles being inspected, as well as a lecture on bike safety riding and procedures by the chief of police. Every adjustment needed was recorded and these bike owners were requested to have the corrections made so the bikes would qualify under the New York State Motor Vehicle Law. As a result of this program, much of the danger of the riding hazards was curbed. This program has become an annual part of the summer program because of its value to the community as a whole, declares the recreation department in its 1963-64 Annual Report.

### Auto Furnace Planned

SOMEbody is doing something about the auto junkyards that clutter our landscape, at long last. According to the *Christian Science Monitor* of January 23, a Denver, Colorado, enterpriser plans to construct what he be-

lieves will be the nation's first commercial auto-incinerator—a huge, gas-fired furnace. Metal parts of junked cars will be shredded, melted in an adjacent high-heat furnace, and molded into simple objects such as grinding rods and grinding balls, used in the region's metal-mining industries. The remainder of the car will be fed to the larger furnace. Both furnaces will operate continuously and will be able to swallow some fifteen thousand cars weekly, or seventy-five thousand annually, or so figures Charles W. Martin who is planning this undertaking.

According to the *Monitor* correspondent, the junkyard problem stems largely from recent changes in the way steel is made. A decade ago, or less, a great deal of scrap steel was used in steel manufacture; and a prime source of scrap was crushed auto bodies, largely stripped of non-metallic parts. Nowadays, however, new methods of steel making, notably the efficient basic oxygen furnace, demand much purer raw materials. Scrap material is not pure enough; and thus our junkyards increase at alarming rates. Forecasts of the nation's economic growth by the year 2,000, as estimated by Resources for the Future, figure that in thirty-five years, yearly auto production will be twenty-six million. Today, it is less than eight million.

### Free Speech Park

TOP-FLIGHT chess players, a band, a rope spinner, and a clown took part in the varied program that marked the dedication ceremonies for Boston Park in Los Angeles (on the north side of the Hollywood Freeway). Designed as a free speech forum, Boston Park is located on land leased from the California State Division of Highways. The park has areas on an upper terrace to accommodate discussion groups, with benches provided. On a lower terrace, there are chairs and tables for chess and checker players, and the entire park has been suitably landscaped.

### Gleaned from Annual Reports

- College students at home for holidays are not forgotten by the recreation department in Lewiston, Maine, which set up a special Christmas vacation program for them.

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A chief advantage of the buildings is their maneuverability—a 60-footer can be erected in three to four hours by a team of eight men. The high pressure tubing which provides the skeleton of the inflatable buildings is completely separate from the translucent nylon skin and fits into pockets equipped with zippers. Normally, the tubing stays permanently with the rest of the rig, but a tube can be removed for replacement while the building is still up.

Inflation can be accomplished by a portable compressed air cylinder, an air compressor, or vehicle sparkplug adapter. Pressure losses from temperature changes are small and tubes require topping up only about once a year. Further information may be obtained from Walter Kidde & Company, Inc., Belleville, New Jersey, 07109.

- **LEO LICKS LITTER.** Leo the Paper Eater is his full name,

and he does just that—eats paper! According to the *Louis Post-Dispatch*, when Leo the litter-eating lion first introduced at the St. Louis Zoo, fascinated child flocked around and fed him paper, cans, bottles, or litter they could find. Leo is a fiberglass clean-up device fitted with an air-suction “mouth” which draws in the paper and a large rear door which makes removal of the litter a simple task.



Leo weighs 1,270 pounds (crated), he has a record roar that plays continually and is designed to enroll recreation and park area visitors on the “clean-up crew.” For further details, write to Harry J. Batt Associates, Portchartrain Beach, New Orleans 22, Louisiana. (They also have “Porky”, the paper-eating pig and “Pepe” the clown.)

- **LIQUID SAVINGS.** A special “case history report” detailing the dollar-saving and equipment-safeguarding quality of *WD-40* on the golf course is available without charge from the manufacturer. The pictorial report, in brochure format, describes how the liquid chemical compound is used at various Southern California area courses to maintain sprinkler systems at a lower cost and to keep golf carts and other mobile equipment in prime condition.

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**Row by row.** Approximately a pound of material makes a square foot of a braided rug! A leaflet, *How to Braid Rugs that Look Professional*, gives clear, detailed row-by-row instruction on making three different rugs, "The Fireside," "Early American," and "The Provincial." For leaflet, woolen samples, color suggestions, and additional information on rug making, write to Bloomfield Woolen Company, Bloomfield, Indiana.

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### EQUIPMENT

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atives. For further information, write to Bell & Howell, Public Relations Department, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago 60645.

**With a 1965 look.** A new line of outdoor picnic tables, benches, and pool furniture have combined the maintenance-free durability of honeycomb with a lighter weight top and seat construction with the beauty of and color of Declarlite high-pressure plastic surface. Picnic tables come round or rectangular with attached walk-in seats. A brochure on this new line of outdoor furniture may be obtained from Executive Offices, Dentin Manufacturing Company, 2309 North Mannheim Road, Melrose Park, Illinois.

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Suggested applications for the new material include home and factory insulation, building material, furnace insulation, potting material for electronic modules, steam pipe insulation, fireproof acoustic tile, thermally insulated containers, and fire-protection barriers.

The Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, which developed the process,

reports the new material successfully passed rigorous tests for density, thermal stability, thermal conductivity, water solubility, chinchability, adherence, and colorability. Copy of the brief may be obtained by writing to Office of Technology Utilization, Headquarters NASA, Washington, D. C.

Protecting potable water. A comprehensive thirty-six page publication deals with the present problem of protecting potable water lines from contamination when interconnecting with potential pollution sources such as toilets, process tanks, and other fixtures. Listed are dozens of installations where cross-connections could endanger public health, preventive measures required in each case, and schematic piping layouts for typical systems.

The book, now in its eleventh printing, has been updated by author Edwin Reinecke to reflect current practices. It is priced at one dollar per copy, but is available free to governmental officials, health officers, and qualified plumbing contractors if requested on letterhead. Write for *Handbook of Cross Connection Control* to Febco, Incorporated, 9121 Glendale Boulevard, Sun Valley, California.

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## PERSONNEL

Manpower. The report of an independent search organization into the effects of automation on employment contains the results of a poll of over two hundred personnel and industrial relations directors, representing corporations employing a total of 824,772 persons in a cross-section of the U.S. industry. All firms in the study indicated or extended automation within the past year.

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# FOR THE ILL & HANDICAPPED

Morton Thompson, Ed.D.

well-written text has been developed by Stella Stillson Slaughter to help the teacher of the educable retarded as well as others interested in education procedures to be employed in their training. In *The Educable Mentally Retarded Child and His Teacher*, the author also discusses teaching the Mentally Retarded Child "Use of Leisure" and "Health and Physical Training." The book is well written and highlights the most important aspects of each topic. Actual activities are listed in a number of instances giving valuable resource information accessible for the teacher without further research necessary. The 191-page book is available for \$4.50 from the Folio Press Company, 1914 Cherry Street, Philadelphia 3.

Mental Recovery, Inc. is a club founded for newly discharged mental patients in Seattle, Washington. The club's goal is a half-way house. Recreation and social integration into the community are two of the club's major goals.

Graduate internships and pre-doctoral internships and post-doctoral fellowships in psychological services are offered by the Devereux Foundation Institute for Research and Training. Training stipends range from \$2400 to \$3000, with \$3600 of the stipend tax free. Traineeships are also available in therapeutic camping, child services, and in special education. The foundation is located in Devon, Pennsylvania 19333.

Junior Leagues in a number of cities have been busy compiling guidebooks for the handicapped which alert handicapped citizens to the facilities—and obstacles—they may encounter in stores, restaurants, theaters, homes, and other points of interest. Boston Junior League reports that *Guide for the Handicapped* is being published in Denmark.

COP, a three-and-a-half-year Community Organization Project, was conducted by Comeback, Inc., at selected urban, and metropolitan demonstration sites. The project was partially

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supported by the research and grants program of the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

COP's purpose was to develop methods of identifying community resources for recreation service to the chronically ill and disabled and to demonstrate methods of activating such resources so that more handicapped persons in this country can have the benefit of therapeutic recreation services.

Some results of the project are:

- Approximately eight hundred chronically ill and disabled persons have participated in COP service demonstrations in three selected communities.
- A group of thirty-eight retired persons, who graduated from COP's pilot training program at the University of Scranton, now serve as volunteer recreation-aides in four nursing homes in Scranton, Pennsylvania.
- A total of fifty-two teenagers have been trained to serve some social and recreation needs of their physically or mentally handicapped peers in Warren County, New Jersey.
- Special programs are now available to physically and mentally handicapped children, adolescents, young adults, and aging persons in these communities.
- A preliminary exploration of the potential of ultra-high frequency TV as a medium for extending recreation-rehabilitation services to the chronically ill in metropolitan areas was completed in New York City.
- A total of seventeen pamphlets, articles, teaching packets, and other information materials has been developed as a result of COP demonstrations.

The final report, *Activating Community Resources for Therapeutic Recreation Services*, is not yet available for general distribution. Persons interested in obtaining this report may write to Marjorie E. Moore, Research Program Analyst, Division of Research Grants and Demonstrations, Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington 25, D.C. Single copies of other COP materials are available from Comeback's Professional Information Service, 16 West 46th Street, New York 10036. These items include free bibliographies, and teaching packets, and several "how-to" manuals at minimal charges to cover costs of production and mailing.



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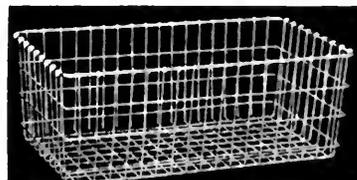
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## Trojan Horse Tactics

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points, and of developing wider horizons for the cosponsors. At the same time, it brings new interests and services to the community. As the relationship grows, support for public recreation grows. Lay leaders assist as standard bearers and ambassadors of good will. It is an old truism that "a person who helps you, likes you." In the long perspective, our purpose is achieved, if we, in some manner, have broadened recreation interests and made leisure more meaningful to the people of the community.

Broader community services through cosponsorship can develop in many directions. Will the little theater perhaps cosponsor a summer show, engaging the talents of teenagers? Will the department of employment security cosponsor a work-recreation project for youth? Will the art club cosponsor a free class for underprivileged talented children? Will the racquet club cosponsor a coaching clinic for promising junior tennis players? Will a women's service club cosponsor a week of camping for the aged, or retarded? Will the Junior Chamber of Commerce cosponsor a Junior Olympics? Will the symphony orchestra cosponsor a free concert for talented school children? If so, our Trojan Horse is within gates!

**T**HE FINANCIAL REWARDS in cosponsorship should be noted. Cosponsors share the immediate costs of projects. Contributing prizes and awards, assisting with transportation or donation of material, acting as volunteer leaders are all budget assists. It is worth noting also, the cosponsored programs tend to be basic to the interests of the people. Successful projects are not superficial or superimposed. By its very nature, cosponsorship taps existing interests and potentials.

Cosponsorship of activities is not a substitute for trained staff, adequate facilities, and a good bread-and-butter daily program. It is no panacea. However, if we are to serve an important function in our burgeoning space-age society, we must tap every resource to strengthen and broaden our program. Public recreation must grow with the times. #

## PERSONNEL

### Creative Problem Solving for Executives

W. C. Sutherland



**P**ACK UP your problems in your worry bag and tote them to Minneapolis for a two-day institute on creative problem solving. The

Tenth National Institute for Recreation and Park Administrators will be held, October 2-3, 1965, prior to the opening of the 47th National Recreation Congress. All sessions will be held in the East Room of the Curtis Hotel, across the street from the Congress Headquarters.

The Institute will deal with the subject, "Creative Problem Solving." This is a practical, "action-oriented, how-to-do-it" course, with executives learning the methods by taking problems through the complete "problem-solving cycle," with the aid of a workbook containing the formulas. Problems are not solved permanently without sound decisions, which is a fact increasingly important in today's world. The secrets and methods of creating ideas, decision making, and how to find better solutions to problems will be fully explored and revealed to the delegates.

The creative education movement is cited as one of the most recent significant developments in education. The movement has been spearheaded by the Creative Education Foundation, Inc., and its founder, Dr. Alex F. Osborn of the well-known advertising firm of Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn. The State University of New York at Buffalo, in cooperation with the Creative Education Foundation, holds its 11th Annual Creative Problem Solving Institute in June. Over two thousand delegates from leading business and industrial concerns have attended these institutes, together with leaders in education, military, and government agencies.

MR. SUTHERLAND is director of the National Recreation Association Recreation Personnel Service.



Mr. Mason

**T**HE Minneapolis Institute was directed by Jo G. Mason, an executive in the Minneapolis office of Batten, Barton, Durstine and

Mason. Mr. Mason has structured the course and designed a special workbook which he and Mrs. Mason will use as a teaching guide and which will become the delegate's permanent set of notes.

Mr. Mason is the author of numerous articles on management methods; such publications as *The Nation's Business* and *Business Management*. He is also the author of the well-known book, *How to Be a More Creative Executive*. His latest book, *How to Build Your Management Skills*, has just been published by McGraw-Hill.

Mr. Mason is a member of the "Adjunct Faculty" of the U.S. Army Management School, and a member of the industrial faculty of the University of Wisconsin Management Institute. In 1963, he received an official commendation from the U.S. Department of Army for his work in introducing advanced management concepts and techniques to Army personnel.

Mrs. Mason, who assists her husband, combines the career of housewife and mother with that of a member of the education staff of the Minneapolis Institute. A graduate of the Philadelphia Museum School, she has been professionally engaged in creative activities with a major national advertising agency, advertising and sales promotion manager for a large retail chain, and free-lance writer specializing in retail training programs.

The Institute is strictly limited to a quota of one hundred executives. For information, write to the Recreation Personnel Service, National Recreation Association, 8 West 8th Street, New York 10011. #

adjustment.

an is an active animal. People who nothing do not *choose* idleness. They lack the money, the ideas, the opportunity, or the energy to do something, and they can be afraid of trying, of failure, of ridicule. Fear inhibits initiative.

is true that stimulating, *adult* activity programs are not always easy to find in every community. Sometimes resources are not there; sometimes they are promoted. Dr. Anderson, formerly director of the Institute of Child Welfare at the University of Michigan, makes a point that should be followed by any agency working with retired and older adults. He points out that *work* activity done under conditions in which there are demands on time, and energy, and production, and which possess complexity and continuing relationship to give it interest and zest. Any substitute must also be complex. The substitute must be capable of change, and offer progression in the level of performance. A leisure activity must provide a continuity of time and be complex enough to satisfy the tremendous emphasis formerly put on work. The New School for Social Research in New York City has sponsored a special program for retired professionals who miss the intellectual stimulation they had enjoyed in their work. The Institute for Retired Professionals was organized in 1962. It accomplishes two things: it encourages older people to take on new subjects outside their own field of knowledge and it gives these retired professionals their own program. From the 180 who registered for the first semester, over five hundred have signed up annually, and there is a waiting list.

Labor unions recognize the importance of leisure activities for their retired workers. The United Automobile Workers has active centers for its retired workers and their wives, over four thousand workers in more than four hundred communities. Programs in these centers start with simple activities like playing cards, watching TV, and then expand to hobbies, educational and cultural activities, counseling on personal

problems, interpersonal relationships, discussion groups, et cetera. These centers in many cases represent cooperative community effort. For example, a drop-in center in Waterbury, Connecticut, is housed in a school building and staffed by leaders from the park and recreation department.

Education for leisure is not bound by age. It can continue throughout life as these previous examples show. For those who have not had opportunities

for leisure in their earlier years, such education can be focused upon *preparation for retirement*. Here is a relatively new field, in which a few programs have been conducted under a number of different sponsorships. It has tremendous potentials which have not yet been explored. It can be as simple or as elaborate a program as the local situation demands. And it can be adapted to the degree of education for leisure that each participant most needs. #

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## Tomorrow Started Yesterday

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ing and Christmas are some of the special programs the band has done.

As it was suggested that the band wear some type of uniform, the ladies made their own aprons and hats. The aprons have a large pocket shaped like an oak leaf (the county park system emblem). Hats were made from paper plates, egg cartons, pie pans, with novelty gadgets, spatulas, funnels, cake slicers, measuring spoons, et cetera—very imaginative masterpieces.

The ladies eagerly look forward to each week's rehearsals, and spend much time planning future programs. The band has received many invitations from organizations in the community, and has happily filled some of these engagements. Appearing before groups in nursing homes is another service.

The band has contributed much to the senior-center program. It has given many an opportunity to participate actively, and to be creative, besides being a very satisfying experience to the members.—ED BERRY, *Recreation Supervisor, Milwaukee County Park Commission, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*

## WHAT GIVES?

WHO GOES all over New Orleans? Who bowls, dances, has carnival balls, luncheons, and parties? The Jefferson Parish Golden Agers, that's who! Under the supervision of Mrs. John Marquez, the senior citizens of the parish have really been on the move in programs offered by Jefferson Parish Recreation Department.

Bowling and putt-putt seem to be

the favorite sports of the golden-agers, for just about every week they visit bowling alleys and putt-putt courses. However, the main athletic event of 1964 was an Olympic meet. Metairie Playground was the scene of the event as the golden-agers competed in such things as the shot-put—throwing of balloons painted black—and weight-lifting—determining which person weighed the most.

Other events the senior citizens enjoyed in 1964 were tours of a wax museum, a visit to an ice show, ceramic show, the Keesler Air Force Base, and a bayou tour on the *Mark Twain*.

Three times during the year the golden-agers appeared on day-time TV programs, and for an entire day Jefferson Downs Race Track was host to senior citizens, even offering them a special handicap. To add to their already busy social schedule, the golden-agers had several parties and luncheons, such as seafood suppers and a Christmas luncheon.

Variety is the spice of life and the golden-agers proved it by having an all-day party at the Falstaff Brewery at the beginning of July, closing the month with a watermelon party. They thoroughly enjoy all that they do—especially making trips. Last year thirty-nine members really enjoyed a six-day, five-night trip to the Great Smoky Mountains.

Even the golden-agers, themselves, are surprised that they can do so many things so late in life. One of the best things that ever happened to them was to join the Jefferson Parish Golden Agers Club.—DAVID SCHEUERMANN, *Director of Recreation, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.*

## 'Voluntarism' in Retirement

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person moving from the one who is served to the one who does the serving. Their talents, skills, and certainly many hours of their free time are being put to excellent voluntary use. More leisure time may become a problem for some, but it has definitely opened golden opportunities for many others. The challenge for voluntary service is being met and accepted by more and more retirees. With plenty of time—indeed, a new freedom—and with a variety of skills ranging from the stuffing of envelopes to the executive ability of a retired chairman of the board of a multi-million dollar corporation, from a pleasant receptionist who always had trouble adding a two-digit column of figures to a retired comptroller of a successful auditing firm, from a "whittler" to a skilled cabinet worker, from a gossipy secretary to a retired public-relations executive—from this kaleidoscope of occupations come a host of retirees adding new dimensions to voluntarism.

On one of the pages of the *Rochester Directory for Senior Citizens* there is this attention-getting caption:

### **"Help Wanted—Male and Female. Terrific Retirement Benefits! Older People Specially Needed."**

This is followed by this explanatory paragraph: "There is a very special employment agency in Rochester that's looking for older people with time and inclination for community service. There is one little catch. There is no paycheck at the end of the week . . . except the feeling that you have used some of your extra time doing something important for someone else, and that some task even more useful is waiting for you next week." Through the programs at a center the individual has the opportunity to combine his efforts with those of others so that a *synergistic* effect is developed.

That word *synergism*, a term that is more familiar to chemists, describes what happens when you combine a number of elements whose interaction produces something quite different from the mere sum of all its parts. It is like adding two and two to get a sum, not of four, but of five, six, or seven. While a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, it is also true that there are things you can do with a chain that you could never accomplish with a truckload of separate links *not* joined together. That's *synergism*. The same thing De Tocqueville had in mind when he commented on the mutual assistance he observed in our country, that makes us no longer "isolated men."

In addition to the willingness of the individual to volunteer his service, the *agency* must be able to attract and retain the interest of its citizen volunteers. Health and welfare agencies, both public and private, must regard volunteers not as watered-down professionals or as necessary evils that have to be given token endurance, but as people who have something specific to add that we cannot get from anyone else no matter how much we pay them. With this goes a careful and discriminating selection and utilization of volunteers for their special abilities and preferences. This is

where we make or break citizen interest and involve

The challenge in utilizing the special skills of older volunteers is in picking the right man or the right woman for those important spots where we need strong lay leadership or where we need envelope stuffing. Earl Lippincott, director of the National Budget Consultation Committee, has very forcibly enunciated the importance and need of marshaling our volunteer leadership lest it wither and disappear, said recently. "This greatest gift (volunteer service) of our greatest leadership requires a corresponding capacity to receive it."

The professionals must realize that laymen can contribute new values and judgments which, not infrequently, stimulate professional attitudes and stimulate the professional to greater achievements. Of course, there is also an appropriate use of the "service" volunteer who may require professional guidance and supervision—lay people who are happy to fill the gaps that our limited supply of professional staff cannot be stretched to cover. Once, however, a person has volunteered for a task, the program can best retain its value when the volunteer is convinced that the job is necessary, that he is making a real contribution; in short, when he has an enriched inner personal feeling that he has been of service.

We tend to think of volunteer service as something done for an agency, usually a specific job or membership on a committee or board. However, the volunteer has another value that must not be overlooked. He has a chance to see the problems and limitations of the agency from "inside;" he becomes more keenly aware of what may be causing adverse criticism in the community, and he can interpret such situations with greater knowledge and sympathy to the community and to the agency. Volunteers have been referred to as public-relations ambassadors. They are, indeed, not only as interpreters, but also as constant reminders of a simple truth that an agency belongs not to itself but to the whole community. #

• The term "voluntarism" as used by Mr. Meyer seems to be a generally accepted term in social work and welfare circles. There is, on the other hand, "voluntaryism," which is used by the National Health Council (1790 Broadway, New York 10019) in a new pamphlet, **Voluntaryism and Health**. The council describes this term as meaning "reporting or doing anything by voluntary action"—the word "voluntary" being used in its sense of "free" action. The pamphlet goes on to state, "Freedom of the individual, freedom of association, freedom of enterprise are at the roots of voluntaryism in a democratic society. One of the deepest meanings of voluntaryism is perhaps best expressed in terms of its significance to the individual [who] persists in his desire to . . . make some contribution to society."

R. Roy Rusk, new associate executive director of the National Recreation Association, in charge of working with volunteers, on the other hand, refers to this participative form of the same kind of service, as "volunteership" (see page 212), while some recreation leaders have been using the word "volunteerism." As for Mr. Webster, he lists "voluntarism," "voluntaryism," and even carries the word on into "voluntarist" for the individual.—Ed.

## PAINTING WITH FABRICS

YOU DON'T have to be a genius with a paintbrush to create handsome pictures. You don't even need a paintbrush! Interesting new craft and one that should satisfy creative artists is making pictures with cotton fabrics.

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Cotton fabric—with design
- Cotton quilting and filler
- Tarlatan (medium-weight) or crinoline
- Corrugated cardboard
- Picture frame

### PROCEDURE:

Select an attractive print, stitch around the design, quilt, mount, and frame. The result: a distinctive three-dimensional picture that resembles an oil painting. The best place to find fabric suitable for "painting" is in a home furnishings fabric department. Cotton drapery material lends itself well to this craft since it has an interesting texture and will "give" when stuffed. It also offers the widest range of rich colors and

designs. For the traditionalist, there are scenic prints like Grandma Moses or a Currier and Ives design. For the modern art enthusiast, Picasso designs are now available in handsome decorator cottons.

In selecting the fabric, look for a material with a design large enough to be cut for quilting without overlapping the repeated motif. Cut the desired picture from the fabric. Lay it face down and cover with a thin layer of quilting cotton and a piece of medium-weight tarlatan or crinoline cut the same size. Pin or baste together and quilt on the right side with a sewing machine. Stitch around objects in the picture over and make small slits in the crinoline behind the stitched objects. Using a knitting needle, stuff additional cotton filler in these areas for a raised or three-dimensional effect. Larger objects in the picture can be stuffed to stand out as much as a half inch.

Staple the quilted picture along the edges to a piece of corrugated cardboard, and frame in an appropriately sized picture frame. Simple, wide frames are the most effective. The fabric pictures show up best when not under glass.

Two other techniques can be used to create a slightly different art form. One is a collage effect, made by combining designs from several prints into one interesting picture. For example, cut out animals, flowers, or a landscape scene from different fabrics. Arrange these cutouts in an artistic collage on a background fabric which can be either a solid color or a coordinated print. Follow the same quilting and padding

steps as already outlined. Use a narrow satin stitch around each cutout to prevent fraying.

Whether you prefer modern, traditional, or a little bit of both, you can find almost any type of design you desire today's lines of cotton fabrics. These colorful and decorative "paintings", which should appeal to adults and older adults in particular, are suitable for decorating most any room, gifts, fund-raising items for bazaars, et cetera.



## POMPS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

A NEW COLORED TISSUE, especially designed to simplify, speed up, and eliminate waste in the decoration of parade floats and displays, parties, proms, and similar activities, is called *Pomps*.



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## BATIK-PRINTING

TRY THE ancient craft of batik-printing with your groups. This method of putting designs on fabrics, using wax and dye, is an ideal craft for all ages, but we feel it might have special significance for the older adult. All you need is a piece of fabric, home dyes\*, paraffin, and a brush.

Batik designs are made by brushing melted paraffin or wax on portions of the fabric and dipping it into dye. The dye colors only the unwaxed areas. After the fabric dries apply wax to the dyed portion. Dip the fabric into a second dye. Repeat the process for each color in the design. The intricate, marbled effect, typical of batik prints, is created when the wax cracks and dyes seep in.

Choose a cotton fabric like batiste or muslin as they produce the most effective batiks because they absorb and retain dyes best. Start with a simple design, making a sketch using simple lines and just three colors. Your group can move on to more complex compositions later.

### PROCEDURE:

- Sketch design on paper the same size as fabric.
- Trace design on fabric. stretch fabric taut on wax paper, weighing down the corners.
- Melt paraffin in double boiler and apply with brush to areas not to be dyed. Wax must penetrate fabric thoroughly. (*The heated wax must be handled with great care.*)
- Dissolve one package of low-heat home dye in two quarts of lukewarm water. Use enamel pan.
- Dip fabric in the dye for twenty minutes. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
- Remove wax by placing dry batik between layers of paper toweling. Iron, using medium heat. Toweling absorbs wax.
- Repeat waxing and dyeing process for each color in the design, beginning with light colors and progressing to darker ones. Each new dye will take over the previous one. Go from the primary colors to secondary colors in the process. Blue dyed over yellow produces green, blue over red produces violet, and red over yellow makes orange. The combination of all three primary colors gives brown. (*All areas covered with wax throughout the processes will remain white.*) To add depth to designs and get more of a "crackled" effect, roll fabric and gently twist after wax has set, causing the wax to crack and let in small amounts of dye.

Attach completed batiks to wooden dowels for wall hangings, frame them, or use for scarves, dresses, or skirts.

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# NEW PUBLICATIONS

## NEW DIMENSIONS IN THEATERS

Theater technology is opening new doors and breaking through barriers to give us flexible theaters, auditoriums and arenas to serve the needs and demands of modern drama. Whether the new theater is on Broadway, off-Broadway, on a college campus, or in a highway shopping center, its shape and audience-stage relationship is dictated by its specified function (See also Page 229). The following books are reviewed by Siebolt Frieswyk, National Recreation Association Consultant on the Performing Arts.

**Theatres and Auditoriums** (second edition), Harold Burris-Meyer and Edward C. Cole. Reinhold Publishing Corporation, 430 Park Avenue, New York 10022. Pp. 376, illustrated. \$20.00.

THE FIRST EDITION of *Theatres and Auditoriums* was published in 1949, and it has been recognized as the standard authority in this field. However, the spectacular upsurge of construction of theaters and auditoriums recently, the creation of new materials, equipment, theater techniques and designs since 1949 fully justified a revision of the first edition.

Messrs. Burris-Meyer and Cole have succeeded handsomely in presenting the many exciting and daring innovations which have taken place during the intervening years. The second edition not only brings concepts up to date, it also supplies a lavish and expertly selected collection of photos and diagrams to illustrate the new concepts. Every possible item of theater construction, equipment and operation is presented with clarity, thoroughness, and éclat. It is a splendid book for technicians and the public interested in getting a real sense of the dynamics of modern theater and auditorium practices.

**The Ideal Theater: Eight Concepts.** American Federation of Arts and October House Inc., 55 West 13th Street, New York 10011. Pp. 137, illustrated. \$7.50.

THE EIGHT DESIGN CONCEPTS illustrated and explained in this volume include a theater using new film projection techniques and live stage simultaneously, a 2000-seat outdoor theater with movable roof, a dance theater

with adjustable stage levels, an open-stage theater, adaptable theater for college and university drama use, an urban theater center complex, an intimate music-drama theater, and comparative studies of vision and acoustics in proscaenium and other theater types. These design projects originated under the Ford Foundation Programs in Humanities and the Arts, W. McNeil Lowry, director. Participants and contributors to the projects include the names of some of the most famous contemporary figures in theater and theater architecture. The projects were exhibited nationally in 1962, and a smaller version will be circulated for exhibition until September 1965.

Futuristic designs explored in these projects serve the same purpose as those done in the fields of automotive, aero-space, and other fields of creative design. They open the doors to the new era of technology and art. The price bears little relation to the content or the quality of this publication. It will be a prized possession among those who are especially interested in projecting themselves into the theater of tomorrow—in thought if not in actuality.

**A New Theatre.** Tyrone Guthrie. McGraw-Hill, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 10036. Pp. 188, illustrated. \$5.00.

TYRONE Guthrie tells us in *A New Theatre* how his dreams for a repertory theater came true in Minneapolis. Their realization in the beautiful theater bearing his name is a moving story of inspired leadership and community support. (*Delegates to the 47th Recreation Congress must be sure to see this.*) Mr. Guthrie tells why he built his theater, and this brings forth an orchestral tutti of criticism of Broadway. Right or wrong, the trumpets of condemnation blare forth from the pages of *A New Theatre*. He also turns the horns of criticism upon community theater, and it should be said that this sounds pretty sour.

His comments on acting and directing reflect his experiences in directing opera performances as well as plays. Like Toscanini, Mr. Guthrie knows how to make an instrument speak. Performers and playgoers will gain a great deal of insight into the art of dramatic performances from this section of the book.

**How to Build Your Management Skills,** Joseph G. Mason, McGraw-Hill, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 10036. Pp. 239. \$6.95.

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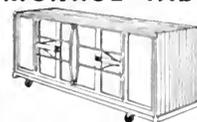


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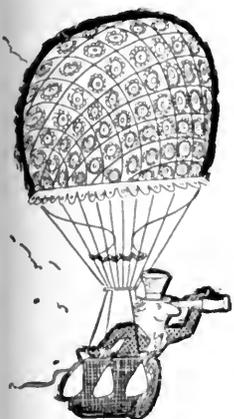
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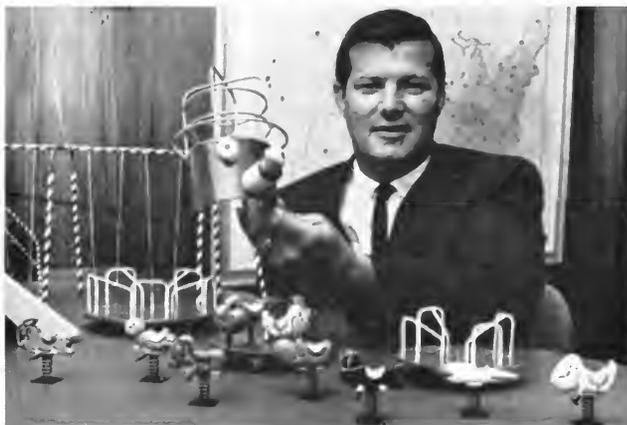
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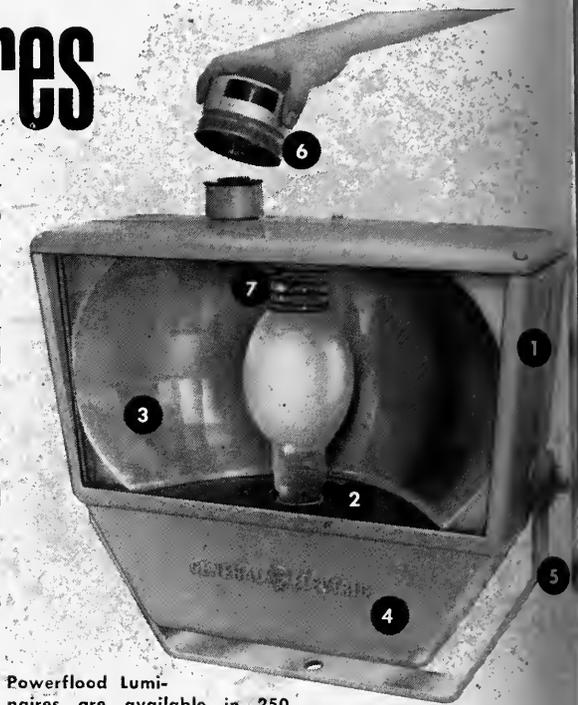
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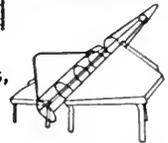
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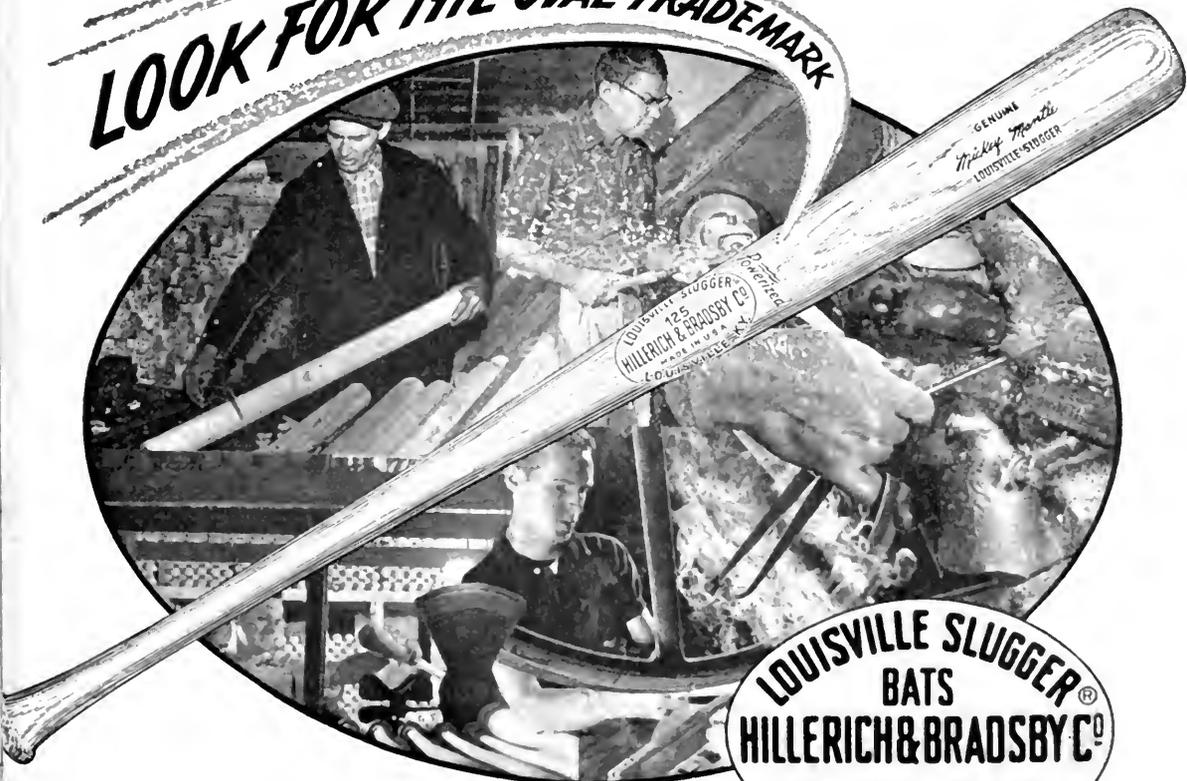
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**Next Issue**

The September issue of RECREATION will be the Congress Issue as usual, will also be given to delegates at the big meeting. It contains last-minute information, details, program, list of the exhibit area, listing of exhibitors and their booth numbers. Among the articles will be one by Dr. Betty van der Smissen, "Uncommon Professional" (as a talk at the Great Lakes District Recreation Conference); "Recreation and the Law," by Peter Willig, in the Digest Section, a special information piece giving the ins and outs of copyright infringement, condensed from *Reproduction of Recreation*; and "How to Conduct a Recreation Program," full of know-how for recreation men.

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# LETTERS

## ing Open Space

RECREATION I have been happy read the many references to saving outdoors and open spaces, so the young generations, as well as the pavement-bound present ones, can see what it looks like. It is a difficult struggle against the big money projects, planning commissions and boards of supervisors, to name a few obstacles. I've been thankful for the Sierra Club's public voice, as well as the excellent work and efforts of Justice William Douglas and Secretary Stewart Udall on behalf of saving the country from itself. Rachel Carson was a great help to the cause.

MRS. CLIFTON RATTENBURY, San Rafael, California.

## Director's Items

I am interested in obtaining literature about antique playing marbles as collectibles. I am particularly interested in marbles made in the United States abroad before 1920 and would like information such as what types of marbles have been made — where, when, and by whom.

Since I am a librarian. I am familiar with searching methods and have found little on this subject; therefore, I would like to know where information found in well-known reference sources, but I would appreciate any information, bibliography of material, or suggestions of readers can send me.

ROGER C. MILLER, 106 East King Street, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257.

## International Volunteers

International Voluntary Service is part of a world-wide organization which attempts to relieve poverty, suffering, and hostility among people through the service of its volunteers. Our work programs range from spending a day painting rooms in a center for Chicago slum children to working for years on community development in India.

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ties, we are hoping to raise the average age of our volunteers.)

We strive to have represented in our camps as many diverse points of view as possible. We would welcome inquiries from your readers.

JOYCE KLEIN, National Secretary, International Voluntary Service, 1116 East 54th Place, Chicago 60615.

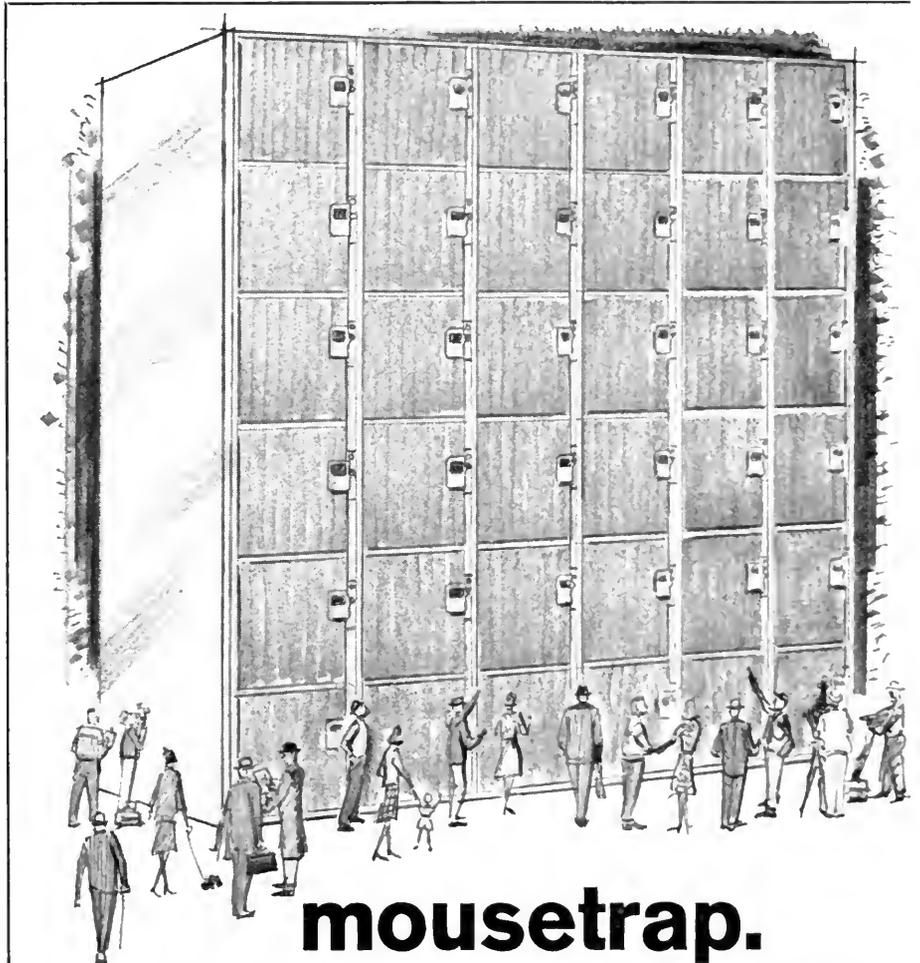
## Sunday Painting

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reproduce the contents of the article "Sunday Painting for Beginners" by Henry Gasser, N.A., which appeared in [your] February issue . . . in the Headquarters Support Activity Special Services Newsletter which is distributed to U.S. personnel stationed in Saigon, Vietnam. Since it is impossible for each combat soldier to personally receive an issue of the magazine, it is felt that information contained in this article will be most beneficial as a guide in the development of a hobby which has such high morale building values.

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*Congressional Scorecard*

Bill*	House	Senate
<b>Agricultural Land in Urban Areas (S. 902):</b> Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to cooperate with states and other public agencies in planning for changes in the use of agricultural land in rapidly expanding urban areas and in other nonagricultural uses.		C
<b>Air Pollution (H.R. 4001):</b> Amends the Clean Air Act to require standards for controlling the emission of pollutants from gasoline-powered or diesel-powered vehicles. Also establishes a Federal Air Pollution Control Laboratory.	C	
<b>Survey in Utah Forests (S. 951):</b> Provides for a survey of recreation and conservation needs in national forests along the Wasatch Front area in Utah.		C
<b>Assistant Secretary for Forestry (H.R. 4268):</b> Establishes an office in the Department of Agriculture for two additional assistant secretaries, one of whose prime responsibility shall be forest resources.		C
<b>Pacific Southwest Project (H.R. 2663):</b> Authorizes the coordinated development of water resources of the Pacific Southwest through the Pacific Southwest through the "Pacific Southwest Project Act of 1965."	C	
<b>St. Croix National Scenic Waterway (S. 897):</b> Establishes the St. Croix National Scenic Waterway on the St. Croix River which marks the boundary of Wisconsin and Minnesota for a considerable distance.		C
<b>Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (H.R. 3833, H.R. 4412, S. 360):</b> Provides for establishment of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana. ( <i>Bills differ in acreage.</i> )	C	C
<b>Hudson Highlands Riverway (H.R. 3918, H.R. 3012):</b> Establishes the Hudson Highlands National Scenic Riverway in New York.	C	
<b>Department of Urban Affairs (H.R. 4247, H.R. 877, H.R. 891):</b> Establishes a new federal Department of Urban Affairs.	C	
<b>Water and Air Pollution (H.R. 4233):</b> Amends Internal Revenue Code to encourage the construction of treatment works to control water and air pollution by permitting the deduction of expenditures for the construction, erection, installation, or acquisition of such treatment works.	C	
<b>Resources and Conservation Act of 1965 (H.R. 4430):</b> Creates a Resources and Conservation Council in the Executive Office of the President. Fosters and promotes conditions under which there will be conservation, development, and utilization of the natural resources of the nation to meet human, economic, and national defense requirements, including recreation, wildlife, scenic, and scientific values and the enhancement of the national heritage for future generations.	C	C
<b>Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area (S. 491):</b> Authorizes establishment of the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area in Wyoming and Montana, around the Yellowtail Reservoir project.	P	P
<b>Assateague Island National Seashore (H.R. 4426, H.R. 2071):</b> Establishes the Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland and Virginia.	C	

\*C: in committee R: reported P: passed

## Congressional Scoreboard

Bill*	House	Senate
<b>National Humanities Foundation</b> (S. 111, H.R. 334): Would provide matching grants to nonprofit groups for cultural performances in cities not otherwise able to support them.	C	C
<b>Shoreline Preservation</b> (S. 98): Authorizes studies to determine future action to be taken to preserve various shoreline areas, including Channel Islands, California; Fire Island, New York; Great Salt Lake, Utah; and the shores of Hawaii.		C
<b>Water Resources Planning</b> (S. 21, H.R. 1111): Would provide grants of \$10,000,000 for ten years to states for planning, development, and management of water resources with funds to be matched by states.	C	C
<b>Highway Scenic and Roadside Rests</b> (S. 362): Authorizes \$10,000,000 annually for matching grants to states for purchase of scenic easements and roadside rests along federal-aid highways.		C
<b>Senior Citizens Act</b> (S. 941): Authorizes \$10,000,000 each for two years for grants to states for community planning and coordination of programs; demonstrations of programs or activities; for training of special personnel, including volunteers, needed to carry out such programs; establishment of new or expansion of existing centers providing recreation, information, counseling and referral services for older persons.		
<b>Administration on Aging</b> (H.R. 3708): Authorizes an Administration on Aging within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.	C	
<b>Flaming Gorge Recreation Area</b> (H.S. 4419, S. 92): Establishes Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area in Utah and Wyoming.		
<b>Recreation Activity Centers</b> (S. 992): Amends the Social Security Act to provide assistance in the development of new or improved programs to help older persons through grants to the states for community planning and services and for training, through research, development, or training grants, through grants for construction of recreation activity centers, and through grants to stimulate employment opportunities.		
<b>Local Public Works</b> (H.R. 2170): Authorizes up to \$2,000,000,000 in grants to local governments to cover 67% cost of local public works projects including recreation (75% in redevelopment areas).	C	
<b>Community Recreation</b> (H.R. 4410): Would provide public and nonprofit private agencies with information relative to community recreation services including technical and advisory services; conduct research and studies and assist in training recreation personnel; cooperate with federal agencies, states, and recreation groups in planning for recreation services. Establishes a National Advisory Board on Community Recreation Services consisting of 25 members.	C	

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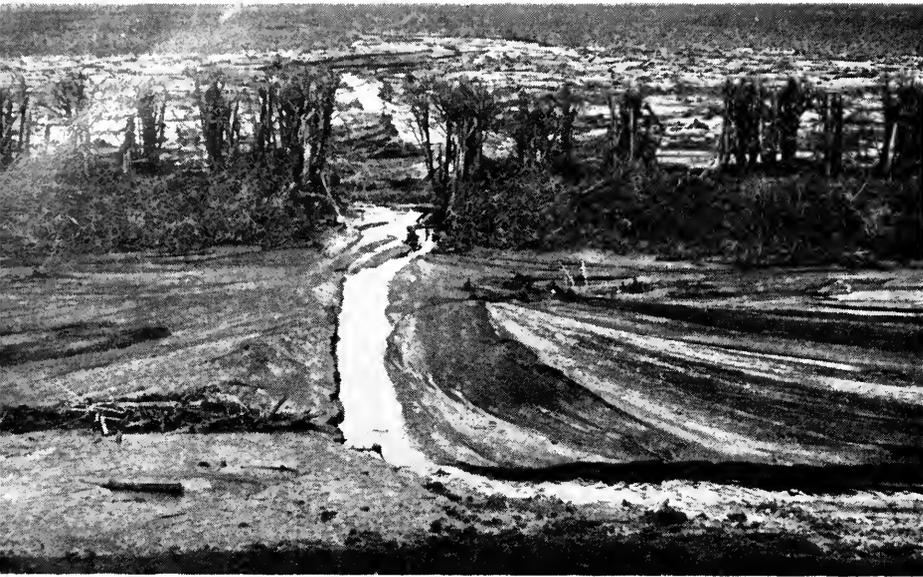
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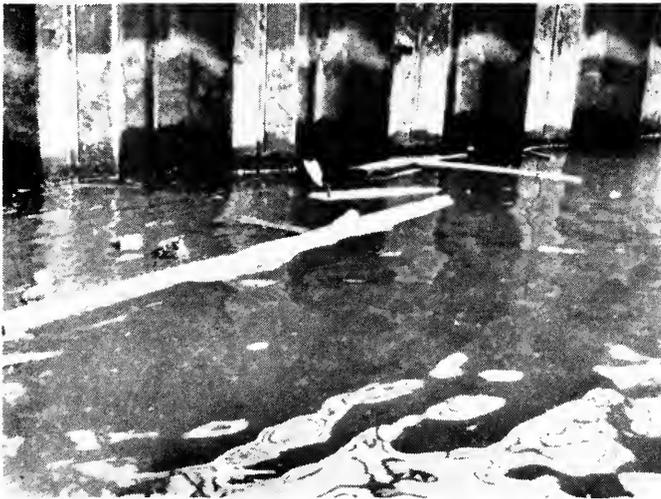
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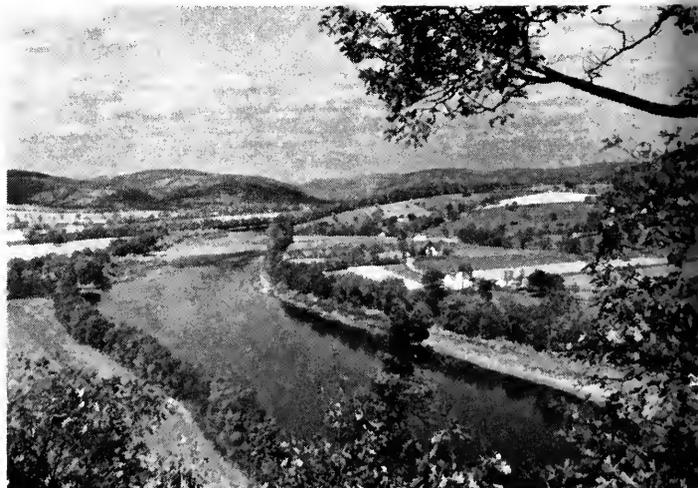
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In the last few decades entire new categories of waste have come to plague and menace the American scene. — *President Johnson in Message to Congress on Natural Beauty, February 8, 1965.*

*befoul our waters  
and even  
imperil human  
health*

*... a fish kill is not  
a pleasant sight ...*



# OUR GREAT SCENIC RIVERS

time has also come to identify and preserve free flowing stretches of our scenic rivers. . . .

President Johnson, February 1965

"might reasonably expect to find a recreational mecca. . . . They find instead a natural sewage lagoon."

The Public Health Service's Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control reported to the Kerr Committee that sewage "is discharged into the North Branch from virtually all the towns and villages on the watershed, and sewage treatment facilities are practically non-existent."

When the Potomac reaches the Washington metropolitan area, its speed is slowed by tides and winds from the Atlantic Ocean. The water begins to move languidly to and fro, circling between the banks like a lake. The PHS found that "in effect, sewage from the Washington metropolitan area is discharged into a sluggish pond." and that "the sewage remains in the metropolitan area for many days." The PHS report was dated January 1960.

In the few years that have elapsed since the Kerr Committee hearings, the pollution of the Potomac is slowly being cleaned up.\*

President Johnson in his message to Congress on Natural Beauty, February 1965, said of the Potomac:

*The river rich in history and memory which flows by our nation's capital should serve as a model of scenic and recreation values for the entire country. To meet this objective I am asking the Secretary of the Interior to review the Potomac River basin development plan now under review by the Chief of Army Engineers, and to work with the affected states and local governments, the District of Columbia and interested federal agencies to prepare a program for my consideration.*

• *Teamwork on the Potomac* is a new 16MM documentary color film on conservation, announced as "thought

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## THE DELAWARE

The once-proud Delaware River turns into an odious sewer between Philadelphia and Wilmington. This huge metropolitan complex pollutes the river with wastes equivalent to the output of four and a half million people. Not only is the Delaware heavily contaminated by sewage and industrial wastes, but river pollutants have been infiltrating the groundwater reservoirs that serve some of the outlying communities, steadily lowering the quality of the water supply.\*

## THE MISSISSIPPI

Various portions of the Mississippi have become so grossly polluted that quick remedial action is necessary if fish life in the river and the integrity of the water supply are to be maintained. The most hair-raising pollution episodes occurred recently, along the lower portion of the great waterway, when reports of major fish kills led to intensive hearings by the Public Health Service, last spring, at New Orleans. In 1963, an estimated five million fresh- and salt-water fishes were killed due to the presence of highly potent insecticides in the river. In fact, dead fish were found . . . as far north as the St. Louis area. . . .\*

Many cities can do what the All America City of Green Bay, Wisconsin did to clean its polluted waters (see Page 300). ≠

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## HUDSON

Danger of typhoid fever still lurks in the Hudson River, according to reports Knap and Klein in the April 12, 1966 issue of the *New York World-Journal and Sun*. "The bacteria in polluted Hudson River water which killed eight persons last summer," they say "is considered a major hazard to health by city and federal officials. . . . Every day the city dumps about 1,000,000 gallons of raw sewage into the Hudson and East Rivers. . . . Public Health Commissioner Meyer F. Wiles says his agency asked for some \$38,000,000 to build sewage control plants. Right now, we aren't treating it. We warned that it would not be possible to reduce the amount of fecal matter in the river by 1970, but added, 'The program is being carried out as fast as it can. . . .'" (See Page 269.)

## POTOMAC

In May 1960, Arthur B. Hanson, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee on the Potomac River Valley, addressing the Senate's Select Committee on National Water Resources led by the late Senator Robert S. Taft described the Potomac as "an accesspool." He reminded the committee that visitors to Washington

peaceful Susquehanna Valley along scenic river south of Athens, Pennsylvania. Can beauty like this be saved?

# A FRIEND IN NEED . . . and an all important part of outdoor recreation

Ralph C. Wilson



**W**ATER is man's oldest friend, his most valuable servant, his most precious natural resource. Often called "the key to nature's treasure house," water creates beauty in our landscapes, supports fish and wildlife, and provides much of our recreation. Fishing, boating, swimming, and water skiing give

pleasure and enable us to return to our work-a-day world refreshed and renewed.

Nothing, not even the air we breathe, is more important to mankind than clean water; and yet, most of us never give it a second thought, except when there is too much of it or too little, during a flood or a drought. Except at such times, we take water for granted. We assume that there will always be water and that we can do whatever we like with it.

As a result, we are seriously neglecting—actually mistreating—this old friend and servant to such an extent that many of our uses of water are endangered or actually made impossible. We pour into our lakes, pools, streams, and harbors wastes from our bathrooms, laundries, kitchens, hotels, and hospitals along with acids, chemicals, and oils from our factories. We are making these waters unsightly, dangerous, and unfit for use. The effects of water pollution are obvious to the eye as well as the nose. Dead fish in the river, floating sewage, gas bubbles, and the unmistakable odor of decaying sewage.

Pollution destroys the economic and recreation value of riverbank and lakeshore property. Beaches are closed; fish and wildlife die; and no one wants to boat on or picnic beside smelly, sewage-laden waters. When we pollute our waterways, we deprive ourselves and those who follow us of the real joys of outdoor recreation. If we clean up our waters, we can enrich our lives manyfold.

**A**BUNDANT usable water is every American's birthright and responsibility. Nature's wealth is not unlimited. Shall we continue to use good clean water and return it polluted? Shall we continue to despoil our streams and rivers until they become an odorous blot on the countryside? Or shall man and nature join hands as friends and work together to keep God-created waters as He intended them to be?

Soil and water are recognized as our basic natural resources. The way we manage these resources and their

MR. WILSON is a recreation specialist with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Washington, D.C.



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products—plants and animals—is important in determining our present and future welfare. Conservation and wise use of soil and moisture on croplands, grasslands, and wetlands are the key to keeping our land productive and beautiful, our people healthy, and our nation strong.

Each of us has a share in the job to be done. Each of us must be aware of the importance of conservation and do his part in the total conservation movement. No need is greater than ever for more Americans to develop firm convictions toward our God-given natural resources and their wise use. But more important, they must put these convictions into action.

The need for action is clear. The longer we wait, the more difficult and more expensive the job will be. The fight for time, however, is not lost. Perhaps we may restore some waterways to their original state of beauty and cleanliness, but we can make them useful again.

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# AS WE GO TO PRESS

THE PRESIDENT'S Conference on Natural Beauty May 24-25 in Washington involves eight hundred guests present on special invitation of the President. The President is taking a direct, personal interest in plans for the special meeting. Concluding sessions of the conference will be held at the White House Rose Garden with the President and First Lady participating. The advance program indicated coverage of subjects concerning parks and recreation people most—among them: the Federal-State-Local Partnership, The Townscape, City Parks and Open Spaces, The Rehabilitation of Landscapes, The Interstate Highway Program, Water and Waterfronts, Billboard Control, Landscape Action Program, Citizen Action, The Junk Problem, The Next Suburbia. The conference also planned an open meeting of the Recreation Advisory Council with questions from conferees. Among the invited guests present from the National Recreation Association: Mrs. Paul Gallagher, Omaha, Nebraska, board member; Robert Crawford, Philadelphia, vice-president of the board; and Joseph Pendergast, executive director and secretary of the board.

AFTER COMPLETING her leave-of-absence from the University of Iowa, and a year of service with the National Recreation Association, Dr. Betty van der Smissen has accepted an associate professorship at Pennsylvania State University. The Association greatly appreciates the contribution she has made to the work of the Association and regrets that she will not be able to remain longer. Dr. van der Smissen will be working primarily in the area of research and graduate teaching. Besides advising student theses, dissertations and projects, she will also be developing and conducting research of her own in the field of recreation. She will be continuing especially with her interests in indoor recreation and recreation programming and leadership.

STATES TAKING STEPS. "Jersey Maps We on Road Ugliness" reads a headline of the *New York Times* of March 3, 1965. The state highway department is compiling recommendations for hiding the eyesore of junkyards and auto repair yards. The study was suggested by the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, in line with President Johnson's program for making America more beautiful.

New York is considering a comprehensive six-year program to end water pollution in the state, proposed by Gov-

ernor Rockefeller. The \$1,700,000,000 program would be financed jointly by the federal, state, and local governments with the federal government and the state each contributing thirty percent of the total.

► RESEARCH ANNUAL. *Research in Recreation—1965, Part I: Theses and Dissertations 1962-1965*, is now available from the National Recreation Association Book Center for \$2.50. It has partially annotated listings for 431 studies and fifty additional abstracts for studies cited in the 1962 edition. The citations are verified by the librarians of the seventy institutions contributing studies. The topics cover in general the whole field of recreation with a considerable number of studies relating to physical recreation activities, community centers, activity preferences and surveys, the ill and handicapped, and personality. The publication also includes a summary of the status of recreation research in the colleges.

► THE CONTROVERSY on the pros and cons of allowing the Consolidated Edison Company to build a "pumped storage" plant on Storm King Mountain above the Hudson River rages unabated. Even though the Federal Power Commission's "National Power Survey," and President Johnson's mention of preserving the Hudson, in his Special Message to Congress on Natural Beauty, turned it into a national issue, Governor Rockefeller of New York has startled the state by coming out in support of Con Ed and its Hudson River project.

This action is in opposition to the government's campaign for pollution control to restore and/or preserve our great scenic rivers, and also in spite of the fact that the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Natural Resources stated in February 1965 that it would regard authorization of the plant "as contrary to the best interests of the people of New York State." Senator R. Watson Pomeroy, chairman of the bipartisan committee, who had been directing a study of possible effects of the plant on natural resources, stated at that time, that the committee decision reflected "the unanimous opinion of committee members."

A bipartisan campaign to establish "a federally protected scenic and recreational preserve on the lower Hudson," supported by Senators Javits and Kennedy, was begun in Washington in March according to *The New York Times* of March 3, 1965. The cospon-

sored bill would restrain power plant and flood control projects along the river, but it is not expected that it could become law before the Federal Power Commission has acted on a license for the controversial plant. President Johnson called for federal power to end pollution of water and of air at its source.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

► INDIVIDUAL PERMITS to visit a single national park, forest, or other federal recreation area numerous times for the remainder of 1965 may now be obtained, according to an announcement by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall. A permit will be priced at no more than five times the daily entrance rate, usually twenty-five cents or fifty cents for an individual. In effect, it will be a season ticket to that particular area. In contrast, the \$7 Recreation/Conservation Sticker now being sold to admit the holder and all passengers to all designated federal areas is the greatest bargain—unless you want to stick to one area all season!

► NEW TITLES: *Planning and Civic Comment* (successor to *City Planning, Civic Comment, State Recreation*), official organ of American Planning and Civic Association and National Conference on State Parks, was discontinued as of the March 1965 issue. *Architectural Forum* and a newsletter will replace it.

The American Planning and Civic Association has changed its name to Urban America, Inc., at 1413 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20005.

• The publication *National Municipal Review*, published by National Municipal League monthly except August, is now the *National Civic Review*.

► WATER POLLUTION is the emphasis of a special issue of *The County Officer* (recently retitled *American County Government*), official publication of The National Association of Counties, for March 1965. In addition to articles on the subject, it carries an insert: *Community Action Guide No. 1 for Water Pollution Control* (for copies, \$1.00 each, write to the association's Research Foundation, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036).

► NEW Social Security Laws may change your status in the system. You should be aware of your earlier retirement benefits, your privileges, your cash balance under the new rules. You can bring yourself up to date on your status with a new Social Security Kit now available. The kit contains a fact-filled

leaflet covering every aspect of the Social Security Program and your place in it; a handsome Social Security Card in lifetime vinyl plastic embossed with your name and number, with a signature panel which guarantees instant identification; and a U. S. Government-approved postcard request form for you to mail to Social Security, which brings you an official, electronically prepared report of your exact account status, including the amount of your dollar deposits for every year of your working life. Send name, address, Social Security Number and \$1.00 for each kit (for every member of the family) to Republic Industries, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York 10036.

▶ AN ESTIMATED 150,000 participants make surfing the nation's fastest growing aquatic sport, states an article in the spring issue of *PPG Products* (Pittsburgh Plate Glass), which calls it "America's newest aquatic craze." No less a phenomenon than the rapid growth of the sport itself is the "Runyon-esque" vocabulary that has developed among devotees. In surfing parlance you "wipe out" (take a spill), are

a "gremmie" (beginner), a "hot dogger" (advanced surfer), a "goofy footer" (unconventional stance), "belly out in the soup" (final maneuver after the wave breaks), "hang five" (place the toes over the front of the board to counterbalance a wave breaking over the stern), and "pearl" (allow the nose of the board to dig in). When "hot curl" guys and their surfboards invaded the staid community of Coronado, California, recently, the recreation director did not "wipe out" but developed a "hot dogger" program (see Page 286).

▶ A SERIES of filmstrips with a manual on playgrounds, may be an outgrowth of the survey of playgrounds done for the National Recreation Association by Dr. Donald Bridgeman this spring (see April 1965 issue of *RECREATION for details of the Bridgeman project*). Covered will be types of equipment as they relate to child development, layouts, supervision required for different types of equipment, construction and maintenance features to look for, et cetera.

▶ A NEW RESEARCH study aimed at helping the mildly retarded mentally has

been undertaken by the Institute for Crippled and Disabled of New York City. Chief investigator for the study will be David Linn Hall, Sr., who for the past six years has been a work rehabilitation specialist with the West Virginia Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

▶ A CHECK for \$5,000,000 constituting the Ford Foundation's grant to the J. F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C. The center, established by Act of Congress and construction will begin this summer. Completion is expected by 1968. The center has now complied with the two-to-one matching terms set out in the Ford Foundation grant made in April 1964. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., has just been named chairman of the center's program committee. The center, which will be located on the banks of the Potomac, will include a theater, a concert hall, a hall for opera, ballet, and musical theater, and a film theater.

▶ TAX-EXEMPT organizations may be required to pay income tax on advertising revenue collected by their publications from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in its way. The IRS plans will be announced this spring. Public hearings will then be held. It is said that the proposals may be put into operation next summer. Among those affected will be nonprofit, service organizations, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA's, the American Medical Association—for its *Journal*, and the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society, which distributes its magazine to four million members, took in about \$6,000,000 in advertising revenue last year, according to an item in the *New York World Telegram*, February 1965.

▶ MEMORIAL: The family of Samuel Fishzohn and many of his friends wish to do something that will express their affection and respect for Sam who died last year. Sam had been director of youth services of the American Jewish Committee for nearly twenty years and a veteran of forty years in the social welfare field. Sam was a unique personality and had many friends in social work and recreation field. Those who wish to contribute to a memorial fund should make checks payable to "Trustees of Trinity College," and the check make the notation: "For Samuel S. Fishzohn Memorial Fund." Send to: Mrs. Ann G. Wolfe, 524 E. 20th Street, New York 10009, or Arthur Fishzohn, 180 West End Avenue, New York 10023. An official receipt will be returned by the college.

## COMING EVENTS

**National Town Affiliation Conference, June 29-30, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.** For further information, write to American Municipal Association, 1612 K Street, N.W. Washington 6, D.C.

**65th Annual Meeting, American Society of Landscape Architects, June 27-30, Hotel Stalter-Hilton, Hartford, Connecticut.** THEME: SPACE FOR SURVIVAL. For more information write ASLA, 2000 K Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

**All America Youth Bowl, National Senior Finals, June 29-30, Flushing, New York.** For further information, write to Steve Davis, Barkas & Shalit, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York 10017.

**13th Annual National Conference of State and Federal Interagency Committees for Recreation, July 13-16, University of Wyoming Recreation Camp, Medicine Bow National Forest.** For further information, write to Michigan Interagency Council for Recreation, 130 Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926.

**Music and Dance Camp Workshops, Pinewoods Camps, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, Chamber Music Week August 1-8; First Dance**

**Week, August 8-15; Second Dance Week, August 15-22; Folk Music Week August 22-29.** For further information, write to the Country Dance Society, 55 Christopher Street, New York 10014.

**National Square and Round Dance Leadership Training Program, August 25-27, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.** For brochure, write to Arden Johnson, Seminar Director, American Squares Magazine, 6400 North Leoti Avenue, Chicago 60646.

**National Conference on Health Services and 1965 National Health Forum.** Four consecutive forums: *San Francisco, Sept. 8-10; Chicago, Sept. 15-18; Atlanta, Sept. 22-25; Philadelphia, Sept. 29-Oct. 2.* For further information, write to the National Commission on Community Health Services and National Health Council, 7815 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

**Second Annual Convention, International Senior Citizens Association, October 4-5, First Methodist Church, 813 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90017.** For further information, write to Mrs. Marjorie Borchardt, the Association, 222 North Carmelina Avenue, Los Angeles 90049.



## The EBBTIDE of Our SALT MARSHES

### Nature's Ways

*New Englander's eventually will add tomatoes to clam chowder. The missing ingredient, clams, will be absent because of what we, in this decade, did to Massachusetts salt marshes. Tomatoes add the zest to the other ingredients, which will consist largely of salt pork, potatoes, onions, and milk.*

THOSE WHO DETECT some exaggeration in the above forecast are correct, to a limited extent. There will be a few soft-shelled clams, an occasional phog, and maybe a sparse setting of scallops here and there. But the prevalent wastrel's attitude toward salt marshes will reduce shellfish to rarities. A few oysters still huddle together in Massachusetts saltwater. But the great ones that kept steam trawlers busy through the harvest months at the turn of the century are gone. Although the density that overtook the oyster differed from that afflicting more common shellfish, the separate roads to oblivion had one thing in common: the adventer is man-made.

The salt marsh—even in this era in which men have discovered that outer space contains more than a vast void—still impresses the citizen as a wasteland. The explanation that the salt-marsh community generates colossal organic energy and that this energy is released into the salt water that ebbs and flows in the marsh is too complex

and becomes a bit difficult to dramatize the fact that salt marshes are fertilizer factories that release into bays nutrients that fatten shellfish. It seldom oc-

curs to most people that shellfish essentially are efficient sieves that strain these nutrients from the water and convert them into edible protein.

We are breaking down this fertilizer factory, destroying sections of it daily. The marshes are disappearing beneath housing developments. They are being smothered by dumps. They are being gutted by marinas. They are being killed by pollution.

Some forty-five thousand acres of salt marsh still exist along the Massachusetts coast. In a recent report in which the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Division discussed an annual destruction rate of one percent in salt marshes, the division noted, "The constant increase in number of permit applications to dredge and fill indicates that this rate is on the brink of explosive acceleration."

One wonders whether this destruction would continue if Massachusetts residents realized that a salt-marsh acre produces nutrients that are harvested each year as \$300 worth of seafood? The best cattlelands of the West produce far less. Scientists have described the salt marsh as the richest producer of meat in America. By what epitaph will hungry generations honor this generation?

To halt this erosion of natural wealth, the Massachusetts Conservation Council has named a committee headed by Allen H. Morgan, executive vice-president of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. The committee's task centers upon devising means of saving the salt

marshes and placing them under continuing protection. It is a tough task—so tough, that there is little chance of success without the cooperation of town conservation commissions, town salt-marsh committees, and all the public and private agencies concerned with conservation.—WAYNE HANLEY, *Massachusetts Audubon Society*.

### Tidemarshes: A Vanishing Resource

A TIDAL MARSH means different things to different people. To some it is an evil smelling eyesore, a treacherous bog infested with mosquitoes. To others it represents a piece of real estate of great potential value, or an unnecessary obstacle to boating. To many others, hunters and naturalists, it is a haven for a variety of wildlife. And recently, to a growing body of scientists, it represents a dynamic ecosystem of unique biological, geological, and ecological interest and importance.

Tidemarshes are therefore the subject of two basically conflicting points of view: one demands their "improvement"—a polite word for destruction or permanent alteration—while the other urges their preservation. These two opposing concepts are not easily reconciled. Efforts to improve shoreline areas for industrial or recreational purposes—factory sites, housing developments, navigable channels, and boating facilities—can only increase, not decrease, as coastal population centers expand. *Continued on Page 303*

*Reclamation  
clears pollution,  
protects clams,  
water skiers,  
and swimmers in a  
snug harbor*



*View at head of Huntington Harbor shows marina and boat launching ramps installed in the town. About five hundred boats are launched every weekend in the dredged harbor.*

## HARBOR RECREATION



**Frederick Bickman**

**W**HETHER we swim, sail, fish, boat or water ski, we look for safe and unpolluted waterways. In addition to the many well-known and familiar attributes which enable us to enjoy our lakes, rivers, and beaches, there is a little-known component which makes so much of this possible—the harbor builders. A prize example is the harbor at Huntington, Long Island, New York.

About a decade ago the overall vi-

MR. BICKMAN, an admiralty attorney, was chairman of the Huntington, New York Chamber of Commerce Harbor and Beach Committee and commodore of the Huntington Yacht Club when the harbor dredging project was first proposed.

*Aerial view outlines Huntington's protected harbor. A pollution and silt problem once made this valuable channel virtually impossible to enjoy safely.*

the harbor was distressing. Mudflats covered a large portion of the area and were as high as several feet at low tide. Residents and businessmen whose property was near the harbor constantly complained during the warm months of odor given off by the flats. In addition, these islands always appeared to be covered with gnats. Here was an ideal location for recreation, but so problematic as to make enjoyment impossible. The part of the harbor which was offered an average depth of seven feet; boats could only moor in a narrow strip of channel running along the east shore, and the water in the rest of the harbor was completely unusable because of its shallow depth.

At the confluence of Lloyd Harbor and Huntington Bay, a narrow inlet allowed passage for boats into Huntington Harbor. This entrance was approximately a hundred feet wide and had a current of a dangerous six miles an hour. The channel itself was about ten feet deep. It was far from unusual to see experienced boatsmen run aground during the intricate maneuvers required because of the narrowness, current, and traffic problems. A navigation problem also existed in Huntington Harbor—in an area which had always been known for its shellfish. The state found it necessary to “post” wide sections from which clams could not be taken.

Faced with a situation which was not only alarming—injurious to the full enjoyment of the waters around Huntington, and equally disadvantageous to business in the area—public officials and private citizens both agreed an attempt should be made to rectify the situation.

THE ORIGINAL SURVEY and contact with dredging companies brought a figure of upwards of \$1,500,000 to fulfill a complete dredging program of Huntington Harbor. This figure, one for an even partial job would have stretched the town's budget far beyond the breaking point. As probing of the situation continued, the town joined the United States Dredging Corporation. Instead of the usual method of dredging out a harbor and dumping the material at sea, U. S. Dredging

removes the material from the bottom, processes it to separate the sand and gravel, and supplies these to construction interests in metropolitan areas for use in building. At the time, U. S. Dredging was completing a job in Port Jefferson Harbor, also on the north shore of Long Island.

The dredging company made preliminary studies and tests and found that it would be worthwhile to undertake the dredging in Huntington. Not only was it willing to clear the harbor without charge, it agreed to make regular payments to the town while it operated in the surrounding waters.

At the outset, the company removed a jutting piece of land on the east side of Wincoma Point, thus sharply reducing the current at the entrance to the harbor. This was accomplished by utilizing the company's dredge (called the “Magic City”) which is one of the largest in the country. It can cut a channel of some three hundred feet in width. An endless chain of buckets brings the material up from the bottom. When this reaches the dredge, it is dumped into screens which grade the gravel and sand, wash it, and then load separate barges with the sand and gravel. The barges are then sent to the New York City area where building concerns use the materials for the ever-expanding needs of the city.

AT THE COMPLETION of the program, the changes in Huntington Harbor were evident to the entire community. Even those residents who had some question about the operation at the beginning now laud the results.

The mudflats have been removed and the water lowered to an average depth of sixteen feet: the mooring area was increased from twenty-eight acres to seventy-eight acres: approximately two miles of channel were improved and deepened: two thousand feet of new channel were dredged: current at the inlet was reduced from 6 MPH to 2 MPH. Sand from the dredging operation was placed on beaches by the company, which resulted in the construction of over a mile of new beaches, mostly public. Among these are the town beach and Gold Star Beach. Boats have suf-

ficient room to sail the waters without interfering with swimmers.

In addition, pollution was cleared to the extent that the state was able to move its “posted” area a half-mile south. Incidents of hepatitis resulting from eating clams taken from the water were greatly reduced. The gnats disappeared.

Perhaps the most pleasant aspect of the entire program was that by the time U.S. Dredging had completed its task at Huntington, the company made more than \$475,000 in payments to the town. Therefore, not only did the town gain a beautiful harbor, but the citizens had improved schools, roads, and other services without suffering any increased tax costs.

An odd operation for the improvement of our recreation facilities? No, just one of many lesser known ways in which our leisure-time enjoyment is aided—one of the many factors which combine to enhance the pleasure of recreation in this country. =

## every litter bit hurts



Susan Spotless says:

# KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

# DON'T BE A "WRECKREATOR"

Margaret Robarge



*Unspoiled beauty of Second Musquacook Lake in northern Maine provides ideal setting for this family picnic. Will the area be just as lovely when they go? Note the handy litterbag!*



*The morning after a convention picnic at Point Lookout in Charles County, Maryland. This messy trail is costly to clean up and also dangerous to both human beings and animals.*

**L**AST SUMMER, four grown men went on a wild rampage of destruction in and out of state parks, U.S. Forest camps, and private property along twenty miles of Oregon's scenic coast. With car bumper, fists, rocks and bottles, they smashed and battered boat launching ramps, recreational structures, restrooms, plumbing, entrance signs, windows, fences, and mailboxes. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated instance. As more of our traveling public continues to discover its outdoor recreation resources with vengeance, damage to structural facilities and natural features soar along with the accompanying dangers to human safety.

Whether intentionally or through thoughtlessness, the American "wreckreationist" has become his own worst enemy. The U.S. public now is paying millions of dollars annually for repair and cleanup bills that should not be necessary. Thankfully, structural damage can be repaired and litter removed. There is no way to repair, or even assess the increasing loss of natural wonder, spiritual and aesthetic values.

Commenting on the problem that is a growing national disgrace, William W. Huber, regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service in Atlanta, Georgia, says that five percent of all outdoor users are "maliciously destructive." Another twenty percent are "consistently careless." The individuals included in these percentages grow apace with the fast-swelling numbers of all outdoor enthusiasts and, while most outdoorsmen are conscientious, few can claim absolute perfection in avoiding an occasional unintentional "goof."

For pure malicious devilry, few of the increasing vandalism reports are as shocking as those concerning the damage inflicted upon the historical shrines in our National Capital Parks in Washington, D.C. Repair and replacement of broken, defaced, or stolen parts

MRS. ROBARGE is publicity chairman of the Good Outdoor Manner Association, Seattle.

## ***We must promote good outdoor manners to counteract malicious and unthinking damage to our natural areas***

Lincoln Memorial statue, the Peace Monument, the DuPont Circle fountain, the bronze flower wreath at the Thomas Circle recently cost the taxpayer \$8,245. An additional \$500,000 annually goes for steamcleaning inscriptions from statues and monuments and removing litter. However, it is the little thoughtless acts, repeated over and over by multitudes of people, that really cost. For example: In Mount Rainier National Park, last fall, a project was begun to fill in the "human erosion" that is cutting the world-famed alpine floral meadows to pieces. Growing in loose volcanic ash, on steep slopes, this delicate wildflower display is extremely vulnerable to trampling. Visitors wandering off trail rapidly cut a network of new trails, and the erosion problem is further complicated when the water from melting snows—that commonly reaches depths of twenty feet, often more—drains into the eroded spots and carries its way through the meadows, repairing the damage—often knee-deep—and covering the area with netting until regrowth is established will take several years to accomplish. Weather at the five thousand-foot level limits the work season to two or three months of the year. Park officials estimate that the final cost may be as much as a quarter of a million dollars. No appropriations have ever been made for such repair and cleanup. Agency officials must squeeze the money out of general maintenance or new improvement funds, leaving the visitors to get by with fewer facilities and services. The hardest hit, for they must pay their own repair bills and usually lack protective staffs, are the private citizens who permit recreation use of their lands. It is small wonder that more and more of them are posting "Keep Out" signs when their fences are used for campfire fuel: their summer homes are broken into, rifled and set afire; livestock, pets, and buildings are used as targets; crops trampled; water sources polluted; costly equipment damaged or stolen; and litter and garbage strewn about. Nor is it surprising that more

conservationists, concerned with keeping some public lands in their God-given natural state, are advocating stricter visitor regulations; more users' fees; even closing, until they recover, over-used areas such as Yosemite and Yellowstone.

Yet our exploding population is ever more urgently seeking recreational release from the tensions of modern city life, even while the available lands are shrinking under the housing and commercial needs of that same population. Crowding and overuse are definitely contributing factors to the rising damage. However, the greatest cause, by far, is the lack of knowledge and understanding—of nature, its processes and hairline balance; and of the purposes for which certain public lands were expressly reserved, and which regulate their visitor rules. Those who know the problem best—embattled rangers and management personnel—agree that the solution lies in public education coupled with law enforcement.

Most folks will listen to reason when a problem is explained to them. There is only one way to handle the adamant, malicious smart aleck: Report him, as rapidly as possible, to the nearest authority. With rangers and enforcement staffs increasingly outnumbered, this is the *individual's* responsibility. The vandal's hand is in your wallet, and his foolish acts are reducing your outdoor privileges. He may even endanger your life! A variety of existing laws outlines fines and/or prison sentences that may be imposed on offenders; but first they must be caught and prosecuted. Expenses incurred by witnesses are paid and, sometimes, a reward.

**O**NE OF THE MOST successful programs ever undertaken to educate the other ninety-five percent of our recreationists, real and potential, is being carried on by the Good Outdoor Manners Association (GOMA) Box 7095, Seattle, Washington 98133. The association has been convincingly pointing out that many of our common outdoor practices, through repetition,

are so damaging that we can no longer afford them. A new conservation approach to outdoor recreation, in keeping with today's accelerating needs, is mandatory.

Volunteers among the group's members are presenting slide lectures, illustrating the problems and possible remedies, to thousands of men, women, and children throughout western Washington and the Los Angeles metropolitan area. They are also preparing additional sets with taped commentaries for loan-out to U.S. audiences anywhere.

"Our slide-lectures are proving to be our most useful tool," says Mrs. Olive Entenmann, chairman of the GOMA speakers' bureau. "The visual impact of dreadful damage contrasted with impressive views of scenery and facilities as they should be—in good condition—and demonstrating 'how-to' have good outdoor manners is really bringing the message home to our audiences. Most of them thank us for bringing to their attention problems they never before realized existed."

Other members construct displays for group meetings, store windows, et cetera; write news releases and articles for local, regional and national publication; publish a monthly newsletter for members and cooperating organizations; develop and distribute literature and posters; participate in local conservation conventions and workshops; appear on occasional radio and TV programs; and sponsor repair and cleanup expeditions in the backcountry under direction of area management. An increasing number of outdoor writers and commentators find GOMA a fertile source of reference material. So do teachers and youth leaders.

GOMA's biggest attention-getter so far, and a source of impressive object lessons for all, is its annual "Best Booster and Worst Bust-er" contest. Reports received from throughout the nation are sifted carefully to determine the year's worst atrocity in the outdoors, and, in contrast, the most outstanding good deed performed by responsible groups or individuals. ➔

## CODE FOR GOOD OUTDOOR MANNERS

1. **Learn and practice the rules for each area you visit** (they vary) **and encourage others to observe them too.**
2. **Never mark or spoil natural features:**
  - Cut or collect flowers, shrubs, trees, or seeds **ONLY** with official permission.
  - Never autograph or mark rock faces or other features.
  - Stay on established trails wherever possible. **DON'T** take or make shortcuts.
  - Camp and build fires **ONLY** in designated areas. Get a fire permit if required.
  - Never take souvenirs without official permission.
3. **Never damage or mark buildings or equipment:**
  - Never carve initials or other inscriptions.
  - Burn only fuel that is provided, or dead and down wood (or bring your own).
  - Never use signs or buildings as targets.
  - Do not move tables, stoves, car barriers, signs, et cetera.
4. **Be safety minded:**
  - Throw **NOTHING** from any height, viewpoint, or trail.
  - Know and observe all firearm safety rules.
  - Do not feed any wild animal.
  - Be careful with all fires and smokes.
  - Respect the food and equipment, including caches, of others.
  - Carry emergency supplies and know how to use them.
  - Inform yourself of proper emergency rescue procedures.
5. **Keep your outdoors clean:**
  - *Completely* burn **ALL** burnable garbage.
  - Place unburnable refuse in containers provided, or take it with you. Include foilwrap.
    - Never clean fish, dishes, laundry, or self in streams or lakes.
    - Always use a litterbag.
    - Use soap or biodegradable detergents in a pan, and empty at a distance from water source.
    - Use toilet facilities where provided; otherwise bury **ALL** excrement.
    - Throw **NO** refuse of any kind into any waters, either fresh or salt.
    - Know and observe all regulations regarding saddle and pack animals.
6. **Report ALL willful violators, and any damage discovered, to the nearest authority.**
7. **Set a good example with your own outdoor manners and encourage others to follow it.**

**T**HE TITLE of "1964's Worst Bust-ers" went to two Oregon teenagers who shot the lock off a snowgate on Larch Mountain (east of Portland, rising from the Columbia River Gorge) and destroyed snow-warning signs. Their vandalism contributed directly to the deaths from exhaustion and exposure of two Portland State College students whose car stalled in deep snow on the mountain road. A mock trophy—a shot-up campground sign bordered with beer-can tabs, broken glass and others campers' trash—was held in proxy for the two culprits who must live the rest of their lives with their consciences.

A decorative Citation of Merit went to Bill Wark of Sierra Madre, California, as 1964's "Best Booster." Scores of volunteers joined him in his year-long campaign to restore the historic seven-mile trail up nearby Mount Wilson. They completed the job last spring.

Cameraman Roy Williams, newsman Bill Robison, and Seattle's KIRO Radio-TV were close runners-up for second place. The two reporters risked personal injury — Williams narrowly escaped being trampled—to analyze the cause, effects, and possible preventive measures of the Labor Day youth riots at Seaside, Oregon. Their resulting

half-hour documentary motion picture and hour-long radio tape, twice broadcast to Seattle-area residents, and now available to group meetings, effectively impress parents with their own responsibility in exercising greater control over the children's actions and whereabouts.

**T**HE NONPROFIT Good Outdoor Manners Association began in 1959 as a committee within a Seattle outdoor club. Its activities expanded so rapidly that, in September 1960, the committee incorporated itself independently. Even cent of income, derived solely from membership dues and contributions goes to further the education program carried out by volunteers. National Park Service, Forest Service, and other conservation agency administrators serve in the unofficial capacity of advisors — with wholehearted approval and enthusiasm.

While GOMA was still in its infancy, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association began a similar program for the school children of that state, trademarked by appealing Howdy, the Good Outdoor Manners Raccoon. The two organizations discovered each other and, while remaining separate, cooperate for greater effectiveness — Pennsylvania swapping Howdy for GOMA's slogan: "Be a Booster, not a Bust-er."

Pointing out the results of "little things that mount up"—defacing signs, tossing tabs from pop-top beverage cans into streams and lakes, carelessly discarding foil-wrap and tearoff parts of "instant snapshot" film—helps to eliminate such thoughtlessness. Fish are caught and die from striking the gleaming tabs, and swimmers' feet are gashed. Food traces on foil and chemical salts in the film are attractive to hungry animals that suffer horribly after eating it.

"Every American will benefit from the good outdoor manners program," emphasizes President Millspaugh, "once he 'gets the message.' We've accomplished some amazing results already. The membership of every interested person is welcomed, and we especially seek teachers, youth leaders, and more outdoor clubs to help us put Howdy on a par with Smokey Bear and spread the good outdoor manners message throughout the land." #

# Summer IN THE PARK

*Almost every town boasts enough homegrown local talent to put on a series of drama, music, and art programs in its parks this summer. This is certainly the case in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Corvallis, Oregon; and Linden, New Jersey. And this is how they do it . . .*

## Oompah in the Park

**Ronald Yeskey, Director of Recreation, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.**

**C**ITIZENS of Williamsport, a small community in north-central Pennsylvania, have enjoyed local productions of Shakespeare, Moravian chorales, brass quintets, the oompah of a German band, ballet, and even a hometown movie during the summer festivals in their main park. Thanks to a hard-working municipal recreation commission, an energetic citizens committee, and a generous local philanthropy, this Pennsylvania community is able to hold a summer festival that runs from the end of June to early September.

The Williamsport Recreation Commission produces the series of cultural programs in Brandon Park, the city's main park. A bandshell in the finely manicured park is put to extra use during the summer months so that, when little Johnny and Mary finished their supervised playground fun during the day, Mother and Dad could head for the park and some relaxing entertainment, free of charge, of course, in the evening.

It all started in 1963 when the commission decided to promote cultural programs. After some spade work by James E. Axeman, hard-working chairman, the Williamsport Foundation, a local philanthropic organization, made \$2,500 available for the special summer programs. The \$2,500 was used to defray expenses incurred by the partici-



*Getting set up for summer. The bandshell in Brandon Park, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was used for a variety of cultural events from productions of Shakespeare to jazz nights.*



*The ancient art of bellringing is demonstrated by pretty lasses and one lone but brave young man. Williamsport area is rich in Moravian, German, and Pennsylvania Dutch culture.*



*Costume drama in the park. Lycoming College Summer Arena Theater players perform as part of Williamsport's festival. This scene is from swashbuckling *Servant of Two Masters*.*

## 1964 SUMMER CULTURAL SERIES

BUDGET—from Williamsport Foundation		\$3,000.00
1. Choral Concert Evening, June 24, 1964		
Williamsport Music Club	\$ 50.00	
St. Boniface Boyschoir	50.00	
Gesang Verein Harmonia Male Chorus	50.00	150.00
2. Moravian Symphone In Brass & Reeds, June 28		650.00
Printing, Grit Publishing Co.		217.00
3. Annual Kiddies Sing, July 8, 1964		
4. Romeo & Juliet (Movie), July 15, 1964		100.60
5. Annual Community Sing, July 22, 1964		
6. Merry Wives of Windsor, July 28, 1964		
Eagles Mere Playhouse Players	600.00	
Rental of lights	122.60	
Freight, New Penn Motor Express	14.80	
Brass Quintet	60.00	
Judge for Art Show, Marvin Lowe	50.00	
Prizes: Constance Dinion	50.00	
Shirley B. Eck	25.00	
Mary Lechner	25.00	947.40
7. Repasz Elks Band Concert, August 5, 1964		400.00
8. Choral Concert Evening, August 12, 1964		
Civic Choir	50.00	
Shiloh Baptist Church Choir	50.00	
Gospelaires	50.00	
Student Nurses Chorus	50.00	200.00
9. Teteque Band Concert, August 19, 1964		75.00
10. History of Jazz Evening, August 26, 1964		
Johnny Miller's Orchestra	135.00	
Judy Calistri	15.00	150.00
11. Repasz Elks Band Concert, September 2, 1964		
Total Expenditures for Eleven Programs		\$2,890.00
Balance		110.00
12. Millbrook Players, August 24, 1964		
Requested by Williamsport Foundation	300.00	
ADDITIONAL MONEY NEEDED		190.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$3,190.00</u>

pating artists for music, costumes, and the like. A special committee headed by Mrs. Harold J. Stroehmann, Jr. took over and helped acquire and promote the varied program.

How well was the series accepted? Crowds averaged from a thousand persons upward and many of them sat on the park grass to witness the performance.

The cultural series began in July on a quiet note with the showing of a film with a "This is Our Town" theme, a ballet performance, and musical selections on piano and flute. From that point, the tempo picked up. Annual promotions of a Kiddies Sing and a Community Sing, with local talent aged six to sixty, were made a part of the special summer series. Then came choral concerts, an operetta, Shakespearean readings, and band concerts. The Elks-Repsz Band, one of the oldest organized bands in the United States, was a popular attraction during the series as it played no less than four concerts.

The programs are widely acclaimed, and, most of all, extremely well attended. All concerts, whether musical or vocal, were given by local talent. The choral concerts have been given by the following groups: Williamsport Music Club, Civic Choir Singers, Shiloh Baptist Church Choir, Williamsport Consistory Choir (a Masonic group), St. Boniface Catholic Church Boys Choir, the Gesang Verein Harmonia and Turn Verein Choirs (German singing societies), the Williamsport Hospital Student Nurses Choir, and Gospelaires, a group of spiritual singers. Interspersed with this music have been appearances by the Brass Quintet, the Little German Band, and the Earl Williams Dance Orchestra.

For drama, the public in 1963 was treated to a play, *Servant of Two Masters*, given by the Lycoming College Players. The college, a liberal arts institution, is located in Williamsport. For even more variety, the cultural series has presented Shakespearean readings by C. Van Youngman. Mr.

Youngman, a native of Williamsport, is program director of Franklin Broadcasting Company in Allentown, Philadelphia. Last year, Williamsport enjoyed a production of *Merry Wives of Windsor* put on by the Eagles Mere Playhouse Players. Other programs included the History of Jazz Evening, and a Community Concert of Sacred Music by the Moravian Symphony in Brass and Reeds. The movie version of *Romeo and Juliet* and such "annual" event as the Elks band concert, community sing, and kiddies sing rounded out the program.

Williamsport's summer festival started with a flourish and a fanfare and the tempo continues to pick up.

### Art in the Park

**Margaret Poston**, Supervisor Women and Girls' Activities, Recreation Department, Linden, New Jersey.

**E**LEVEN art and hobby groups sponsored by the Recreation Department in Linden, New Jersey, put on an annual art outdoor show in Wood Wilson Park. Last year's show, the twelfth, was the most successful yet in this oil refinery center. The show is held annually in conjunction with observance of June as National Recreation Month. The natural setting of the park and its attractive pond provide an appealing background for the varied demonstrations and exhibits.

The first show was organized in 1953, having as its primary purpose the development of community interest in educational and cultural programs and appreciation of cultural recreation pursuits. The displays also provided an excellent opportunity to present the scope of the program of the participating groups to the public.

The event, first held on the lawn and sidewalk in front of city hall, was primarily a sidewalk art show and ceramic exhibit. The larger park area, utilized last year, made it possible to enlarge the show to include demonstrations and exhibits of many more groups. Use of artificial lighting extended the closing time of the exhibits to 10:00 PM. Background music, played throughout the

ening provided a pleasant atmosphere.

Participating groups were the Linden Association, Teen Art Class, Children's Art Classes, Linden Ceramic Club, Golden Age Club, Retired Men's Club, Garden Circle, Linden Women's Social Club, Thursday Social Club, Ho-Nam Club, Linden Archers, Linden Model Airplane Club, and the Hitchum-Pitchum Travelers (*for more on the Hitchum-Pitchum group see CREATION, March 1964.*)

Demonstrations included an artist painting the exhibit scene in oils; making copper-enameled jewelry; archery target shooting; model airplane stunting; and a demonstration camp-out camper. Twelve travel-trailers and a camping tent were exhibited. A motion picture on camping in the national parks was shown.

Exhibits included pastel, watercolor, oil paintings, afghans, kimonos, wafers, stuffed toys, mittens, and many other community service projects which were made for distribution in homes for the aged, children's homes or hospitals; also, the toys which had been refurbished for distribution to needy children, and an exhibit of a variety of ceramic objects illustrating different techniques. The Garden Circle displayed photographs of city beautification projects in which the club participated in addition to fresh flower arrangements. The Linden Women's Social Club and the Thursday Social Club exhibited party favors, souvenirs collected from visits to points of interest, and maps of their trips.

**METHOD OF ORGANIZATION.** Representatives of each organization were invited to attend the initial meeting to present suggestions for the show and to discuss the special requirements of each group. As a result of this meeting, newspaper publicity was submitted to each group, spotlighting each club's planned contribution. The recreation department was responsible for coordinating exhibits and released the overall publicity. The event was publicized through flyers, posters, and signs. A final meeting was held four days prior to the show at which plans were checked and completed.

The department maintenance staff handled the details of erecting the display

equipment and facilities. The displays were effectively presented in several ways. Paintings were hung on 250 feet of snow fence. The department's 24-foot mobile show wagon was used to exhibit the community service projects of the Golden Age and Retired Men's Clubs. A special 24-foot display booth, with glass shelves hung on pegboard, served to exhibit the ceramic pieces. A target range was set up for the Linden Archers and a fifty-foot area was roped off for flying Class 1½A gasoline-powered model airplanes.

The show was a most stimulating activity for the participating groups and individual members and was enthusiastically received by the public. Plans are under way for expanding the exhibits and demonstrations this year.



## Drama in the Barn

**Virginia Rankin**, staff writer, *Gazette Times*, Corvallis, Oregon.

**T**HE OLD HATCHERY has housed many fledglings . . . from newborn chicks to neophyte actors. The Valley Round Theatre in Corvallis, Oregon, is an old barn that until four years ago was used as part of a chicken hatchery. The theater's facilities are used not only by an adult group which produces four or five plays each summer but for a thriving junior group as well, sponsored by the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department.

The junior drama program was started three summers ago under supervi-

sion of a local high-school drama teacher, assisted part time by a teenager. The program was designed for children aged nine through seventeen. That first summer, sponsors hoped that at least thirty youths would register for the course . . . ninety-five prospective young actors showed up!

Throughout the next two summers, interest remained at the same high peak, necessitating additional supervisory help. Besides a director, there now are two assistants and a costumer.

First phase of the six-week course is acting training. The ninety-plus participants are divided into two groups by age, nine through eleven, and twelve through seventeen. Each group meets an hour in the afternoon, Mondays through Fridays, to learn basic acting skills, pantomime, and improvisation.

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*Instead of chicks, fledgling actors now make their debut in this old hatchery converted into a summer theater.*



*Many special-interest groups and clubs helped to make the outdoor festival in Linden, New Jersey, a colorful and many splendored undertaking.*



# Make No Little Plans!

Get set for the 47th National Recreation Congress  
Minneapolis, October 3-8

LET US "Make No Little Plans!" That's the theme of the 47th National Recreation Congress to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 3-8, 1965. The phrase is taken from an utterance of Daniel H. Burnham, Chicago Park District planner.

The Congress opens on Sunday evening, October 3, and adjourns on Thursday, October 7th at 12:30 PM. Full of variety and innovations, this Congress should be one of the most productive as well as one of the most enjoyable ever. Over forty special-interest sessions are scheduled covering all aspects of recreation. In addition, two 3-day institutes will be conducted within the Congress week for armed forces and hospital recreation personnel. There is an additional \$5.00 registration fee for these. Dr. H. Clifton Hutchins is the director for the armed forces institute and Fred Humphrey, for the hospital institute. Another outstanding aspect of this Congress will be "Featured Sessions on Federal Aid," during which the most pertinent federal-aid programs will be

explained by government officials. Some agencies and programs to be included at these sessions are the Office of Economic Opportunity (explanation of the war on poverty), Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Housing and Home Financing Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, a report on White House Conference on Natural Beauty, Department of Agriculture, and General Service Administrations. Emphasis in all these sessions will be placed on how you can take advantage of these federal programs—the step-by-step processes. Ample time will be allotted for questions.

On Monday evening, *The Cherry Orchard* will be presented at the famed Guthrie Theatre. Special tickets are available to Congress delegates. On Tuesday evening the delegates will be entertained by the Lake Harriet Pops Orchestra and a choral group. This orchestra is composed of musicians from the internationally famous Minneapolis Symphony. The All-Congress Reception will be held on Sunday afternoon. Exhibits will open at the same time and

remain open until 7:30 PM that evening.

"Pic-A-Tours" will be offered again this year. Several different tours to different types of facilities will be available to delegates throughout the Congress week. This gives you the advantage of choosing your time and type of tour that you want.

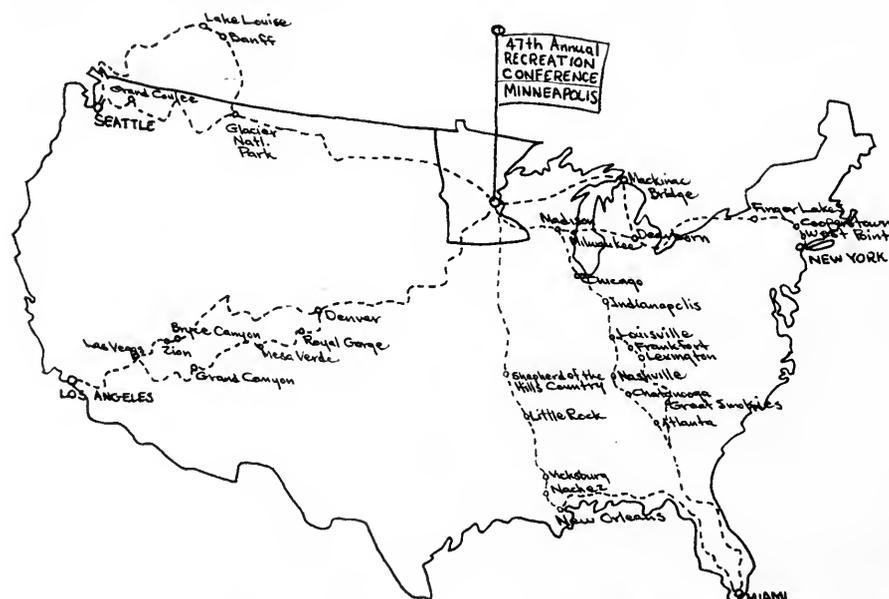
There is an exceptionally fine program planned for the wives of delegates. A tour of Betty Crocker's kitchen, fashion show and luncheon, a tour of the Swedish Institute, and many other exciting trips and projects all await the lucky wives attending this Congress.

The Congress banquet this year will be the best—No speakers, no head table, no formalities, just good food, entertainment, and fun. There will be an old-fashioned smorgasbord and the famous Schiek's Singing Sextet will perform following dinner. This singing group, which has been performing at Schiek's Restaurant in Minneapolis, for many years is known all over the world. Following this presentation there will be dancing for the delegates with a orchestra. A special demonstration of Swedish dancing will be featured during the dance. The entire evening will cost five dollars per person.

For delegates who wish to avail themselves of the scenic beauty of Minnesota, a post-Congress tour is available leaving on Thursday afternoon and returning on Saturday afternoon. The tour will visit Minnesota's beautiful north shore when fall coloring is at its peak. The weather in Minneapolis at this time of year should be beautiful in the 50's and 60's with the fall colors in their prime. Minneapolis, recipient of the All-American City award in 1964, has one of the finest park systems in the world.

The Congress is sponsored by the American Recreation Society and National Recreation Association with the cooperation of Minneapolis Board of Park Commissioners, Minnesota Recreation and Park Association and the Federation of National Professional Organizations for Recreation. Congress Headquarters address is 8 West 8th Street, New York 10011. For hotel accommodations, see the housing form in the March issue of RECREATION or write Congress Headquarters.

If you're planning to drive . . .



Minneapolis and its sister city, St. Paul, are situated near the geographical midsection of the United States—so distances will be approximately the same whether you will be traveling from the Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, or Northwest. From any corner, you will be able to connect with one of the country's major scenic routes. Consult your roadmap! Some of these routes are outlined above. Enjoy your trip!

# THE AAU PLAYS BY INTERNATIONAL RULES

Cl. Donald F. Hull

EVERY sports governing body in the United States (such as the Amateur Athletic Union, the Amateur Fencers League of America, the National Recreation Association, et cetera) has been accepted by the world governing body for the sport concerned. For example, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), which controls track and field on the international level, accepts the AAU as the governing body for this sport in the United States.

The U.S. member has been recognized as the organization representing this country in all matters pertaining to that sport. The acceptance of this recognition carries with it specific responsibilities and obligations to follow the international rules if we are to keep our country in good standing in international sports.

We must encourage all organizations to be a part of the established and recognized governing bodies. To be effective in this effort, a clear understanding of amateur athletic rules must be provided educators, athletes, parents, volunteer workers, and athletic officials of all organizations in the United States. It is important and necessary that the following procedures be constantly brought into focus. They are recognized and followed throughout the world.

First, let's take a schematic look at the organization of a national amateur sports governing body. If our total U.S. program is to roll along in a progressive manner, we need a wheel with a good hub and strong spokes.

The spokes are the "closed" programs; that is, those restricted to the membership of the many excellent amateur sports organizations in the U.S. Closed programs are autonomously conducted and/or sanctioned by the organizations concerned.

The hub constitutes the "open" programs which are the responsibilities of the governing body. Here all organiza-

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tions involved in one sport may come together under the direction, supervision, and sanction of the recognized governing body.

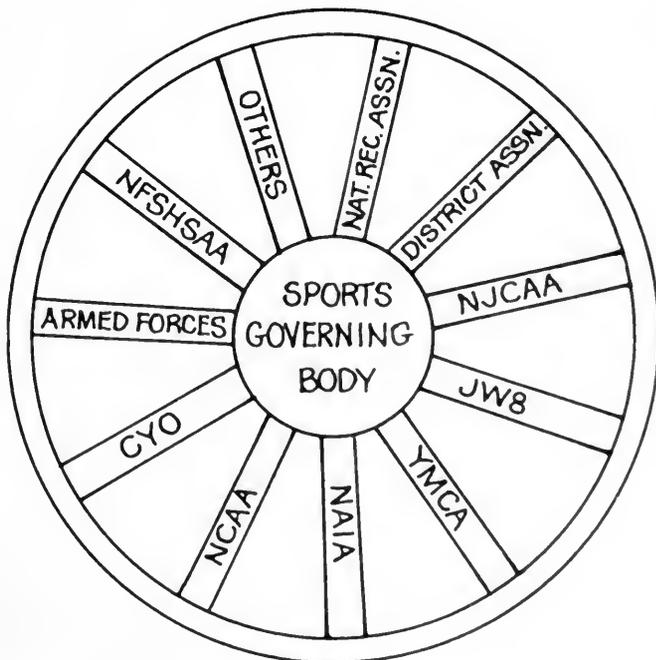
Open programs usually lead to community, regional, or national championships. Other open programs are sanctioned by the governing body to provide opportunities for inter-organization competition and international events. As far as the AAU is concerned, it has exactly such a wheel!

All recognized United States governing bodies for sports on the Olympic and Pan American agenda are listed as such in the constitution of the United States Olympic Committee. The USOC Constitution has been approved by the Congress of the United States. USOC membership carries with it the responsibility and obligation to follow International Olympic Committee rules so that United States athletes are eligible for the Olympic Games. Let us examine some of those rules.

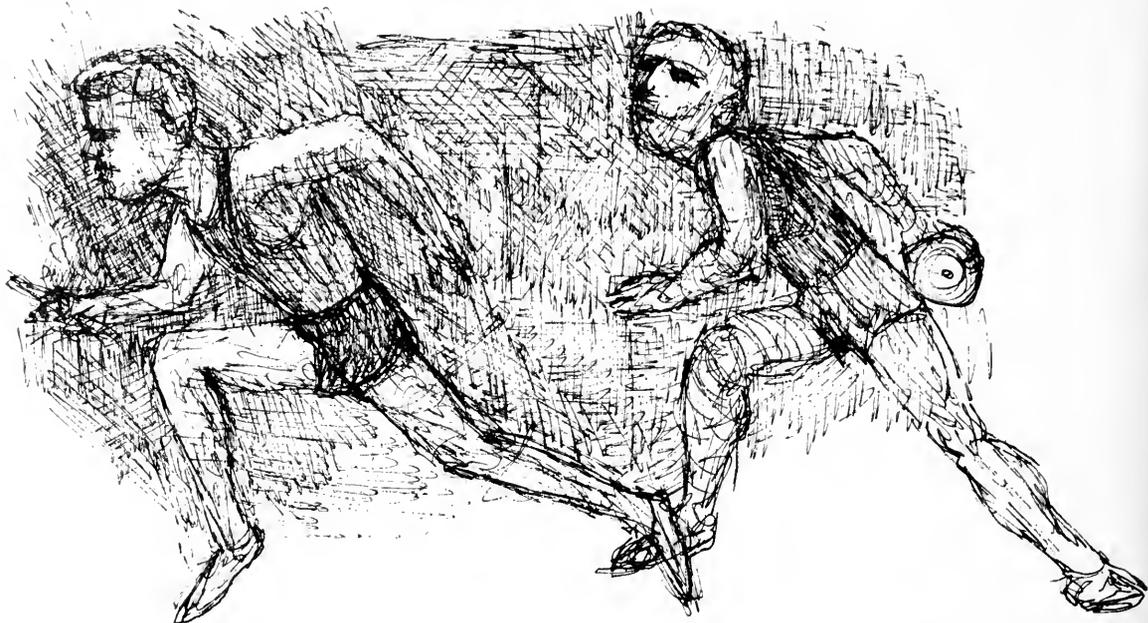
Perhaps the first very specific and basic rule is that an athlete must belong to the governing body in his country in order to participate in the Olympic Games! International Olympic Committee Rule 34 states: "As a condition precedent to participation in the Olympic Games, a competitor must be an amateur as defined in Rule 26, and a member of the organization in his own country affiliated to the International Federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee as governing that sport."

For the sports under attack by the NCAA and their puppet federations, the AAU is the only such federated organization affiliated to the recognized international organization. To qualify for membership in the AAU, an athlete must adhere to its rules of registration, sanction, et cetera. These rules

## ORGANIZATION OF AMATEUR ATHLETICS IN THE U.S.



## *A schematic appraisal of the AAU position*



are based on the procedures followed by international associations.

Second are those rules stating specifically that there can be only one such organization for a sport in each country. All individuals and groups desiring international competition must maintain eligibility with that recognized group. For the sports under attack, this organization is the AAU. International Olympic Committee Rule 24 states:

*"A National Olympic Committee must not recognize more than one national federation in each sport and that federation must be affiliated to the international federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee."*

Thus, even our own United States Olympic Committee cannot recognize any other national governing organization. This is one of the many reasons why the sanction of another group for open competition cannot be recognized. To give any recognition to the puppet federations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association would be a breach of the International Olympic Committee rules. *Dual sanctions of that competition which is the responsibility of the governing body recognizes the governing authority of another federation!* IOC, IAAF, and AAU rules all prohibit such recognition.

The rules of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, which controls track and field competition in the Olympic Games as well as other international track and field competitions, are also specific in permitting only one national governing body in each country and in requiring international competitors to adhere to its rules and to the rules of the national governing body concerned.

IAAF Rule I states that *only one member for each country* can be affiliated to the IAAF.

IAAF Rule 4 states, "Any person who is ineligible to compete in competitions under the jurisdiction of his national governing body is ineligible to compete under the rules of the International Amateur Athletic Federation." The rules of the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. are thus sup-

ported without exception by the IAAF.

The AAU is essentially a "union" of district associations and national amateur sports organizations, as indicated in this diagram. [An AAU-NRA Advisory Committee is functioning under the chairmanship of Ben York, superintendent of recreation in West Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. York was recipient of the AAU Public Recreation Man of the Year award for 1964.] The number of representatives to the board from each district is dependent upon the amount of local amateur athletic activity. Any active member from any recognized organization in that district may be elected to represent the district.

The manner of selecting representatives to the board from affiliated national organizations is entirely the responsibility of the organization concerned. The number of such representatives is determined by the impact of such organization upon the national and international programs. Each organization may request the board to review its representation at any time should it believe that it does not have a just and equitable number.

Thus, all the spokes of the AAU wheel work together in the hub for the total U.S. program. The AAU Board of Governors can be compared to the Congress of the United States. The district representatives are the House of Representatives. The direct appointments from the national sports groups are the U.S. Senate. All function together for the government of amateur sports.

To the uninformed it might appear that another organization in addition to the governing body could sanction open competition on the basis that the organization has athletes in the competition. However, if such a procedure were followed, six to ten different U.S. organizations would merit the same consideration! To carry this principle forward, NCAA or its puppet federation could demand sanctioning rights of much international competition, including the Olympic Games themselves, as they have athletes in Olympic events. #

# HIGHLIGHTS OF PUBLIC RECREATION



ADMINISTRATION

—1964

*National Recreation Association field reports*

*give facts on the mushrooming growth of recreation last year*

Arthur Todd



**G**ROWTH AND EXPANSION were the key words in recreation and parks in 1964. Field reports from National Recreation Association district representatives show budgets were up, paid staffs increased; more bond issues were approved than in previous years; more new departments were established; programs were expanded; counties began to stir; the states took great steps forward in planning, land acquisition, and development; and, above all, the federal government expanded with new legislation, programs, and services. The unprecedented activity on the federal level was the major recreation news of the year, but since it has been reported regularly in RECREATION, it need not be repeated here.

Money for state recreation and the establishment of planning bodies dominated the scene at state capitals. Most states took at least preliminary steps to develop statewide plans. Others approved bond issues or imposed special taxes for outdoor recreation. More are expected to act during the next year or two. These states completed action in 1964:

California: \$150,000,000	Pennsylvania: \$70,000,000
Florida: \$50,000,000	Rhode Island: \$5,000,000
Indiana: \$71,800,000	Texas: \$18,000,000
Nebraska: Created a state park system and appropriated \$1,600,000	Washington: \$10,000,000
Ohio: \$25,000,000	West Virginia: \$8,000,000 to complete financing a \$24,000,000 program already under way.

**LOCAL RECREATION LEADERSHIP.** A total of 688 paid park and recreation workers were added to local staffs in 1964, according to returns from approximately half the municipal departments surveyed. In addition, sixty-five new full-time executives began their duties as programs became year-round. Three men to one woman was the ratio of the new positions.

**YEAR-ROUND DEPARTMENTS.** Eighty-seven new year-round departments were established, an increase of eleven over the previous year. As noted earlier, sixty-five of these had employed executives by the end of the year. Thirty-seven

are separate recreation departments and thirty-one are combined park and recreation departments. A number of county park and recreation boards were also established.

**CHANGES IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.** Parks and recreation departments were combined in twenty-five cities. In one city they were separated and parks was put under the department of public works. One park board and two recreation boards were abolished and the departments were put under the city manager.

**LOCAL RECREATION BUDGETS.** Budgets were up again with more increases reported than the previous year and fewer decreases: 756 cities reported increases, 118 had decreases, and 70 remained the same. The following table shows the breakdown by districts.

District	Increases	Decreases	Same
Great Lakes	192	21	5
Middle Atlantic	111	16	8
Midwest	50	5	6
New England	64	7	4
Pacific Northwest	67	28	1
Pacific Southwest	113	25	2
Southern	129	10	43
Southwest	30	6	1

**FEES AND CHARGES.** In some districts new or increased fees are being charged at an accelerated rate; in others there is much talk but little change. A survey made by the Southeastern district representative indicated that in 1964 new fees were initiated in thirty-eight cities and charges were increased in forty-four. Another survey in Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin showed that fifty-eight cities have increased their fee system. Although not much change was noted in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan this year, considerable increase is expected in 1965.

One reason for the anticipated increase in these states—which probably will apply to others—is a trend in financing and construction of public park and recreation facilities. Cities secure bank loans through municipal bonds that do not reflect on the bonded indebtedness of the city but are amortized through the income from the facility (revenue bonds). In some cases, fees are raised on existing swimming pools or golf courses and the increase is earmarked for new ones. If the facilities do not exist, they may be constructed with a five percent down-payment from the

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general fund, the remainder to be amortized from income. No significant trend was seen in the charging of fees in the New England, Middle Atlantic, Midwest, Southwest, or Pacific Northwest Districts.

Sources of revenue on the increase are coin lockers, vending machines, concessions, parking fees, and annual fees. A number of cities were reported to have instituted nonresident fees. The availability of federal and state grants on matching basis is expected to result in many cities borrowing money on the basis of revenue anticipated from the facilities. This will mean a rise in fees and charges.

**RECREATION FACILITIES.** Equipment and facilities acquired for recreation in 1964 ranged from buses for senior citizens to regional parks. Ski tows, warm-up huts, picnic pavilions, arboretums, rifle ranges, children's zoos, bridle paths, nautical playgrounds, and literally hundreds of other facilities were reported. The following list shows the types of new facilities and developments reported for the year in numerical order, but does not include a large number of miscellaneous items.

**Types of New Recreation Areas and Facilities**

Parks .....	286	Basketball Courts .....	35
Buildings (Various Types) .....	230	Golf Courses .....	25
Tennis Courts .....	188	Ice Skating Rinks .....	23
Ball Fields (Baseball, Softball, Football, Soccer) .....	169	Shuffleboard Courts .....	18
Playgrounds (Including Tot Lots and Pre-School Areas) .....	165	Boating Centers .....	17
Swimming Pools .....	67	Horseshoe Courts .....	11
Multi-Purpose Play & Recreation Areas .....	50	Ski Centers .....	6
		Wading Pools .....	6
		Day Camps .....	5
		Bathing Beaches .....	5

**EXTRA-URBAN DEVELOPMENTS.** The acquisition and development of land and water areas outside city limits by cities, counties, districts, state, federal government, private and commercial organizations advanced tremendously over previous years. Naturally states which have passed bond issues or imposed special taxes for recreation areas, like New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Minnesota,

led the field in 1964. Development of farmland for recreation through grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture has added recreation space and facilities near communities. Private and commercial developments creased markedly. Shopping centers, motels, housing developments, athletic associations, and all kinds of organizations and groups contributed to the growth of exurban recreation. We are on the verge of an outdoor recreation boom.

**BOND ISSUES AND TAX LEVIES.** The amount of money voted and approved for bond issues and tax levies in 1964 more than doubled over the previous year's record: 148 local referendum elections were reported; 124 of these were bond issues, 81 passed, 41 failed and the outcome of 7 was not reported. A total of \$58,077,699 was approved on seventy-five of the bond issues. (Six of these indicated passing did not state the amount.) Of the forty-one that failed, thirty-three totaled approximately \$40,809,000. (Eight did not indicate the amount.) Seventeen referendums for special levies passed and seven failed.

**RECREATION PROGRAMS.** Programs expanded in many directions. There was more for the ill and handicapped and aging, more performing arts, nature and science. Among the items which showed up more frequently in reports were judo, bocci, synchronized swimming, physical fitness, family-camping workshops, children's zoos, and lighted golf courses. The need is apparent for program standards and evaluating procedures which will help administrators and board members understand the inadequacies and unmet needs and get away from the stereotyped program content too much in evidence.

1964 was a busy and productive year in recreation and parks and all signs point to much greater expansion and growth in the years ahead. It is well that the national parks and recreation organizations are merging their resources for the need was never greater for strong and unified leadership. #

**Summer in the Park**

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Of course, every participant wants to be in the play, and a role is given to each child who can attend a reasonable number of rehearsals. Families often arrange camp sessions and vacations so that their children will be home to participate. This means that each year parts must be found for some eighty youngsters, so the play is double cast.

In the Corvallis drama program, the children do everything, including the technical work. The older participants take the mature roles and get experience by helping build the set, collecting properties, and forming light, sound, stage and makeup crews. Many of these older youngsters have had dramatic

training in school, which helps them in giving surprisingly adept performances.

Local writers have taken an interest in the drama program and twice have provided original plays, tailored to Corvallis' special needs, which are heavy with girls' roles and light demands for scenery because the plays are performed on a small arena-type stage.

While a play is in rehearsal, the costumer works with volunteer assistants, often high-school girls. She designs the costumes, selects materials, cuts them to pattern, and sends them home for mothers to sew. Production costs are covered by charging a nominal admission from the audience.

During the final week of dress rehearsals, classes are stopped and the cast and crew move into the Valley

Round Theatre. Although the theatre is small, having seating capacity for only two hundred persons, it is well equipped and gives the children the exciting experience of performing in a "real theater." To date, the children's plays have had sellout crowds, which include a surprising number of adults.

Corvallis has received and supported the summer drama program enthusiastically. One key to its success is the director's insistence on high dramatic standards. He demands a serious approach, full-time participation, and a polished performance. The children have been quick to respond to this professional attitude. The plays seen by audiences have been finished theatrical products, something the participants could take pride in producing. #

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Department of Recreation in Janesville, Wisconsin, and its director, **Paterson**, cannot only take a bow but is entitled to take two bows! The department has been cited by both the Freedoms Foundation and the Wisconsin Legislature for the "political conventions" held on Janesville playgrounds last summer so youngsters could better understand the pending national election. The Janesville department was given the George Washington Medal Award by the Freedoms Foundation in February and was cited by the state legislature in April. Mr. Paterson outlined the Janesville "playground elections" in a Letter to the Editor which appeared in RECREATION, December 1964. (For more on Janesville's far-reaching playgrounds programs, see "Making History on the Playground," RECREATION, April 1965.)

Officers of the American Camping Association are: President-Elect, **Howard G. Gibbs**, national director of program services for the Boys' Clubs of America; Vice-President, **Frank M. Sotby** Washburn, assistant executive director of the Seattle Metropolitan YMCA; Secretary, **Dr. Frances Hall**, associate professor, Department of Physical Education and Recreation, Florida State University.

**Glenn A. Olds**, president of Longfield College since July 1, 1958, resigned his position to accept an executive post with the State University of New York later this year. The State University comprises fifty-eight units and has an enrollment of approximately a hundred thousand students. Dr. Olds will become executive director, with primary responsibility for developing a new international program of the entire system of colleges and universities. He will establish a new International Center at Planting Fields, New York, on Long Island, and will develop overseas branches and concen-

trate on area studies, languages, and professional fields of the university on a world-wide basis.



**Charles H. Odegaard**, director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and former National Recreation Association Pacific Northwest District representative, is one of the members of the Washington State Inter-Agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation which will allocate over \$40,000,000 in the next ten years for the acquisition and development of outdoor lands and facilities.

This committee has been designated by the voters of the state to administer the \$10,000,000 general obligation bond issue for acquisition of outdoor recreation lands as well as the Marine Recreation Land Act which will provide an estimated \$1,300,000 to \$1,500,000 per year for acquisition and development of waterfront lands.

In an attempt to coordinate all aspects of this planning and funding, Mr. Odegaard also is chairman of the committee which will coordinate state agencies concerned with outdoor recreation and is representative of the State of Washington with the federal Bureau

of Outdoor Recreation on most outdoor recreation matters.

## IN MEMORIAM

• **MRS. FRANCES HAIRE ROWLEY**, who retired as director of recreation in East Orange, New Jersey, in 1956, after thirty-one years of service to the city, died recently at the age of seventy-one. During World War I, she was recreation director at a government plant at Nitro, West Virginia. Later she worked for the National Recreation Association for three years as a field organizer. Prior to beginning her work in East Orange, she had been superintendent of recreation in York, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Rowley founded the East Orange Little Theater and was the author of two books on folk customs. East Orange recently dedicated its Frances Haire Playground in her honor.

• **MARIUS D. BONACCI** of Washington Crossing, New Jersey, founder of the Little Bigger League which grew into the present Babe Ruth League, died in April at the age of sixty-one. Although never an active participant in athletics, the Babe Ruth Baseball founder considered youth sports his sole hobby. He was vice-president of a trucking concern.

## Joseph Prendergast Honored

**A**N AWARD for professional accomplishment has been presented to Joseph Prendergast, executive director of the National Recreation Association, by the New York State Recreation and Park Society which annually recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding persons in the recreation field. The award reads in part:

*Joseph Prendergast has distinguished himself as Executive Director of the National Recreation Association since 1950, and [he] has contributed greatly to the growth and widespread influence of that organization in the decade just passed; and Joseph Prendergast and the National Recreation Association have served the New York State Recreation and Park Society with great dignity and professional competence; and the outstanding administrative qualities exhibited by Joseph Prendergast at a high level have enhanced the image of recreation leadership across the country. . . .*





PROGRAM



*Avid surfers will be preparing a board for surfing. Here, three young men are applying paraffin blocks on the face of the board to form a heavy layer of non-slip material, so the surfer will not slide off the board riding.*

# EXPLORERS IN THE SURF

*An invasion of "hot curl" guys menaces a staid beachfront community*



*Wayne Tomplius (center), head Coronado lifeguard, discusses Explorer Post program with Jim Cahill (left) and Recreation Director George Hunsaker while three judged surfboard competitors look on.*

*Left, members of Explorer Surfing Post 803 listen attentively to an explanation of wave action. Among the tests are knowledge of rip tides and wave action. Many tests are carried out in the Coronado swimming pool.*



Members of Explorer Post 803 pose beside the huge pile of cans that they have harvested from the beach of a nearby city as a service project. This was an overnight activity with surfing taking place after the beach was cleaned up.

**Gordon D. Hunsacker**



**T**WO YEARS AGO we had a good summer in Coronado, California. The days were hot and particularly dry for this Southern California city

across the bay from San Diego and the surfers came in droves in all forms of transportation for boards and boys . . . the venerable "woody" (the old wood-paneled station wagon), small foreign cars with top racks, jeeps, and other odd and assorted means of "following the surf" from beach to beach. Coronado citizens living on the waterfront watched in rather staid amazement as the "curl" guys congregated.

Coronado is made up of hundreds of retired military who have selected this spot for its beauty and tranquility, so what was happening? What breed was invading the municipal beach, the pride and joy of Coronado citizens? And many of this "breed" did not help with the noisy gunning of motors . . .

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beer . . . loud voices . . . trunks hanging at half mast . . . discourtesies . . . bleached hair. The habit was soon formed of leaving the beach after a goodly amount of surfing and lying down in the middle of the street, hugging the hot pavement for warmth. Traffic was snarled . . . police tempers wore thin . . . and property owners were irate.

At this point the Coronado Recreation Department began the development of a surfing club in an effort to channel the exuberance of the surfers into proper and less offensive behavior patterns. The city lifeguards were used as advisors and meetings were held each week in an attempt to change the image of the surfer so that the exciting sport would not be banned in Coronado. It worked to a point: our efforts paid off, but not in full.

The kids responded but we were unable to fully develop a program which would have "staying powers." Our funds were limited. At this point we began thinking of the Explorer Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America. Such a respected organization must surely be interested in developing a specialty post for surfing. After a minimum of meetings the post was formed, Explorer Post 803 with over a hundred members at the present time. The advisor, John

Elwell, an old-time surfer and school teacher in Coronado, understands the surfer and his drives. A lasting program of surfing trips, civic betterment projects, interesting meetings, and movies is now in full swing.

The ideas behind the post have also broadened. They now include skin-diving expeditions, lectures and movies by experts from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, being included in local PTA meetings as part of the program, and even traveling to other nearby cities to perform acts showing pride of accomplishment, such as assisting in cleaning of the beaches so that all may surf and swim in safety. The post holds local surfing contests and sponsored a Safety Day at the beach for all. It has drawn scores of people to listen to the experts: surf-board makers; oceanographers discussing swells and their origins, wave action and tide behavior, life saving; even Dr. Paul Morton, a local heart specialist, who demonstrated ways of treating heart failure.

Local business and professional men have jumped in with a great splash. They are serving on the Explorer Committee, of which Coronado's director of recreation is chairman, and have done much towards changing the attitudes of

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# THE V.I.T.'S



*Each of the Federated Girls' Clubs in Somerville, Massachusetts, has its own program activities and fund-raising projects. These girls set up a car-wash unit to raise the money necessary to purchase jackets for their club members.*

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS all over the country have dispelled the idea that the teen world is bounded by Beatles, bangles, and day-dreams of glamour. As interested as teenagers may be in movie stars, baseball "greats," clothes, and cars, their vision is often much broader. Many teenagers are willing to help people outside the mainstream of community life, as, for example, the aged widow or the child with a vacant stare. Because of the great need and the challenge offered in service

to others, teenagers across the country can be found helping in homes for the elderly, in residences for retarded children, and in hospitals for mental patients.

The service the teenage volunteer gives may seem at times out of character. A girl whose bedroom is in constant disarray may spend hours teaching a retarded child to put away his toys. A youth whose own theme song has been "I'm bored" may find himself coaxing

a bedridden old man into saying "Such a lovely day." Everybody wins — youth volunteers, the persons served, and the community.

Here are some examples:

In a California city, young Red Cross volunteers developed a teen-to-teen program with about fifty youthful patients in a mental hospital. The Red Cross workers put on dances in celebration of most major holidays. In addition they collected a record player, magazine, sports equipment, textbooks, and school supplies for the hospitals. More important, they gave of *themselves*. The result: The young patients improve their grooming and their attitudes; they developed a broader range of interests and became aware of what was going on in the wide world outside.

In the Southeast, some young Red Cross volunteers traveled as much as fifty miles a day to help at a residential summer camp for retarded children. The volunteers poured unlimited amounts of love, understanding, and teamwork into the camp activities. In the process they became so involved in the problems of their charges that they worked unstintingly, although they knew that they could expect to see very little progress. Across the nation athleticly inclined youth help water safety instructors to teach handicapped children to swim.

Red Cross teenagers in one eastern city go every school-day afternoon to visit a home for the infirm elderly. They chat, listen, write letters, or perhaps just bring a glass of water to a patient. It all adds up to: "Somebody cares."

In still another city, a specially trained group of high-school Red Cross members take complete charge of handicapped youngsters at the children's homes to allow the mothers a few hours of freedom from their heavy family demands. Needs may vary with the vicinity, but more and more communities are finding out that teenagers take to challenge and can give real help. All adults need to do is to provide direction and training.



## DIRECTION FOR TOMORROW

A MASSIVE youth study, costing \$60,000 and requiring three years of work, resulted in several volumes of observations and recommendations about family and youth services in Dallas County, Texas. However, all this effort would have been a study in stagnation if no one took any action on the way to bridge the gap between research and realization.

Therefore, the Junior League of Dallas and the Dallas Section of the National Council of Jewish Women decided to dramatize the report by holding a forum that would turn dry statistics into brief dramas of human struggle. With the help of teenage actors and the cooperation of the Dallas Theater Center, The Pearl Chappell Playhouse, K.D.-TV, and WFAA-Radio, a dramatic forum, "Direction for Tomorrow," was staged at the Dallas Memorial Auditorium Theatre. Some four thousand members of city and county organizations were invited to the presentation. Managers distributed brochures on the youth study during the forum.

Dramatic scenes were based on actual case histories from the youth study, including "Miracle on Guadalupe Street," on the problems of hundreds of Dallas County youth, such as lack of money and training; "Quicksand," the story of a multi-problem family; and the forum's dramatic climax, "What Is the Answer?"

## ON THE JOB

SIXTEEN teenage volunteers at the Hamilton Day Camp in Baltimore, Maryland, did not miss one single day of service last summer. The camp is sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation. About 350 children were enrolled. The volunteers reported at 9:30 AM and did a variety of jobs. Take, for instance, a young man named Stuart, aged fifteen, the "fire wiper," who assembled the equipment, food, and utensils for the outdoor cooking program held at Herring Run Camp. Ronnie Beach, aged sixteen, was

a swimming instructor when the various groups were taken by bus to the Patterson Park pool. Others included Irene Anderson, aged fourteen, a skilled acrobat and gymnast, and Lorraine Hicks, fourteen, who managed the soda fountain during the lunch hour.

## TARP TIME

THE Teen-Age Recreation Program in Wichita, Kansas, continues to increase in popularity. The first Tarp Club was organized in 1953 and since that date six additional clubs have been organized. Membership is restricted to youngsters in the seventh grade through high school. Tarp Club programs are held in the evenings, beginning at seven and ending at ten. Records are played for dancing each night the clubs meet and the youngsters enjoy supervised social dancing. Occasionally, teenage bands have entertained the Tarp Club. Highlights of the Tarp Club season are the special dances held at Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and the Spring Semi-Formal. These special events were held at each club's own regular meeting place, with decorations for these occasions provided by the teenagers. Six Tarp programs were conducted during the summer months. Each Tarp Club has a council which meets once each month. The purpose of the council is to give assistance to the management of the clubs. This has proved to be very helpful to the recreation department.

## ORGANIZE FOR LEISURE

THE Federated Girls' Clubs, sponsored by the city of Somerville, Massachusetts, Recreation Commission, are self-supporting and are organized for leisure-time activity, for the individual members' civic and cultural development, and to promote fellowship and character. Each club has its own social, athletic, dramatic, and other activities, in addition to weekly business meetings. Each club has a counselor assigned by the superintendent of recreation. The functions of these coun-

selors are multiple: in substance, they are a combination of parent, teacher, and spiritual adviser.

Federation activities include monthly meetings with the Federated Boys' Clubs, socials, sports days, fun days, roller-skating parties, basketball, bowling, outings, hikes, winter sports activities, "Mother's Night," et cetera. Activities held on a club level include socials, sports, charitable works, visits to places of interest, et cetera. Frequently the individual clubs conduct various fund-raising programs, including fashion shows, plays, and other entertainment. Special activities such as a car-wash project finance the purchase of jackets for members. Other activities are held in conjunction with Federated Boys' Clubs, including the New Year's Party, Inaugural Ball, Mardi Gras Ball, Awards Night, Sports Fest, Annual Outing, Drama Tournament, and other social events.

## UNTOLD BENEFITS

THE YOUTH WORK program in Jackson County, Oregon, is planned to give a selected group of youths an opportunity for seasonal work on county conservation and recreation projects. It provides an opportunity for the youth to be gainfully employed and also learn the skills and work habits that are fundamental in the future course of their training and education. Job opportunities for this age group are limited in this area. The limitation of these opportunities is caused in part because this group does not have the skills or a work background that would enable them to qualify for even a mediocre job.

The program is planned so Jackson County and the state of Oregon would reap untold benefits in training its youth while protecting, preserving, and developing natural resources. It also provides an opportunity for youth to become more conscious of how wise utilization of these natural resources will affect the welfare and economy of Oregon for years to come.

On February 21, 1964, the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Commis-

sion, under the chairmanship of Laurance V. Espey, submitted to the Jackson County Budget Committee a proposal for a Jackson County Youth Work Program. Much study and planning was done by Mr. Espey using the highly successful Multnomah County "Oxbow Project" as a guideline.

Much discussion and evaluation ensued. It was decided to try a pilot program, using twenty boys, one supervisor, and one assistant. The sum of \$9,135 was included in the parks and recreation department's budget and submitted to the people of Jackson County on June 11, 1964. The park department was given the authority to proceed with the project. It was decided that the best time to start the project was as soon as possible so that the boys would lose as little time as possible between school and work. Also, since the program was to last only nine weeks, the boys would be through in time for the local pear harvest or family vacations.

It was decided that this first youth work program should be kept relatively close to the high schools in the valley for several reasons:

- Time required for transportation.
- Ease of control and evaluation.
- The general public could observe.
- The area needed immediate attention because of overuse and no facilities.
- The project was small enough and the boys could see it finished and thereby gain pride in accomplishment.

The county had just such an area in Rogue Elk Recreation Area, which had been taken over from the Oregon State Game Commission. Plans were quickly prepared. On June 22, 1964, at 8:30 A.M., the bus arrived at the area and the Jackson County Youth Work Program began.

The twenty boys from the five high schools worked as one crew for nine weeks. A total of 788 days of work were performed. One boy left for California in the middle of the program, and was replaced. Three boys had to be discharged a week before the program ended, one for continued goldbricking and two because of disciplinary problems.

The biggest single cause of lost work was poison oak. Ten boys had to receive treatment. Only one accident was reported. One of the boys cut his leg with

a machete, but not seriously. The flu accounted for some lost time. Altogether, forty-eight days out of a planned 397 days were lost due to sickness and accident. Another forty man-days were lost out of the total because of a serious fire.

The first week the crew was given instruction in fire fighting by the Oregon State Forestry Department. The whole crew was put on emergency call. On August 10, 1964, a serious fire broke out southwest of Medford. For two days the crew fought fire with the veterans. They helped bring it under control. Commendation was received from forester Curt Neshiem for the work the crew performed. The boys were paid the going wages for fire fighting by the state, \$1.89 per hour. They each worked a total of 21½ hours in the two days. The first day everybody was excited about getting to fight a fire. By the end of the second day, everyone had had it and they were ready to go back to building parks.

**EVALUATION.** The real values of such a program may not be known until these youths have become adults. The boys learned good work habits, a sense of responsibility, and a sense of trust. They learned to work with others. They learned pride in workmanship and were justifiably proud of their accomplishments. Their whole attitude changed during the program and was reflected in their accomplishments. They learned to earn their own way.

## NO RULE OF THUMB

**W**HEN A TOWN is not much older than its teenagers, there is no "establishment" to regiment thinking. Such is the case in the atomic-energy town of Deep River, Ontario, founded in 1944-1945 in Canada's bush country along the Ottawa River. Reports Deep River's recreation director, Jac A. Cropley, on programing for social activities for the adolescent, "It has been our experience that there is no rule-of-thumb organization that works perfectly year after year. It must change with the times. Over the years we have tried activities that were (a) chaperoned, (b) youth directed, (c) staff directed, (d) staff counseled, (e) parent counseled, (f) directed by parent council and teenage committee jointly, or

by *ad hoc* teenage committees for social events. We have found that there is no permanency to organization (the staff), since this age group is transient and critics often fail to appreciate the fact that there is little basis for planning as compared with adult organizations; that the same capable youngsters will not remain on committees for any length of time. In fact, just as things are going well or poorly, they get married, go away to a university, go to work in the city, leave the community for some other reason. The principle that youth organization and program is transient and impermanent must be accepted.

"Young people of the same age do not all want to do the same things; they do not all want to congregated together; that they do not all have the same popular misconception. Where is the logic in defining this age group as having varied interests as a 'teen town' and relegating them to a room with a soda drink bar and a jukebox? Surely it is insulting to the intelligence of young people. Young people, like adults, will gravitate to their own interests. It is these interests that must be offered and developed such as tennis, curling, dancing, cars, boating, water skiing, bowling, camping, training, swimming, and the like. Many like to sit in a restaurant and have a drink and a chat; some like to do the usual things that adults do in a social evening in their own home. Young people seem to be more exposed to the public and therefore more subject to criticism. In many cases, young people seem to be more socially skilled than the adults who are most critical of them.

"We have found that provision of specific activities is a better means of attracting and retaining the interest of young people. This helps to bridge the gap between youth and adulthood, especially where these activities can be held under the aegis of an adult club. Social activities in the main are better operated for the young people exclusively. In some cases they are embarrassing, shy, and often resentful of any overt adult intrusion. Social groups at the older age level, eighteen to twenty-two, seem more amenable to mingling with adult-sponsored activities, particularly if there is something of special interest.

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## NATURE CRAFTS . . .

### ON THE PLAYGROUND OR IN CAMP

van Wolcott

EXPERIENCING the handling of nature materials is great delight for children. It helps them to adapt to their surroundings, heightens their sense of touch for textures, observation of colors, forms, designs, et cetera (depending, a great deal, of course, on the group leader's awareness and ability to guide and experiment). Inasmuch as everything we experience in life is a part of a much greater experience, it is essential that young people have the opportunity to express their creative urges in a positive, visible art or craft form. Today's creative experience or lack thereof it is considered significant to an individual's adjustment.

Learning and the creative process takes place in unforeseen situations and sometimes unrecognizable instances; therefore, we, as creative leaders, have responsibility of great magnitude. What is taught to a child today (advertently or inadvertently) can influence his attitudes and living thirty years hence, even for the rest of his life. (Is there any greater responsibility?)

One of the objectives of the following projects is to encourage the child to observe what is around him, in his everyday world and playground surroundings, to gather, under supervision, appropriate nature items illustrative of beautiful shapes and textures and to learn a few crafts he can do with them—*creatively*.

**Things to Remember:** Explain procedures, steps, or processes and let the child take it from there. Don't impose colors, compositions, layouts, designs, or ideas on him. Let the child be free to use his own ideas and imagination. Children use color expressively, not naturally as adults do. They create from emotion, not from realistic judgements or preconceived organized ideas.

#### Nature Items Needed

*For any of the following projects*

Leaves    Twigs    Ferns    Flowers    Grasses    Mosses

#### Basic Supplies

Calid paper (diaz)	Glass (5x7)
Wspprint	Shortening
Old newspapers	Block printing inks (water or oil)
Mimeo stencil backings	Candle
Block printing paper	Plastic spray or fixative
Printing paper	Concentrated ammonia
Cardboard	Glass jar (1/2 gallon)
Masking tape	Marbles

### OZALID PRINTS

YOU WILL need a printing frame, diazo paper, sometimes called ozalid, and nature materials for the design. The frame is made by binding, at one end, a piece of 5"-by-7" glass and piece of cardboard of equal size. Use masking tape for this. Diazo papers usually come in a roll and must be cut in a darkroom as is photographic paper. There are three diazo papers—one to produce red prints, a second to produce black, and the third, blue. Place the nature material or selected items for the design to be printed and the diazo paper between the glass and the cardboard with the sensitive

Miss WOLCOTT, former program director with institutionalized children, is now on the RECREATION Magazine staff.

side of the paper up. Expose the print, glass side out, to the sun for several minutes or until you have the desired print-color (approx. 15-25 seconds for the red; 20-25 seconds for blue and 40-50 seconds for black). Trial testing should be done first, experimenting with the papers to learn what timing will produce what shadings.

Cover the bottom of a half-gallon jar with marbles and fill with ammonia to the top of the marbles. Remove the print from the frame, roll into a cylinder, print-face *inside*, and place into the glass jar. The marbles will keep the print from coming in direct contact with the ammonia and the ammonia fumes will develop the print, bringing out the colors and setting them. Under-fuming produces pale prints; over-fuming, harsh and dark prints. Three to four minutes should produce the desired color. Always use a fresh supply of ammonia for each day's printing. *Developing should be done outside or in a well-ventilated room.*

### OIL PRINTING

FOR THIS PROJECT you will need plenty of newspapers plus several old mimeograph stencil backings. The stencil backings are used as the palette slab because they will not soak up the printing ink readily. (You can use either a water or an oil base printing ink.)

- Put a dab of the printing ink on the stencil backing. About the size of a pea is the appropriate amount.
- Spread the ink out just slightly larger than the object or material you wish to print. (Make a spreader by using a wad of newspaper.) The ink should be spread evenly and not heavy.
- Place object to be printed on the inked paper. If a leaf, make certain the vein side is *down*.
- Place a piece of newspaper over the leaf or material to be printed.
- Rub thoroughly, getting every vein or marking covered with ink.
- Remove the top paper and lift leaf or material carefully, placing it on the printing paper.
- Cover with newspaper and making certain that the leaf or material doesn't move, rub thoroughly, every vein, marking and edge. Your print is completed.

When making additional prints, spread out the ink evenly, with the paper spreader, on the printing slab and proceed as above. When prints become too light add additional ink. VARIATIONS: interesting effects can be created by using more than one color, or by printing one or more similar or dissimilar objects on the same paper, deliberate use of various colors on the same paper, and using textured papers or fabrics.

Try these projects with some of your adult groups, too. It is always good to remember that "pigeon-holing" certain projects for particular age groups is not a wise rule to follow. Projects should be determined by individual or group interest, not by specific chronological breakdowns. (I recently observed institutionalized octogenarians making leaf prints.) If you wish, they can be closely related to your nature program.

All papers and supplies that cannot be found in your area are available from the Eugene Dietzgen Company, 50 West 44th Street, New York 10036.

*The projects above are from The Leader's Guide To Nature-Oriented Activities by Betty van der Smisssen and Oswald H. Goering. The Iowa State University Press, Ames, Iowa. Pp. 210. Spiral bound. \$2.95. (Available from the NRA Recreation Book Center, 8 West 8th Street, New York 10011) We recommend it highly!*



PROGRAM

# PÉTANQUE COMES WEST

*An ancient game migrates to  
the New World*

**John W. Metcalfe**, National Secretary,  
Pan American Pétanque Association

**P**ÉTANQUE (pronounced *pay-tonk*), an outdoor or indoor type of bowling, derives its name from a French Provençal expression *les pes tanqués*, which means "the feet together"—one of the basic rules of play.

Pétanque entered the sporting scene in France at the turn of this century, as an easier, shorter, simpler version of a more difficult, more complicated bowling game (*jeu de boules*) played on the continent for centuries. This game had spread, in various forms, hither and thither: to the British Isles, as bowling on the green; to the Dutch and Germans as *Kegelnspiel*; and thence to our shores as alley bowling, or tenpins.

To the International Pétanque Federation, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, now belong nearly a score of nations. In 1965, the IPF will again stage a world championship meeting, to be held in Madrid, Spain, this fall.

France, via *La Fédération Française de Pétanque* at Marseilles, continues to be rulemaker for the world. From spring through fall, France is the scene of a caravanserai of village, town, city, regional and provincial contests leading up to a three-day grand national.

While there have long been some pétanquers in the U.S., it was not until 1959 that an American organization was formed. It was then that Jean Bontemps, a former French resistance fighter, and his wife Paulette decided the U.S. could use pétanque. Mr. Bontemps proceeded to launch a one-man campaign. Today, he heads the Pan American Pétanque Association and is vice-president for the U.S. in the International Federation. There are now regional chapters and pétanque clubs

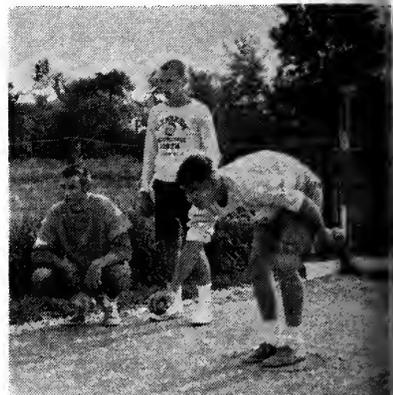
in more than a dozen states, branches in Canada and Mexico, even American outposts in North Africa.

**P**ÉTANQUE variously resembles several other "national" games: American horseshoes, Scottish and Canadian curling, and, of course, Italian bocce and English lawn bowls. A missile is aimed to reach a target position rather than, as in tenpins, to knock down the target itself, and points are scored according to how close these missiles come to the target. It follows that the player or team whose missile comes closest, or who prevents the adversary's from coming closest, or who, best of all, achieves both tactics is the one that scores the most points.

Pétanque requires no elaborate equipment or facility. Essentially and literally, this game can be played anywhere, in any season, in any garb, by any age, by any number, by either sex. The expenditure for basic equipment—perhaps once every decade—comes to as little as four or five dollars, since this basic equipment consists simply of two essentials: the missiles (a pair of them) and the target. In pétanque, the missile is a metal ball, and the target position is pinpointed by a smaller, wooden jackball. The metal ball is hollow and made of hard Swedish steel (less often, of bronze) tempered, treated, machined, and precision-balanced; plated with zinc or chrome or a special steel; engraved in a pattern of scribe lines for "grip" and "English"; stamped with numbers, initials, symbols, et cetera, for identification. The weight of this bowling ball, or *boule*, cannot exceed 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  pounds; its diameter cannot be more than 3 $\frac{1}{8}$  inches nor should be much less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. For children, however, special lightweights are made weighing only about a pound and mea-



Player in delivery ring, feet together flat on ground, ready to bowl. Other balls nearby are for subsequent bowls.



Doubles match. First bowler has tossed out the jack, is about to "point" first ball. Note the underhand delivery.



Out comes the tape measure! Good keep one handy as frequently the ball can be nearly equidistant to the jack.

suring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The jack is usually hardwood, in natural finish, its permissible range of diameter being between one and 1 $\frac{3}{8}$  inches. These are all regulation specifications (1964 official rules). Always try to bowl with the same balls, preferably your own.

The four major manufacturers of the equipment—and of accessories such as carrying bags, fitted cases, et cetera—are all based in France, but their products are readily and reasonably available through the Pan American Pétanque Association, c/o Metcalfe, 400 Greenacre Drive, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. A pair of pétanque balls pl

...k, for instance, may be had for any-  
 ere between \$4 and \$13, there being  
 e seven grades of toughness, finish,  
 nce, et cetera.

Once armed with his essentials, the  
 unique player can pursue his pleasure  
 at and day and almost wherever and  
 whenever he chooses: on hard soil, a  
 n, the backyard, sandy beach, gravel  
 way, macadam road, asphalt park-  
 lot, a clearing in the park, roadside  
 ic area, in his basement or garage  
 playroom, and even, with care and  
 ion, on his living-room carpet.

The only set rule is the distance range  
 lay. Between the delivery point of  
 bowler and the target position of  
 jack, the distance must not be less  
 sixteen feet nor more than thirty-  
 re feet—an exception to the latter  
 eg when a bowled ball accidentally  
 ntionally moves the jackball be-  
 ol this maximum limit, which is  
 eal” and permits play to proceed.

Pétanque is a contest between two  
 es. In regulation play, the number  
 players on a side can be one  
 igs), two (doubles), or three  
 rles); in social play, however, teams  
 number as many as four, five, or six.  
 ings, each player bowls either  
 re or four balls (according to pre-  
 eement), and in doubles, either two  
 ree balls apiece. In teams larger  
 a these, each player bowls only two  
 all. Where an odd number of players  
 volved, say three to five, it is less

...e typical instances of point scoring and when to shoot.  
 the jack ball; black balls, one team and white another.  
 Figure #1, white scores 1 point. Figure #2, white scores  
 2 points. Figure #3, white has scored all 3 points. Figure  
 #4 is an example of strategy play. By shooting away R, white  
 scores with A. In #5, by caroming away both R and Q with

unwieldly and clumsy to still play in  
 two opposing teams: with three, for in-  
 stance, one playing with four or six  
 balls against the other two with two  
 or three balls apiece—and all taking  
 turns, if so wished. as the “loner”  
 against the pair.

Deliver the ball with knees slightly  
 bent and body leaning a bit forward at  
 the hips; left arm (for a right-hander)  
 serving to balance; right arm slightly  
 bent at the elbow during the swing,  
 then fully extended almost along aim-  
 ing line-of-sight at the moment of re-  
 leasing the ball. The ball is released  
 “under the hand” to give back-spin and  
 better accuracy.

The object of the game is for a player  
 or team to roll, bounce, loft, lob, rico-  
 chet, or otherwise deliver the balls so  
 that as many as possible will come to  
 rest closer to the jackball than any of  
 the adversary's, and by so doing will  
 count for points.

By now it is evident that there are  
*two main tactical methods of play*: to  
 bowl in a closest counter to the jack,  
 which is “to point,” and “to shoot,”  
 which is to bowl away the adversary's  
 closest counter or counters. Much of  
 the game's interest comes from the in-  
 terplay and strategic use of these off-  
 ensive and defensive moves.

For illustration, let's invent two  
 three-man teams, “A” and “X,” and  
 follow them through a few typical seg-  
 ments of play in a game of pétanque:

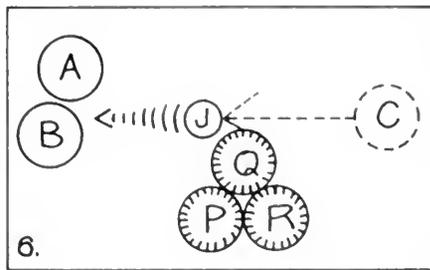
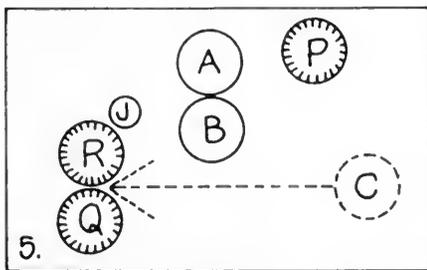
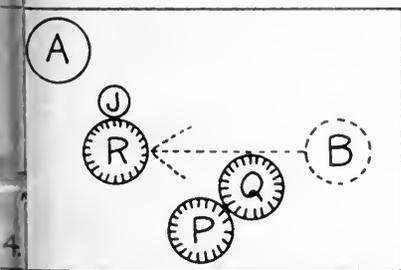
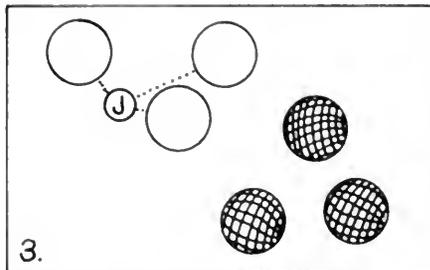
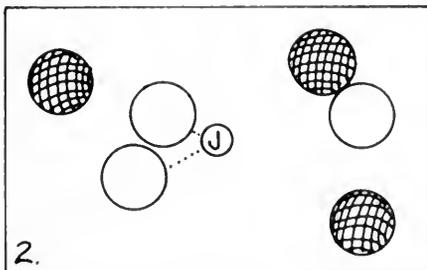
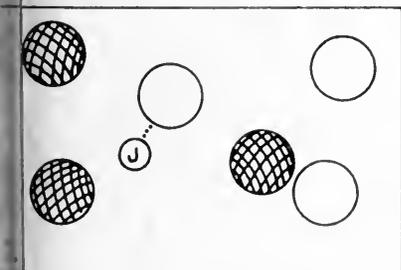
THE START: By toss of a coin, Team A  
 is elected to lead off. Bowler A-1 chooses  
 a point of delivery, and then marks on  
 the ground, with his foot or a stick or  
 a piece of chalk, a “delivery circle” or  
 “ring” between sixteen and twenty  
 inches across. This will be the point  
 from which each bowler on each side  
 must bowl every ball during this first  
 “inning”—feet together and flat on the  
 ground within the ring. Standing in  
 the ring, A-1 tosses out the jackball in  
 whatever direction he chooses, so that  
 it comes to rest at least 16 feet but not  
 more than 33 feet away (if he misses  
 or exceeds these limits, he must try  
 again), and he then proceeds to bowl  
 his first ball.

Next, the X team's lead-off player  
 bowls his first ball, and it ends up closer  
 than A-1's. A-1 then bowls again to  
 try to recapture “closest” position, but  
 his second ball fails to do so, and so  
 his teammate A-2 must try. With his  
 first ball, A-2 also fails, but gets his  
 second in as a “counter.”

X-1 then bowls his second ball but  
 fails; X-2, however, sneaks his first ball  
 into very close position. (At this jun-  
 cture, Team A has two balls left, both  
 A-3's: Team X has three left—X-2's  
 second and X-3's pair.)

Bowler A-3 (the anchor man is usu-  
 ally the captain or “brains” of a team)  
 now decides to knock away the oppo-  
 nents' “counter” ball. Taking aim, he  
 “shoots” his first ball at full volley and

a pocket hit by C ball, white can score with A. In #6, gen-  
 tly hitting the jack ball forward as indicated, white can score his  
 A and B for 2 points. This maneuver calls for precise skill  
 since white must loft his C ball high, thus moving J far enough  
 ahead to score 2 points. Pushing J too hard would cause it  
 to bounce back to black again.



makes a direct hit on the offending ball, removing it from scoring position. His ball, meanwhile, also ricochets out of play, but his teammate A-2's ball has been left once again as the closest counter . . . and once again, it is up to Team X to retake the advantage.

With his second ball, however, X-2 fails to "point" closer. Next, X-3, trying in his turn to shoot away the winning A ball, misses both times. At this stage, Team X has bowled all its balls; Team A already has one "closest" ball for one point; and A-3 still has one ball left to bowl. The latter, sighting carefully since there are now eleven balls surrounding the jack at varying distances, manages to nudge his second ball in as another closer counter. At the end of this first "inning," then, A has two of its balls closer to the jack than any of X's—and thus the score is A:2, X:0.

**SECOND INNING:** As winner of the preceding-inning, Team A again leads off in the second inning, with A-1 marking the circle, tossing out the jack, and bowling the first ball—which this time comes to rest far short. With his first ball, X-1 points a "toucher"—right up against the jack. Team A then uses up all five of its remaining balls trying to shoot this toucher away or to get in, as protective defense, at least a fairly close ball. And now Team X, with one winning point already assured, can try to make hay with its remaining five balls—and manages with care to roll

four of them in closer than any of Team A. At the end of Inning 2, the score: A:2; X:5.

**GAME:** So it continues, through however many innings are necessary, until one team has scored thirteen points, which is "Game." In regulation play, a meeting between two teams normally consists of three successive games, the first two to thirteen points, the latter (as often happens, the tie-breaker) to fifteen points. After the first game in a series, the lead-off team of the next is the one that has lost the preceding game. In social play, game score of nine or eleven or twenty-one points may be preagreed, and often is (for some traditional but untraceable reason, whatever the number, it should be "odd").

**A** LONG-PRACTICED and proven champion at shooting should be able not only to bang away an offending ball eight or nine times out of every ten tries, but also to have his own striking ball, in a perfect hit, remain precisely "glued" in its place. Another tactical feat of a shooter is to deliberately aim so as to move the jackball itself—forward, backward, or sideways—so that it instantly converts balls already bowled into point-counters.

In theory and in perfect practice, a good three-man team comprises a pointer, who is its offense; a shooter, who is its defense when needed; and a captain, who may also be pointer or

shooter or moderately good at both, whose main function is to be a stratable to direct his team's play to best of its ability.

In just about any phase of pétanque some form of moderate, healthy, strenuous exercise is involved: walking, throwing, bending, stretching, balancing, lifting. In only three long games, a player may walk nearly a mile, punctuated at fairly regular intervals (perhaps as many as seven or five of them) by his picking up a ball, then throwing a metal ball weighing nearly two pounds. Yet this exercise while not undertaxing for even the most spirited eighteen-year-old, is no means overtaxing for an eight- or eighty-year-old. Therefore, it is a splendid family game involving all generations.

Try your hand at pétanque. You will find out the many reasons why this simple game attracts some forty million Frenchmen, Italians, Swiss, Belgians, Spaniards, Dutch, Germans, Moroccans, Algerians, Tunisians, Luxembourgers, Japanese, Mexicans, Canadians, and Americans, and innumerable others! #

• Another ancient game, tawla, is played in the Middle East, will be described in a fall issue. For more on ancient games, see "Traveling Vegetables and Other Games," *Recreation*, February 1962; "Small Seats for Small Boys," (philosophy of games), *Recreation*, October 1962; "Big Game Hunt," *Recreation*, November 1960; and "Game of Kwat P'ai," *Recreation*, September 1959.—Ed.

## A Friend in Need

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we can restore enough of their purity to make them a worthwhile asset for richer living.

**A**S CUSTODIANS of the gifts of God's creation, recreation and park administrators should be vitally concerned about helping children of today grow up knowing and appreciating the beauty of their natural environment—beauty that depends to a large extent on clear streams, lakes, and coastal waters. We are in a strategic position to give real help to the important task of educating the public, and to achieving a goal of more, and safer waters for water recreation.

Let us, therefore, enthusiastically join with conservationists, foresters, architects, landscape architects, city planners, engineers, and all concerned citizens throughout the nation to solve the problem of increasing pollution of our water

courses. Just as the farmer returns to the soil those nutrients his crops remove, we must return clean water to the earth—to the land that gives us life.

In the past when we realized that there might be an end to nature's wealth we found ways to use these resources more wisely. When man feels a need, he finds a way. What are some of these evidences of accomplishment? In New England we see terraced hillsides. Rotation and strip cropping abound in Georgia and Alabama, contour farming throughout the south. Selective timber-cutting is found in Michigan and Oregon. Acres of seedlings grow on the slopes of the Rockies and the Appalachians. Wildlife refuges and sanctuaries in Louisiana and Colorado. Many streams are running clear again, unpolluted by either the soil of the earth or the waste from man's cities.

We have made a good start; but now let us move ahead and assume permanently the role of conservator and wise user of nature's resources. The choice is ours. We must act soon. Tomorrow may be too late! #

# PLANNING TOMORROW'S PARKS

*Can we afford to stake our professional status on present park facilities?*

Ronald F. Paige

HOW LONG has it been since you have dusted off your crystal ball and attempted to visualize what tomorrow's park will be like? Invariably, I see two distinctly different images. The first image takes form with conventional facilities, haphazardly placed within a bounded area, with possibly some individual units boasting "second-thought" colors, forms, or materials in a weak attempt at simulating what is called "modern design."

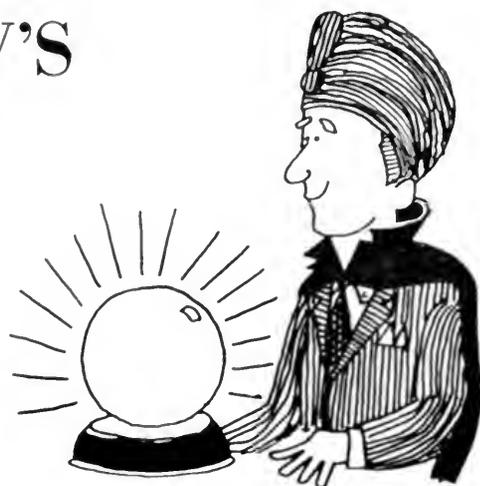
The second image is not quite as clear. It projects a hazy, but fascinating area involving unfamiliar, yet attractive designs of space. Colors, forms, and masses are identified in terms of function, use, and application, with maximum emphasis placed on developing the ideal atmosphere or "backdrop" for a wholesome leisure-time experience. Which image shall it be? The answer lies with the type of leadership and guidance available to the communities of today. The answer lies with us, the park and recreation professionals. If we continue to meet this problem with apathy and uncertainty—if we confuse this challenge with excuses, false jealousies and prejudices, we can never reach this "ideal" in park design.

Unfortunately, the majority of us still labor with everyday problems, emphasizing complicated and involved programs and allowing our facilities to show "in spite" of us, rather than because of us. Except for a few isolated instances, there has been little improve-

ment in the field of park design since Olmsted laid out Central Park in New York City before the turn of the century. Is this good? Is it healthy? What if the educators were still providing the same type school plans typical of the 1890 era? Can we afford to stake our reputation, our professional status—our very being—on the park facilities available today? Even though some of us would like to think of programs as our sustenance, the park is still our "plant," and it stands continually in the public eye as the symbol of our profession.

WHAT CAN WE DO to improve this situation? The answer lies in the development of an effective planning program. It is granted that the planning function alone cannot provide the magical cure for all the ills of the profession. However, a comprehensive planning effort by administrators and officials at all levels would do much to counteract the apathy and conservative obstructionism that vitally affects the efficiency of our program. I wish to differentiate between the term *planning* as used in this context and the *design*. Design is the physical arrangement of materials to produce a functional structure or facility. Planning is the practical arrangement of people and services to produce the organization, support, and talent necessary to effect the ultimate design.

We have only to look at the majority of park facilities throughout the country today to recognize some of the common pitfalls affecting the proper design of those facilities. The "Irishman's shanty" appearance of many recreation areas is usually caused by piecemeal ad-



ditions of individual units without first ascertaining the basic elements of design, such as inter-relationships, function, architectural style, landscaping, circulation, transition zones, and color applications. How many of us have located a baseball backstop on a new piece of ground to service a volunteer youth program, using the most level portion of the site as our only guide to its location? Or possibly, the water meter was located at a particular corner and we only had enough pipe on hand to extend the sprinkler system to a certain location? Or, the people living next to the park objected to the noise and we located the ball diamond on the opposite side of the park. Or possibly, the kids had already started playing ball and we merely put the backstop in back of their home plate.

Today, the park and recreation professional is facing the greatest challenge of his short history. Not only must he provide the leadership and guidance for constructing a comprehensive and ever-increasing program to fill the recreation needs of his individual community, but he must also assume the leadership in development of adequate and useful recreation areas and facilities. The old adage "Too Little, Too Late" could well be applied to the current status of park properties.

The types of property and their location in the community are too often dictated by factors other than sound recreation planning, and the areas that are acquired are seldom large enough to accommodate the comprehensive facilities needed. Increasing costs of maintenance and operation, the ever-changing program content, as well as the prevalent trend in private and commercial ar-

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## ADMINISTRATION

chitecture, which graphically illustrates the public demand for attractive areas and facilities, are only a few of the conditions that demand from us proper planning and design of all park areas.

**R**ECREATION AREAS which are poorly designed or carelessly developed and maintained, invariably fail to perform their intended functions and cannot possibly produce a satisfactory return on investment. This fact not only impairs the effectiveness of the recreation program, but what is often more important, this condition will influence and discourage the support of the public, the elected officials and administrative heads for the provision of additional facilities and services.

Another common pitfall is the lack of complete understanding between the professional designers, elected officials, and recreation administrators. Factors relative to engineering limitations, compatibility of design features, inter-relationship of structural units are not necessarily familiar terms to the park and recreation professional. Public acceptance, group pressure, inadequate financing, the responsibility for increases of maintenance and operation costs, or the problem of programming, supervision and housekeeping cannot always be discussed on common ground with the professional designer.

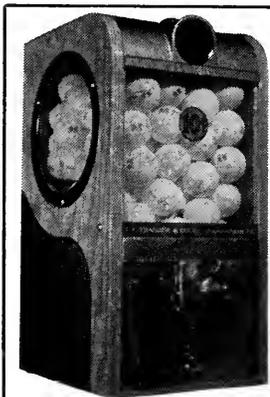
Very often decisions are made relative to the type of construction, its layout, the materials, colors, style, orien-

tation, or structural design by persons not trained in this particular field. Often colors are determined by the painting foreman or contractor, back specified by the salesman, or ground equipment chosen by sponsor of the local "playgrounds-for-children" program.

Let us make maximum use of the technicians available. The architects, landscape architects, the engineers, city planners—all have a vital role in the development of new and unique park structures. It is our job to coordinate, to interpret needs, to educate the public to offer constructive criticism, and to broaden our outlook to compass future horizons.

**T**HE RESPONSIBILITY for guiding the development of useful and attractive recreation areas and facilities must be assumed by the recreation administrators. Park and recreation leaders must identify fully the recreation value of the areas under their control and must also recognize the potential for recreation in other properties that may be acquired. Park design is no longer an avocation; it is a profession in its own right. Unfortunately, the general public, and too often our elected and appointed officials, seem to believe in the "transfer of education" theory. This theory implies that if a person is an authority in one area, he therefore *must* be competent in areas removed from his particular scope of activity. As park and recreation professionals, let us not fall into this very inviting trap. Let us recognize our talents and also our *lack* of talent in the more technical aspects of the design function.

The administrator must assume the responsibility of coordinating the technical "know-how" of the city planner, the architect, the landscape architect, the engineer, and the recreation planner in an effort to provide the best possible park facilities. Coordinated planning can only result in more functional recreation areas and facilities, a better and more comprehensive program, and a better community in which to live.



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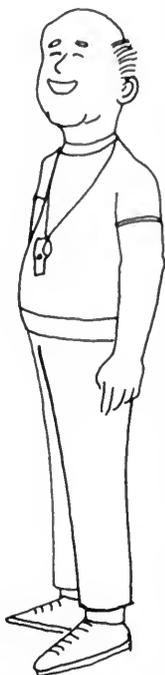


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# PROFILE OF A SWIMMING POOL MANAGER



William G. Riordan



**T**HAT MIDDLE-AGED, potbellied man in the clean T-shirt, white ducks, and sandals is the key functionary at all organized swimming facilities. He is the pool manager, and his partially bald, well-tanned head got that way from the burdens of his office. The effectiveness of the swimming program revolves

around this aquatic executive. He usually comes from an athletic background (although an expert swimmer is not automatically a fine manager) and often possesses training in physical education. Principal ingredients of his success are an innate ability to get along with people and a profound understanding of the hazards associated with swimming. Where fun seekers are likely to forget rules of safety and survival.

The skillful manager is a multifarious figure. He is a diplomat, carpenter, painter, sanitary engineer, and admin-

istrator. *RIORDAN is associate professor of physical education at Southern Illinois University. For eleven summers he was swimming pool manager of the Acacia Country Club in Ireland, Ohio.*

istrator. He may be a boy-girl counselor, parent confidant, and frequently an arbiter in the quarrels and differences of youth. When gala occasions are planned, the successful pool director assumes a role of weather prophet and, as these social events are conducted, this meteorological master controls winds, rain, and water temperature.

While it is recommended that the swimming pool monarch should not be burdened with simple, routine duties, he often finds himself patrolling the premises for stray cigarette filters, cast-off candy wrappers, and smuggled but forgotten suntan lotions, for among cardinal rules of his kingdom is good housekeeping. Sometimes he is policeman enforcing traffic rules for swimmers, divers, and those who forget and run on slippery decks. Oftentimes he is a detective tracking down errant thieves who have lifted bracelets, pants, panties, and swim caps.

This man wearing the sun helmet and whistle is teacher, hero, ogre, and warden. On paydays he is blessed by the lifeguards, but more often they deem him a demanding, dogmatic taskmaster, admitting, however, that he is a conscientious guardian of public lives. To the nursery set in the wading pool he is Santa Claus with a pack full of joyful play activities, but at times it would appear that he is chief babysitter for unappreciated or unwanted children. Teenagers regard him as they do their school principal—a spoiler who does not understand the methods and techniques of having fun. Very often the manager is equally unpopular with the interscholastic coach because the pool is *verboden* as a farm operation for the high-school swim team.

Among the practical arts applied by the proficient aquatic authority are those of landscaper, repairman, and filtration expert. When obnoxious algae multiply, he is both alchemist and high priest dispensing magic formulas, praying the water clears and toxic conditions do not develop. If admission tickets are sold, the pool chief is auditor and banker, and, when shortages occur, bondsman. He is an articulate conversationalist or stoically uncommunicative depending on the pool load, political status of his companion, or the attractiveness of the other party if a member of the distaff.

Despite the numerous burdens, variety of skills required, and bewildering challenges of the job, the pool manager enjoys his labors because he is in the swim of things! #

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# STATE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

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**CALIFORNIA.** Dedication of the \$900,000 Venice Fishing Pier in Los Angeles took place on February 27. The 3,100-foot-long pier was financed with matching funds from the California State Wildlife Conservation Board and the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department. Built to meet the needs of the sports fisherman, it spans from the beachhead into open waters, ending in a 120-foot-diameter fishing platform. The pier has twelve individual fishing stations and stands twenty-seven feet above the low water line. The facility is equipped with sanitary stations, and ample parking space at the shore end of the pier.

**MICHIGAN.** An organization known as the Michigan Association of Rural Recreation Enterprises was formed recently to promote the conversion of farmlands to tourist resorts and recreation areas. Association Chairman John Bintz said "there are pitfalls" in dealing with the public, but the association can help by organizing a library of references on how to start a campsite, or how to set up a fishing area and so on. Governor George Romney has asserted there is a need for expanded state farm facilities. Mr. Bintz said farmers have the land and they often have land near urban areas. It was pointed out that with farm prices declining, sources of additional income for farmers become more and more attractive. Recreation conversion even offers a chance to make money on land which is unproductive with food crops. Some aims of the association are:

- To foster and maintain high standards in recreation facilities and services; encourage and promote adequate programs of education and training for rural recreation entrepreneurs.
- Cooperate with all international, national and state professional and service organizations and governmental agencies for similar or related objectives; and to produce publications for dissemination of information concerning the activities and interests of the association.

**MINNESOTA.** Sale of a \$5,000,000 bond issue for acquisition of land for recreation purposes was authorized by

the Hennepin County Park Reserve District. The 13 State Legislature authorized the county park district to sell up to \$8,000,000 worth of bonds. Last year the district board sold the first \$3,000,000 in bonds.

Under present conditions, suburban Hennepin County would be obligated to pay off the bonds. However, if Minneapolis becomes a part of the park reserve district would assume its proportionate share of the bonds. Before Minneapolis could do this, it would have to have the approval of the City Council and the district's board.

**MISSOURI.** Visitors to Missouri state parks and historic sites totaled a record 9,492,448 persons last year, according to State Parks Director Lee C. Fine, who says there were 755,860 more visitors in 1964 than in 1963. If this percentage of increase continues, Mr. Fine declares, there will be more than 10,000,000 visitors this year.

**OHIO.** A \$100,000,000 plan to develop Ohio's full potential of outdoor resources over the next six years was announced recently by Director Fred E. Morr of the State Natural Resources Department. The plan, as worked out by the Stanford Engineering Company of Cleveland, calls for improvements in all state parks, wildlife areas, state forests, waterway facility improvements, and reclamation of lands. Funds to be used include \$25,000,000 from the \$250,000,000 bond issue approved by Ohio voters last May; \$30,000,000 in waterway safety funds; \$12,000,000 from wildlife funds; \$1,000,000 from wildlife funds; \$4,500,000 out of highway funds for park roads; \$4,000,000 from general revenue and fee accounts, such as docks, concessions, leases, and rentals; and \$29,000,000 from federal land and water conservation funds.

**PENNSYLVANIA.** A formula under which \$20,000,000 would be allocated to 451 municipalities and counties seeking to participate in Pennsylvania's Project 70 land acquisition program has been announced by the State Commerce Department's Bureau of Community Development. The Bureau said that under the formula about three quarters of the applicants seeking grants of \$25,000 or less could receive \$8,500,000, leaving a balance of \$11,500,000 for municipalities and counties seeking grants of \$50,000 or more. The \$20,000,000 is part of a \$70,000,000 fund authorized by voters in approving a state constitutional amendment in November 1963.

The purpose of the law is to permit municipalities, counties, and the state to acquire undeveloped land to be set aside and converted into parks and recreation areas to preserve "green belts" threatened by urban growth and consumption of land by residential and industrial expansion. Under the act, the state provides fifty percent of the project cost with the municipalities or counties providing the other half. The \$50,000,000 balance of the \$70,000,000 fund is reserved for state parks, with \$4,000,000 to be used by the State Department of Forests and Waters and \$10,000,000 divided between the State Game and Fish Commissions for game and fishing reserves.

# CONCERNING UPKEEP

## Putting Jarrah Wood to the Test

bert Howard

FOR SOME TIME the Department of Recreation and Parks in White Plains, New York, has been experimenting with various types of wood in order to find something that would be almost vandalproof. Since the department is responsible for over two hundred benches located throughout the city, weekly checks are necessary to see if some benches replaced and some repaired. This is a never-ending responsibility because of wooden slats breaking, splitting, being cut and chipped by vandals, and not withstanding the weather. Subsequently, because of the constant repair, loss of manhours, and expense of replacements, new methods and materials were mandatory.

Tests and experiments began on all types and sizes of wood. Oak, Western redwood and redwood were tried on outside benches and placed in the same locations for the same period of time. Some of the benches consist of 1"-by-3" slats, others 2"-by-4" slats, some with 2"-by-6" planks, and for special areas, 3"-by-6" planks are used. Also, included were bleachers which are 2"-by-10" planks. The results of the test were very conclusive. Oak was strong but it needs to be painted and maintained. Fir is good but also needs painting and maintenance and, under pressure, will bend. Redwood needs very little maintenance but does not prevent vandals from initialing or breaking it. The smaller sizes, of course, are more vulnerable than the 2"-by-4" or 2"-by-6" planks.

More recently we have discovered a different kind of wood: jarrah, a dark reddish-brown wood, taken from the jarrah tree grown in Western Australia. It is imported into this country and has many wide uses. The wood is, undoubtedly, one of the most durable you can use. It is highly resistant to wear,

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Testing jarrah wood for flammability.

It needs no creosote or preserving salts, and is very close to *vandalproof*. It has great strength and can withstand tremendous pressure.

After discovering this wood, we discussed its properties and uses with a qualified representative. A sample length of wood was sent to us and we made the following tests with a 2"-by-6"-by-7' length of jarrah:

**Test:** The wood was subjected to the flame of a welding torch for three minutes. The flame was only an inch away from the wood.

**Result:** Wood did not burn completely, only charred slightly, and the heat of the flame did not penetrate through the two-inch thickness of jarrah.

**Test:** A hole was drilled into the jarrah board with a high-speed drill press, using a half-inch bit.

**Result:** The wood can be drilled, but only with high-speed drills. Any kind of slow-speed drill used on this wood would possibly result in the burning and dulling of the bit.

**Test:** Nails of all sizes, including 6"-by-1½" small spikes were hammered into the wood.

**Result:** Not even the spikes penetrated more than half an inch before bending or breaking. Wood is very difficult to

cut. Holes must be drilled and secured by nuts and bolts.

**Test:** All types of saws were used in an attempt to see if the wood could be cut.

**Result:** The wood can be cut by saw, but hand cutting is very difficult. With a power saw, a smooth and good cut can be made without any difficulty.

**Test:** A newly sharpened axe was used to see if the wood could be chopped.

**Result:** You can chop this wood but it is very hard to make any cut unless great strength and a sharp edge are used. It will not split when being chopped, nor does it splinter.

**Test:** Weights were placed on the plank and the small cub tractor was driven onto the wood.

**Result:** The strength of this board is tremendous. Over a ton was placed on one plank, at one time, over a five-foot suspension and it did not even bend.

We feel, because of the strength and durability of jarrah, it would be expedient for us to convert all of our benches and bleachers to this type of wood. There would be no painting; it would be virtually maintenance free; and life expectancy would be much greater than other woods. The initial purchase may cost a penny or two more per lineal foot but over a period of time, in repair work alone, jarrah would be much more economical. By doing this, expenditures would be the same, considering not buying paint and saving on manhours for repair and replacement.

For anyone who is responsible for benches, bleachers, or any type of facility that uses wood, it would be beneficial to investigate the possibilities of using jarrah. More information can be obtained by writing to Greenheart Demerara, Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York 10017. #

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## Beautifying Washington Parks

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Entitled *National Capital Landscape*, the publication contains the National Capital Region's plans for making Washington more beautiful, meaningful and liveable. Envisioning the nation's capital as "A City of Flowers," the Park Service proposes plans for floral displays in 116 new park areas in accord with the First Lady's statement that "masses of flowers ought to be planted where masses of people see them." As a result of beautifying Washington's parklands, it is hoped that private individuals and organizations will make their own contributions of floral beauty to the city.

## Canoe Area Rules

CONTROLS on the million-acre "canoe area" within the Superior National Forest, on the Minnesota-Ontario border, are being tightened by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Secretary Orville L. Freeman announced in a press interview that this is to protect the wilderness aspect of the area and will include the reservation of some lakes for canoes exclusively and the limiting of the use of power boats on others. Lakes will be zoned for these purposes. A special citizens committee Secretary Freeman appointed last spring recommended that the goal be preservation of the area as the white man first saw it. Secretary Freeman also announced recently that he will nearly double the land area where timber cutting is forbidden in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Outside of that timber cutting will continue, but



*Faust is remembered for raising the devil but recreation's John W. Faust will be remembered for "raising" and counseling a whole generation of recreation leaders. Mr. Faust, who retired as a National Recreation Association district representative in 1956, recently celebrated his eightieth birthday and the city of East Orange, N. Jersey, celebrated the occasion by dedicating a pin oak tree in his honor in newly developed Lincoln E. Rowley Park. Mr. Faust has been a member and former president of the City's Board of Recreation Commissioners for fourteen years. Shown at the dedication of the Faust oak are (left to right) East Orange Mayor James Kelly, Jr., Mr. Faust, Mrs. Faust, and two of the twenty-four Faust grandchildren, Nancy Faust and Louis Faust III. The youngsters unveiled the plaque in honor of their grandfather. The citation read: "This tree is dedicated as a living tribute to John W. Faust with sincere appreciation for his untiring effort and contribution to the advancement of recreation East Orange as a recreation commissioner since 1952 and for his distinguished service throughout the nation since 1927."*

subject to "strict protection of recreation value."

## Student Project for Pool

SPRINGFIELD College students, educated for responsible roles in community organization and leadership and including many recreation majors, are going all out to raise money for a new swimming pool. In March they set up a "Command Post" in Beveridge Center, the all-college activity center on the campus. This post was planned to function as the heart of logistics for the special project, manned by volunteer students who charted their operation like a general charts a battle plan.

In the large room they placed maps of the area, a battery of four telephones, charts for incoming calls, verifications and replies, a special section for tools needed on cleanup projects, a transportation section, and various mimeographed forms for a constant check on

the unusual operation. Volunteer-manned a battery of telephones, to receive calls from Greater Springfield residents reserving work teams for an early April Work Week. They are being helped in their money-raising activities by the famous entertainer, Art Linkletter, a college trustee. Instead of asking for funds the student teams will be working for them. Already over three hundred work projects have been lined up.

## All America Cities

RECREATION developments, anti-pollution campaigns, and urban renewal played a prominent part in winning eleven cities the designation All America City for 1964. Each year *Look Magazine* and the National Municipal League honor eleven cities because their citizens acted to solve community problems. This year's winners include

Green Bay, Wisconsin, which battled air and water pollution . . . won. No longer do factories spew smoke and ash. No longer do manufacturers pour chemicals into the rivers.

Delton, Pennsylvania, which not only developed an industrial park to combat poverty in this Apalachia city also cleared and developed a new 6-acre city park with volunteer labor.

Keene, New Hampshire, which not only converted an old armory into a recreation center but offers a New England vacation with Keene families, big-city children, foreign students, and United Nations diplomats.

Blairfield, West Virginia, which built a mountaintop resort complex to attract tourists and combat local poverty.

Columbia, South Carolina, which had a famous mansion and is developing a historical park around it.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina, which raised a \$1,000,000 for the North Carolina School of the Arts, set up programs for school dropouts and the handicapped, and developed a nature center.

Springfield, Illinois, which passed a referendum for a 52-acre park, community center library, and village hall.

## Manch a Mango

AN ANCIENT Hawaiian village is reproduced at the New York World's Fair. Lovely, soft-eyed maidens and sun-brown beach boys from our Aloha State put on Hawaiian and All-Polynesian songs and dances. The program includes development of the hula, songs of Samoa, drums of Tonga, fast rhythms of Tahiti, and the always popular on-stage hula lesson. There is also a giant color-screen show. You can "Manch a mango"—or another of the tropical fruits provided—and watch "Bands of Fire" in the Aloha theatre. Surfboard enthusiasts, be sure to see the beautiful film *Surfing on the Sea*. The executive officer and gracious host of the Hawaiian exhibit is James K. Nesbitt, who was first Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii. The Hawaiian page show was developed at the Polynesian Cultural Center in Laie, a cultural project of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (see



*A taste of Hawaii at the Fair*

RECREATION, December 1963, Page 441).

Authentic Polynesian dances are also performed at the World's Fair Polynesian Pavilion by high-school students from American Samoa who learn the traditional dances as part of their curriculum. The group selected to come to the fair was chosen on the basis of dancing skill and academic standing.

## Citizen Action Needed in New York

THE GREAT NEED for a recreation department in New York City has again been discussed, this time at an all-day annual conference of the Planning Department, School of Architecture, Pratt Institute in that city. The topic as announced in the printed program was "Parks in New York City's



Two recently retired staff members of the National Recreation Association, George Nesbitt and Mary Gubernat, were honored recently at a dinner given by the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Society for their long years of service to the recreation field. Also honored at the dinner were two recently retired municipal recreation executives, Charles Fenner of Bloomfield and Alfred Cappio of Paterson. Shown, above, at the dinner are, left to right, Mr. Fenner, Mrs. Fenner, Mr. Nesbitt, Mrs. Nesbitt, Society President Harry Ash of South Orange, Mrs. Cappio, and Mr. Cappio.

Future." Additional sponsors were: Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York; New York Metropolitan Chapter, American Institute of Planners; and the Regional Plan Association. The National Recreation Association was among the cosponsors.

It was agreed at the conference, among other things, that a recreation department is greatly needed by the city, but there seems to be some confusion among local organizations as to how to undertake getting it. Public recreation programs and facilities in the city are now provided by numerous departments, especially the park department, board of education, and welfare department. It was suggested that the city planning commission and the city administration should be pressured. Mrs. Carol Greitzer, vice-president of the Council for Parks and Playgrounds, held that what New York needs is a citizens' committee, and a central place where citizens and city officials can sit down together and discuss needs. She stated that local groups have been prodding the city park department, but the latter has *resisted* the approaches of the people rather than inviting them.

Thomas Van Sant, assistant superintendent of the Bureau of Community Education, suggested that if you want to do something *now* for recreation and parks, you can appear at public hearings and let the authorities know that your group is concerned. He said that the board of education works with many local groups.

Conrad Wirth, former director of the National Park Service and now consultant to Laurance Rockefeller, said that what we need in New York is a *series* of recreation spaces, and more people watching places. "Certainly the land is valuable," he said. "but what about the value we place on human beings?"

"I suggest every fifth block be set aside in our cities, all buildings be removed from it, and turned into a recreation area."

## Jottings on the Cuff

• "Learn to Sail" and "Learn to Canoe" classes are held every Saturday for teenagers and adults by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department. Instruction sessions, each two hours long, continue all day.

# MARKET NEWS

• **THE SHELTERED LIFE.** Need a canopy to shade a wading pool, protect a summer art exhibit, or a sandbox out in the open sun? A whole collection of new canvas designs includes soaring cones of canvas, graceful fabric arcs, and colorful moving domes. Combined with rope and easy-to-shape aluminum pipe, the fabric can be formed into a variety of styles.

For instance, canvas segments lashed to a metal frame create the colorful dome of shade. The segments are attached to a center pole and travel on a channel track at the base. They meet or overlap to adjust to the needs for privacy or comfort. A graceful Camelot pavilion of canvas, decorated with tassels and a crenelated valance, is made with ribs of rope and a wide circle of aluminum, hung from a supporting center pole.

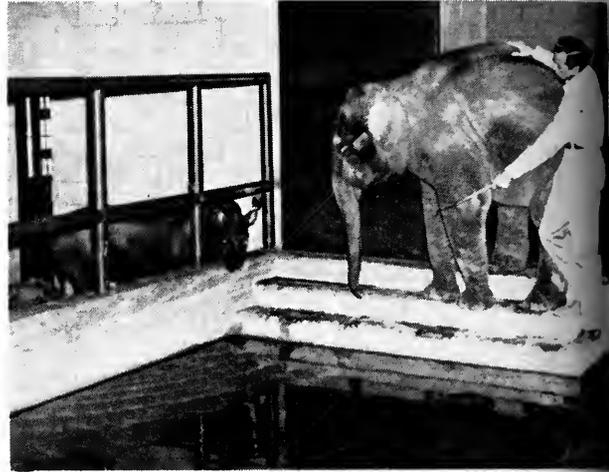
Giant canvas petals in pastel tints can create a fanciful pavilion for beach, patio, or picnic area. The petals are supported by four metal pipes embedded in large flower pots, and joined together at the center to form a full-blown blossom of shade. Smaller patches of shade can be created with single petals protecting garden seats or other outdoor nooks. A simple shading device can be made with elongated triangles of canvas reaching from ground stakes to a convenient overhead tree limb. A rope threaded along sleeves in two sides of each triangle runs from the ground stakes to tree to support the shelter.

Today, canvas is an improved fabric with more durable, weather-resistant finishes and with brighter, faster colors. This year's collection of decorator hues cuts across the entire color spectrum from azure to peacock green and from flamenco red to citron. There is variety, too, in the 1965 selection of prints and stripes. There are big, bold bands of color, small ribbons of various hues, regimental stripes, Roman stripes, and many other combinations, including plaids and checks and even floral designs.

For further information on cotton domes, write to the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 12285, Memphis, Tennessee 38112.

• **EVER TRY TO BATHE AN ELEPHANT**—especially when he invites some of his friends to go dunking with him? While it is quite common for many households to run out of hot water during peak load periods because of undersized water heaters, the city of Monroe, Louisiana, makes sure its city zoo is adequately supplied. For the elephant pool—in which the hippopotamus and tapir also share bath-time—a 670,000 BTU/hr gas-fired copper coil commercial water heater has been installed. This BC670 model (or BP67F for pools) can heat 643 gallons per hour at 100 degree rise. As the pool water is not recirculated, there must be a steady and dependable supply of warm water to mix with fresh water in keeping the pool clean as well as at a constant temperature of 65 degrees.

The elephant bathes once a day and the other animals are also permitted to take their dips—apparently “when elephant is at the ballgame eating peanuts.” Keeping water at an even 65 degree temperature is important—the animals will feel “at home.” The advantages of



copper-coil heater is dependable performance and ease of maintenance, taking only a few minutes to delime, with no appreciable down time. While the BC670 is the equivalent of a 16HP boiler, it requires less than six square feet of floor space. This unit is approved by A. G. A. and carries the factory mutual approval seal. For further information about the heater, write to Consumer Products Division, A. O. Smith Corporation, Kankakee, Illinois.

• **NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION.** Three years ago by Charles T. (Buddy) Mulligan, a member of the Department of Recreation and Parks in Alexandria, Virginia, sire an infant called “Wiffo,” short for its full moniker of “Whistle Indicator for Football Officials.” In his capacity as supervisor of sports, Buddy had long wrestled with the problem of how he and other officials in the department's extensive football program might perform the necessary functions of blowing a whistle, manipulating a down indicator, and carrying out the myriad other essential duties during a game, at the same time having both hands free to handle the ball between downs.

After considerable experimentation with different hand-made models for two seasons, making necessary changes and improvements as usage and experience dictated, Buddy finally perfected the present “Wiffo.”

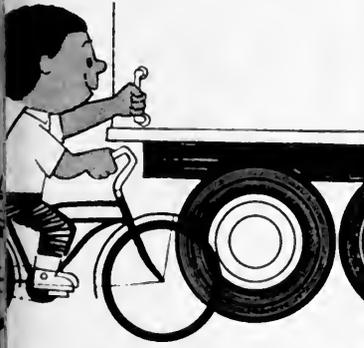
“Wiffo” was adopted instantly by officials of such big-time collegiate athletic conferences as the Eastern, Southern, Southwest, and Big Ten. In fact, the response was so great that the entire initial supply was exhausted before the past football season was half over. “Wiffo” is available for \$10.00 from Buddy Mulligan, Box #1, Alexandria, Virginia 22304.

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**Riding on course.** An eight-page brochure illustrates the 1965 line of Cushman gasoline- and electric-powered golf course cars. The four-color brochure offers extensive information about all six of the golf cars in the new line, including specifications of standard equipment and details about accessories. One feature of the booklet, entitled *Cushman Golf Cars for 1965*, is data concerning the new Trophy Golfster, a 4-wheeler that is the most luxurious golf car ever mass produced. Copies of the brochure may be obtained by writing to Cushman Motors, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Sitdown system.** A simplified system of bleacher seating is explained in a new revised four-page brochure. In two colors, the brochure contains actual photos of installations ranging up to ten thousand seats, some complete with press-box and coaching-tower facilities. A parts listing is also included in the pamphlet, available on request from Bil-Jax, Inc., Bleacher Division, Archbold, Ohio.

**Changeover.** Do you need \$1 bill and coin changers for vending machines and other coin-operated service equipment? A new bill verifier not only examines each bill's engraving with highly critical "eyes," but also tests the physical properties of the paper and even measures the bill's dimensions. It is so selective that it can be adjusted by the owner to broaden or narrow the range of the bills to be accepted. Each machine has its own built-in burglar alarm. Both machine and money content are insurable. For complete information, write to Standard Change-Makers, Inc., 422 East New York Street, Indianapolis 46202.

**Trail Scooter.** An off-highway trail motor scooter called the Collegiate Tote Gote has most of the features of higher priced scooters. From a standing start, the new little scooter can reach speeds in excess of twenty-five miles an hour in just ten seconds. Powered by a three-horsepower, air-cooled, single-cylinder engine, it will carry two big men. For brochure, write to Wayne C. Evans, 110 Social Hall Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Wash those balls!** The new Lewis Line GF-52 Golf Ball Washer provides forty percent faster cleaning action. The new design eliminates splashing, soiling of clothing, gloves, or hands. For further information, write to William Cook, Sales Manager, Container Development Corporation, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094.

**PROGRAM AIDS**

**Pegged right.** A well-illustrated bulletin giving details for making attractive installations Peg-

Board covers such points as billboard framing, fastening over solid backing, edge and joint treatments, and inside and outside corners. For a four-page diagrammed folder write to the Masonite Home Service Bureau, Box B, Chicago 60690 (ask for Bulletin A-239-7).

**Novice tennis.** The United States Lawn Tennis Association has developed a novice tournament instruction book. Called *5 quick steps to better tennis*, it is intended for the use of tennis clubs, associations, municipal recreation departments, newspapers, and anyone interested in the planning and conduct of novice tennis tournaments and clinics. The book contains five articles which explain in great detail how various sponsoring groups conduct their junior tennis program complete with tips on how to set it up, get publicity, handle entries, make the draw, run the tournament, who's responsible for what, plus other information on tennis tournaments gathered together for the first time.

The book is a part of the USLTA's 1965 Play Tennis Week Promotion. It is also part of a novice tourney instruction kit available free upon request to the United States Lawn Tennis Association, 120 Broadway, New York 10005.

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**Three baseball instruction films** for school or amateur teams show the New York Yankees in training for a major league season. Each subject is 14½ minutes in length, filmed in 16mm color. Shot primarily at spring training in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in 1964, and completed during the season at Yankee Stadium, New York City, the films were produced by Arthur Mokin Productions, 450 West 56th Street, New York City. Standard Brands, Inc. is sponsoring the distribution of the films to young people across the country. Prints are free to borrowers. The films cover infield play, batting, and pitching. Arthur Mokin productions is acting as circulating library.

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is available for \$1.50 from the National Recreation Association Recreation Book Center, 8 West 8th Street, New York 10011. Additional materials can be found in Mrs. Cone's previous publication, *The Playground as Music Teacher* (\$5.00), also available from the NRA Book Center.

**For golfers.** The new shirt-pocket-size *Golf Guide for 1965* contains ninety-six pages of tips and strategy on how to play to win, use the rules to your advantage, play under pressure or out of trouble, take lessons, buy clubs and make different shots. It also includes golf terms, tournament records and a golfing diary. Available for \$.50 a copy postpaid (less in quantity) from *Golf Guide*, Dept. R., 30 East 38th Street, New York 10016.

## FILMS

Are your programs suffering from tired thinking? Then they need the fresh approach provided by many of the films seen at the recent American Film Festival (of educational and documentary films) in New York City. It is a shame that more recreation leaders and program leaders do not attend this annual festival which offers a wealth of material for program planning, sports instruction, in-service training, and even fund raising

and public relations. Among the outstanding films viewed by two Recreation Magazine members were:

**SAILING:**<sup>2</sup> A film which is sheer visual poetry captures the mood and excitement of sailing from the break of dawn upon the lake to a sudden squall of an evening storm. No narration, just superb photography. (Contemporary Films, 267 West 25th Street, New York 10001)

**LEARN TO SKI:** A thorough and excellent instruction film for both neophyte skiers and instructors of some. Prepared under the auspices of the Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare. (National Film Board, 680 Avenue, New York 10019)

**THE WORLD NEXT DOOR, PART II, SPORTS:** Examines sports and spectators in fifteen countries. Sports range from surf boarding, soccer to jousting and cliff diving. Available for loan by early fall. (Pepsi-Cola Company, Park Avenue, New York 10022)

**THE COLONIAL NATURALIST:**<sup>2</sup> A remarkable account of nature and wildlife in Colonial Virginia as seen by Mark Catesby, an English naturalist who made an extended field trip through Virginia from 1712 to 1719. From eagle rattlesnakes, from swamp flowers to the fabled gardens of Williamsburg, the film is enthralling. (Modern Learning Aids, 3 East 54th Street, New York 10022)

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**STUDY IN WET:**<sup>2</sup> This seven-minute film presents many startling and beautiful aspects of water—waves, tears, water reflections, and water as music.

**THE ENDURING WILDERNESS:**<sup>2</sup> Scenes from Canadian national parks make an eloquent case for the preservation of wilderness areas. A little narration. The film speaks for itself. Produced by the National Film Board for the Canadian Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. (Sterling Educational Films, 241 East 34th Street, New York 10016)

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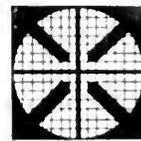
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# OUR COASTAL MARSHES: Are they to become a vanishing resource?

*We cannot afford to disturb the ecology of our wetlands*



*Are marshlands doomed along with their plants and wildlife? Nature Conservancy members explore Mamacoke Island Marsh.*

**Richard H. Goodwin**

SALT MARSHES and meadows are truly delightful features of our seacoasts. Colonial times these wetlands were mowed for salt hay by the early settlers. Today they fringe the playground of those who go down to the sea to mess around in boats. Behind the beach, wind ripples the tall grasses gleaming in the setting rays of the afternoon sun. The cry, tethered in the meandering creek, is stranded by the ebbing tide, while flocks of snipe and peeps skitter along the flats probing the mud for food. Flocks of ducks drop into the bay to

*RICHARD H. GOODWIN is president of The Nature Conservancy, Washington, D.C. This material is digested with permission from The Nature Conservancy News, Winter 1964.*

feed at dawn. Clams, scallops, crabs, eels, flounder and many other palatable attractions bring young and old to this habitat.

The tidal marshes occupy only a minute fraction of the continental United States. Most of the West Coast and portions of the East are formed of steep rocky shores or eroding headlands. The marshes are found in the estuaries and the bays sheltered by barrier beaches and islands, especially southward along the gently sloping Atlantic Coastal plain.

Have you ever taken a low altitude flight along the coast within the limits of the megalopolis (i.e. between Portland, Maine, and Norfolk, Virginia)? It can be an alarming experience if one

understands the biological significance of the scene. The cancer of black muck, light sandy fill, gray smoking dumps and shimmering sheets of tar are spreading across the lush green meadows. Channels and basins are carved out of the marshes for marinas. Factories, housing developments, sewage disposal works, oil depots, utility plants and highways encroach on this low ground. Murky effluent issues from the streams and outfall sewers, and bay after bay is filled with fantastic numbers of pleasure craft. This attack on the tidal marsh is twofold—direct physical encroachment, due in large part to hydraulic dredging and filling operations, and indirect damage through pollution of the water. ➔

In these days of an exploding population we should, as a nation, be giving thought to the food resources of the future. It is often glibly said that when the going gets rough we turn to the vast resources of the sea. It is time the public became enlightened with respect to the role of the salt marsh in marine productivity. In a few more careless years we destroy an important potential of the sea. Productivity may be measured by the amount of plant growth supported by a given surface of the planet, as plants provide the base of the

ONE MAY appropriately ask the significance of these statistics for human nutrition when we eat none of this plant material ourselves and now rarely even bother to harvest the salt hay. The answer lies in the production of high protein food sources which may be harvested in the estuaries and offshore waters. It was no accident that relatively high concentrations of aborigines in pre-Colonial times were found along the seacoast. The decaying organic material that is daily flushed from the salt marsh by the ebbing tide is the base

are, of course, completely dependent upon the marshes and estuaries for feeding and resting grounds along the Atlantic Flyway. The annual harvest of ducks can hardly be considered a significant source of human food at the present time, but these birds have an enormous importance to millions of sportsmen and bird watchers. As time goes on, the proportion of ornithologists and camera fans to hunters will grow, whether or not this recreation resource is preserved, but it is surely to be hoped that the base that supports this fauna and the enjoyment that it provides will not be destroyed.

There are other values to the coastal wetlands. In places they provide ideal protection to the shore from erosion and to the water table from contamination by salt water. In a somewhat negative way they serve the public far better as a marsh than as a development subject to periodic flooding by hurricane tides. It is time we learned that our whole society suffers from ill-advised developments that disregard the natural laws that govern our environment.

MAN has been so aggressive in his exploitation of the environment that little upland has been left in the undisturbed state. Almost all of the long-grass prairie has been turned by the plow, and the more accessible forests harvested for timber or pulpwood or just cleared for agriculture. In the past ten years The Nature Conservancy has been actively engaged in acquiring relatively undisturbed fragments of these major vegetation types, and also other less common habitats such as bogs, cypress swamps, lake shores, ravines, and streams. This volunteer organization has so far accomplished little in the preservation of the coastal marshes. Some of the larger ones have been acquired by the federal government as National Wildlife Refuges, or by states as hunting areas. Many of these are under management for wildfowl and are hence subjected to various types of disturbance. The smaller areas are desperately in need of attention today. Most of these are too small to be useful as national refuges or as hunting areas, but they are in the aggregate important to our fisheries, to our wildfowl, and to our recreation and education areas.

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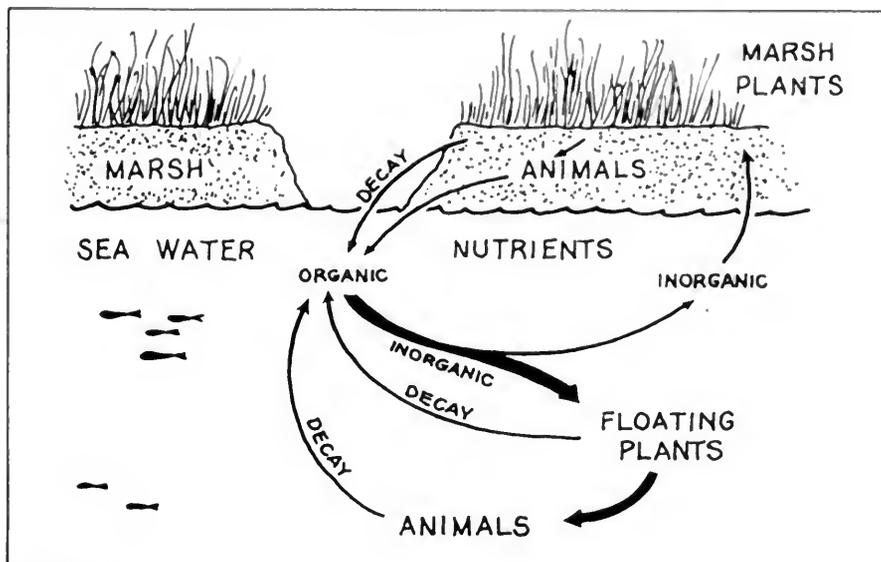
food chain that nourishes animals and man. Deserts and the vast open oceans are the least productive, only producing a little over one pound per acre per day. Comparable figures for coastal waters, shallow lakes, grasslands and ordinary croplands range between six and sixty pounds per acre per day, while estuaries, tidal marshes and unusually fertile lands under intensive cultivation produce between sixty and 242 pounds per acre per day. Thus, these soggy coastal wetlands, twice daily irrigated by the nutrients of the sea, produce as much new organic matter, with no expenditure of human effort, as our richest, most intensively worked farms.

of a complex food chain in the little streams that thread it and then in the adjacent bays. Of great importance are the spawning and nursing grounds of the tom cod, flounder, menhaden and other species that through millions of years have developed a life cycle dependent upon the shallow, protected and fertile habitat of the estuary. Some of these fish later go to sea and provide food for tuna, bass, and swordfish. The destruction of these marshes will certainly have a most unfavorable impact upon the productivity of the offshore waters, to say nothing of shellfish which are supported by the estuarine habitat.

Many species of migratory waterfowl

he upper Mystic River estuary in eastern Connecticut, is an example of an area preserved through a conservation easement. Here the Nature Conservancy has been given development rights to a small, unditched salt marsh. The family of the donor still has the property, but they and their assigns no longer have the right to use it for other than its conservation values. The conservancy undertakes to defend this marsh from encroachment by a marina. Several thousand dollars were raised locally to finance the various legal actions taken on behalf, and although a case against the State Water Resources Commission was lost, both state officials and the public were alerted to the importance of conservation issues involved. A footnote to this case is the financial failure of the marina which should not have been constructed at this location in the first place.

Other types of action should be taken in other people in our Atlantic states. In Massachusetts, the Department of Conservation has been given the legal authority to prevent dredging and filling of marshes which it feels will be damaging to wildlife and conservation val-



ues. The legislation giving the state government this power should be studied carefully by conservationists in other states. Zoning tidal marshes against real-estate development is another type of action that should be considered, especially in areas vulnerable to periodic flooding by hurricane tides, and citizens must be alert to oppose encroachments on public lands. Marshes in state parks, for example, have been destroyed for reasons of financial or

political expediency, a notable example being the marsh in Sherwood Island State Park in Westport, Connecticut.

The growing concern on the part of government and citizen groups for the abatement of pollution must be brought into focus and translated into effective action. In many instances, laws have been passed and government agencies have been given the power to police them, and yet vested interests still flout authority for selfish gain. #

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em, such as a jazz concert, hooteary, et cetera.

As a recent experiment in Deep River, we have provided a 'Drop-In Centre,' which is a lounge with a TV record player, chesterfields, and the like. It is well attended by the seventeen to twenty-one-year age group. There is a program, as such; the young people do whatever they wish and it is meant to provide a public living room! It operates between the hours of 7:30 and 10 P.M. each evening.

Psychologists feel that team play is necessary up to the age of sixteen years; however, we have found in our community that more and more young people are turning towards individual sports at eleven and twelve years. It is probably attributable to changes in living habits, improvements in communication, and ease and availability of transportation, which has reduced

the age tolerance for team sports.

"Highly competitive team sports can create a vacuum of unskilled, uninterested, dissatisfied, and disgruntled youth. Such sports (predominantly slanted to boys) make a significant drain on public funds in municipal recreation, schools, and institutions. Many require expensive equipment, expensive facilities, expensive transportation, and high related insurance charges. There is usually a high injury risk. These sports satisfy the few participants and avid fans, but the great youthful majority are forced to be spectators or are left to find other pursuits or 'kicks' without meaningful leadership, due to a lack of interest, status, or support. We are developing the 'herd' instinct at a time when youth logically needs encouragement towards individual thinking, interests, and action. Canadians spend millions on team sports, which, in most cases, have little or no long-term individual value for those

beyond the age of twenty-five years *except to develop fans!* A handful of the most skilled soar to the top and become professionals. Public money should not be sponsoring the exception; rather, it should be servicing the multitude.

"Greater long-term values for the individual and youth are served by a broad and practical support of individual sports and activities, skills that are useful to men and women even in retirement, such as golf, curling, swimming, badminton, tennis, sailing, arts and crafts, canoeing, skiing, snow-shoeing, painting, reading, music appreciation, hunting, fishing, camping, et cetera. By focusing attention on personal adolescent needs, one develops the character and gives youth the opportunity to progress towards individual development of physical, social and cultural skills and interests, thereby awakening a sense of civic and social responsibility." #

## Ebbtide of our Salt Marshes

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To date this conflict has been one-sided. The people who promise immediate economic benefit are usually more persuasive than the ones who talk in terms of intangible and esthetic values. Because of the apparent rewards involved, our forebears were willing to tolerate mass destruction of wildlife, forests, and topsoil. For the same reason, we are willing to overlook reckless destruction of our tidal marshes today. It would be interesting to know how future generations will feel towards us for dredging and filling tidemarch areas, altering irrevocably an environment that is as much theirs as ours.—**DR. GEORGE C. MATTHIESSEN**, *Executive Director, Marine Research Foundation, Edgartown, Massachusetts, in Massachusetts Audubon.*

### Swamps Can Save Cities

**O**UR HIGHLY URBAN communities in the East can only be "saved" if we save the surrounding swamps and

seashores and historic sites that are, in reality, the lungs of our urban masses. Will life have any real meaning unless we preserve the best of our countryside?

And what is happening to our East Coast swamps? Admittedly, we don't have many five-thousand-acre Great Swamps [as in Morris County, New Jersey] lying around for the asking or the taking. But up and down the Eastern seaboard we *do* have a plethora of *little* swamps. Perhaps they are only five hundred acres, but within those five hundred acres, waterfowl nest, shrimp and clams live happily, even swimmers can find an occasional deep for splashing and ducking.

To put this into terms which are most meaningful to a citizenry more and more preoccupied with how to use its leisure time, what does your life—your environment—your society mean to you? When you get to the estuary, what difference does it make that there was an eight-lane, sixty-five MPH highway to speed you there if there is no swimming, no clamming—none of the texture-type of thing which gives qual-

ity to what we like to think of as a Society? We will have done a what man has sometimes done be . . . we will have destroyed the thin love the most.

There was a day, and it wasn't long ago, when water spelled a simple lexicon—a quencher of th an irrigator of crops, and a high for boats. That was about it.

Now that we have come to the ment in history when we are desper ly trying to wring fresh water f salt, to milk reluctant clouds, to c our reservoirs with evaporation-re ing molecular skins, we are sudd faced with the idiocy of businesses towns using pure, clear, fish-sup ing, drinkable water as a purveyo filth. Yesterday it made sense. To it doesn't.—**SECRETARY OF THE IN IOR STEWART L. UDALL** at the *New l land Symposium on Conservation Recreation, Boston College, Novem 1964.*

### Explorers in the Surf

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people in the area . . . but not as m as the actions of the surfers. With prestige of the Boy Scouts of Amer behind them, they have been able garner the complete cooperation of North Island Naval Air Station a have been given permission to surf, specified times, on the military beach the north of the Coronado beach (it happens to be the best surfing area miles)! And they are respecting rules governing the use of this bea At this writing, members of the surfi post are developing plans to spons paddleboard race to be run in conjun tion with the annual Coronado Rou Water Swim, an AAU sanctioned me Their summer plans are broad and th attitude is good.

The image of the surfer in Corona has changed, and all for the better; a the local Boy Scout officials are mo than enthusiastic. This is the only E plorer Post in the world devoted to su ing and the post knows full well th the eyes of Coronado citizens, Scout s cials, and even the nation, are upof . . . and the Coronado Recreation I partment is proud to be a part of it.

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Morton Thompson, Ed.D.

the Woodbine Colony, a New Jersey institution for the mentally retarded, is currently involved in a three-year project on "Therapeutic Recreation for the Profoundly Retarded" for the National Institute of Mental Health, Public Health Service. Woodbine Colony, under the administration of Superintendent H. F. Schultz is responsible for the care of 1250 retarded persons. Two hundred and fifty of these persons have evidenced sufficient proficiency to be able to participate in the regular recreation program and even assist personnel in many routine tasks. The remaining thousand cases with IQ's of under 25 (profoundly retarded) and IQ's of 25 to 39 (severely retarded) have not been able to participate in the ongoing recreation program. The project, now in its first year, is concerned with the need for providing individual and small-group recreation experiences for the profoundly retarded in the past, have been almost completely neglected as far as their needs for recreation skills were concerned. Many of these retarded were formerly considered "basket" cases since they were not able to walk and therefore confined to their beds. Numbers of these profoundly retarded were tied to their beds or chairs. The methodology used today is quite different. At Woodbine, the former bed cases are now considered semi-ambulatory. They are taken out of bed every day and crawl around while exercising, moving to another location, and even participating in some elementary or other recreation activity. The recreation project revolves around the cottage life of the residents. The cottages have been assigned a recreation therapist and a recreation aide. The staff and program are coordinated by Project Director William Hillman, Jr. The goal of the project is to develop each resident to his greatest degree of self-independence and self-proficiency through the utilization of a full and meaningful recreation program geared to the individual needs of each retarded resident. The program is operated on a seven-day basis for each cottage, the cottage playyards, the swimming pool, and beach program. Since

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very little has been done recreationally for the profoundly retarded the project is, to a large extent, an experimental one.

Evaluation records are being kept by the staff on a daily basis. These concern items such as interest, awareness, capabilities, participation, muscle control, comprehension, communication, and socialization. Special records are being compiled in the areas of locomotion and coordination, manipulation and social needs. As the program develops, increasingly difficult or complex activities will be added to the program. A guide will be produced to help other institutions housing the profoundly retarded.

The results, even during this first year, have been remarkable. The residents are less destructive, more attentive, and look forward eagerly to their daily activities as well as to the visit of the recreation staff. The atmosphere of the cottages is bright, active, and one could say even *happy*.

✦ Meyer Schreiber, now a consultant on social services to the mentally retarded with the U.S. Children's Bureau, recently received a much deserved citation and bronze plaque from the New York City Chapter of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, for his many efforts and contributions in social work, recreation, and camping with the mentally retarded. These include the development of a well-rounded program of group work recreation and camp services for the mentally retarded, development of the first National Institute of Mental Health grant dealing with community recreation resources for the mentally retarded, conducting several professional institutes dealing with recreation and camping and authorship and editing of many publications and articles in the field.

## ERRATUM

In the April 1965 issue of RECREATION, the "Research Briefs" section carries my summary of a research study undertaken by Ruth Marson, graduate student at New York University, in cooperation with the National Recreation Association and the National Association for Retarded Children. The study surveyed two thousand public recreation departments to determine the extent and type of services provided the mentally retarded and the physically handicapped in the community setting.

Quite unintentionally, the summary in RECREATION gave rise to misunderstandings as to who conducted this study, and we are very sorry. It was conducted by Miss Marson and the statements of results as given in the magazine summary are abstracted from her master's thesis, "Public Recreation Programs for the Ill and Handicapped in Selected Communities."

We have been most interested in the findings of this study. Data provided needed information on the methods of administration, transportation, financial support, and supervision of the programs.

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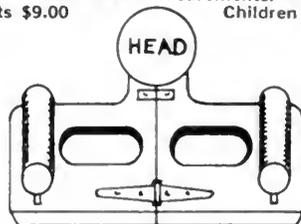
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**Recreation, Leisure, and Politics,** Arnold W. Green. McGraw-Hill, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 10036. Pp. 193. \$5.95.

**S**OCIOLOGIST Arnold W. Green here seeks to analyze the relevant issues on leisure, recreation, and work. His main theme is, that as modern society develops in the United States, the government—particularly the federal government—is limited as the appropriate agency to direct and control recreation and leisure for its citizens.

Government, unlike business, has extended control. That control, in reaction to the most extensive pressure of votes, is exercised with the hit-and-run tactics of the wildcatter. The question is raised: Is the greatest good, then, what the greatest number want? If not, should the greatest good of future generations take precedence over the present? If material welfare weighs more than spiritual welfare, should preservation of natural resources be given preference over natural beauty?

In discussing the uses of state and national parks, it is pointed out that the very segments of our urban population, which are often referred to as being the greatest need for such outdoor areas, do not want them, according to some surveys. The deduction was made that the services are maintained by all taxpayers for the benefit of the relatively well-to-do. (No doubt this ratio will be reduced as the programs bring the national recreation areas closer to the population center developments.)

Three considerations in the matter of establishing standards are given by the author: "First, needs, especially recreation needs, are highly individualized. As experienced, they are not needs at all, but wants or desires or preferences. Second, the means to be utilized are resources available for want-satisfaction are scarce. Third, and most important, how are standards of adequacy (for how many? for all?) to be set and by whom?" Mr. Green points out that to many writers in the field of public recreation "need" and "adequate" appear to be purely arbitrary judgments about what other people should want and have.

Mr. Green's essay is interesting reading if one does not mind his rambling manner. He points to the hazards of trying to forego the recreation interests of other persons as well as discussing fully the relationship between delinquency and organized recreation. He points out the meaning which any given

situation has for an individual, which ultimately determines what his reaction to or action within that situation is going to be. It is stated that, as a rule, delinquents have been found to be more athletic, physically stronger, and more skilled at games than nondelinquents. These observations, of course, have great implications for those providing organized recreational programs.

Mr. Green questions whether the proposed four-day work week would be a promise or a threat. We may not get tangible rewards that are necessary for the individual and the community. He states, "Play has not become, and shows no signs of becoming, an emergent means for uniting the neighborhood and the community." It would appear to me, however, that this would depend upon the leadership, type of program, and motives back of the individual's participation.

Some of the author's viewpoints are controversial and contrary to prevalent points of view held by many of the top recreators. However, it is desirable reading for professional people, and I am sure many will find the book interesting and stimulating as well as provocative.—*Robert W. Crawford, Commissioner of Recreation, Philadelphia.*

**Water Ballet Pageants.** Ferne Price. Burgess Publishing Company, 426 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis. Pp. 164, illustrated. Spiralbound, \$4.50\*.

**L**ONG-NEEDED, to help leaders develop simple water ballet pageants by providing ideas for themes, costumes, sets, advertisements, tickets, and other details, this spiralbound book does *not* teach swim strokes or choreography. It assumes that swimming skills are adequate. It defines the steps involved in production in terms of goals to be strived for and materials necessary to accomplish these goals. It emphasizes participation, not only in the performances but in the planning.

To accomplish this, the author outlines three pageants in great detail. One is built around a twelve-scene production, each scene on a monthly theme. Another is built around various states, on a sort of travel theme. The third is more of a variety show. Various scenes from all three could be elaborated on or combined into different themes, since each is outlined in great detail, giving

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the continuity, graphic illustrations, minute details of costuming and singing. There is enough in this book to provide a whole summer's motivation in the pool program.

**A New Dictionary of Birds Covering the Birds of the World,** A. Landt and Hugh Thomson, Editor. McGraw-Hill Company, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 10036. Pp. 928, illustrated \$17.50.

**A**NYONE seriously interested in birds who sees this book will want to own it. Its price is not exorbitant because its 928 pages are interlarded with beautiful photographs, in black and white and in color, and with charts, and three hundred sketches.

It is marvelous to be able to look up any bird or bird information, alphabetically. Each bird is covered extensively, as to appearance, habits, character, habitat, diet, distribution, and other facts. For example there are three pages of text on the humming bird, four and a half on the pheasant and quail, and so on. Where there is an ornithological controversy, the dictionary presents opposing views. Five and a half pages are devoted to extinct birds and the reasons for their extinction. An index of generic names is included.

This is an excellent supplement to a field guide, a treasure trove for naturalists, groups and bird watchers, summer camps, a "*must*" for the complete naturalist library.—*D.D.*

**Nature-Oriented Activities,** Betty Vander Smissen, Re.D., and Oswald Goering. Iowa State University Press, Ames. Pp. 210, illustrated. Spiralbound, \$2.95.\*

**N**OT ONLY is this an attractive, well-rounded book, well-organized and comprehensive, but its highly classified table of contents, that serves the function of an index, and its well-chosen end-of-chapter references make the book easy to handle and enjoy. The use of chapter headings and subheadings also make the book useful as a guide in the preservice and inservice training programs for leaders in camp, day camp, playground, park or other settings, and under sponsorship of school, church, youth-serving or public recreation agency.

A fine feature of the book is the emphasis it places on the interpretation of nature-oriented activities. It is perfect

possible for well-meaning people with a love of the out-of-doors to fail to see or understand the need for conservation and for better understanding of ecology. It is perfectly possible for outdoor areas to become outdoor slums through too heavy use and misplaced enthusiasm. Certain practices of outdoor and camp life when the nation is primarily rural are no longer valid. Agencies that encourage camping, hikes, packtrips, and other forms of outdoor activities might well examine and reevaluate their training programs to make sure that the best conservation practices are emphasized. This book will be helpful. The activity section, the largest in the book, provides a wide variety of games, crafts, and nature projects suitable for many types of outdoor settings, and many different kinds of programs.

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**How to Get Profitable Ideas**, John C. Yeck. McGraw-Hill, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 10036. Pp. 309, \$9.50.

An easy book about a subject sometimes difficult and complicated! A profitable idea, says the author, is one that is thought up deliberately and for a purpose; also, it is one that helps a person reach a specific goal. There are many stumbling blocks to creative thinking which the author points out, and, as most writers on this subject, he has a list of characteristics more or less common to creative people. Mr. Yeck believes that there is only one "pill" really worth learning today for anyone who expects to be successful. This is the technique of solving new problems by getting new ideas. He also maintains that this is a skill that anyone can learn, man or woman, young or old. He has many followers in his belief that the schools should not teach "answers." Changes are occurring so fast and knowledge is increasing so rapidly for just "teaching answers." There is considerable discussion about why people are not more creative and what faulty thought habits are identified. The book is very positive in its approach and has some good suggestions as to how to be more creative. The methods suggested and his long list of commitments should be helpful to keep your mind. Also, we like the fact that he has given some good ideas on how to get profitable ideas from others, particularly your own employees. He includes a number of intriguing puzzles which are supposed to test your ability to

solve problems via creative ideas.—*W. C. Sutherland, National Recreation Association Recreation Personnel Service.*

• Recreation executives who will be attending the Tenth National Institute for Recreation and Park Administrators in Minneapolis, next October, will learn the methods for creative problem solving by practicing the methods under the guidance and close supervision of authorities in this field of specialization.—Ed.

**International Research in Sport and Physical Medicine**, E. Jokl and E. Simon, Editors. Charles C. Thomas, 301-327 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. Pp. 730. \$29.50.

THE CONCEPT that sport is far from being incompatible with culture and inferior to it but that it is a variety of it and fulfills a cultural function for vast numbers is interestingly developed in an article on "Sport and Culture" included in this enlightening book. Here is a book of much insight and those who are intellectually curious will find it stimulating. It is a series of articles based on international research approaching sport from the points of view of cultural anthropology, psychology, and sociology, as well as physiology and clinical medicine.

Roger Bannister, the world's first four-minute miler, discusses the elements involved in "The Meaning of Athletic Performance." Further insight into the effects of sport activity are presented in "Personality Characteristics of Trained School Children" through research relating to the correlation of sport activity with achievement motivation, aggressive reactions, social popularity and leadership, and early maturation.

Sport and social mechanisms are the focus of thought-stimulating articles, especially the very short one, "The Sociological Approach to Sports," and Max Horkheimer's "New Patterns in Social Relations." Included in the two-thirds on physiological and clinical medicine and sports are articles on "The Future of Athletic Records" and "Drugs and Athletic Performance," and a section on physical fitness. This is just a sample of the type of articles in the book. It must be emphasized that this is indeed a scholarly publication and is enlightening reading, but difficult in some instances. Suggested reading for thinkers—philosophers, scholars, sociologists, recreation leaders and executives, and sport experts.—*Betty van der Smissen, Re.D., director of research, National Recreation Association.*

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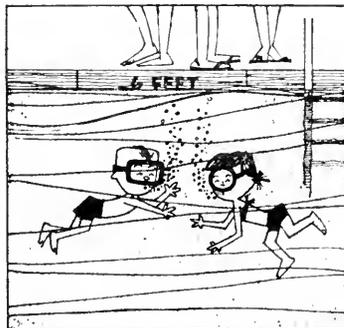
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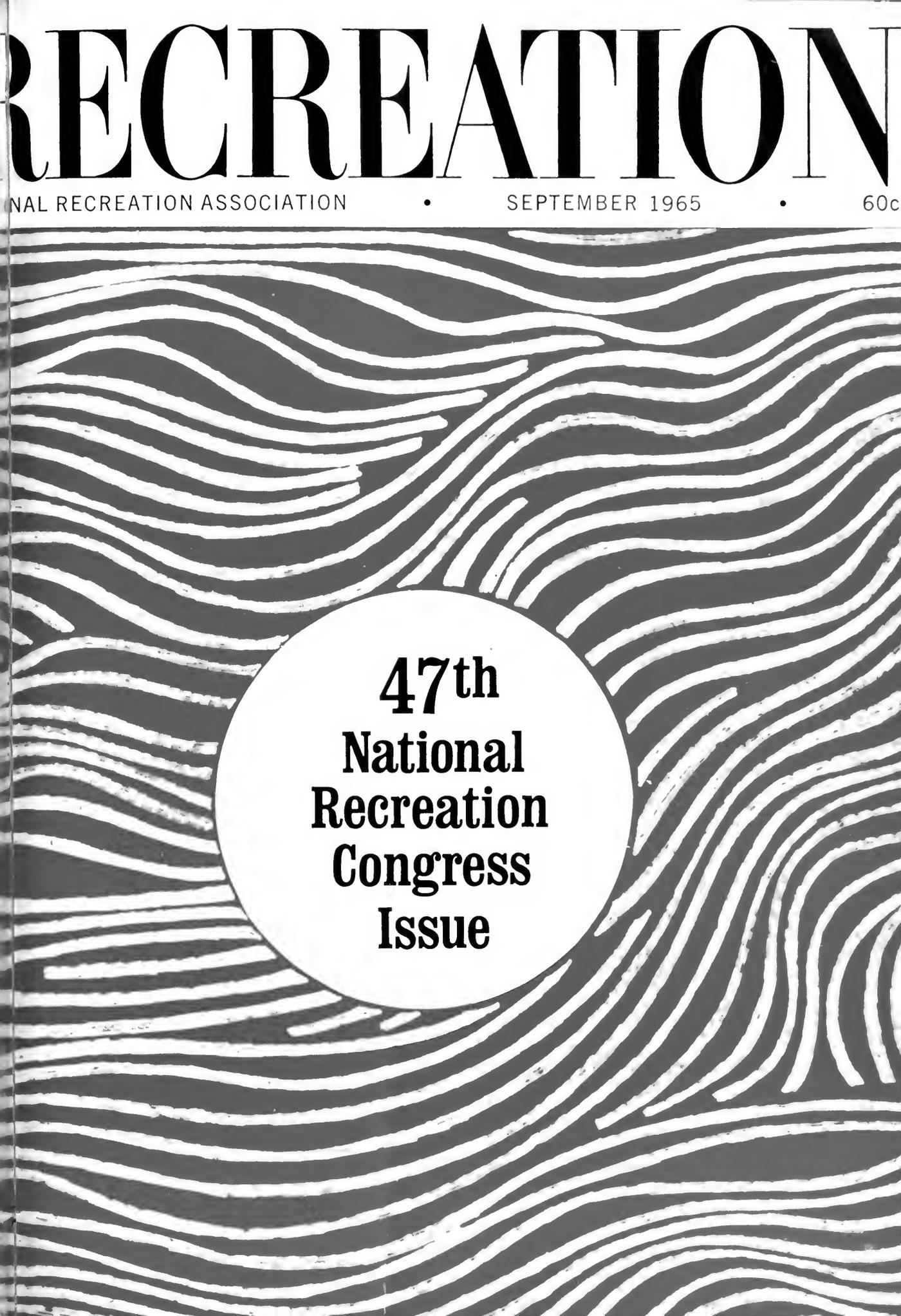
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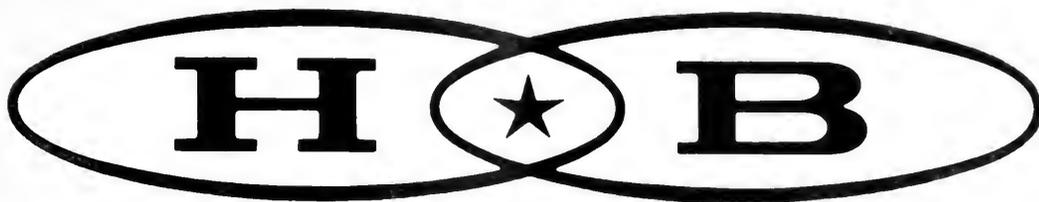
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## On the Cover

Today's society is caught up in an era of motion and inevitable change. This will be more evident than ever before in every National Recreation Congress discussion this year, as it is in the Congressional theme, "Make No Little Plans." Artist Carl Regehr has caught the feeling of this era in the swirling, never-ending lines of his drawing. Artwork courtesy charter issue of *Chicago*, a beautiful quarterly magazine published by the Mayor's Committee for Economic and Cultural Development of Chicago, Suite 1931, 231 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 60690.

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# New Organization Now a Reality

**Laurance Rockefeller**

**Elected President of NRPA**

HISTORY WAS MADE today, as we go to press, August 14, 1965, when the long hoped for National Recreation and Park Association became a reality. The merger of leading national groups in the recreation and park fields climaxes months of deliberation and careful planning on the part of officers, board members, executives, and member representatives of the participating organizations—the National Recreation Association; the American Recreation Society; the American Institute of Park Executives; the National Conference of State Parks; and the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums. Dedicated persons hammered out the essential, final details in a memorable two-day meeting at the Hotel Americana in New York City this warm weekend, August 13-14, to make this merger possible. They now bestow upon it the final blessing. The National Recreation and Park Association represents their vision, faith, and patience, and the hours of exhausting work. May its future accomplishments make them justly proud! All you in the fields of recreation and parks, who have looked to them in hope can now look to them in gratitude.

## ELECTIONS

The elected officers and administrators of the new National Recreation and Park Association are: *President*, Laurance S. Rockefeller, conservationist, philanthropist, and a member of the New York State Council of Parks and the recent House Conference on Natural Beauty (see Pages 318-320); *Chairman of the Board of Trustees*, James H. Evans, vice-president and director of Dun and Bradstreet, New York City; *Vice-President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Division*, Luther Gulick, presently vice-president of the National Recreation Association and chairman of the Institute of Public Administration, New York City; *Vice-President and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Professional Division*, Frank Vaydik, presently president of the American Institute of Park Executives and superintendent of parks, Kansas City, Missouri; *Treasurer*, Norborne Berkeley, Jr., treasurer of the National Recreation Association and vice-president of the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company; *Chairman of the Administrative Board*, Frank McInnis, director of the Detroit Zoological Park, Royal Oak, Michigan; *Vice Chairman of Administrative Board*, Conrad L. Wirth, director of the National Park Service and chairman of the



*Laurance Rockefeller, elected first president of the new National Recreation and Park Association, left, and James H. Evans, as chairman of the new NRPA Board of Trustees.*



*Left to right: Luther Gulick, first vice-president and chairman of the Board of Directors of the NRPA Volunteer Division; Frank McInnis, chairman of the Administrative Board; and Frank Vaydik, second vice-president and chairman of the Board of Governors of the Professional Division.*



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The new association's Administrative Board which is also listed on these pages. Two Board members are missing from the picture: Chairmen Frank McInnis and Luther Gulick.

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- Ralph C. Wilson*, recreation specialist, Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
- Dr. Edith Ball*, associate professor of recreation, New York University, New York City (Past-President, ARS 1962)
- William Frederickson*,\* general manager, Department of Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles (Past-President, ARS 1961)
- James S. Stevens, Jr.*,\* associate director, North Carolina Recreation Commission, Raleigh (Past-President, ARS 1953)
- Dr. Garrett G. Eppley*,\* professor of recreation, Indiana University, Bloomington (Past-President, AIPE 1955)
- William Penn Mott, Jr.*,\* general manager, East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland, California (Past-President, AIPE 1953)
- Charles E. Doell*, superintendent emeritus, City Park Commission, Minneapolis; visiting professor, Department of Park Administration, Texas Technological College, Lubbock (Past-President, AIPE 1948)
- L. B. Houston*, director of parks and recreation, Dallas, Texas
- R. R. "Pat" Murphy*, director, Department of Parks and Recreation, Oklahoma City (Past-President, AIPE 1954)
- Robert E. Everly*, McFadzean, Everly and Associates, Winnetka, Illinois (Past-President, AIPE 1949)
- Conrad L. Wirth*,\* past-president, AIPE 1964; chairman, Board of National Conference of State Parks; New York City
- H. Lee Bancroft*, Lansing, Michigan (Past-President, AIPE 1935)
- Kathryn Krieg*, superintendent, Recreation Department, Des Moines, Iowa
- Edward H. Thacker*, director of information and research, D. C. Recreation Department, Washington, D. C. (Past-President, ARS 1963)
- Jay M. Ver Lee*, superintendent of recreation, Oakland, California

Report of the Merger will be presented and what you want to know, and how you are affected discussed at the 9:30 Monday morning session, October 4, at the Congress.

# THE WHITE HOUSE



A CHALLENGE. Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson opens conference, challenges all citizens to attack "civic ugliness and decay." She sat in on many sessions.

*Experts, officials and concerned citizens — in every field — from each of the states—I intend to make full use of your work.*

—Lyndon B. Johnson



AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Chairman Laura Rockefeller presides as the delegates present their recommendations to the President. "All America is in the debt of a tireless patriot, Laurance Rockefeller, the job he has done," declared the President in addressing the delegates.



EDITOR AT WORK. Dorothy Donaldson, editor of RECREATION, chats with Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Rockefeller in the crowded foyer of new State Department Building before the opening session.

# CONFERENCE

## Natural Beauty—May 24-25, 1965

*Excerpts from Opening Remarks of Chairman Laurance Rockefeller:*

For two days we have been meeting to develop new ideas and new directions in making this country a better and more beautiful place to live. . . . Some topics we did not cover, but we want to affirm our earnest support for them. We urge that the system of national parks, forest, wilderness and recreation areas continue to be strengthened and expanded. We further urge that strong measures be taken to abate water and air pollution.

We sought specific, concrete proposals. On many problems we found them.

Our deliberations were divided into four major areas, on which I have asked our panel chairmen to report briefly."

*Excerpts from Delegates' Reports to the President:*

**On Highways.** *Presented by Senator Carl Albert:* The time has come to give the American motorist a better break.

**We recommend,** therefore; a broad and substantial program of scenic

roads and parkways in reasonable proximity to the large population centers of our nation. . . . We urge:

- That billboard control be substantially strengthened.
- That the states take similar action on the roads where their control is paramount.
- That a portion of the federal funds now used for secondary roads be used for scenic roads and parkways.

**Regarding Cities.** *Presented by Edmund N. Bacon:* We suggest, Mr. President, that you call for a massive reappraisal by the municipal governments, of this country, of all of their policies and programs which affect the urban scene, including the control of private offenses, junkyards, outdoor advertising, gas station and parking lots. This would be only introductory to a much broader program of city and regional development, which should include an inventory and appraisal of the city's most valuable area landmarks, natural features, and historical assets.

**We recommend** a new federal program of financial assistance to local governments for the preparation of such plans to serve as a basis for fu-



THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, Mr. Johnson, in replying to recommendations of delegates, appeals to personal pride of every American to accept individual responsibility for the stewardship of our country's natural resources before it is too late.

ture local, state, and federal action. In this way the program can be lifted out of the level of mediocrity to achieve quality of design and excellence of performance.

**On the Countryside.** *Presented by William H. Whyte:* For landscape, the most exciting opportunities for public action are ways to stimulate private action. And a tremendous base for action has already been laid. We think some new programs ought to be set up. . . . But one of the biggest challenges is to harness the programs that have already been under way.

**We suggest** a task force to review the statutes to see where they might



**OPEN MEETING.** This was held with the Federal Advisory Council made up of many cabinet members and chaired by Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture (center). Recommendations included a broadening of the purposes and membership of the council. The Cabinet members took quite a bit of buffeting from the delegates present at this session.

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be broadened to incorporate natural beauty. A policy directive on natural beauty, for example, is especially needed by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for the administration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Natural beauty should be cranked into the recreation plans of the states to qualify for BOR grants.

**On Education, Citizen Action, Federal-State-Local Partnerships.**

*Presented by Mrs. Arthur E. Whittemore:* From the eleven recommendations of these three panels, based on the idea of a creative partnership on all levels of government, private organizations, institutions and enterprises, are the following, to:

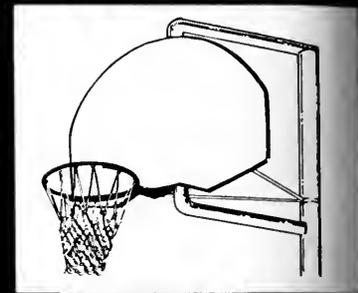
- Establish a strong focal point for coordination and leadership of the nation-wide effort to secure environmental quality by broadening the purposes and membership of the Recreation Advisory Council.
- Establish a citizen advisory board, appointed by the President, to assist him in carrying forward the nation-wide effort, to call problems to the attention of the council, and to press for continued improvement in federal programs.
- Establish a Curriculum Study Committee on Conservation, Redevelopment, and Natural Beauty, composed of leading scholars and educators in the field.
- Provide federal grants to help establish natural areas in connection with educational institutions.
- Form at once a National Citizens' Committee for a Beautiful America, privately financed, to stimulate and coordinate citizen efforts.

*Excerpts from the President's Reply to the Delegates:*

"Natural beauty is more than a rich source of pleasure and recreation. It shapes our values. It molds our attitudes. It feeds our spirit, and it helps to make us the kind of men and women we finally become. And the kind of men that we finally become in turn makes this great nation. . . ."

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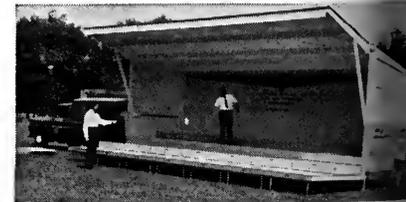
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\$100,000 GRANT has been made to New York City by the Federal government for help in developing a master plan for recreation. The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the Interior Department granted \$50,000 under the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Housing and Home Finance Agency gave \$50,000 under the Community Renewal Program. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who announced the grant on July 27, noted that the grant by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation was the first to a large city. The city will add \$500 to that amount. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, member of the City Planning Commission and member of a special committee that recommended this development, will be on the Board of Trustees of the new National Recreation and Park Association.

## SECOND AWARD TO RECREATION MAGAZINE

**T**HE 1965 Educational Press Association award for "distinguished performance in a feature article" was presented to *Recreation* on June 28 for the story "Heyday in the Park" by Eric Lindsay in the October 1964 issue. Mr. Lindsay, who is public information officer for the Board of Parks and Public Recreation in Vancouver, British Columbia, also received an award certificate. Last year *Recreation* won the news story award for "Creative Tank Town," by William Rawls, Jr., of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, published in October 1963.

## RECREATION

CONGRESS has just authorized the creation of an eleventh federal department—the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (*HR 6927, 109*) after ten years of controversy. This is the first new federal department since the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was created in 1953. The act authorizes \$5,000,000 to be used for grants for beautification and improvement projects for the testing and demonstrating of new beautification methods and techniques.

Other Congressional action. A new housing bill (*HR 7984*) recently passed by Congress authorizes expansion of urban renewal and public housing programs and encourages urban planning and beautification.

The Water Resources Planning Act (*PL 89-1111, S 21*), also passed recently, provides grants of \$10,000,000 in five years to states for planning, development, and management of water resources with funds to be matched by the states.

The bill creating the Delaware Valley National Recreation Area (also known as the Tocks Island National Recreation Area and the Delaware Gap National Recreation Area) on the Delaware River (*HR 89, S 36*) was passed by the House in June and by the Senate on August 13.

The bill creating Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (*HR 51, S 360*) has passed the Senate, as has the bill establishing the Assateague Island National Seashore (Maryland and Virginia).

► **THE TITLE** "Chartered Association Executive" is conferred by the American Society of Association Executives upon executives who qualify after an examination by the society's Chartering Board. This honor has just been bestowed upon Alfred B. LaGasse, executive

director of the American Institute of Park Executives and executive director of the new NRPA (see Pages 315-317). The Chartering Board was set up in 1960, and thus far sixty-three executives have been so chartered. The U.S. has twenty-six thousand associations.

## LEGISLATION

• **State bond issues.** A number of states have passed or are considering major recreation bond issues. These include:

*Connecticut.* State bond issues authorized by the 1965 Legislature included \$2,000,000 for open-space development.

*New York.* The state legislature approved a \$200,000,000 bond issue to expand outdoor recreation facilities. This is subject to approval by the voters in November 1966. The new program is an extension of one started in 1960 with a \$75,000,000 bond issue, to which another \$25,000,000 was added in 1962.

*Rhode Island.* In a special statewide election, voters approved the establishment of a Rhode Island Recreational Building Authority empowered to guarantee up to a total of \$5,000,000 in mortgage loans for construction of recreation and tourist facilities. A five-member authority will be appointed by the governor with the consent of the state senate.

• The proposed amendments to the Federal Firearms Act (*S 1592 and HR 6628*) would grant the Secretary of the Treasury, or his delegate, broad powers not now contained in the law. "The sportsmen of America strongly oppose unrealistic firearms controls. They oppose, even more strongly, any attempt to usurp from their elected representatives in Congress the power to legislate."—*The American Rifleman*, August 1965.

► **NEW AWARD.** The National Recreation Association Advisory Sub-Committee on Recruitment is seeking nominations for the top recruiter of the year. A special award will be presented to the person who the committee feels has done the best job of recruitment during the past year. In order to be eligible for this award the recruiting efforts must have been conducted between September 1964 to August 1965. A brief description of the recruitment efforts of the individual, the person's name, address, and position must be included in the nomination. The name and address of the person making the nomination must also be included so additional information may be obtained if necessary. The nominations must be submitted to Robert F. Toalson, Chairman, Recruitment Committee, Recreation Department, 965 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois, by November 1, 1965.

► **ICY.** President Johnson proclaimed 1965 as International Cooperation Year and now has called a White House Conference on International Cooperation for November 29 to December 1 in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations. ICY provides an ideal springboard for recreation and park personnel to use in focusing attention on the many existing programs involving international cooperation and to stimulate new imaginative proposals. Significant contributions to the overall program of international cooperation and understanding can be made by local recreation and park agencies. Incorporate one or more of the following in your program:

- Plan with your school groups pro-

grams native to other countries. Bulletin boards and other exhibit features can highlight certain aspects.

• Invite foreign visitors, students, or knowledgeable citizens to speak to community groups, classes, clubs, and gatherings about programs in other countries to which local residents may contribute.

Additional information regarding ICY can be had from United Nations Association of the United States, 345 East 46th Street, New York 10017.

► **STAFF TRAINING.** Enrolled in the Educational Press Editors' Institute at The Newhouse Communications Center, Syracuse University, this summer, Dorothy Donaldson, Editor of RECREATION, recently returned from there and reports it the best editors' workshop she has ever attended. Staff for the workshop included, among others: EDMUND C. ARNOLD, chairman of the Graphic Arts and Publishing Departments, School of Journalism, who, among other accomplishments, redesigned the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *National Observer*, *Atlanta Times*, and *Boston Globe*; DONALD P. ELY, president of the Department of Audio-Visual Instruction of the National Education Association and director of Syracuse's Instructional Communications Center; ROBERT D. MURPHY, formerly chairman of the newspaper department of Syracuse's Journalism School, who will be director of the School of Journalism at the University of Kentucky in the fall; DAVID M. NORTON, head of the Frederic W. Goudy Typographic Laboratory at the Syracuse School of Journalism; JEROME H. PERLMUTTER, chief of publishing for the U. S. State Department; KENNETH R. SPARKS, research specialist for the United States Information Agency in charge of radio research.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

► **RETIREMENT PREPARATION.** Aside from a few pre-retirement projects conducted by community agencies, the sponsors of retirement preparation programs have been companies or unions. Many companies have been reluctant to do more than the minimum in this area, either because they believe they would be interfering with what they consider essentially a personal problem, or are afraid of being accused of paternalism, or are reluctant to incur the additional expense and trouble that instituting a valid program would involve, considering pension benefits a sufficient discharge of their responsibility to the retiring employee.

This does not mean that all com-

panies and unions fail to understand the importance of providing meaningful preparation for retirement. Following are two instances of programs, each among the best of its type, currently being carried on. Both are on a voluntary basis.

The first program, sponsored by a company, is an example of the use of a series of interviews with an employee over a relatively long period of time before his retirement. The second, a union project, consists of formal classes one day or evening a week for a period of eight weeks.

So carefully was the course planned that the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University sees in this approach a guide for other labor and management groups interested in instituting a meaningful pre-retirement program.

► **ABC MANUAL FOR NEW EDITORS.** Would-be-editors, and experienced editors-at-work, here is the guide designed to introduce readers to the know-how of the printing world—the mysteries of the bleeding photograph, the AA, the en and the em! Get it to guide you—experienced editor or new—through the maze of problems and details involved in the preparing of copy and putting it into type, fitting it to an attractive layout, making people want to read it, keeping costs down and interest up.

Planned and prepared by the NRA National Advisory Committee on the Publishing of Recreation Materials, whose members are editors of recreation materials or connected with publishing in some way, and published by the National Recreation Association, this booklet should be of special interest to recreation personnel. Look for it at the National Recreation Congress or, better still, order your copies now (one for each of your staff who has anything to do with printed materials). Our supply will be limited, and orders

are already being received. The price is still to be determined, but will be based on production and handling costs only. The more orders we receive the less it will be and the more we have printed. Send a postcard to RECREATION Magazine, at once, and we will save copies for you.

► **RECREATION AND HEALTH.** A course entitled "Recreation for Chronically Ill in the Community Setting" will be offered at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill on October 12-14. It is sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service Training Source Branch, with the cooperation of the National Health Council, the National Inter-Health Agency Committee on Recreation of the National Recreation Association, the Curriculum in Recreation Administration of the School of Public Health and Extension Division of the University of North Carolina and the North Carolina Recreation Commission. The trainees will be limited to a hundred. Public Health traineeships are available. Training program director for the workshop will be Milton Thompson, Ed.D., director, National Consulting Service for the Ill and Handicapped.

► **A RECREATION research workshop** will be held November 7-10 at Pennsylvania State College. This is to be sponsored by the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, the National Recreation Association, and eight cooperating national organizations.

► **NEW NAME** of the former *Countryside Officer Magazine* is *American Countryside Government*, effective with the April issue. "The change," explains the president of the National Association of Counties, Edwin G. Michaelian, elected county executive of Westchester County, New York, "was by order of the association's board of directors to be more in harmony with the editor's subject matter in the magazine, and with the field which it services, that county government."

► **STIMULATION** of nationwide training and placement programs for older workers, based on the experience already gained in seven communities will be undertaken by the National Council on the Aging under a contract recently awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Manpower Automation, and Training. Previously the NCOA developed programs in several communities, including the hard-fought South Bend, Indiana, area, which demonstrated that older workers displaced by technological changes could be retrained for other jobs.

## COMING EVENTS

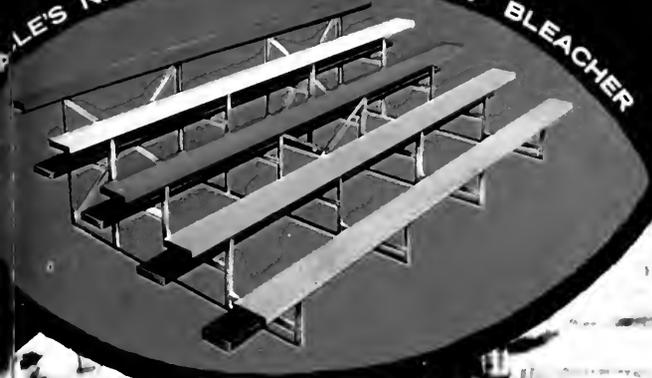
**National Rehabilitation Association Conference, September 25-27, Milwaukee.** For further information, write to the Association, 1029 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC. 20005.

**Annual Convention, National Association for Retarded Children, September 29-October 3, New York Hilton, New York City.** Sponsored by the NARC, 386 Park Avenue South, New York 10016.

**Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9.** Sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston 02110.

**Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, October 21-23, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.** For further information, write to the NCFR, 1219 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis 55414.

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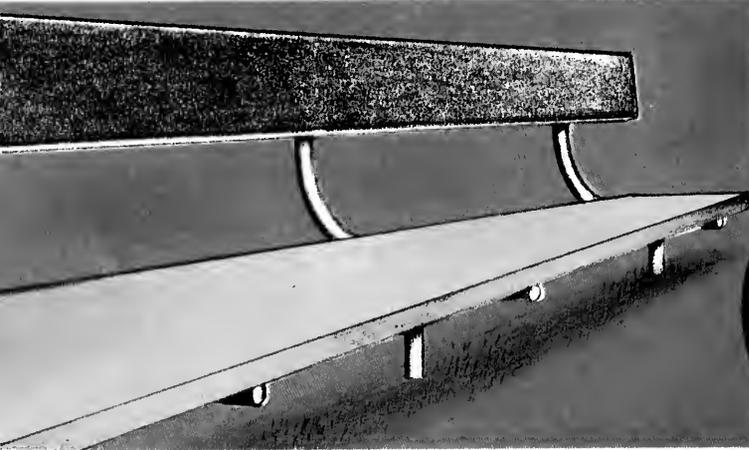
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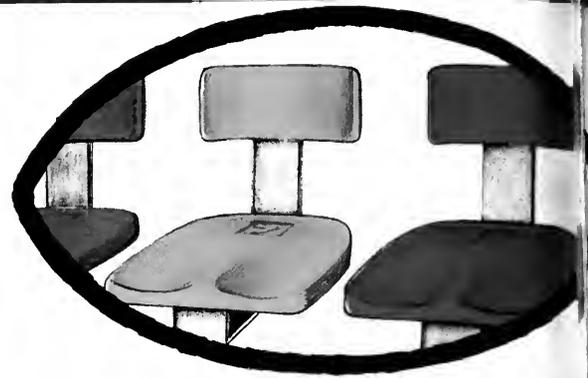
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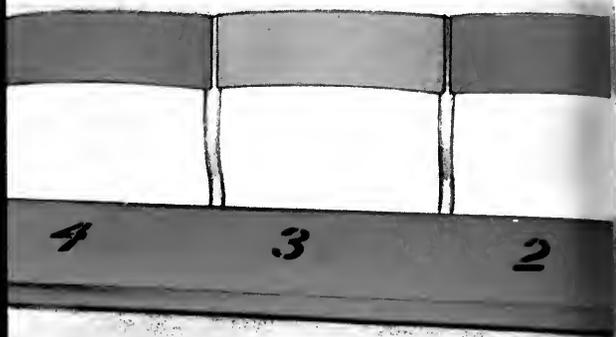
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# LETTERS

## International Sports Rules

While the article "The AAU Plays by International Rules" [June] reflects the opinion taken by the AAU in defense of its administration of international sports competition, I would think the editors of RECREATION should extend an invitation to the executive directors of the United States Track and Field Association and the United States Gymnastics Federation to present the federations' concept of an administrative structure for international sport competition.

The title "The AAU Plays by International Rules," used by Colonel Hull, executive director of the AAU, in describing the AAU's organization . . . suggests that the federations and their members do not play by international rules, which remains yet to be decided. May I suggest a reading of my document, published by the Stipes Publishing Company of Champaign, Ill., *A History of Relations between the CAA and the AAU, 1905-1963* for those interested in the past relations between these two sports bodies.

ARNOLD FLATH, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physical Education, University of Illinois, Urbana.

## Outdoor Manners

The "Code For Good Outdoor Manners" [June] is excellent and should be permanently displayed in parks, playgrounds, camps, and outdoor recreation areas throughout the country. I suggest that the code be reprinted or reproduced in a colorful manner and made available at a minimum charge, in poster form to all upon request?

MONTY MELAMED, Executive Director, Henry Kaufmann Campgrounds, Carl River, New York.

Reprints may be made available if enough readers are interested. The code containing the code, "Don't Be a Messmaker," by Margaret Robarge, picked up by the United Press and reprinted in newspapers across the country.—Ed.

## Explicating Petanque

I was gratified with the way the petanque article [June] turned out and congratulate you for an excellent edit- ing job and nice layout. It is extremely difficult to explicate a game by writing about it in comparison to demonstrating it physically, and I think your edit-

ing . . . helped clarify the whole into a concise and interesting presentation. I have received . . . inquiries from readers at all points of the compass (including a few Air Force bases—one in the Canal Zone) asking for rules, availability of supplies, et cetera.

JOHN METCALFE, Pan American Petanque Association, Northbrook, Ill.

## Jolt

Sirs:

Would you have any objection if The

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R. H. OWEN, The National Playing Fields Association, London, England.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



**Charles M. Christiansen** has resigned as secretary of the National Recreation Congress to become director of parks, recreation,

and public property in Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Christiansen, who will have cabinet status, was head of the Denver golf courses, swimming pools, and ice-skating rinks from 1960 to 1963. He was also executive secretary for the Denver Industrial Recreation Federation. He has a master's degree in recreation administration from the University of Minnesota. Mayor Sorensen of Omaha says Mr. Christiansen is "the man of vision" Omaha has been looking for to move its park program forward.

**Robert Wyckoff** has resigned as recreation director for Port Hueneme, California, to become executive director of the USO in Tokyo. His major responsibility in his new job is community relations, dealing with Tokyo civil government, Japanese federal government, and all armed service bases in that area. Mr. Wyckoff's assistant, **Jere Jackson**, also resigned, to join the Pleasant Valley Park and Recreation District in Camarillo, California, as recreation supervisor.

**Earl E. Bachman**, chief of the Administrative Branch of the U.S. Forest Service Division of Recreation for the California area, retired recently after over forty years with the service. During his twenty-eight years in the Forest Service Regional Office in San Francisco he helped develop many of the policies governing present recreation use of the National Forests and the design of many of the campground facilities. In 1963, he was awarded a \$500 cash award by the Secretary of Agriculture for his leadership in developing an

economical method for mechanical collection of fees in charge campground. He has been a leader in the development of winter sports areas in the National Forests in California and related action which led to the adoption of the state safety code for ski lifts and other winter sports facilities. He served as a member of the commission which set up standards for organization camps.

**William H. Whyte**, prominent analyst and author, was presented the Distinguished Journalism Award by the American Society of Landscape Architects at ceremonies concluding the organization's annual meeting in Hartford, Connecticut, in June. Mr. Whyte, the author of the best-selling *The Organization Man* was honored for his perception of the link between the artistic art of landscape architecture and the needs of contemporary society. Former assistant managing editor of *Fortune* magazine, Mr. Whyte played a key role in the recently concluded White House Conference on National Beauty and is a nationally recognized interpreter of urban problems and conservation. His interest in the need for cities for "open space" resulted in a series of articles published by *Fortune* as "The Exploding Metropolis." Mr. Whyte has subsequently worked closely with such organizations as the Urban Land Institute and the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission in problems relating to acquisition of open space and conservation easements.

**Frank Haeg**, former recreation supervisor with the recreation and parks department in Richmond, California, is now project coordinator for the Poverty Program of the county health department in Alameda County, California.



**Dr. E. A. Scholer** has been appointed a professor at State University of Iowa, from an associate professorship in recreation and also has been named chairman of the university's new interdepartmental

program of recreation leadership. Dr. Scpler recently made a study of community recreation in New Zealand under a Fulbright grant and will report on his discoveries in the October issue of RECREATION.

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**Gold S. Callowhill**, superintendent of the Baltimore's Bureau of Recreation, plans to retire this fall after forty-years spent developing the city's recreation facilities. He began work with the Playground Athletic League in 1911, became its director in 1936, and was named superintendent of the Bureau of Recreation when the city assumed the league's responsibilities in 1937. Probably the most startling development since the bureau's beginning, according to Mr. Callowhill, is the growth of its budget from less than \$10,000 in 1940 to more than \$3,500,000 this year. The bureau has 284 full-time employees, 500 part-time workers, and uses an estimated 7,000 volunteers. The bureau's greatest challenge for the future, Mr. Callowhill says, is development of recreation facilities for the six square miles of Baltimore's inner city which contains one-quarter of the city's population and is the poorest, most crime ridden section.

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**William J. Hart** is the new director of the National School of Forestry and Conservation. Offices of the school are located at Minong, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C. Mr. Hart began his career as deputy state forester in Utah and was successively supervisor of acquisition and development, Utah State Game and Recreation Commission, and director of the Nevada State park system. Most recently he has been a consultant in land-use planning to the National Commission on National Parks and of other public and private agencies particularly interested in comprehensive planning for parks and recreation systems. Mr. Hart says recently that the changing requirements of the conservation field have required extensive modification of the school's subject material. Course work in general forestry practice and in soil and water conservation have been extensively rewritten by professionals in the field, Hart said. He said that the

present fish-wildlife and park conservation must be reworked because of the tremendous new demands posed by nationwide programs in parks and recreation. Under the new format, fish and wildlife conservation will become a separate course. Completely new material is being organized in a new course in parks and recreation.

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**Howard F. Gustafson**, executive director of the Community Service Council of Metropolitan Indianapolis, is

the new president of the National Association of Social Workers, the national membership organization of 42,500 professional social workers. Upon taking office on July 1, Mr. Gustafson called upon members of his profession to make cooperation in the "war on poverty" a major priority for service in the period ahead. He said: "The social work profession emerged in the twenties as an organized effort to help people meet and deal with human problems where they exist—in



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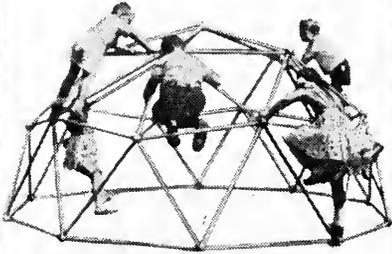
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families, groups, neighborhoods and communities. In recognition of their professional training and this accumulated experience, social workers are being called upon increasingly to participate in the war on poverty, particularly in the organization of community action programs in which the poor themselves must give leadership. As social workers, we expect to give a good account of ourselves in such efforts and to lead the way in making adaptations and innovations in existing services as they are needed."

Along with Mr. Gustafson, two other new officers of the national association are: First Vice-President, **Helen E. Cassidy**, professor of social work, School of Social Work, Tulane University, New Orleans; and Treasurer, **Robert M. Mulford**, general secretary, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Boston.

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New officers of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society for 1965-67 are: President, **Jack Sittman**, director of recreation, Carlisle; Vice-President, **Sally Jervis**, director of recreation, Wilkes Barre; Secretary, **Robert Whitman**, director of recreation, Levittown; Treasurer, **Thatcher Bowers**, director, Smith Memorial Playgrounds, Philadelphia.

## IN MEMORIAM

• **ALLEN E. RISEDORPH**, superintendent of the Bureau of Recreational Activities, Department of Parks and Recreation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died in June at the age of sixty-five. Before he became superintendent in 1947, Mr. Risedorph had taught at the Carnegie Institute of Technology for twenty years. He was a past-president of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society and served on the board of directors of the West Pennsylvania Conservancy and of HYPO (Help Young People Organization). He was also director of Knothole Club activities for the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team. He is succeeded as superintendent by **Russell Francis Vogel, Sr.**, former program director of the bureau.

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## GENERAL SESSIONS

Two outstanding personalities will address the Congress general sessions: Charles (Bud) Wilkinson and Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl. Mr. Wilkinson, president of the Lifetime Sports Foundation in Washington, D.C., is former head football coach and director of athletics at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Youngdahl, pastor of the Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, is a prominent author, orator, and sportsman.

## FEDERAL AID SESSIONS

U.S. Government officials will be present to explain the application of many important pieces of important legislation to the park and recreation field. Some of the programs represented include the Office of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Housing and Home Financing Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, the White House Conference on Natural Beauty, and General Services Administration.

## SPECIAL INSTITUTES

In addition to the annual National Recreation Association National Institute in Recreation Administration, there will be two special three-day institutes for military and hospital personnel, directed by Dr. H. Clifton Hutchins and Fred Humphrey, respectively.

## PIC-A-TOURS

The Pic-A-Tours, which were so popular at last year's Congress, will be offered again this year. Several different short tours will be offered during Congress Week so delegates may make a selection. These tours will visit different facilities where operations will be explained.

## WIVES' PROGRAM

Activities planned for delegates' wives include a visit to the famous Betty Crocker kitchens at General Mills, a trip to the American Swedish Institute, a planetarium show, crafts projects, and learn-as-you-play table games.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Delegates will have the opportunity to see a performance of *The Cherry Orchard* at the Tyrone Guthrie Theatre. The theater itself is well worth a visit. Its plan grew out of Mr. Guthrie's experience with the Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford, Ontario. Design of seating, stage, and other features is asymmetrical. It uses a modification of the extended forestage (also called the *open stage*). Delegates planning community theaters or cultural centers should find the Tyrone Guthrie Theatre a valuable experience. (*Tickets, \$3.50 each, are available from Charlotte Fosburg, 325½ City Hall, Minneapolis 15. Deadline, September 25.*)

Delegates will also be treated to a free performance of the Lake Harriet Pops Orchestra, a 43-piece ensemble, which will be accompanied by thirty-three singing voices.

Instead of the usual Congress banquet and speaker, delegates will enjoy an informal smorgasbord followed by dancing and entertainment. The popular Schiek's Singing Sextet will provide an hour-long special performance.

## POST-CONGRESS TRIP

A special three-day tour along the North Shore (Northern Minnesota) is available to delegates at a nominal cost.



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Fred Humphrey



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**Minneapolis Institute of Arts.** European masterpieces include El Greco, Rembrandt, Goya, Renoir, and Matisse. **Walker Art Center.** Outstanding collection of Oriental ceramic and Japanese, European and American paintings, contemporary paintings, sculpture and prints.

**Minnesota Museum of Natural History.** Habitat exhibits of flora, fauna, lakes of the state.

**American Swedish Institute.** Exhibits of Swedish and Swedish-American art and culture, past and present.

**Basilica of St. Mary.** Renaissance architecture patterned after the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome.

**Interesting Restaurants.** Minneapolis has many noted and unusual restaurants including:

Charlie's Cafe Exceptionale (*old European decor*).

Chateau de Paris in Hotel Dyckman (*French decor*).

Fuji-Ya (*Japanese cuisine and atmosphere*).

Gaslight (*1807 atmosphere*).

Jax Cafe (*Old World garden, tree stream, waterwheel*).

Michael's (*West Indian cuisine*).

Schiek's Cafe (*Old World atmosphere, famous sextet*).

Waikiki Room in Hotel Pick-Nicol (*Polynesian cuisine and decor*).

Norse Room in Hotel Leamington (*Scandinavian-American cuisine, Scandinavian costumes*).

Imperial Garden in Hotel Leamington (*English decor, Continental cuisine*).

## P.S.

Make your hotel reservations NOW if you haven't already. For further information about the Congress and advance reservations for Congress events, write to Congress Secretary, 8 West 8th Street, New York 10011. (*Form on the Congress and Minneapolis Recreation, February, March, April and June 1965.*)

# THE 47th CONGRESS PROGRAM

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

NRA National Institute in Recreation Administration 9:00 AM- 9:00 PM  
Big-Ten Football Game, Minnesota vs Missouri

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Registration 10:00 AM- 6:30 PM  
NRA National Institute in Recreation Administration 2:00 PM- 4:30 PM  
Official Opening of Exhibits 3:30 PM  
ALL-CONGRESS RECEPTION 4:00 PM  
OPENING GENERAL SESSION: "Make No Little Plans" 8:30 PM

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Report on Status of Merger and Its Implications 9:30 AM-11:30 AM  
National Recreation Association Luncheon 12:00 M- 1:30 PM  
Hospital Institute 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM  
Military Recreation Institute  
Featured Federal Aid Sessions  
Music Workshop  
Arts and Crafts Workshop  
Volunteers  
Student Session—Employment Opportunities  
Student Reception 4:00 PM- 4:30 PM  
Pic-A-Tours 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM  
Tyrone Guthrie Theater Performance 8:00 PM

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Programming a Municipal Swimming Pool 9:00 AM-10:30 AM  
New Leisure and the Church  
Introducing Children's Theater as a Self-Sustaining Program  
Report on Accreditation Project  
Featured Federal Aid Sessions 9:00 AM-12:00 M  
Military Recreation Institute  
Hospital Institute  
More Years to Life—More Life to Years 11:00 AM-12:30 PM  
Recruitment—Are We Winning?  
Fees and Charges—New Concepts  
American Recreation Society Luncheon 12:45 PM- 2:15 PM  
Facility Maintenance 2:30 PM- 4:00 PM  
Supervision  
Sports and Athletics  
Board Members  
New Ideas in Teen Centers  
Day Camping—A Growing Public Responsibility  
Student Session—The Challenge of Recreation  
Lake Harriet Pops Orchestra Concert 8:15 PM

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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

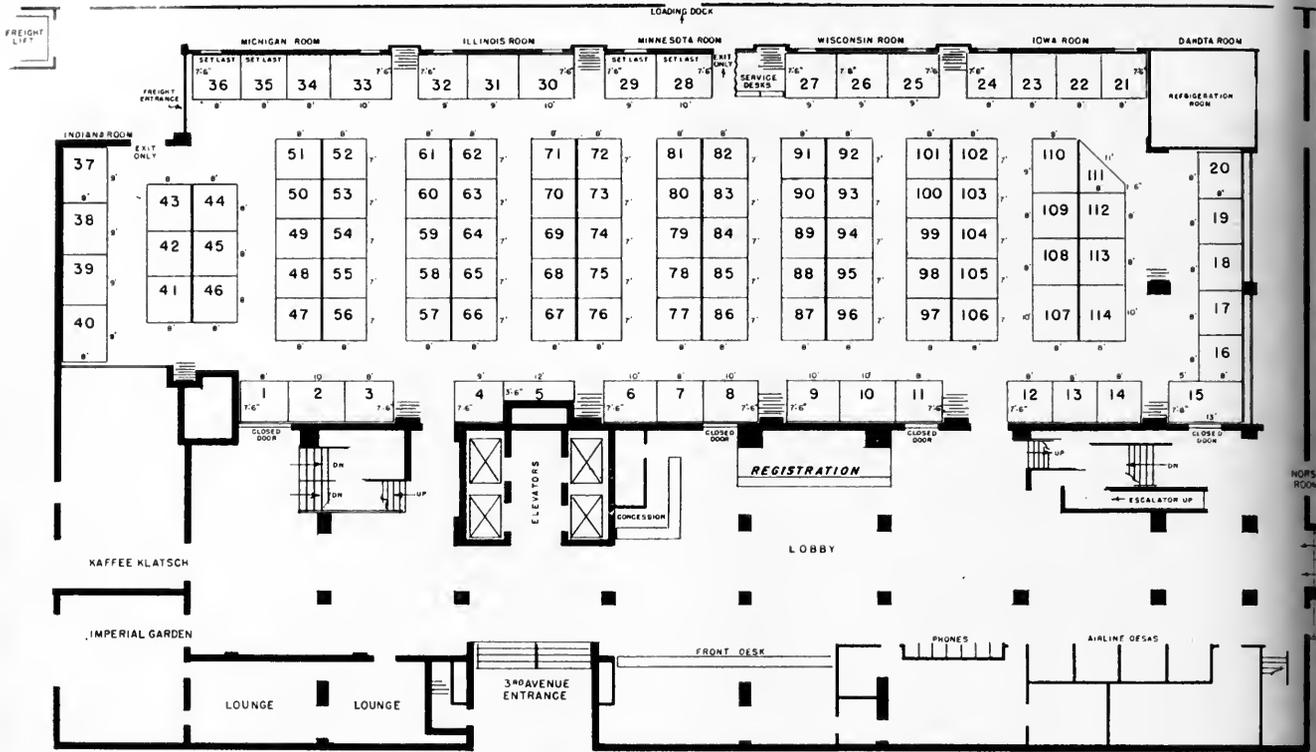
Recreation's Contribution in the Education of Handicapped Children 9:00 AM-10:30 AM  
Armed Forces—Sessions for Each Service  
Winter Sports—A Challenge to the Recreator  
Vandalism Control  
Planning  
School-Park-Social Agency Complex  
Girls' and Women's Activities in a Recreation Setting  
Review of World Recreation Congress and International Scene  
Latest Developments in Standards 11:00 AM-12:30 PM  
Research  
Water Recreation—Programs, Problems and Solutions  
Reports and Records—Office Management  
Public Handicapped Programs  
Hosteling: Something New in Recreational Programming  
Swap Shop on Program Ideas 2:30 PM- 4:30 PM  
Natural Sciences—A Means of Program Enrichment  
Agency Coordination  
Pic-A-Tours  
Hospital Institute  
Military Recreation Institute  
Featured Federal Aid Sessions  
All-Congress Smorgasbord, Entertainment, Dance 6:00 PM

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

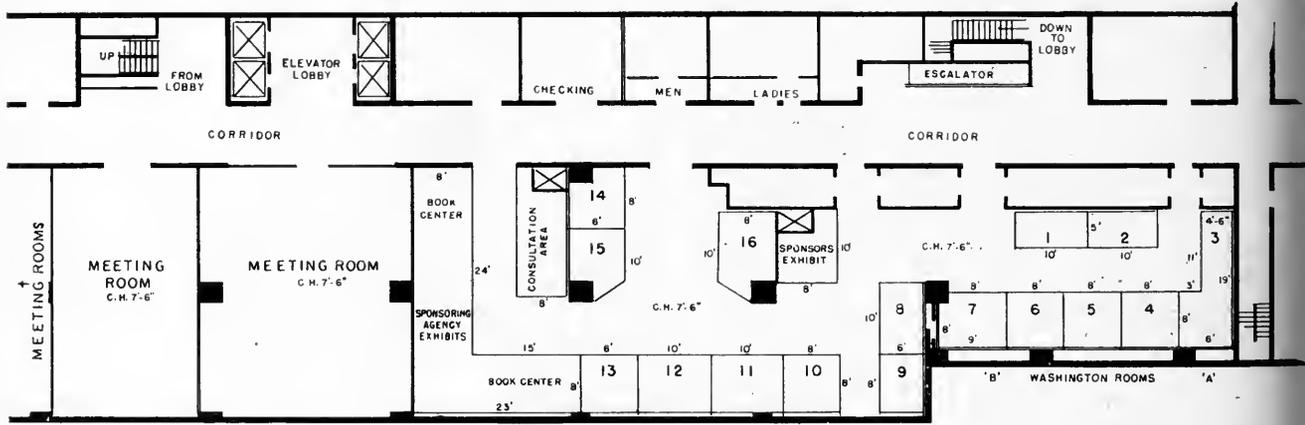
Recreation and the 24-Hour Psychiatric Prescription 9:00 AM-10:30 AM  
A Countrywide Parks and Recreation Program—The Pros and Cons  
Image of Recreator  
Somebody Isn't Getting the Message (Communications)  
Case Study of Minneapolis  
Pic-A-Tours 9:00 AM-11:00 AM  
CLOSING GENERAL SESSION 11:00 AM-12:30 AM  
Post-Congress Tour of Northern Minnesota (Thursday-Saturday)

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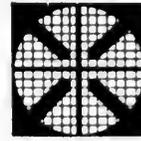


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25-26	Toro
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34-35	Porter Athletic
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53	Saffematic, Inc.

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M15	Riedell Shoes
M16	Mason City Tent & Awning



# POINTERS ON CONDUCTING A MEETING



**D**ON'T START WORRYING the moment you accept an invitation to be chairman of a meeting—start preparing. That is the main assurance of a successful meeting, and it is the most potent antidote to stage fright. Think of the happy position you will find if you have planned well in advance along these lines: You have selected those who are to help in conducting the meeting, such as the secretary, the chairmen of committees, and other officers, so that they know when and how to make their contribution. You have the agenda of the meeting arranged in orderly fashion. You have determined that you will apply rules in such a way as to bring out proposals and discuss them in the clearest possible manner. You have given consideration of the proposals in the best possible way, and decision about them is in clear unmistakable language. You have anticipated the meeting's reaction to every item so far as is in your power, so as not to be caught unprepared for eventualities.

To aid you in this important organization of your meeting, why not make up a "Take It Apart" sheet? You write on the top of a piece of paper the idea to be debated or the resolution to be considered. Draw a line down the center of the page and write on one side "in favor" and on the other "against." Then put your mind to work to anticipate and make a note of every point and feature you can imagine as an argument pro and con.

You will arrive at your platform better equipped with more knowledge than anyone else in the room of what is likely to be said.

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and this helps you to keep control. You will also be in a position to suggest points overlooked by the audience, giving an opportunity for well-rounded discussion and consideration.

Have facts at hand, not to trot out gratuitously but to fill gaps. Make sure that there is someone present who has detailed knowledge about the project under consideration or experience in the course proposed. Obtain whatever pertinent booklets are available, not with the idea of reading them to the meeting but so as to have authoritative material at hand to answer questions and spark discussion.

**D**O NOT rely upon your native intelligence to provide you with spur-of-the-moment comments and debate-starters. As Nathan Sheppard wrote in a long-forgotten handbook for public speakers: "The best improvisations are improvised beforehand."

Always keep the members of your audience in mind. What sort of people are you to preside over? Some will turn up at meetings with only existential knowledge of the problem on the agenda: they know there is a problem. Others will bring essential knowledge: they know there is a problem, they know its nature, and they have examined it into it.

To put it in its shortest form, it is the duty of the chairman to plan and prepare necessary business, present it to the meeting, and carry out the policies decided upon.

Keep the minds of your audience open and running, not stagnant and idling. Try to avoid wrong turns and detours and suppress the tendency some people show toward dead-end debates.

You can accomplish these desirable purposes very neatly by rephrasing statements that might be misunderstood, sifting out the irrelevant comment, and summing up the points which mark progress.

Your own interest in every statement and person should be constantly evident, though it is not your place to talk often or at length. Your job is to get the ideas of others out for an airing.

Give your full attention to your audience. You can strike dumb the most eager speaker if you assume an attitude of kingly reign or one of judicial distance. You can ruin a meeting by consulting your secretary or rifling through your portfolio of papers while a speaker is addressing you.

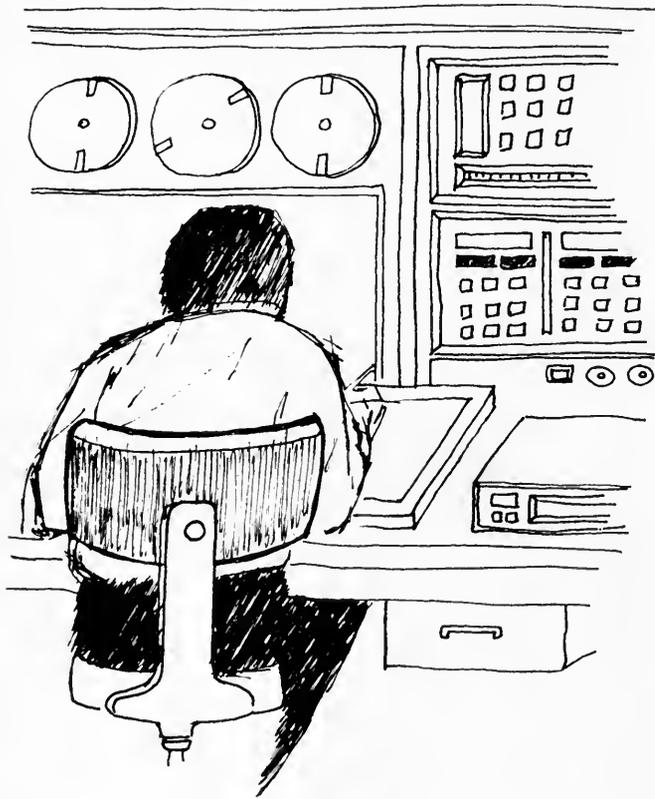
Here, in a sentence, is your duty as chairman: Listen carefully to what is being said, seize illuminating suggestions and point them up, combine similar ideas expressed differently, reconcile divergent opinions, clarify statements when they may be misunderstood, and sum up step by step to mark progress toward a solution.

**S**HOULD IT HAPPEN—and it will happen in the best circles—that several matters suddenly appear before the chair under the umbrella of the one being discussed, do not hesitate to call a halt to the proceedings while you disentangle them.

You must not allow informality to obscure the importance of what is being done. Your usefulness depends upon your authority as director of the meeting. You have been given that power for a purpose—the purpose of directing the meeting so as to accomplish some

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# The Uncommon Professional



*The many facets of today's "le*

Betty van der Smissen, Re.D.



**N**OTHING IS STATIC. No situation will be the same tomorrow as it is today. There is nothing constant in our society but change itself. Not only the world in a dynamic flux, but the entire field of recreation is in a continuing state of movement. Victory smiles upon those who anticipate changes, and upon those who wait to adapt themselves after the change occurs. Recreation leaders must constitute a courageous vanguard, not be followers. The challenges of today's society to the recreation profession are not simply academic or intellectual. They are real and must be met if recreation is to survive as a profession.

Recreation leaders must meet the challenge of automation. The problem of automation is not primarily either unemployment *per se* or the need to fill up increased leisure time. Automation is causing reorientation of the work force. Studies have shown that while machines do replace people in certain jobs, they create other jobs. Sources say that whereas not long ago you could be assured of not being replaced by a machine if you had twelve years of education today you need fourteen. This fact may be partially part of the increasing emphasis on compulsory and public education through junior college. What does automation mean to recreation? The challenge of automation is twofold:

- The effects of increased education and changing occupational pursuits on the leisure tastes of participants. Research has shown that participation is affected by both level of education and occupation. In programming, these changing aspects of participant characteristics must be taken into consideration.
- The utilization of automation for administrative efficiency. The technical advances in computers permit processing of data with such speed and accuracy thought heretofore impossible. Already one municipal department is experimenting with the processing of its cost data. Utilization of computers will also make possible the retrieval of facts in the literature and the annual processing of data on the profession and operations, such as budgets, salaries, number of personnel.

A footnote should be added regarding work. It has long been said that recreation is needed for the meaning it can give life when work is not meaningful, but recreation is needed *whether one works or not*. Further, recreation does not decrease the necessity for work as a need of people. To work is a necessity of living, particularly when society appears to be shifting from a work-centered culture to a leisure-centered culture. One should be cautioned that meaningful leisure cannot substitute for meaningful work. Work here is not work in the same sense as a *job*, but work as totally expressive of the individual *ending in some type of*

DR. VAN DER SMISSEN, formerly director of research for the National Recreation Association, is now associate professor of Recreation at The Pennsylvania State University in University Park.

## *demand knowledge of many fields*

product. Every individual needs the feeling of usefulness, that he is doing something of value. There must be social recognition of the role of our work to give satisfaction. One should give real thought to the meaning of work and recreation and their interrelationship.

Urbanization is frequently defined simply by the concentrating of population in cities—people moving from rural areas and small villages to congregates of fifty thousand or more people. But this is not really urbanization. Urbanization means the growth of suburbia and its new social forms, the linking of metropolitan areas into what is termed megalopolis, and the decay of old city interiors. It is these with their inherent problems of local government administration, traffic congestion, ugliness, disaffection and violence, poverty, sanitation, and education which create the challenge for recreation. The challenge of urbanization is the most complex and far-reaching of all the challenges.

RECREATION must and is playing a vital role in urban planning, not just a single incorporated city, but whole metropolitan and regional urban complexes. Recreators have not been adequately educated on the subject to discuss intelligently the function of recreation in such urban complexes and the requirements thereof, but progress is being made. Have you read the book *Cluster Development* or *The Home Owners' Association Handbook*, or the popular *God's Own Junkyard*, to name just a few? Research is badly needed in this area of urban land planning and recreation. The NARA is issuing a booklet on area standards which sets forth the changing conditions which are affecting the concepts of area standards:

• Inclusion of all open space regardless of function or administrator; not just playgrounds, playfields, parks, but beaches, golf courses, private areas.

• Recreation areas not only for municipal planning but also overall metropolitan, regional, state, and national planning of recreation areas.

• Function of open space for both enhancement of beauty and passive recreation as well as active recreation of the whole family—recreation pursuits not just for the outdoor play of children on the playground or the male athlete on playfields.

• Recognition of changing patterns of living today, especially mobility of people but also work patterns and interests. He speaks of how far in travel time, not in miles; what time period is available for recreation; and what is the discretionary income available. These considerations have caused realignment of areas into those near-at-hand, those within one hour travel time, and those which take longer to reach. The type of dwelling is also important, whether it is an area of single-family dwellings, multiple-family dwellings, or high-rise apartments.

• Desirability of amalgamating parks with beauty and passive recreation opportunities with areas for active recreation. Too often the active recreation areas have lacked aesthetic quality.

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The proposed new standards omit specifics for totlots, playgrounds, and playfields, but include them in neighborhood and district parks.

A second challenge of urbanization is social planning for a life-enhancing environment which is conducive to creative living. There must be close cooperation between recreation and health-and-welfare councils, civic groups, government agencies, and private institutions. An extremely important aspect is joint planning by public departments and institutions for community integration of the aged, mentally ill, retarded, job corps employed, the delinquent. There also must be a concern for planning which fosters better mental and physical health and social relationships. Recreation has an important role in the community's problems of health and sanitation, delinquency and violence, disaffection and education. Organized recreation must be concerned with the conditions of and for all people not only including all races, creeds, and colors, but all ages, and all physical and mental conditions.

The third aspect of the challenge of urbanization is adequate administrative structure. No longer can individual incorporated cities be administered without consideration of their metropolitan area or of the urban complex of which they are a part. There must be an administrative structure which will adequately provide for a recreation program for the entire urban complex and with the concept of active and passive recreation. Open spaces of all types and facilities must be part of the plan. The structure must provide also for cooperative administration of parks and other recreation areas and of school grounds and facilities. Whereas historically recreation literature has recommended a separate recreation department and has discussed recreation administration in terms of whether it is a separate department, a combined park and recreation department, under parks, or under a school board, the import of administration must now be on how recreation administration operates under various types of government structures and legally possible relationships.

**T**HE PROBLEM of an increasing population is not primarily in the numbers, but in an understanding of the specific characteristics of the population, such as the working pattern, family composition, age, economic and education level. What does it mean to programing that the average age of women when they bear their last child is twenty-six or that the average length of work for women is thirty-three to thirty-five years during their lifetime, or that there is extensive unemployment of single girls not in school between ages sixteen to twenty-one? These influencing factors and many, many more must be understood by recreators. But, once this understanding is gained, it is clear that the challenge of population to recreation is what happens to these millions. With the tendency to evaluate success of an activity on the basis of attendance, increased population makes it easy to draw a false conclusion of effectiveness. There must be new concepts of programing to assure meaningful recreation experiences. The traditional approach to a good program does not reflect new knowledges and understandings about people or the society in which they live.

Programing must truly be total community recreation.

"Organized recreation," whether a public recreation department, a mental institution, or a voluntary agency, must identify its role, its unique function. No longer can we evaluate proper scope of program by checking if there are program activities for each age level and in each program field. All leisure-time agencies must complement each other in an unified total community recreation program.

Selection of activities must be made upon the value of contribution each makes towards meeting the needs of participants. Program balance should mean not so many sports activities and crafts activities and drama activities but activities which contribute to each of the needs of individuals, such as organic development, adventure, self-expression, achievement, and grouped according to behavior domains, such as the cognitive (intellectual, knowledge, skills and abilities), affective (interests, appreciations, attitudes, values), and psychomotor (manipulative and coordinative physical skills and abilities).

Evaluative techniques must begin to measure effect, outcomes of recreation activity upon the individual and effectiveness of various methods and procedures.

**R**ECREATORS have not even begun to reach into the depth of the importance of understanding the meaning of discretionary time—many call it leisure, but the terminology is not what is important, but the challenges it presents. Not only must the amount of time individuals have be recognized but also *when* this time is available. But more important is the understanding of "forced" in contrast to "voluntary" discretionary time. Institutionalized people have much forced discretionary time—the aged in nursing and retirement homes, and persons in prisons, juvenile detention homes, mental institutions, et cetera. Also, the unemployed handicapped have enforced discretionary time which recreation can materially effect through socialization and rehabilitation. And, in considering voluntary discretionary time, one must not forget the moonlighters, the working mothers, the professional or executive, the teenager who does not take a job. Just because there is time available does not mean that it will be consumed in recreational activity.

The recreator must recognize the effect of various leisure activities on individuals, such as extended television, causing in some children what has been called the "tired child syndrome." There is considerable discrepancy between interests and participation. The recreator has the challenge of educating for leisure.

Recreation per se may not have much basic research, but the challenge of scientific information is that recreators utilize the findings of other disciplines. In scientific findings concerned with mental retardation there appears to be some evidence that physical problems are directly related to mental problems and that through recreational physical activity great strides can be made toward alleviating some of the problems of the mentally retarded.

Science is finding changes in physical aspects of men and women; and there are new learnings about the physiology of exercise. The findings of sociology, psychology, business and industry also must be utilized, such as aspects of group

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# Community Recreation Tries Hosteling Programs

*Pilot projects pay off*

Frank D. Cosgrove

RECREATION Directors Joseph Seavey in East Detroit, Michigan, Louis Infald in Paterson, New Jersey, and Robert Girardin in South Gate, California, all love the call of a new challenge. They are undertaking pilot project, in cooperation with the American Youth Hostels, to explore the best ways in which municipal parks and recreation departments can make hosteling programs available to the youth and families of their communities.

around in the United States for thirty years, this will be the first time that city recreation departments would be systematically promoting and offering the activity as an integral part of their programs.

Hosteling fits in naturally into any community-serving program. Basically, it is all the things that people who are young in spirit like to do—biking, hiking, skiing, horseback riding, and canoeing in the great outdoors. It is or-

ing this time, hostel clubs are being set up in each city for youth in Grades Seven through Twelve. Parents are being encouraged to join and serve as leaders for hosteling trips. It is estimated that during the course of the year some thousand persons will be drawn into hosteling programs for the first time. Special bike-way paths are being erected in each city (East Detroit already has 105 signs erected on a fourteen-mile bike way through the city), leaders trained, lessons provided in hosteling techniques, and wide community-based activities organized. Furthermore, plans are under way to take groups from the pilot areas on hosteling trips to Europe next year.

The programs have been welcomed with great enthusiasm by the mayors and public officials of the three selected pilot areas. Mayor Edward J. Bonior, East Detroit, stated: "The benefits our youth can receive from participation in the AYH concept will be evidenced in years to come." The emphasis placed on physical, spiritual and social development through the services of the AYH, will bear fruit to our community, state and nation in molding our "Citizens and Leaders of Tomorrow."

The pioneering spirit shown by these recreation directors in incorporating hosteling in their programs is sure to attract the attention of other cities. Municipal recreation department professionals will be able to hear a report on these pilot ventures at the 47th National Recreation Congress in October and AYH will stand ready to assist them in developing similar programs. #



*Fourteen-mile special bike-way through East Detroit has been set aside for hostelers as part of the pilot program.*



*Joseph Seavey*



*Robert Girardin*



*Louis Infald*

The three cities were especially selected by the American Youth Hostels on the basis of the reputation for innovation of their recreation directors and because each city represented a different social, economic, environmental, and geographic setting and, as such, could serve as models from which other creators could benefit. Although hosteling as an idea and program is over fifty years old in Europe and has been

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organized educational and recreational travel, whether it be for a weekend or a long vacation trip. Travellers stay at low-cost overnight accommodations called hostels located in scenic, historic, and cultural areas. Here, they meet hostelers from other parts of the country and world and cooperatively share in meal preparation, cleaning up, folk-singing, games, and exchange ideas and experiences. In fact, hosteling is a composite of all the ranges of programs and activities that recreators wish to make available in their communities.

All three pilot projects were launched last April and will last for a year. Dur-

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## Swimming Hall of Fame

**T**HE Swimming Hall of Fame, incorporated as a nonprofit educational corporation chartered under Florida law with a board of nineteen directors and committees of two hundred swimming people, represents all elements interested in advancing aquatic education and skills. President of the corporation is Dr. James Counsilman of Indiana University, 1964 U.S. Olympic swimming coach. Vice-presidents include many-time Olympic coach J. H. Kiphuth, former Olympic managers Edward T. Kennedy, Ben York, and ex-Olympic swimmer John H. Higgins of Navy. Executive director is Buck Dawson, a swimming writer and publicist. Recreation, high school, college, club, AAU, YMCA, Red Cross, NCAA, the coaching associations, and virtually all swimming regulatory agencies and public interest groups are represented on the board of directors.

The purpose of the new Hall of Fame is to provide an official shrine to perpetuate the memory of famous swimmers, honor, and preserve the great moments in swimming, educate the public on the importance of swimming, and to provide a gathering place for research materials on swimming and a rallying place for swimming groups whether active or reminiscent. It is to be a living Hall of Fame with moving exhibits, changing programs, and a variety of services to the swimming public. The term "swimming" is to be interpreted in its broad sense to include the human propulsion water sports such as swimming, diving, water polo, and synchronized swimming; water safety programs; aquatic art; and any other new horizons that swimming people can help promote for the public welfare. This is to include swimming as a safety factor through every-child-a-swimmer educational programs as a fitness promotion factor and as a positive sports deterrent to delinquency.

The citizens of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, having bid for and been voted the right to house the Swimming Hall of Fame at the 1962 AAU Convention,

have contributed upward of a million dollars for a vast Hall of Fame swimming pool complex now under construction on a beautiful new man-made peninsula jutting out into the Intracoastal Waterway, one block from Atlantic Ocean, just north of Bahia Yacht Basin. Its address is 208 Sixth Street, Fort Lauderdale.

## Sources of Assistance

**A**N EXCELLENT IDEA which could be adopted by universities or agencies in other states is one now practiced by Michigan State University. It is a just published, file-size bulletin, *Directory Sources of Assistance in Recreation*, are listed title, address, and description of services available from national organizations, organizations in Michigan, federal agencies, and state agencies. It forms a valuable reference guide for recreation executives and directors in the state as well for students. A joint project of the State Rural and Community Development Committee and the Cooperative Extension Service at Michigan State, the *Directory* was initiated because of the demand from local Recreation committees for information about various forms of assistance available. It is available free to Michigan residents, but out-of-state requests will be filled at fifty cents per copy. Send to Bulletin Office, Agricultural Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Checks should be made payable to M.S.U.

## Hostel in Philadelphia

**T**HE FIRST city-owned youth hostel in a major American city is located in the heart of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. Historic Chamounix Mansion in the park is now the Philadelphia International Youth Hostel. At the dedication ceremonies in May, Fredric Mann, president of the Fairmount Park Commission and a trustee of the National Recreation Association, presented the keys to the mansion and Article of Agreement for the youth hostel.

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# THE CREATIVE APPROACH To Parks And Recreation

*We must dare to try new ideas to meet  
the great social changes of our time*

William Penn Mott, Jr.



LACK OF CREATIVITY can cost you money, community respect, and efficiency. Encouraging imaginative positive thinking in every park and recreation department should be natural, causing an overflow of new ideas and a desire to excel. From my observation, the opposite is true. The climate for dynamic creative thinking must be established by the administrator. If he is timid and afraid to accept and try new ideas, even the most imaginative person soon becomes frustrated and discouraged—and a “what’s-the-use” attitude prevails.

MR. MOTT is general manager of the East Bay Regional Park District, Oakland, California. This material was presented at the 18th Annual Great Lakes Park Training Institute.

The public park and recreation movement is on trial, and we must produce or revert to a second-rate bureaucratic appendage of government. The opportunity is here NOW. The greatest support we have ever witnessed is available NOW from a myriad of disciplines, organizations, and segments of our society.

We talk professionalism, high education standards, efficiency, and effectiveness of our park and recreation program in solving some of our social problems including leisure time, but

• Bond issues for parks and recreation are defeated more often than they are passed and, in desperation, we are turning to fees and charges which may, if carried too far, cause a serious reduction in the effectiveness, size, and scope of the park and recreation movement in this country. Beautiful and open space cannot be evaluated in dollars and cents.

*Every park and recreation department should be a fountainhead of new ideas in community living. In Miami, Florida, new Elizabeth Virrick Park in Coconut Grove was designed as town square and a total community recreation center for all age levels. Free-form flower-like structures nestled among live oak trees provide shelters for varied recreation activities.*



Park and recreation department budgets are receiving what is left of city, county, state, and federal budgets.

Park and recreation department heads, administrators, superintendents, and supervisors receive lower salaries than other department heads, administrators, superintendents, and considerably less than similar positions of equal responsibility and authority in private industry. You cannot build pride and prestige on this type of personnel policy. Standards for park and recreation personnel, including administrators, remain fuzzy and unclear.

Department heads, administrators, and superintendents may be appointed to these important positions without due regard to the qualifications, education, and experience required.

Park and recreation boards and commission members, whether appointed, elected, advisory, or policy forming, frequently add little to the stature, efficiency, effectiveness, and community confidence in the operations of the park and recreation department.

Why has this happened? We have only ourselves to blame because:

- We have been unsure of our goal and objectives and unwilling to promote and sell that which we believe in.
- We have divided, fragmented policies.
- We do not communicate either within our department, other departments, the community, county, or state.
- We are behind instead of ahead of the great social changes of our time.
- We copy instead of think creatively.
- We "go along" instead of standing up for principle. We don't use the words "yes" and "no" effectively.
- We do not attack the basic problems and work and strive for the establishment of lasting values.

WREMEMENDOUS opportunities can be ours if we will become creators instead of imitators; if we will dream instead of while away our time. No truer words were ever spoken than the phrase of that popular song from *South Pacific*: "You've gotta have a dream, if you don't have a dream, how're you going to make a dream come true?"

Have you provided the climate for dynamic creative think-

ing in your department? Take an inventory. What have you done this past year that has given your department a lift, developed civic approbation, set your spine to tingling?

I am not talking about spending a lot of money. That is not required. If there is empathy between your department and the community through creative thinking, you will get the money. On the California State Seal is the motto "Give me men to match my mountains." That is another way of saying *think big, think creatively*. Only big ideas attract big men, but to start the process you must start with simple developments.

Here are some little things that you can instigate to start your department along the exciting, creative path of action and leadership.

- Permit free and open discussion of all problems.
- Give department heads equal opportunity to review all plans.
- Encourage the flow of magazines, periodicals, books through all departments. *Read*.
- Encourage employes and provide incentives and opportunities for them to receive continuing education. *Think*.
- Hold regular staff meetings and general meetings of all employes. *Communicate*.
- Encourage ideas and act upon them giving due credit, or, if rejected, give reason.
- Encourage inquisitiveness.
- Create an atmosphere of *Urgency* and *Action*.
- Allow employes the freedom of judgment and permit "calculated risk" decisions.
- Make the public interest your interest.
- Do not allow private, special, or political interests to provide the enzymes for your decision-making process.
- Review your operations. Are they up-to-date or are you just satisfied?

When you start *asking* questions instead of *stopping* questions, and when thinking, reading, and communicating takes the place of regimentation, directives, and "that's-the-way-we've-always-done-it" attitude, your department will be energized into positive creative thinking, ideas will flow, things will happen, and the community's consciousness will rally to your support in a most rewarding way. #

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# TWO-YEAR TRAINING COURSES

*This is a subject of major concern and will be discussed at a session*

*of the 47th National Recreation Congress in October*

## RECREATION SUPERVISION CRISIS

Joseph M. Caverly

SINCE World War II there has been an acute shortage of trained recreation leaders. The rapid growth of leisure-time programs across the United States and Canada has caused a great demand for professional administrators to direct various recreation programs.

The National Recreation Association *Associate Newsletter*, October 1964, raised some vital questions: "Why aren't more college students choosing careers in recreation?" It stated that the forty-nine colleges and universities that took part in the study planned to graduate 677 recreation majors last year, with 188 student candidates for graduate degrees: "The average number of recreation majors graduating each year has not fluctuated more than one student since 1956." This startling figure is an indication of a real crisis in professionally trained administrative recreation personnel; however, there is even a greater shortage in line leadership for general recreation supervision for playgrounds, recreation centers, and other programs.

To meet the supervision crisis in Rochester, New York, the newly created two-year Monroe Community College was called upon to assist the city and surrounding communities with the problem. A Recreation Supervision Advisory Committee was appointed to study the situation, and a survey of the surrounding area was conducted, with a startling result. The need for recreation supervision in the area for public, hospital, private agency, and industrial programs was far greater than anyone had anticipated. Projecting the need to 1970, the area would require 542 recreation trained people, which is approximately the same as the total national graduates. As a rule, graduates from the field of recreation have been oriented and are more interested in the administrative positions than the line supervision positions. The committee felt strongly that there was a need for far more

Indians than chiefs, and it was evident that it was necessary to train recreation supervisors on a local level.

A plan was drawn up and submitted to Monroe Community College and later adopted by the trustees of the State University as an accredited two-year course with a degree in recreation supervision. The course was clearly identified as a training program in recreation, not as an administrative course.

In 1963, the first year of the curriculum, forty students enrolled, of which seventeen were from city recreation, fifteen from Community College and eight from social agencies. Last year there was a new enrollment of forty-two students. The course number is limited and all students are interviewed and selected.

The Recreation Supervision Advisory Committee and Monroe Community College Administration have drawn up a practical two-year training program, which lists the following courses:

FIRST SEMESTER				SECOND SEMESTER			
	Cl.	Lab.	Cr.		Cl.	Lab.	Cr.
ENG 103 Oral and Written Communic. Skills I	3		3	ENG 104 Oral and Written Communic. Skills II	3		3
SOS 101 Survey of Social Sci.	3		3	SOS 102 Survey of Social Sci.	3		3
SCI 101 Life Science	2	2	3	DRA 112 Introd. to Drama	3		3
REC 101 Introduction to Community Rec.	3		3	REC 102 Organiz. and Admin. of Recreational Serv.	3		3
REC 103 Recreational Skills and Techniques I	3		3	REC 104 Recreation Skills and Techniques II	3		3
SEC 111 Office Procedures	1	2	2	PE 113 Safety and First Aid			2
PEM 101 or PEW 101 Physical Education I		2	1	PEM 102 or PEW 102 Physical Education II		2	1
	15	6	18		15	4	18

MR. CAVERLY, director of recreation and parks in Rochester, New York, is chairman of the Recreation Supervision Advisory Committee of Monroe Community College.

THIRD SEMESTER

FOURTH SEMESTER

	Cl.	Lab.	Cr.		Cl.	Lab.	Cr.
EC 203 Recreational Skills and Techniques III	3		3	REC 204 Recreational Skills and Techniques IV	3		3
IAT 105 Foundation of Mod. Mathematics I or IAT 107 Business Math.	3		3	REC 206 Outdoor Recreation and Nature Study	1	6	3
RT 103 Arts and Crafts	1	6	3	MUS 103 Vocal and Group Music	3		3
SY 203 Human Relations and Personnel Problems	3		3	REC 202 Group Leadership Techniques	3		3
EM 201 or PEW 201 Physical Ed. III Elective	3	2	1	PEM 202 or PEW 202 Physical Ed. IV Elective	3	2	1
	13	8	16		13	8	16

The two-year curriculum serves two important objectives:  
To introduce the field of recreation to those in the community with leadership ability.

To provide an opportunity for additional training for those engaged in private and public recreation.

It has been most encouraging to note that many recreation workers from the city staff have enrolled for the program and have found new stimulus and broader horizons. Mayor Frank T. Lamb, a member of the Recreation Supervision Advisory Committee, has inaugurated a fifty percent reimbursement program for city recreation workers successfully completing the courses.

The program is attracting excellent students who have

leadership ability who otherwise would never have entered the field of recreation. Some of these young, enthusiastic students are now considering matriculating to a four-year recreation administration course.

The committee stresses recruitment of leadership at the grassroots community level. It is now in the process of holding a community-wide recreation recruitment day to enlighten the students of the curriculum and potential in the recreation field. It is also bringing together the guidance counselors from the surrounding twenty high schools for the same purpose.

Last summer every recreation student from Monroe Community College had a position in the recreation field. The city is utilizing a number of the students in a part-time capacity while they are training at school. Many of these students will progress in recreation supervision and some will advance into administrative capacity, which will help to fill an important leadership gap.

The course is directed by an able teacher, George C. Monagan, head of the Physical Education Department, who is ably assisted by six qualified faculty members, who are covering the course with great interest and enthusiasm. The program is not a panacea and was not designed to meet the needs of the four-year training course in any way, but rather to supplement it and to meet the need for the many thousands of leaders we must have to operate our vast expanding facilities and programs.

If this country is going to catch up with the leadership gap, we must take action *now* to overcome our obstacles. #

## AT THE CROSSROADS

by **Minshall**

NEW COURSES at the University of Guelph bring recreation one step closer to professional status in Ontario. For twelve years a three-year correspondence course has been used to train those employed in municipal recreation. Many capable directors of recreation have been trained on the job and have acquired their administrative skills through practical experience. However, the increase in size of recreation departments and the complexity of the responsibilities assumed are now insurmountable obstacles to anyone without university study and specialized university training.

The purpose of the recreation courses established at the University of Guelph in September 1963, is twofold:

- To provide a two-year program of practical lectures and activities for recreation technicians to qualify them to manage facilities and organize programs and
- To offer a one-year specialized program of studies for university graduates who wish to enter the field of recreation administration.

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These objectives are being accomplished through classroom lectures, seminars, and projects; fieldtrips and fieldwork; voluntary involvement in campus activities; written and oral assignments; and activity-skill labs.

The first graduates of the diploma course have pioneered a comparatively "different" type of university course. Their training has frequently taken them out of traditional classroom lecture periods to:

- Take field trips, almost every week, to see special facilities or programs.
- Experience on-the-job training for periods varying between two days and two weeks.
- Study and survey a specific community near Guelph.
- Enjoy concentrated study in three different residential settings.
- Do the research required for special assignments in their home communities.
- Participate in conferences, professional meetings, special training courses, and seminar presentations.
- Hear and present symposiums.
- Use discussion as a means of acquiring knowledge and understanding.

The complete results of this training program will not

be known until these graduates are placed, and the effectiveness of their knowledge, skills, and methods can be measured on the job.

Where may they be placed? Naturally, the greatest number will find work in municipal recreation. Public recreation is the most rapidly expanding area of employment and will continue to grow for some time.

Those in charge of the ill and handicapped in hospitals and specialized schools are just beginning to realize the value of recreation as a means of enriching the lives of patients and helping them to achieve social adjustment. Some students in Recreation '65 have already had excellent periods of practical training in both provincial and private hospitals. It is hoped this will help to open many more jobs throughout the province.

Private or voluntary agencies—especially those serving youth—will require program specialists and facility operators in increasing numbers. It is hoped that a broad program of recreation activities will be used in the rehabilitation of those within provincial training schools and reform institutions. Diploma graduates should be able to serve these agencies well.

Industrial recreation—programs sponsored either by management or employees—has produced a few openings in Ontario. Commercial recreation will continue to grow as pay-as-you-play facilities become more numerous. Per-

haps the armed services will look more favorably upon use of civilian recreationists now that trained personnel is available.

All of these positions are within the reach of diploma graduates. However, the objective for the course at Guelph will not be reached until the one-year course for university graduates has become a reality. Four candidates applied for the 1964-65 academic year but, one by one, they turned to either post-graduate degree courses or jobs outside the province.

Students with a degree are needed for the one-year course beginning in September 1965. Everyone currently employed in recreation must share the responsibility for recruiting applicants. Those with proven aptitudes and skills, tested during the summer employment, should be encouraged to enter the university for this course.

It is difficult right now to fill openings in the provincial and federal civil service with qualified personnel. Top administrative jobs in municipal recreation require a certified university graduate. There is, and will continue to be, plenty of room at the top for those who are qualified and have the personality and dedication to carry them there.

The future of the profession will be less than complete if the training of personnel stops at these two levels. The solution eventually must be a degree course in recreation offered in Ontario. There must also be an opportunity for post-graduate study leading to a doctorate in recreation. #

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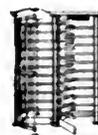
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*Are we sending graduates into the field unprepared?*

# Professional Preparation: THE INTERN PROGRAM

Robert F. Toalson



ARE WE sending recreation graduates into the field unprepared? Granted, today's graduates have a good academic background, but are they prepared to become administrators after graduation? Are they ready to cope with the day-to-day problems that will confront them?

We, as a profession, are falling far short in the practical background and training we are making available to these graduates and should require them to have. Certainly each student is required to have field-work experience before graduation, and much of this is good. However, take a good look at many of these assignments. The fieldworker is assigned to a playground or center for a period of four to ten weeks as a leader, in most cases to perform a prescribed routine. After the student's fieldwork is completed we professionals call him in for a fifteen-minute chat, tell him how great recreation is, hand him some mimeographed material, and send him on his way. This is how we in the field help prepare our students.

What about other professions? Let us look at three: Doctors must go through a year internship and several years residency before they undertake a practice. Lawyers start as clerks and junior partners before they handle the big cases. School teachers must have a semester or more of practice teaching.

Why not a *training program in recreation*? Such programs do exist under the sponsorship of the National Recreation Association. They are the internship programs in Philadelphia, Milwaukee, and Oak Park, Illinois. The first two programs are of a year's duration and the Oak Park program is two years. To enter one of these programs, a recreation graduate must be accepted by the National Recreation Association and the local department. Upon com-

MR. TOALSON, *director of recreation in Oak Park, Illinois, served as a recreation intern in Philadelphia.*

pletion of the intern program, he may stay with the department if an opening exists or go to a position in another community. While participating in the program, the intern is paid a salary equivalent to a beginning recreation leader or school teacher.

The internship provides varied first hand experience: program, administration, and maintenance. In program experience, interns are assigned to playgrounds and center leaders, or, as in the case of Oak Park, as center supervisors. These assignments as leaders differ from leader experience offered in undergraduate fieldwork. The time factor alone makes the intern's experience as a leader more complete. He will be serving in a leader's position long enough for him to build a program at his center or playground. He can see his own ideas, see and appreciate the results from use of his own initiative. He is also able to become involved on a person-to-person basis with participants in his program, getting to know them, and, in some cases, sharing with them the excitement of discovering a new interest . . . or the progress and achievement in whatever they are doing. The intern, though serving as a leader, can thus get a taste of the very rewarding aspect of recreation as a profession . . . reaching out to people and helping them enrich their own lives.

The interns are assigned a variety of administrative duties such as assisting in budget preparation, purchasing procedures, preparing department publications, research projects and responsibilities on various committees. The interns also sit in on administrative staff meetings, board or commission meetings, and, in some cases, are even given special assignments such as one intern serving as secretary to the recreation board in Oak Park. They spend time with all departments including maintenance, supervisory staff, planning and development, and specialist operations.

In all three—Philadelphia, Milwaukee, and Oak Park—the interns are encouraged to participate in and sometimes assume responsibilities in community organizations as part of their training program. They might represent the department in a citywide sports project, such as the boys' baseball federation in Philadelphia, or as a representative to the community welfare council, state and local recreation planning committees, Community Chest campaigns, and many others.

The interns are urged to broaden their reading with books and publications recommended and made available, and they are encouraged to participate in local, state, and national park and recreation organizations and conferences.

THESE intern opportunities are not accomplished in a forty-hour week, but the experience is worth the cost and the rewards are great both for the intern and the department as shown below. The values to the intern are:

- A good learning experience.

chance to experiment in program ideas.  
 chance to observe and participate in administration  
 out the pressures of full responsibility.  
 chance to develop confidence.  
 chance to observe and understand community action.  
 participation in all areas and at all levels of department  
 city.  
 opportunities to work with and obtain information from  
 leaders, administrators, supervisors.  
 opportunity to read, discuss, and obtain department  
 files and written material.  
 close association with a national organization.  
 opportunity to obtain recommendations based on work  
 experience.  
 solid base for advancement in the profession.

**Advantages to the department are:**

presence of trained leaders (many with advanced degrees).  
 recruiting tool to obtain quality personnel.  
 an influx of new creative ideas from different back-  
 grounds and philosophies.  
 enthusiasm.  
 tremendous leadership output.  
 close relationship with national organizations and  
 universities.  
 recognition for the department.

THIS TRAINING program can be very valuable to the intern, the department, and the profession or it can be a complete waste of time and create problems if done haphazardly. To begin with, it must be realized that an intern program makes demands on the time of the administrative and supervisory staff. The results are excellent, but administrators should not try it if they are not willing to give the time. The administrator must keep the regular staff informed of the intern programs. Poor staff relationships can result if communication is bad. Interns should not replace regular staff but should supplement them. It is important to use interns properly. They are not just additional clerical, leadership, or custodial help, but are there to stand and to participate with ideas and enthusiasm. Scheduled opportunities should be provided, but a tightly directed schedule is not good. Give interns a chance to experiment. Oak Park has two staff members who served internships in Milwaukee, one who served in Philadelphia, and now employs interns in its own program. For a quick look at the experience, let's ask them what they think:

**Why did you choose an internship?**

**Bruce Bille, intern, Oak Park:** "I felt that I needed more experience and training before I sought a more permanent position in the field. I viewed the internship as an oppor-

tunity to continue my educational training and combine it with an on the job training situation."

**Barbara Depp, intern, Milwaukee:** "My previous experience in the field of recreation had been only summer and volunteer work, I felt that I needed the experience and background information provided by an internship before taking on supervisory responsibilities."

**Bill Depp, intern, Milwaukee:** "I wanted to acquire additional leadership skills and abilities as well as gain needed practical experience. I also hoped to learn program possibilities from the broad scope of the Milwaukee recreation and adult education program."

**Sandra Kelso, intern, Oak Park:** "I felt a certain amount of grooming of talent and academic training necessary to begin development and refining of administrative and leadership skills under professional guidance, rather than being hired under the pretense of being a 'professional.' By going directly in the field, I also felt that I might not get the variety of experiences which would come under an intern program."

**What was or has been, to date, your most valuable experience in the intern program?**

**Bruce Bille:** "My most valuable experience to date as an intern was to organize a community-wide special event (Auto Dealers Model Racing Car Gran Prix) in cooperation with another organization in the community."

**Barbara Depp:** "The portion of my assignment which was to a low socio-economic area where different ethnic groups were interacting in sharing of program and facilities was a very valuable experience. In this situation, minor evidences of progress were greatly rewarding."

**Bill Depp:** "The opportunity to meet and consult with staff members and various other agency personnel was of vital significance to me as an intern. These meetings and conferences helped me to gain new insight into the field of recreation, form some basic concepts and principles which would serve as guidelines, and discover what processes are required of a recreation professional in his planning for community well-being."

**Sandra Kelso:** "Of the numerous experiences available through an internship the most significant have been those opportunities to work with community organizations in community planning and problem-solving (Community Welfare Council, Community Chest, League of Women Voters, village government)."

I would recommend to all graduating recreators that they not take an administrative job immediately after graduation but participate in an internship if possible. The learning experience will be very valuable and will pay many dividends in the future. I would also urge other executives to undertake an intern program in their departments. #

# SHARING RECREATION SERVICES

## *Community nursing homes join forces to provide long-needed creative activities*

Anne Smutny

**P**ROFESSIONAL recreation programs are becoming an integral part of larger nursing homes, which now employ their own full-time workers. However, what can be done to help the many smaller institutions within a community, that cannot afford to employ a full-time worker, to give their patients this same kind of ongoing recreation service?

Several years ago the Middlesex County Tuberculosis and Health League, an affiliate of the New Jersey Tuberculosis and Health Association, and the National Tuberculosis Association, found that the emphasis of work in tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases was shifting primarily from young people to those older patients suffering from chronic diseases. An intensive educational campaign among professional groups as well as the general public was held to arouse interest in the community, as elsewhere, in senior citizens and their needs. Lectures on nutrition, housing, and medical care were held. Through this work, the league discovered that in the nursing homes throughout the county, the outstanding lack found everywhere was suitable recreation activity to fill the many hours after a patient has been fed and medically cared for.

Since the league is an autonomous unit, entitled to carry on health programs and related projects on its own, its board of directors undertook to procure funds from the New Jersey Division on Aging and the Board of Freeholders, as well as the institutions involved. Then the league initiated a pilot project of creative recreation within Middlesex County. This program, designed on a three-year basis, has since been extended to five years. Its purpose is to show the value of a professionally directed recreation program, coordinated in six individual institutions within the county, each having differing bed capacities and sponsoring aus-

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pices. Through this program, the league is attempting to show what can be accomplished with a recreation program on a coordinated basis.

The six institutions included are a 250-bed chest-chronic-disease hospital, which has recently added a 40-bed rehabilitation unit; a state domiciliary veterans home; one nonprofit and two proprietary nursing homes; and one private boarding home. The boarding home is the most recent addition to the program and the league is particularly interested in it and the progress of the recreation program there, for very few boarding homes throughout the county have such a program. The residents there are less physically handicapped, but it has been found that they are equally or more apathetic than those in nursing homes. These institutions are spread geographically from one end of the county to the other.

The project is now two and a half years old and involves a going recreation program in all of these institutions. The aim is to get the patients to participate actively themselves in various recreation activities, rather than be just passive onlookers.

The staff consists of two specialists, one in arts and the other in music, plus the coordinator of activities. The two specialists are college graduates, capable of adapting their specialties to the needs of handicapped patients. They are responsible for total programming in their areas, and they plan, organize, and direct activities in their specialties. In addition, they supervise other areas, including games, quizzes, dramatics, and holiday celebrations. All the work rotates regularly among all the institutions.

**A**LARGE VOLUNTEER CORPS augments the staff. To date approximately two hundred volunteers have given over nine thousand hours of volunteer time. They are used in all the institutions and programs. During the winter, many adults offer their services, including active senior citizens from the community, women who drive sixty miles to the veterans home, registered nurses, and some physically handicapped volunteers. In addition, during the summer, and because some crowded schools are on split session, many teenagers from thirteen to sixteen, are also available. They make remarkable volunteers as their gaiety and youth cheer up the patients. Their attitude toward the patients is lacking in pity and over-solicitous sympathy, but, rather, is one of the brightness and freshness of youth.

All volunteers are trained with special sessions, and quickie sessions, and are shown specific activities before going on the wards. They have been recruited from all the traditional community groups. Word of mouth is an excellent means to obtain volunteers, as those interested often bring their friends and neighbors.



## PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM is heavily geared toward participation activities, mainly in three creative areas, encompassing arts, games, and music. In addition, the homes celebrate holidays and have monthly special events. Lecturers from nearby Rutgers University bring travelogues and there have been many types of entertainers. Birthday parties, board games, and adapted sports outdoors in summer augment these activities.

The crafts have included mainly simple attractive projects which patients with a multiplicity of handicaps can handle. The projects are easily managed, portable, and easy to work with in a wheelchair or bed. The professionals teach the volunteers how to do the crafts and they, in turn, work individually with the patients. The patients can have whatever they make, to give to friends, relatives, or favorite hospital staff members. This encourages them to feel that they give as well as receive and often brings added encouragement from their visitors.

The music program consists of much community singing and rhythm-band instruction, as well as many other techniques, and has used an accordion, piano, autoharp, and portable organ. Here again, the stress is on maximum participation, although even those who cannot participate actively can be reached by some form of music. Through the rhythm program, patients become familiar with musical instruments and their application. They become aware of volume changes, musical beats, and following a conductor. Through this, their sense of attention is greater. They seem to enjoy being taught things and knowing that they are still capable of the learning process, which raises morale and self-confidence. The greatest value of the musical program is that it reaches everyone including seriously ill bed patients.

The games area includes both active and inactive games, a traditional table game, and makes use of word games and quiz material which is endless. This encourages the patients to think and recall the events and facts they have known and experienced. Simple adapted sports can be played in a wheelchair or bedside, such as darts, basketball throw, and rubber horseshoes. All these activities are rotated so that each patient can have different ones each week, and those who do not participate in one thing will try another.

PERHAPS this sounds like a smooth operation, but as the project has gone along there have been many problems and pitfalls. First and foremost is the problem of *obtaining interest, cooperation, and enthusiasm of the administrators of each home*. This includes the superintendent, head nurse, and other personnel. Without their support the program would not be able to get off the ground, and their interest greatly encourages the program's growth, the patients, and the rest of the staff. It is necessary to check and work

closely with them on administrative details, such as visiting, and all nursing routines. It is only with their cooperation that recreation activities can be set up.

Next, *there must be adequate space*, either a dining room, living room or dayroom, where groups of patients may gather for activities. A piano, portable organ, or other similar instrument is an important piece of program equipment.

*The wide variety of physical handicaps plus those of seeing and hearing* must be considered in planning activities for aged and chronically ill patients. Many factors must be taken into account as they have such a great diversity of needs and abilities. Mental abilities range from the completely alert to the very confused. Some patients have short attention spans and limited ability to concentrate.

In the light of these problems, recreation must attempt to interest all these categories, and yet not have too many activities going on simultaneously which can become much too confusing. Activities must be simple but never childish. They must be geared to meet the social, psychological, and physical needs of all the patients.

*Obtaining faithful volunteers who will come regularly without prodding, and encouraging community participation in such a program* demands a great deal of time. The result of volunteers working in such a program is greater community acceptance and understanding of the role a nursing home plays in the community, and the attitude toward nursing homes changes from despair to hope.

THE PROGRAM is getting some amazing results. The patients are most responsive and are waiting at each place on the appointed day and hour for the program to begin. A woman at Roosevelt Hospital came to several sessions a week, although there was only one for her ward; another woman would not participate in the program until there was a fuss made over her birthday. There are many stories of triumph over terrific handicaps. Patients often comment, "I went to bed thinking of what we would do in recreation tomorrow"; "I heard music, I think I was singing"; "Where in the world do you find so many pretty projects?" And after a rhythm session, "My arthritic hands hurt. but it hurts so good!"

There is no final ending to this story, as the program is always growing and expanding. The value of creative activity is generally recognized, and the worthwhile use of leisure time as essential to a child's growing up. The league recognizes they are equally essential for the older person, for no matter how old we become, we never lose our desire for the dignity that comes through purposeful activity. Providing our senior citizens with food, drugs, and rocking chairs is not meeting their social and emotional needs, and needs as human beings. We have added years to their life, now let's add life to their years. . . . #

## ARTS & CRAFTS CORNER

### And Put It in the Oven for Johnny and Me

Jean Wolcott

The responsibility of the arts-and-crafts specialist in stimulating imaginations and guiding the creative process into a conscious and visible form can be easily thwarted by not being able to find new and exciting mediums and projects. And finding projects that can fit all age groups is doubly difficult.

#### Granules — Globs — Goop

**G**RANULES and globs are plastic pellets which fuse together in an ordinary oven, electric fry pan or portable electric oven and take on the shape of any metal mold they are *baked* in (cake pans, muffin tins, pie tins, aluminum foil plates, et cetera). Granules are smaller in size than globs and melt at 350°F. Globs will melt at 200°F. Goop is liquid polyester resin which hardens without heat, just by adding a catalyst. It is used for preserving *delicate* dried flowers, leaves, grasses, ferns, seaweed, et cetera. (*A word of caution regarding resins: work out-of-doors or in well-ventilated room with a fan going. Not recommended for projects with small children.*)

Natural materials and scrap materials can be embedded in just granules or globs alone, depending on the desired results or effects. Baking granules a quarter inch deep in a pan for twenty minutes at 350°F will result in a bubbly stage. Granules are fused and each one assumes a rounded surface. Baked for thirty minutes they will assume a ripple stage resembling Venetian glass and they are quite shatter resistant. Baked for forty-five minutes they are glassy. Globs take on a glossy bubble look in just ten minutes. They melt down smooth in about twenty minutes at 250°F. They will stick readily to a prebaked slab of granules so that using them for three dimensional effects is most rewarding.

#### Children embedding their art work.



MISS WOLCOTT, former program director with institutionalized children, is now on the RECREATION Magazine staff.

## PLAQUES

#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

Granules  
Carnauba wax  
White glue (Elmer's or any other)  
Natural materials to be imbedded (driftwood, moss, broken chips)

#### EQUIPMENT:

Baking unit (one of the above mentioned)  
Metal molds (noted above)

#### DIRECTIONS:

Wax the bottom and sides of a pie tin. Cover with quarter of granules.

Pre-bake a granules disk in the pie tin until it reaches the 1 stage (350°F.).

Put the baked disk in a larger pie tin so the edges will soften next time it is baked.

Arrange the natural materials in a design of your choice on the baked disk.

Glue them in place.

Fill in with granules around the objects. Pile granules 1/2 inch around larger pieces to be imbedded.

Bake again until the granules reach the stage you want.

These are the basics you need to know and from them you are only limited by your imagination. After becoming adept at embedding simple objects and learning at the same time to remove projects from the oven to get the desired effect, you can go on to creating three-dimensional projects. The following are examples:

**Mosaics**—with shells, stones, glass bits, egg shells, butterflies, flowers, leaves, weeds, seaweed, et cetera.

**Sculpture pieces**—combination of melted down globs and brass wires.

**Space Hangings**—globs baked in a combination of sections of lace, bits of string, and discarded onion and potato skins.

**Imbedding Children's Art**—The children shown in the photograph are in the process of working on a prebaked disk which will be covered with more granules and then baked again. They are cutting and placing bits of tissue paper and cellophane in areas of color and designs of their choice. (SMALL CHILDREN DO NOT BAKE THEIR OWN PROJECTS. This is done by the leader and preferably in another room away from the activity.)

**Triptych**—with foliage impressions. Three rectangular pieces embedded foliage impressions wired together to form a triptych.

**Antique Picture Making**—parchment paper head, decorated with colored scraps for features, metallic paper for crown, made to fit miniature antique frames.

Those are only a few of the projects that you will find in the booklet *Colorful Plaques Made of Granules, Globs and Goop*, and, when you are ready for more advanced projects, *Fantasies in Home Decor Made of Plastic Granules*. Both books are brilliantly illustrated and are available from the author, Margo, c/o Van Boven Specialties, 579 Vine Street, Berkeley 7, California, for \$1.00 per copy plus \$0.50 postage. Any and all supplies you will need or suggestions are also available from the above. "Margo," more formally known as Margaret Van Boven is program director for the Committee for Recreation for the Adult Physically Handicapped, and active as a craft specialist in church day camps and Y.W.C.A., Berkeley, California.

amics, creativity of people, effects of mass media, personnel practices and supervisory techniques. decision making through groups, personality and leadership. Recreators indeed amiss if all this information is not used.

WHAT IS THE government paradox? The abundance of funds for certain purposes at federal level and the cutting or limiting of budgets at the local level. This challenge has two aspects:

to maintain stability in programming and not to allow imbalance through influencing funds for mental retardation, preschoolers Operation Head-Start, job corp work-outdoor recreation, anti-poverty program. These are desirable and should be taken advantage of—but not at expense of other desirable programs.

to interpret responsibility of local government, agencies, institutions for recreation programs to secure not only adequate tax support but also contributions for voluntary agencies.

There are other challenges, such as the challenge of the economy in terms of discretionary income, anti-poverty program, commercial recreation, and the challenge of education with its extended school year, the enrichment and education programs, the job corps, the higher level of educational attainment by more people. These challenges in a changing society are forcing the merger of recreation organizations in this struggle for professional status. The concept of paid leadership has long been accepted and recre-



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ation workers banded together many years ago. The American Institute of Park Executives was organized before 1900, the National Recreation Association shortly after the turn of the century, the American Recreation Society in the late 1930's. While these organizations have served their original purposes well, they, too, must look to the future. All the energies of recreation personnel have been dissipated in internal bickering and there has been no unified voice for recreation interests. While all recreation organizations will not be a part of the merger, those mergers represent a sufficiently substantial number that the organization, the National Recreation and Park Association will be able to speak authoritatively for the profession.

But, it should be emphasized that NRPA will not solve the problem of professionalization. The demand for professional leadership can come and will come only through the performance of a professional function in a professional manner. Professionalization does not come through mandating but is earned. The imperative need in recreation today is for the leadership of men and women who cannot be intimidated, who do not sell tomorrow for cheers today and who are not satisfied with the status quo; men and women who seek to be knowledgeable. *And this requires an uncommon professional.*

Recreation as a profession is at the crossroads. What happens is up to you, the professional—not to the merger organization, not to the citizenry of your constituency, not to those who provide your funds, not to those with whom you work in related fields. The responsibility is **OUR** yours and mine—today, and not tomorrow. #

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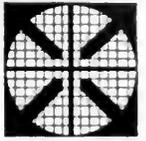


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*A new word to cover new copyright-infringement problems . . .*

Per F. Willig

IF SOMEONE were to ask you whether you have infringed a copyright recently, what would be your answer? Fifteen years ago the answer generally would have been, "No." Today, however, a good many have to answer, "Yes," and might be tempted to add, parenthetically, "So what?" So what, indeed! The U. S. Copyright Law provides a number of interesting penalties for copyright infringement:

*First*, the copyright law provides that an injunction may be obtained to restrain copyright infringement — the court may issue an order directing the infringer to cease his activities. *Second*, the law provides that the infringer pay the copyright proprietor damages suffered as a result of the infringement, as well as all profits. In determining profits, the copyright owner is only required to prove sales, and the infringer is required to prove every element of cost which he claims. In lieu of actual damages and profits, the court may assess such damages as appear to be just. The statute suggests that the court allow \$1.00 for every infringing document copy made or sold by the infringer, or found in his possession.

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*Third*, any person who willfully and for profit infringes any copyright, or who knowingly and willfully aids or abets such infringement, is deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, is punishable by imprisonment for up to one year, or by fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1,000, or both, in the discretion of the court.

There are two types of copyright infringement:

One type, *plagiarism*, occurs where the infringer attempts to pass off another person's work as his own. The infringer incorporates all or portions of another's work into his own work without the originator's permission.

Another occurs when the infringer physically copies the work of another person either for his own use and benefit or for the use and benefit of others, but does not try to pass off the work as his own. It is this second form of infringement which concerns us here.

One factor, not present fifteen years ago, results in a "Yes" answer to the question, "Have you infringed a copyright recently?" The factor: revolution in reprography.

As a word in English, *reprography* is quite new. It does not even appear in the Third Edition of *Webster's International Dictionary* published in 1961. The term apparently originated in Holland, perhaps fifteen years ago, and rose to international recognition with its inclusion in the title of The International Congress for Reprography,

held in Cologne, Germany, October 1963.

Various reproduction systems have been considered as included within the term reprography. These include blueprint and diazo systems, electrophotography including *Xerography* and the zinc oxide-coated sheet system, diffusion transfer systems, and thermographic systems.

We can define those aspects of reprography concerning us here as a simple process for copying or reproducing documents not requiring a darkroom technique or complicated manipulation.

Before the advent of the convenient copy machines, there was little apprehension on the part of authors and publishers concerning the ability of individuals, libraries, or business enterprises to reproduce all or portions of a printed book or periodical. But the emergence of reprography has brought about an imbalance in this situation.

TODAY, an estimated 250,000 convenience copy machines are in use in the United States. A short fifteen years ago there were very few offices, libraries, or laboratories that could economically reproduce portions of a book or periodical. This revolution in reprography can be visualized when one realizes that Xerox Corporation's annual sales rose from \$32,000,000 in 1959 to \$250,000,000 in 1964. This reprography has made it possible for you, each time you step up to a copy machine

to make a copy, to be a potential copyright infringer. In fact, reprography machines might be considered an attractive invitation to copyright infringement. The specific problem involves the competing concepts of copyright property rights on the one hand and the desire for the uninhibited rapid dissemination of information on the other hand.

We are concerned with whose rights are paramount, those of the copyright owner or those of the ones desiring to copy his work. We are also concerned with how the best interests of science and humanity in general can be fostered. Can this be accomplished best by allowing unlimited freedom to copy works of others, or by rigidly upholding the copyright proprietor's property right, or by some middle ground?

Those advocating giving full scope and protection to copyright property rights, point out first, the copyright concept is firmly entrenched in our national life: second, the United States was among the pioneers of modern patent laws and copyright concepts and this, in no small measure, has helped the United States achieve the position of being the world's foremost power with the highest standard of living any country has yet achieved.

**T**HE patent and copyright systems are important features in our incentive economy. To build and maintain a strong nation requires incentive sufficient to cause our people to expend time, effort, and energy in progressive pursuits. Advocates of reducing copyright protection argue that modern times require information be readily accessible and transmittable by modern means and this right to copy is what will make for progress and is paramount. It is also argued that the copyright is not an incentive in the fields of science, where most articles are not written with a view to making money.

The copyright law of the U.S. today is essentially the Copyright Act of 1909 and, except for minor revisions, we are operating under a 55-year-old copyright statute. The 1909 copyright act indicates that copyright registration may be obtained for (a) books, directories and compilations, (b) periodicals including newspapers (c) drawings, (d) photographs, and (e) maps.

The copyright law says that the owner of a copyright "shall have the exclusive right to print, reprint, publish, copy, and vend the copyrighted work." This exclusive right holds for twenty-eight years and may be renewed for twenty-eight years. Copyright is secured by publication of the work with the notice of copyright, as provided in the act, and may then be registered. The only substantive test is that the work be an original work in the sense of not having been copied from another. Both civil remedies and criminal penalties are provided for copyright infringement.

Notwithstanding the fact that copyrights are provided for in the Constitution and that there have been federal copyright laws since 1790, many areas of the *copyright law are still unsettled*. The copyright law of 1909 gives the owner the exclusive right to print or make copies of his work without exception. This is an absolute right or so it would appear by reading the act. Appearances, however, are sometimes deceiving. Such is the case here. The federal courts have recognized Congress' right to grant copyrights and to protect copyright property rights, but the courts have nevertheless placed restrictions on the extent and scope of the copyright.

Although copyright owners have certain exclusive rights to print, reprint, publish, copy, and vend the work, the public otherwise can "use" the work. The extent to which the public may use the work has resulted in conflict. In our situation "use" can mean physical copying, although use actually has a broader connotation.

The courts, attempting to resolve this conflict, have introduced a rule of reason, the *Fair Use Doctrine*. Where the copying is considered a *fair use* the courts will not find copyright infringement.

The U.S. copyright laws have never mentioned *fair use* so that there is no statutory guide to its meaning; the only guide is the history of prior court decisions. At any rate, *fair use* is one of the major defenses against charges of infringement of a copyright.

One federal court has defined *fair use* "as a privilege in others than the owner of a copyright to use the copyrighted material in a reasonable man-

ner without his consent. Though technically an infringement of copyright, is allowed by law on the grounds that the appropriation is reasonable and customary. Whether or not the use is *fair use* is a matter of fact in each particular case."

**A**MONG THE USES sometimes protected by the Fair Use Doctrine are:

- First, incidental use — portions copyrighted material for illustrative background purposes in an entirely different and noncompeting work.
- Second, a review or criticism of a work may quote extensively for illustration and comment.
- Third, in the area of scholarly works, while there is still considerable confusion as to what the law is in the



area, extensive use of the work for scholarly purposes is often allowed.

- Fourth, with respect to private use, there is apparently no case law although many law commentators seem to feel that private use is outside of the intended scope of the copyright law. The absence of litigation may be because it is difficult to police this type of situation, and the wide spread use of photoduplication has only recently become important.

The court cases would seem to indicate that there are a number of elements which bear heavily on whether a use — copying or duplication — would be considered within the Fair Use Doctrine. Mr. Justice Story of the United States Supreme Court stated that the factors involved in whether a use is *fair use* or not are: "The objects of the selections made, the quantity and value of the materials used, and the degree in which the use may prejudice the sale

diminish the profits, or supersede the objects of the original work." Further, Federal Judge Jankwich felt the decisive elements are: (1) the quantity and importance of the portions taken, (2) their relation to the work of which they are a part, (3) the result of their use on the demand for the copyrighted publication.

Photocopying is generally done by three groups: (1) persons working alone who desire to make copies of a document; (2) business concerns who, for business purposes, desire to make the-spot copies of a document; and (3) libraries which, in order to meet the need of researchers and other patrons, provide photocopying equipment. The use of reprography by all three groups to make copies of copyrighted material is becoming more widespread. Copying done by or for business concerns and libraries is increasing in particular.

The November 21, 1964, issue of *Business Week*, contained an article entitled "Can Publishers Pull the Plug on Copiers?" and subtitled "Illegal Use of Copying Machines Threatens Sales of News Letters, Text Books and Technical Works. Publishers Seek Ways to Stem the Tide and Keep It from Eroding Profits."

The article points out that publishers of newsletters, scientific and technical books, and professional and scientific journals are most susceptible to the adverse effects of copyright infringement through the use of copy machines. Example: a slip issued by the Columbia University Library to book borrowers stating: "Do not mutilate this copy, you may deprive four hundred other students of its use. Use the Xerox machine." Both authors and publishers have much at stake where reprography is used to reproduce articles thereby cutting down on the number of books and periodicals sold.

Presently, two bills before the Congress could become a new copyright law. The Senate bill, introduced on May 20, 1964, including a section referring to *fair use*, would provide that, notwithstanding the rights given to the copyright owner, "the *fair use* of a copyrighted work to the extent reasonably necessary or incidental to a legitimate purpose such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholar-

ship or research is not an infringement of copyright.

"In determining whether the use made of a work in any particular case is a *fair use*, the factors to be considered shall include: (1) the purpose and character of the use, (2) the nature of the copyrighted work, (3) the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole, and (4) the effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work."

This bill, while it uses the term *fair use* and indicates the nature of factors to be considered, does *not* define fair use. The bill does appear, however, to open the door wider for copying under the Fair Use Doctrine, and has further alarmed the publishing industry.

There are apparently no court decisions to date dealing specifically with photocopying of copyrighted works either by libraries or others, but, in 1937, an informal "gentlemen's agreement" was entered into between various publisher groups and library and scientific groups. This informal agreement hasn't the force of law because it is between private parties but is a statement of principle accepted by the signatories.

The agreement indicates that a library, museum, or similar institution may make and deliver a single photographic reproduction of a copyrighted work or part thereof to a scholar, who represents in writing that he desires such reproduction in lieu of loan of such publication from the library, and that he will use it solely for the purpose of research. However, it is also provided that the person receiving the reproduction must be given notice in writing by the library that he is not exempt from liability to the copyright proprietor for any infringement of copyright by misuse of the reproduction constituting an infringement under the Copyright Law. Further, the reproduction must be made and furnished by the library without profit to itself. The gentlemen's agreement further purports to relieve the library from liability for infringement, but this would apparently not be effective against a copyright owner.

It should be noted that as indicated in many court cases, the mere printing or copying of a copyrighted work with-

out profit or sale still constitutes an infringement. Further, it is clearly established in the court cases that, "One who prints an infringing work is an infringer. And where a party causes or procures an independent contractor to print or copy the work, such party will be equally liable with the independent contractor as a joint tortfeasor."

In 1941, a "Reproduction of Materials Code" adopted by the American Library Association stated: "The final determination as to whether any act of copying is a fair use rests with the court." The main portion of the code follows the gentlemen's agreement.

ONE SOLUTION for the publishing industry: supply reprints of articles in periodicals or portions of a book at a cost per copy below the per copy of the copy machines. With the present copy-machine cost, the publisher could also make a profit on the copies. The publishers, however, would have to maintain a return-mail service to compete with the time factor on copy machines. Postcards such as are used in periodicals with respect to advertising literature could be placed in the periodicals for this purpose.

A second possibility could be a royalty fee system for copying. This could probably be particularly successful on a per copy basis as far as copying in or by public libraries is concerned.

A third possibility, which in its nature is destructive rather than constructive, would be for periodicals to spread, say, a three-page article over perhaps nine pages by printing one column of several different articles on a page. At a cost of five cents a copy, a three-page article would cost \$.15 to reproduce but the same article spread over nine pages might cost \$.45 to reproduce, thus making the cost factor more critical. I would suspect, however, that this would only serve to increase the consumption of reproduction paper and would not increase the publisher's circulation very much.

The ingenuity of man knowing no bounds, various other alternatives will certainly be tried. This interplay in years ahead should be interesting to watch. #

# MARKET NEWS

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**WHAT'S NEW IN PHOTOGRAPHY?** The recent International Photography Exposition held at the New York Coliseum last May attracted nearly a hundred thousand visitors. Over three hundred exhibitors displayed their wares in over eight hundred exhibiting spaces on three vast Coliseum floors; a mile and a half of display. Your RECREATION roving reporter (plus camera) covered it for seven walking hours! To some photography is an art; to others it is not; regardless, it's a universal subject and recreation activity, and it provides a hearty exchange of ideas and concepts between people and countries—so evident at this great international exposition. Cameras are now marketed by many countries, papers carry daily photo idea columns, contests are abundant, clubs are numerous, photography books and magazines flood the markets. Most large companies carry a full line of cameras and photographic equipment.

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In his presentation remarks, Mr. Mann said, "Our commission is dedicated to preserving this parkland. We don't want [commercial] intrusions that mar parkland. Your kind of intrusion is what we welcome: the functional and proper use of parkland and its buildings."

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• For more on youth hosteling, see page 337.—Ed.

**Destination Minneapolis**

**O**N TO THE "Congress or Bust" is the cry of the Recreation Club at the University of Iowa. With the National Recreation Congress being held in Minneapolis in October, these student recreators have been raising money so that all who desire may attend at least three days of the Congress since it is being held in such close proximity to Iowa. The club voted to participate in the annual All-University Spring Festival by operating three booths: an "Ole Tonsorial Parlour" (to shave a balloon



*Seen at the Recreation Club open house. From left to right: Mrs. Verna Rensold, Harry Ostrander, club president, and Mrs. E. A. Scholer, wife of faculty advisor.*

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a straight razor), a ball throw, and rifle gallery. Of all participating groups, including fraternities, sororities and dormitories, the club ranked first in total ticket sales and "Operatic Congress" was off to a good start. The club continued its fund-raising activities by selling ice cream and cold drinks at the annual Family Camping Show in May. For this project, the club teamed with the Senior Girl Scouts of the City and shared its profits with the group seeking funds to further summer camping activities.

The club also sponsored a visit to the campus by Mrs. Verna Rensvold, Midland district representative of the National Recreation Association and sponsored an open house in her honor her first night on campus. The open house featured a typical New Zealand tea complete with decorations and foods from the land of the kiwis, recently visited by Dr. E. A. Scholer, professor of Recreation at the university. Invited were all men and women recreation managers, the heads of the Departments of Physical Education for Men and Women and all professional recreators from the immediate locale.

The following evening Mrs. Rensvold spoke to the group on the emerging trends in recreation and the personnel services of the National Recreation Association.

### Bank on Recreation

EVERY YEAR the First National Bank of Normal, Illinois, "salutes" some aspect of community life on its annual calendar. For 1965, it is honoring the National Parks and Recreation Department. Each month is illustrated with a photograph of some recreation activity, beginning with a skating party in January and ending with a community Christmas tree in December.

In a letter accompanying the calendar, the bank's president, Boyce Hudson says, in part, "Industry, when evaluating new locations about the community scrutinizes a community's recreational facilities just as carefully as it evaluates that community's educational offerings. Recreation is an important element of community life. Normal is a better place in which to live and work because our community, through the leadership of elected officials, has

planned and provided a full range of recreational offerings that are supervised by a full-time, professionally trained specialist. This fine program is augmented by a well planned, long range program for city park development." Normal's parks and recreation superintendent is Gordon B. Jaeger.

### Unusual Mobile Service

NEW GROUP counseling services for family recreation have recently been provided by the Oakland, California, Recreation Department as one of the Ford Foundation projects. The plan is organized by city blocks, and residents are notified ahead as to time of arrival in the neighborhood of the special green recreation truck. The schedule shapes up as: 1:00-2:00 PM

—program for preschool children: 2:00-3:00 PM program for adults; 3:00-4:15 PM program for elementary school children. It is planned to cover organizing families and the community (by blocks) for recreation in the home, recreation center, and in the community; and training for families in developing skills for leisure time activities such as crafts, games, drama, music, and so forth.

The values and justification of the project are to inform the community of recreation staff, service, and facilities; to inform the staff of the recreation needs of the community; to train the community in leisure skills such as art, music, games, crafts, et cetera; to interpret recreation philosophy to the community.

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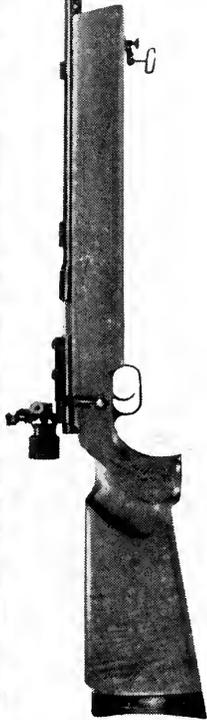
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hopes to expand later. The project began January 12 and was run by two female full-time recreation directors and two male part-time recreation directors through to May of this year. Specialists were to be called upon when needed. It is now being evaluated by research.

### Jottings on the Cuff

- Parachuting classes for boys and girls aged sixteen and over have been initiated by the Montreal Parks Department. Classes cover the theory of parachuting and such practical aspects as the way to fall, how to fold a parachute, and numerous other techniques.

### How to Conduct a Meeting

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desired end with fairness to everyone who seeks to take part in the deliberations.

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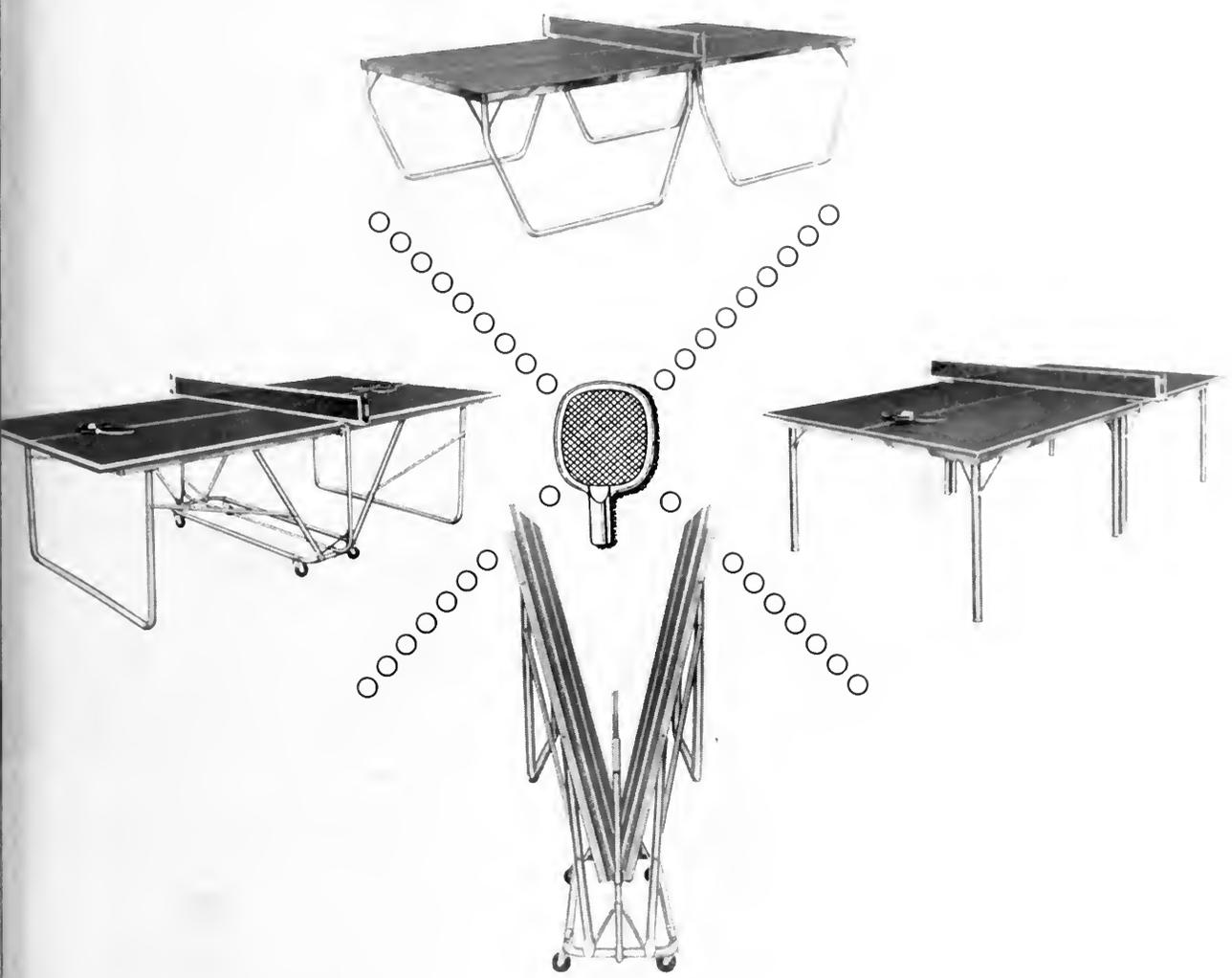


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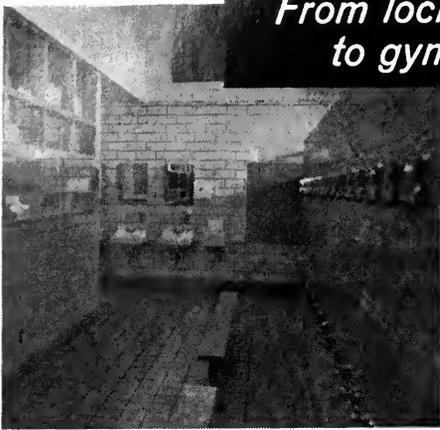
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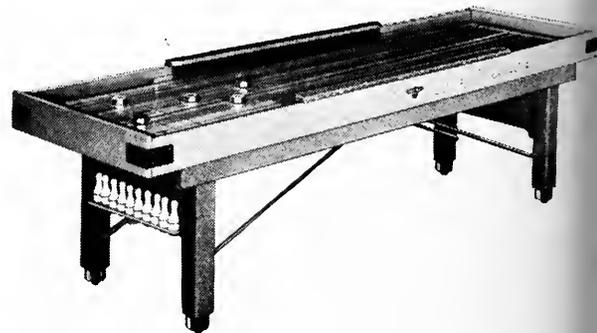
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# NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Crisis in Our Cities**, Lewis Herber. Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Pp. 239. \$5.95.

There should be required reading for everybody! It is a tale of hard and startling truths about air and water pollution and the long-range effects of today's urban living on nervous system and the human body. Some of the information has come to most of us piecemeal, now and then, but here gathered together in what amounts to a true horror story. Are you aware, for instance, that with the great increase of population, most of our rivers have become gruesome sewers — appearing, odious, and virtually dead of life?"

The author contends, and goes on to say, that we are destroying the very world on which our intellectual and physical well-being depend. His use of details opens doors to very serious thought, indeed, and makes us realize that it is not only our open spaces that we must do something about. *Don't let it!*—D.D.

**Recreation: A Medical Viewpoint**, Paul Haun, M.D. Teachers College, Columbia University, 525 West 120th Street, New York 10027. Pp. 98. Paper, \$1.00.

The director of psychiatric education for the New Jersey State Department of Institutions and Agencies, Paul Haun, has long been an enthusiastic believer in the value of and need for recreation for the ill and handicapped as well as for all people. In this book he explains beautifully and clearly why play and fun (recreation) is an absolute human need. He gives the reader insight into the "psychological needs" of human beings and their need to balance their lives with constructive leisure time in the face of today's operating pressures, which Dr. Haun says "include fear, interrupted sleep, excessive responsibility, intolerable tension and threat of life." These pressures can exceed human tolerance.

Dr. Haun strongly endorses the services performed by the well-trained recreation specialist working with the ill and handicapped, "... the recreation specialist has a vitally significant mission as the prophet and guardian of leisure—alert to the subtle perversions by which recreation loses its identity; understanding of the institutionalized resistance in our society; and skilled in

the tricky field of personal motivation. Today, the recreation worker is the only member of the treatment, health, or rehabilitation team who can make the patient's healthy psychologic needs his sole and exclusive concern. All patients, and particularly psychiatric patients, are in desperate need of getting away, on occasion, from the state of clinical appraisal—of being able to do something with another person, of talking to a friend, of silently sharing the warmth of companionship, without fear of being booby-trapped into a clinically significant admission."

This guide is an unusual and fascinating collection of papers which no recreation worker, whether responsible for handicapped or non-handicapped clients, should be without.—*Morton Thompson, Ed.D., director, National Recreation Association Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped.*

**Beyond Automation**, John Diebold. McGraw-Hill, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 10036. Pp. 220. \$7.50.

WHILE this book may not be referred to frequently by recreation and park executives, it would be well for them to examine its contents. It gives almost a frightening insight into what we may expect in the future in the way of changes as the result of automation. The book is a collection of public addresses given at important conferences around the world by the author, one of the pioneers on this phase of accelerating technology.

In the past, change was considered just an occasional condition of our economy and society, whereas today it is a normal condition. This is why we are talking more and more about creativity and creative problem solving. Social change is one of the important byproducts of automation; in fact, the author believes it is the most important byproduct. The book discusses the coming events in automation through the 1970's, which include such things as voice recognition, automatic translation of the spoken voice, machines that talk back to people, and intelligent behavior by machines. Mr. Diebold is probably the first conspicuous pioneer to see beyond the machines and to recognize the full economic and social implication of automation. The innovations of the present day will probably reshape modern society far more drastically than

did those machines of the first Industrial Revolution. The changes in manpower and the dislocation of people and other factors that are already well known to recreation people will challenge our own services. Some of the questions that the recreation worker needs to give more attention to might well include: How can we keep the personal touch in our services? To what extent are our present-day curriculums training technicians and broad-gauged recreation managers? What more can we do to help our people become better prepared to adapt to change? Certainly, recreation workers must be increasingly aware of the effect of automation on society in general, and on recreation in particular.—*W. C. Sutherland, National Recreation Association Recreation Personnel Service.*

**Games and Stunts for Schools, Camps and Playgrounds**, Margaret E. Mulac. Harper and Row, 49 East 33rd Street, New York 10016. Pp. 362. \$4.95.

THE AUTHOR has always tried, in her books, to do more than just describe games, hobbies, or other activities. She includes methods for creating new games and putting new life into a program. She is a good craftsman. It is possible, however, that by trying to cover too wide a range of game activities for too wide an age range, Miss Mulac does herself a disservice. The leader who teaches "Ten Little Indians" and other singing and circle games for elementary-school-age children is not likely to be the teacher who tries to make a relay out of quantities and measures, and the leader at a social gathering will not get much use out of "Saucy Goslings."

Counting-out rhymes are part of America's play past. It is right that new rhymes be added, but, surely, we should preserve some of the old ones. Miss Mulac's new ones, however, are fun. We particularly liked her first one, to be acted out by each player:

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A blink (eye blink), a wrinkle  
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## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED

### SPORTS, PHYSICAL FITNESS

- Fish and Fishing**, Maynard Reece. Meredith Press, 1716 Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa. Pp. 224. \$7.95.
- Fisherman's Fall**, Roderick Haig-Brown. Morrow, 425 Park Ave. S., N. Y. 10016. Pp. 279. \$4.50.
- Fishes of the Great Lakes Region**, Carl L. Hubbs and Karl F. Lagler. Univ. of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor. Pp. 213. \$6.95.
- Fun on Horseback**, Margaret Cabell Self. A. S. Barnes, 11 E. 36th St., New York 10016. Pp. 271. \$4.95.
- Fundamentals of Judo**, Sadaki Nakabayashi, Yoshihiro Uchida, George Uchida. Ronald Press, 15 E. 26th St., New York 10010. Pp. 273. \$7.00.
- International Football Book No. 6**, Stratton Smith, Editor. Sportshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N. Y. Pp. 144. \$4.25.
- Pony Riding**, J. F. Kelly. Sportshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. Pp. 142. \$3.00.

- Power of Isometrics**, David Manners. Sentinel Books, 17-21 E. 22nd St., New York 10010. Pp. 128. Paper, \$1.00.
- Proceedings, First National Institute on Girls' Sports**. AAHPER, 1201 16th St., Washington, D.C. 20036. Pp. 160. Paper, \$3.00.
- Program in Self-Instruction For Officiating DGWS Volleyball Rules**, Mildred J. Barnes. Burgess Publ., 426 S. 6th St., Minneapolis 55415. Pp. 95. Paper, \$2.50.
- Run and Shoot Football: Offense of the Future**, Glenn "Tiger" Ellison. Parker Publ., West Nyack, N.Y. Pp. 208. \$5.95.
- Self-Defense, Including Judo, Jiu-Jitsu, Karate**, Doug Baggott. Sportshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. Pp. 26. Paper, \$3.25.
- Water Ballet Pageants**, Ferne Price. Burgess Publ., 426 S. 6th St., Minneapolis 55415. Pp. 164. Spiralbound, \$4.50.
- Water Polo Drills and Playing Hints**, W. K. Antifila. National Press, 850 Hansen Way, Palo Alto, Calif. Pp. 159. Paper, \$2.95.
- Way to Womanhood**, W. W. Bauer, M. D. and Florence Marvyne Bauer. Doubleday and Co., 277 Park Ave. S., New York 10017. Pp. 112. \$2.95.

- Wembley Book of Ball Games**, The. Sport P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. Pp. \$3.75.
- Yoga for Busy People**, Howard Murphet. Sportshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. 127. \$3.25.
- Your Boat and the Law**, Martin J. Norris. Yers Co-operative Publ., Rochester, N.Y. 398. \$5.95.

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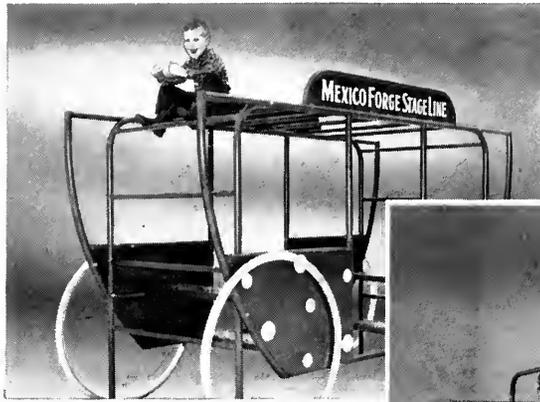
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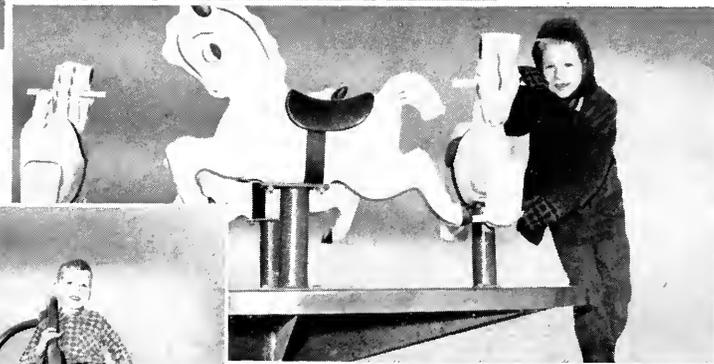
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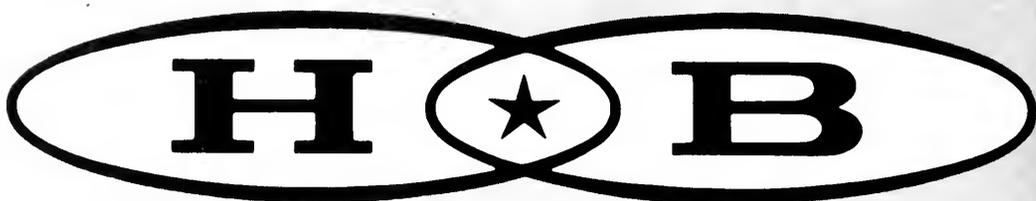
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**On the Cover**

In honor of United Nations Week, October 24-30, we send our neighbor to the north, Canada. The coves and picturesque fishing ports of Nova Scotia are a vacationer's delight, a haven for artists and photographers. Surrounding the sea, Canada's easternmost new land province is a harmonious blend of history, of Gaelic, Acadian, and Loyalist tradition, of highland glen, pastoral valley, rugged seascape. Photo courtesy Canadian National Railways.

**Next Month**

We shall examine recreation aboard the *USS Kitty Hawk*, the world's largest conventionally powered aircraft carrier, as well as special event activities at an Army test center and an airbase. "Barnyard Serenade" the development of a small animal farm in a rapidly urbanizing area is described. A look at the most recent trends in recreation construction includes a preview of a new center in Hempstead, New York, to be dedicated in November; a visit to a senior-citizen drop-in center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and a tour of the park which Akron, Ohio, developed from a claypit.

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ection 203 (k) of the Federal Prop- and Administrative Services Act of ), as amended (40 U.S.C. 484 (k)) ides for schools and nonprofit in- tions to receive these lands through e Department of Health, Education, Welfare sans fee, while under Sec- 13 (h) of the Surplus Property Act 1944 (50 U.S.C. app. 1622 (h)) the fer for park and recreation pur- ses may only be done at fifty per- cent of value.

Today, the worthy use of our leisure is equally as important as the uses t forth in the Act administered by the rtment of Health, Education and care. Yet, such parks and recrea- use is discriminated against by the e-mentioned law.

I would commend to the attention of of you that you investigate these and, if you concur with the posi- taken by the Washington State and Recreation Commission, that write your Congressman urging federal lands surplussed for parks recreation purposes be given the rules and regulations to live by as e surplussed for other purposes.

CHARLES H. ODEGAARD, *Director,*  
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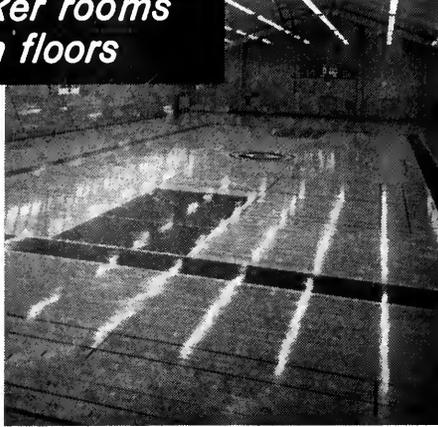
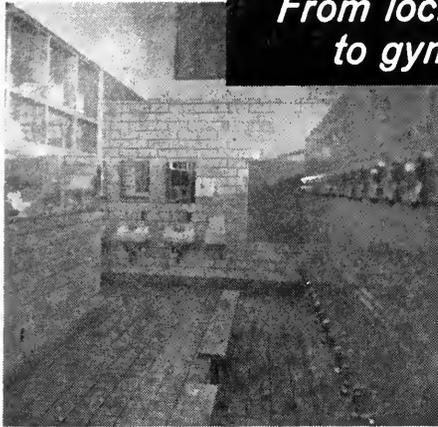
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### Outdoor Manners

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It was such a great pleasure to return from vacation and find . . . the newspaper clippings re GOMA [the article "Don't Be a 'Wreckreator,'" which appeared in the June issue of RECREATION, picked up by United Press and reproduced in newspapers across the country. . . . What a tremendous break for me! And all due to your giving us space for your fine publication. We are deeply grateful. I also wish to express my personal thanks for your excellent edition of my copy, which smoothed out my amateur's rough spots.

MRS. MARGARET ROBARGE, *Public Chairman, Good Outdoor Manners Association, Seattle.*

### Great Minds

Sirs:

"Great minds run in the same channel." When I gazed at the cover of [April] Recreation Magazine, it looked slightly familiar. Enclosed is our solution . . . Our picture covers a part of an obstacle course in which the young man crawls through a stack of auto tires before going through the culvert.



This similarity also brings to mind a contest I ran in Knoxville years ago. A sketched picture of a bulletin board was given to each playground director. He then duplicated the idea with his own interpretation and I took the pictures of each. The best rendition was given an award.

NATHAN L. MALLISON, *Superintendent of Recreation, Jacksonville, Florida.*

# EDITORIALY SPEAKING

Dorothy Donaldson

## Goals for American Recreation

WHAT values and goals are we committed in the recreation program? Do we know the *why* as well as the *how* of recreation? Do common goals serve as a rallying point for personal and public and private agencies in the field? The foreword in a recently published booklet, *Goals for American Recreation*, by the Commission on Goals for American Recreation of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and published by that organization, says: "Many years ago John Collier, a friend and critic of recreation, urged the recreation leaders in this country with 'conducting pigmy program, seeking pigmy results, amid many opportunities.' Collier's criticism possesses validity. A critical weakness of the recreation profession is that it does not present its people do not have great purposes which they are united in wanting to achieve.

This challenge of purpose has vital implications to the individual leader. The worth of a leader will be no greater than the values he seeks. Furthermore, a leader without a sound philosophy is a dangerous individual, as indicated by Nietzsche: "He who does not know how but not why is not even able to carry the burden of being a

leader." The booklet's last section, entitled "Environment for Living in a Modern Society," the commission states:

Recreation is human activity; it occurs in space. The environment in which the individual reacts, either personally alone or as one in association with others, is in large measure a determinant of the quality of the recreation experience. The innate, hence most satisfying, forms of recreation experience thrive best in the natural environment. Meaningful recreation experience is had in contending against elements, calling upon one's natural resources of strength, agility, physical and mental dexterity, as well as emotional sensitivity and spiritual richness. Such activities in ages past

were the test of man's ability to survive. Now they are the bases of recreation living as expressed in hunting, fishing, swimming, hiking, mountain climbing, and skiing, and in cooperative group recreation activities of many kinds. On the level of appreciation, viewing the landscape, counting the stars, listening to the babble of the brook or the splashing of the waves, or hearing the songs of the birds are recreation experiences which bring insight and inspiration to the human soul. . . .

"Conservation of natural resources accordingly must become one of the vital concerns of recreation without which it may not achieve its essential goals. Those who would conserve the deep-seated human value of recreation must conserve also the phenomena of nature. . . ."

Between these two sections, the commission discusses personal fulfillment, leisure skills and interests, democratic human relations, creative expression, health and fitness. The 48-page booklet is available for \$2.00 from the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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## New Philosophy Needed

THE CONSERVATION PROBLEM that we face is largely one of human resources, or social resources, and not so much one of resources management. It is a problem of human resolution rather than one of mere economics or manpower. Somehow we must want to do more as a people than we are doing now. The science and technology to raise our nation to a high sustained and natural resources level are available to us. So are the means. Lacking seems to be the motivation. Here is where the emergence of a pervasive ecological conscience within the American people can provide the motivating force that is needed to get the conservation job done.—*From Manual of Outdoor Conservation Education by JOSEPH J. SHOMON, National Audubon Society (see also RECREATION, March 1964, Page 101).*



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## Fremont in Translation

A COMMUNITY must be planned for people. That does not sound—on the surface—like a particularly revolutionary idea, but it is a concept that may launch a revolution in community planning, international planning experts think. Just how far reaching will be the effect of the advice “Plan for People” depends on an agency of the United Nations, whose experts sought out the idea from the city of Fremont, California. Officials from the Housing, Building and Planning Branch of the UN’s Bureau of Social Affairs sought from Fremont a translation of the planning concepts being used in Fremont, especially the ideas behind the planning—as a vital part of the city—leisure facilities such as parks, cultural facilities, and recreation areas.

The report to the UN agency, for use in giving planners the world over ideas on community design, was authored by leisure-resources administrator Leonard McVicar, director of Fremont’s Department of Community Recreation. The “Planning for People” concept is a revolution, Mr. McVicar contends, when compared with the traditional way communities are designed. In the past, the major concern of the planners has been “land use,” ignoring the fact that people, not planners, determine how a community develops. In Fremont, the idea of “Planning for People” has been translated into the policy of putting neighborhood parks adjacent to schools and in the development of the Carriage House Plaza in the center of Fremont’s central business district. “People are drawn to shopping centers and schools are the centers of suburban living, so why not locate leisure facilities—parks, plazas, recreation, and cultural facilities—where the people gather, in shopping centers and adjacent to schools?” Mr. McVicar asks.

## Chess on a Wet Afternoon

NINE-YEAR-OLD Vincent Micheroni, 1964 Inter-Playground Chess Champion in Somerville, Massachusetts, has found that the friendship of recrea-

tion leaders can lead one to bright horizons. During February 1964, a recreation leader noticed a decided chess talent while playing with young Vinny. The leader referred Vinny to the Somerville Recreation Commission’s special leader in chess. Both leaders played Vin in five games only to find Vin the victor in three of these matches. The special leader decided to introduce the youngster to the Boston College Chess Club, where after a month, he was made an honorary member. Vincent is the youngest member in the history of the Boston College Chess Club, as well as being the youngest Inter-Playground Chess Champion.

The Boston College Chess Club naturally recessed during the summer months, which prompted the special leader to introduce his protege to the Boston YMCA Chess Club, “The Checkmate Club.” Vin soon became the youngest member of that organization also. Through this club, he met a local professor who agreed to sponsor Vin and send him to the best of private schools. Vin took a battery of IQ and aptitude tests at Harvard University, passing them all.

Chess, a small part of the Somerville Recreation Commission’s program, certainly played a large part in Vincent Micheroni’s life. The boy’s great potential, discovered in chess, may bring him success in other phases of life. After his testing, it appears that the boy



Young Vincent Micheroni demonstrates winning chess tactics to recreation leaders.

has great potential in *any* field that may choose. His sponsor believes this is one reason why the boy should be given an opportunity to develop his potential in the best schools in the area. All this developed from a chess match with an alert recreation leader on a stormy afternoon in February.

## Prize-Winning Storytelling

THE FILM based on *The Snowy Day*, 1963 Caldecott Medal winner Ezra Keats (Viking), has been selected for showing in the annual Venice International Film Festival. The film, produced by Weston Woods Studios in Weston, Connecticut, was animated by Mal Wittmann with music by Barry Galbraith, and storytelling by Jane Harvey. Morton S. Edel, president of Weston Woods, will receive a Certificate of Participation from the U. S. Government’s Golden Anniversary Award at a presentation ceremony on November 1, staged under the auspices of CINE, the Committee on International Nontheatrical Events of the National Education Association.

## Worthwhile Youth Project

THE YOUTH GROUP at U.S. Marine Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, has raised \$350 to initiate and promote a camp-community midget football program for the benefit of Onslow-Camp Lejeune Chapter for Retarded Children. This activity has created a lot of goodwill between Jacksonville, North Carolina, and the camp. The chapter president writes to Selwyn Orcutt, director of the Marine Corps Base Youth Community Activities:

“The Onslow-Camp Lejeune Chapter for Retarded Children wishes to express our deepest appreciation for all of your interest, time and energy you gave in initiating and promoting the Jacksonville-Camp Lejeune Midget Football Game.

“Your coming to us to give us the privilege of participating and being a recipient of this project was outstanding. . . .

“We hope you feel a deep sense

...de in that you have helped those less fortunate so greatly.

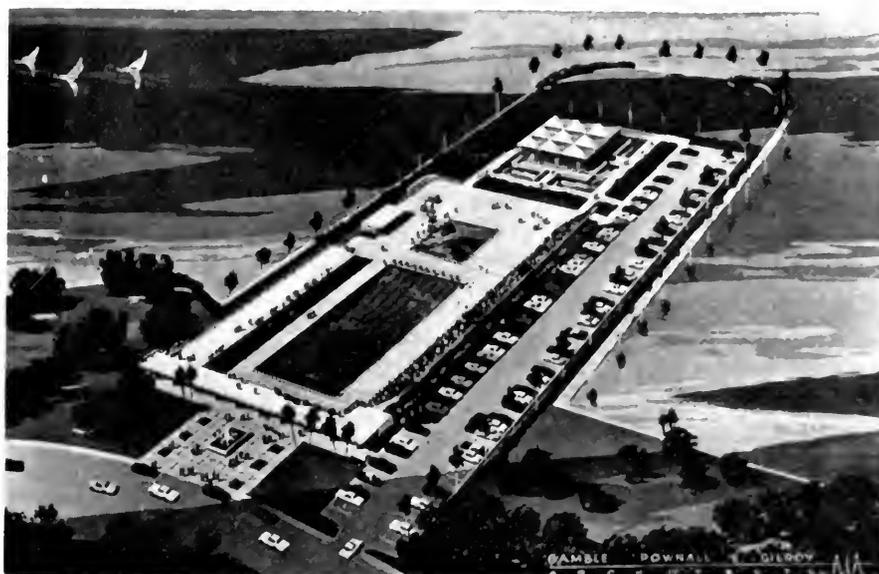
"The proceeds from the ticket sales were well beyond the amount we had expected. This money will enable us to continue to expand the program for the retarded in our county. . . . May God bless you."

## Salary Survey

THE FIRST PROJECT undertaken under the Joint Services Program of California Park and Recreation Society and Pacific Southwest District of National Recreation and Park Association was a statewide salary survey of public recreation and/or park agencies in California. Dick C. Anthony, director of parks and recreation in Malibu, California, prepared the survey and was responsible for compiling the data and putting it into report form. A total of 319 questionnaires were mailed to public agencies, of which 213 responded. Of those responding, 193 received full-time personnel which was requested in the survey. The survey is intended to provide basic salary data on full-time career employees in public recreation and/or park agencies. Round copies of the survey are available to California Park and Recreation Society members, and to National Recreation and Park Association Association for \$1.00 (\$2.00 to all others). Write to CPRS-NRPA Joint Services Program, 404 Del Webb's Center, 2220 Future Street, Fresno, California.

## Flight Plan

A private pilot flight-training program was offered this summer by the recreation department in Branford, Connecticut, with the New Haven Airways as cosponsor. It is open to men and women eighteen years of age or over, living or working in Branford or surrounding communities. Phase 1 included two half-hours of ground school, including an orientation flight for each student in a single-engine light aircraft. Each student also received a private pilot handbook consisting of FAA regulations, principles of flight, aerial navigation, radio navigation and procedure. Other subjects included airport techniques, and other related subjects. Registration fee for Phase 1 was \$20. Phase 2 was open to those who had



*The Swimming Hall of Fame, now under construction in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will occupy a man-made peninsula jutting out into the Intracoastal Waterway, one block from the Atlantic. This swimming pool complex is a nonprofit corporation.*

taken Phase 1 or have its equivalent in aviation experience. It offered two one-hour individual sessions for each student in a single-engine light aircraft, including complete Sanderson-private pilot, audio-visual course, navigational techniques in depth, manual and materials for each student, and Sanderson audio-visual system. Registration fee for Phase 2 was \$65. For further information, write to Joe Trapasso, Community House, Branford, Connecticut.

## Wood Ducks Get Help

BETTER LIVING standards for wildlife in Trinity County, California, including man-made "hollow trees" for wood duck nests, are the goal of the group of 4-H youngsters in Weaverville. Wood ducks are still found along the wooded stream banks of the Trinity wildlands. "But there aren't as many as there used to be. One reason may be the lack of hollow trees located just right for nesting sites," says farm advisor Joe Borden of the University of California Agricultural Extension Service office in Trinity County.

Working closely with state fish and game authorities, the Weaverville 4-H Club members are placing artificial nests, made of wood planks or old tires, in trees at likely looking spots. In a program which may pioneer the way for 4-H clubs elsewhere, the Trinity County youths are studying and helping with other conservation practices, too.

One activity is trapping to reduce numbers of certain predators—skunks, for example, which under some circumstances destroy large numbers of game birds' nests.

## Summer Ideas

THE COOPERATIVE nature program of the Mounds View School District and the community recreation department offers eight "Tiny Animal Searches" for first- and second-grade boys and girls who hike an hour and a half to nearby parks and parking area to "discover spring"; and an equal number of "Nature Safaris" for third- and fourth-grade boys and girls who, among other things, take trips to the University of Minnesota Natural History Museum and the Carlos Avery State Game Farm in a search for wild North American mammals. A nominal fee is charged for the latter.

## Art Research

IS THERE a relationship between a child's finger painting and the complicated fresco of his adult years? Or between the three-year-old's "copying" of his parents' behavior and his acting of a role in a play at seventeen? These and many other basic research problems of the arts remain and seem likely to remain unanswered, according to Dr. Jack Morrison, president of the National Council of the Arts in Education.

"Efforts to introduce basic research

in the arts are sporadic, ill-supported and of widely varying quality," he told a recent meeting of the American Educational Theater Association in Chicago. "Yet because America is evolving from a work-ethic to a leisure-ethic, such basic research of top quality is desperately needed. Getting it under way, however, is neither quick nor easy."

Dr. Morrison, an associate professor of theater arts at UCLA, noted that what little research there is in this area has been conducted mostly by psychologists. "Investigation of the difficult field of expressive behavior," he said, "may provide the teacher-artist with an untold wealth of useful concepts, procedures and information. The 'creative act' may prove to be the mother lode for research in the arts."

Among the hopeful signs, he said, is the recent decision of the Arts and Humanities Branch of the U.S. Office of Education to grant more money from its "Cooperative Research funds" to such projects. Also, he noted the efforts of the National Council of the Arts in Education, a federation of professional societies in the arts, to seek support for a three-year study which will serve "to reassert the central place of the arts in the life of men everywhere."

The proposed study, Dr. Morrison said, would "examine the status,

strengths and weaknesses of the arts as they are taught, learned, and practiced in American educational institutions at all levels."

## Weekend in Suburbia

THEY HAVE a good thing going in Eastchester, New York, according to Vincent D. Bellew, superintendent of recreation, who writes, with tongue in cheek, "Sunday . . . that's my day of rest!" Actually, Eastchester's "children's weekend" (in business for about seven years) starts on Friday afternoons after school and extends through Sunday afternoons. After-school centers, which include boys' clubs, girls' clubs, basketball centers, hobby clubs, youth centers, parties, dances, teen centers, dad-and-son centers, boys' judo, and girls' baton twirling classes, open on Friday. Most of these continue on Saturday morning and afternoon, but added features expand the program, such as the Children's Music Workshop, Bowling Club, indoor roller skating, and School of Skills. Also on Saturday afternoon, the Recreation Commission gives free bus transportation to over seven hundred children to a county indoor ice-skating rink. When the commission gets help from Jack Frost, one of the local lakes is used for ice skating. Another attraction for the little children

is "Adventure on Wheels." This program where children are taken by bus to a world of adventure, via historic and entertaining spots. On Sunday afternoons the gyms are packed and on Sunday afternoons the activities are swarming with parents.

"Children's Weekend" has grown in numbers participating and diversity of activities through the year. It has the complete support of the I. Clubs, Parent-Teacher's Association, school administrators, and the town.

Once the local real-estate operator used the schools as an excellent starting point to bring people into the town of Eastchester. They have now added a recreation program of "Children's Weekend" as an added inducement. It works.

It is just a matter of everybody getting together, rolling up their sleeves and going to work to make the town a better place to bring up a child. And yes, it justifies the claim that the recreation superintendent works only six days a week!

## Notes on the Cuff

- By installing permanent colored fluorescent lights on the inner walls of the municipal auditorium, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was able to eliminate the expense of lighting up and takedown for special events thereby cut manhours.

- A handsome new magazine is being published bimonthly by the Ontario Recreation Association. It is a fine example for other state and provincial societies and associations to emulate. *Recreation in Ontario* is available for \$3.00 annually from ORA, 15 Dundas Street, Toronto 1, Ontario, Canada. The contents explore various facets of recreation today, in Canada, the U.S., and abroad.

- One thousand persons daily benefit from part of our nation's elderly citizens. There are eighteen million persons over sixty-five years today, with the forecast of thirty-eight million by 1980.

- Noon-hour crowds in downtown Montreal are enjoying "Instant Theatre" . . . half-hour plays presented in the intimate Theatre de la Place. It has been termed an "instant" success.

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THE EDITOR

▶ **PRELIMINARY RESULTS** of the national survey of public preferences and activities in outdoor recreation will be available in the spring of 1966, with the formal report to follow later. The survey was conducted in September by the U.S. Census Bureau. The information will be used by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in developing the nation's first long-range comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. The data will compare with and update the findings of the 1960-61 National Recreation Survey conducted by the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

▶ **FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE** to world forestry, Dr. Verne Lester Harper, deputy chief of the U.S. Forest Service in charge of research, has just been awarded the first Fernow International Award by the American Forestry Association and the Deutscher Forstverein, leading forestry association of the Republic of Germany. In North America, Dr. Harper helped establish the North American Forestry Commission to bring Canada, the United States, and Mexico more closely together in forestry cooperation. He has led in stimulating forest research in Latin America countries where his work is widely recognized, particularly for providing training facilities in tropical forestry for foresters of more than forty Latin-American, Asian, and African countries.

▶ The attractive annual report issued for 1964 by the Board of Park Commissioners in Minneapolis should be of interest to many park and recreation administrators. Look for it at the Minneapolis exhibit at the National Recreation Congress, October 3 to 8. It will be set up on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel Leamington.

▶ **APPOINTMENTS:** Eldon F. (Bill) Holmes has been named chief of the Recreation Staff, Division of Resource Program Management of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. He had been assistant chief since June 1964. Before coming to Washington headquarters, he had served two years as BLM's district manager in Bakerfield, California. He replaces Eugene K. Peterson who will transfer to the Portland, Oregon, Service Center to head the Columbia Basin Studies for BLM.

• Russell E. Train, former judge of the United States Tax Court, is the new president of The Conservation Foundation. Mr. Train is active in conservation activities here and abroad and is also vice-president of the World Wildlife Fund, a director of the American Committee for International Wildlife Protection, and president of the African

Wildlife Leadership Foundation. The Conservation Foundation has moved its headquarters from New York City to 1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

▶ **CONSERVATION FUNDS.** Apportionment of nearly \$76,000,000 to states and territories from the Land and Water Conservation Fund included over \$4,000,000 each to the states of New York and California. The smallest amount, \$4,273, went to American Samoa. The total figure represents ninety percent of the \$84,377,000 appropriated from the fund by Congress for apportionment in the fiscal year which began July 1. Five percent of the appropriation, \$4,218,350, is reserved to meet unforeseen state needs. Another five percent is expected to be apportioned among the states early next year on the basis of out-of-state visitor use of their recreation areas. The amounts must be matched by the states and territories. The allocations may be used to finance fifty percent of the cost of approved projects by the states and territories and their *local public agencies* of planning, acquiring,

and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

▶ **NUMBER TWO.** Paid circulation of *Our Public Lands* magazine, issued quarterly by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management, has passed the hundred thousand mark making it the second largest federal government periodical, according to figures from the U.S. Government Printing Office. The magazine has been published continuously since April 1949 and features articles and reports on multi-purpose uses of BLM-administered lands in eleven Western states and Alaska. It is available for \$.60 annually.

▶ **ABC MANUAL FOR NEW EDITORS.** Those who have ordered copies, do not be discouraged if this booklet is not on display at the Congress. It is ready to go on press and will be published most immediately thereafter. But let it be for it an any case! Printing delays have been caused by emergencies resulting from the "merger" and the format change of the new National Recreation and Park Association.

▶ **STATED A TEENAGER,** "Retired oldies hate us," while another said "adults generally seem to think teenagers are loathsome objects." The and other bitter comments ranked high in written answers given by students of Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda, Florida, when they were invited to express their thoughts and attitudes about their community and their needs.

The four-part opinion poll asked students to reply to these questions:

- What should the community do to help our youth?
- Which organization is doing most for teenagers?
- What is one thing the community could do that is most important?
- What is the attitude of adults towards teenagers?

It was the last question that brought forth evidence of a deep resentment among young people towards what they think is a critical attitude on the part of older people towards the younger generation. One student stated simply that the attitude of adults towards teenagers is "no good at all." Another put it more specifically: "They think we are thieves, sex maniacs, troublemakers, crazy about everything else, while they probably do as much or worse than we have ever done."

A few students admitted that some adults are trying to help but "It isn't enough," while another pointed out that adults should realize that teenagers "are just following the example of adults set."—*From Sarasota Herald-Tribune item by Josephine Cortez April 11, 1965.*

## COMING EVENTS

**Annual Conference, Public Personnel Association, October 10-14, Hotel Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** For further information, write to Kenneth O. Warner, Executive Director, 1313 East 60th Street, Chicago 60637.

**Annual Meeting, American Institute of Planners, October 17-21, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.** For further information, write to Robert L. Williams, Executive Director, 917 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

**Biennial National Conference, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, October 24-27, Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** For further information, write to John D. Lange, Executive Director, 1413 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

**Annual Exposition, National Safety Council Congress, October 25-28, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.** For further information, write to R. L. Forney, 425 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 60611.

**41st Annual Conference, American Association of Homes for the Aging, November 1-4, Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California.** Write to AAHA, 49 West 45th Street, New York 10036.

**Biennial Round Table Conference, American Public Welfare Association, December 1-4, Chicago.** For information, write to Mrs. Ann Porter, APWA, 1313 E. 60th Street, Chicago 60637.

**Annual National Conference on Government, National Municipal League, November 14-17, Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.** For further information, write to Alfred Willoughby, Executive Director, 47 East 68th Street, New York 10021.

# RECREATION, GOVERNMENT, and the ARTS



THE SPECTACULAR GROWTH of recreational interest and participation in all forms of the arts and the comparative lag in the growth of opportunities for certain classes of nonprofit professional performing organizations are conditions recognized at once in the recent Rockefeller Panel Report, *The Per-*

*forming Arts: Problems and Prospects* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1965). Moreover, the report points out that amateur and professional interests generally fail to complement each other, and oftentimes conflict. One main problem is that of strengthening the support of the public and the business and industrial community for the nonprofit organizations.

Government at all levels is becoming more active as patron of the arts. Recent developments indicate that government, confronted with the rising tides of cultural interests both recreational and professional, will expand its role in support of the arts.

The establishment of the National Council on the Arts recommended in the Heckscher Report to the late President Kennedy, the cultural enrichment program provisions of the Supplementary Education Bill, cultural programs made possible under the Economic Opportunity Act, the establishment of twenty-two state arts councils and over a hundred local arts councils, and other developments point to great possibilities of further involvement of community recreation in the cultural growth of this country.

The New York State Council on the Arts made a grant to the new Music and Arts Camp sponsored by the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation in Westchester County, New York. The Office of Economic Opportunity has made funds available for a creative arts program sponsored by the Topeka, Kansas, Recreation Department.

Looking ahead with the future prospects of government as patron of the arts in mind, and strengthened community support from private sources as well, it would seem that recreation should remain true, first of all, to its time-honored and experience-tested ideal of creating opportunities for as many people as possible to not only enjoy the arts as presented by professional artists but to participate actively in them as well. It has a special responsibility at this time to improve and increase the quality and availability of recreation leadership and programs in the arts and to take advantage of new resources available to do so.

President Kennedy said government cannot decree but it can create an atmosphere for the arts. Many new resources are now available for recreators to help create just such an atmosphere. #

JOSEPH PRENDERGAST  
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National Recreation and Park Association



# SOCIAL TRENDS AND RECREATION PLANNING

*An analysis of this new era in which research is needed to give direction to recreation*

Genevieve W. Carter

NO FIELD of organized services to people has such a broad spectrum for potential research as recreation. The subjects of needed research may range from preservation of wilderness-type sites, varieties of grasses for golf courses, durability and safety of equipment, and land use, to life-saving techniques and physical fitness. The other end of the research spectrum would include practices in recreation therapy, group-work methods, informal education, camping, low-organization activities, leadership functions, as well as the developmental life cycle of leisure-time needs and resources. An examination of relevant social trends and their implications for recreation planning leads into program questions which, in turn, point toward public policy issues.

Social trend data are available from all sorts of surprising sources. There are also changing forces and social conditions which are recognized but for which there are limited data. When several significant social or economic trends converge, social problems are likely to emerge. For example, urban poverty emerges more clearly when the current trends in the changing occupational structure are observed, when the unskilled and poorly educated migrate from the Southern rural areas to the cities, and when, at the same time, the middle-class population of the city moves to the suburbs.

These social forces are interrelated, and a chain process is initiated which results in a new type of disadvantaged people in the central core of our cities. This is not only a concern of the community's social welfare agencies but should also be an interest of the recreation and parks department. Three current issues have importance for recreation planning: the notion of increased leisure time, the changing economy and the occupational structure, and recreation's role and the social problem of poverty.

One of the significant social trends frequently mentioned in recreation planning is the increased leisure time made available by technology, cybernation, and automation.

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Workweek trends show gains in leisure time when plotted over the last half century; the sixty- and the fifty-hour week is down to a forty-hour week.

When the pace of this change is examined, we find that the workweek has stabilized over the past five or six years. There is no indication of increasing leisure for the head of the household or for his wife. In fact, the changes over the last decade would indicate less time for leisure but more money to spend for recreation. This trend is not true for the older population, the over-65 group, which is increasing in numbers and in retirement years.

Family income has been increased by higher wages, by more persons with two jobs, and by an increased number of working wives. For example, when trends indicating persons with two jobs are analyzed, the data show that professionals and farmers continue to have high rates of multiple job holding, between seven and eight percent. This past year, for the first time, equally high or higher rates were found among carpenters, other construction craftsmen, drivers and deliverymen and sales workers (not retail); men who were elementary- and high-school teachers (18.7 percent), and firemen, policemen, and the other protective services (14.2 percent). The lowest rate in multiple-job holding for men was for managers, officials, and proprietors, most of whom already work long hours on their primary jobs. When the trends for average weekly hours of production workers are examined, the prospects for increased leisure also appear to be less or stabilized.

Another trend which belongs in the leisure-time picture is the ever-increasing number of working wives. If families were counted by the husband's income alone, the numbers of families with incomes over \$10,000 would be cut by almost in half, from seven million to less than four million. The higher the family income, the greater the likelihood that the wife was employed. The greatest increase among married women was among the forty-five and over group with no children under eighteen.

MORE LEISURE evidently is not as important as more income for recreation. As personal wealth increases, most families find they have more each year to spend for pleasure. This is illustrated by the fact that participant



sports figures rose from \$197,000,000 in 1940 to over \$1,000,000,000 in 1961. Spectator sports captured \$904,000,000 of their 1940 dollars but over \$2,000,000,000 of their 1961 dollars. They bought \$500,000,000 worth of radio and TV sets, records, and musical instruments in 1940 and \$3,800,000,000 worth in 1961. Very expensive items such as boats and airplanes could be enjoyed by more people. Along with other sports equipment, these expenditures rose from \$254,000,000 in 1940 to \$2,200,000,000 in 1961.

The implications for recreation planning are interesting. There is less leisure because of more working hours per family, but there is more money to enjoy the benefits. The families with unemployed youth and adults, and the aged who are generally also at the low-income level, have the leisure but not the money.

Projections indicate that the shift to occupations requiring higher levels of education, training, and skill will continue. Concurrent with this shift is an emphasis from goods-producing to service-producing industries, insurance, transportation, and personal services, such as medical and health services. The chief occupational trends in labor force projections to 1970 and 1975 are:

- A relatively rapid growth of white-collar occupations, especially in technical and professional fields.
- A slower growth in blue-collar occupations, with skilled craftsmen experiencing the most rapid gains, but no increase at all for laborers.
- A rapid growth in service worker employment.
- A steep decline in the number of farmers and farm laborers.

Now what effect would these trends have on people in general or recreation in particular? Although the unemployment rate among all age groups rose from 4.0 percent in May 1957 to 4.7 percent in May 1964, or an increase of 17.5 percent, in this same period it rose 56.2 percent in the 14- to 19-age group, from 16.9 percent in 1957 to 26.4 percent in the same month of 1964. Our postwar baby boom has now hit the labor force marketplace full blast!

**WHAT DOES** a highly developed society do when its lower-level jobs disappear and when millions of people are not prepared for occupations requiring a high level of edu-

cation? In our society we believe work is a virtue and although the Gross National Product soars to \$600,000,000,000, each able-bodied adult should exchange his services on the free market for income. When, as the trends indicate, there will not be occupational openings for the low skilled, partially educated person which would yield income for family subsistence, what is the answer? There is no indication of a vigorous movement to create or develop a sufficient number of new jobs requiring only marginal skills.

What would be the public attitudes and reaction of recreation or constructive use of leisure were provided for able-bodied youth and adults who have no place in the free market of an employment picture? This same question might be phrased to include all families and children and adults who receive their subsistence through transfer payments rather than from exchange of income through work.

The reason this sounds so strange is because recreation, like other good things, is generally considered to be a reward for worthy work and thrift. The problem ahead is either to create new jobs for this low-skill group or to find a socially acceptable purpose for the use of this leisure. The Youth Corps holds promise for a part of the youth. A role for certain purposive types of recreation is not impossible as one of the alternatives.

The following is a very brief review of the social factors which describe poverty in an affluent society:

- Of the 47,000,000 families in the United States in 1962, some 9,300,000, or more than a fifth of these families, had total money income below \$3,000. Eleven million of these people were children.
- Poverty-linked characteristics can be described according to risk or vulnerability. Being nonwhite, a female head of family, over 65 years of age, having four or more children, or living in a rural area increases the chances of being poor. Low educational achievement, having a low level of employable skills, or being young in the labor force with marginal entry skills, plus family, makes for a greater risk of poverty.
- Economic growth in itself does not eliminate poverty, since an analysis of the composition of poor families shows many have no members available for the labor force and thus are unaffected by fluctuations in the business cycle and corresponding changes in employment levels. The recent

growth of metropolitan areas has resulted in a new mass of the poor. Urban renewal and redevelopment has brought further attention to these conditions which were formerly hidden in the sections of the city unknown to the majority population.

**N**ow, for the concern of recreation. The concerted-services approach is more than a new cliché. The impoverished are no longer a problem for the economists, the social worker, the sociologists, the educators, or any one profession or agency. The problem is viewed in its totality where a number of social forces convene on certain vulnerable groups. The current demonstrations on delinquency prevention and reduction, supported by the U.S. office of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime of the Welfare Administration, have opened new approaches to cooperative efforts by local communities. These programs have challenged the traditional, institutionalized programs in their services to groups who do not readily utilize the usual organized programs.

In a number of cities where concerted services are organized for a target area, the recreation agency as the city or county unit has participated. These instances are perhaps too few in number to allow for a statement which would describe the stance of recreation and the poverty problem. The question is one which challenges the responsibility of government in the field of recreation. With a national recognition of the problem of poverty, what role does organized recreation have?

The recent report of the President's Appalachian Regional Commission calls for new highways and recreation development which will bring recreation seekers into the depressed areas. This is viewed as economic development or a means of stimulating a low economy. It constitutes one type of legitimate responsibility for recreation. The question before us is what other responsibility does the field of recreation have in making its contribution to the social problems of poverty? The answer must come from the recreation field. Some of the potentials, however, are exciting and challenging. Here are some considerations for recreation planning as an active participant in the intensified attack on poverty:

- Recreation departments have, by necessity of staff limitations, developed leadership in neighborhoods for help in conducting special events or in their baseball leagues, tennis championships, swim meets, et cetera. Now, we may label this activity as increased emphasis on indigenous nonprofessional services. It really means doing more of what you have been doing in city slum recreation programs to bring in local participants who can direct the recreational activities of others.
- Recreation programs have often stressed their ability to reach underprivileged youth who could excel in sports and physical activities but who might be failures in the academic line. Leading a muscle-building group or a baseball team into a literacy program where reading and arithmetic has real meaning for achieving immediate goals is not impossible. The trained group worker on the playground could be the best go-between for getting the interest of youth into

channels for the education needed for today's changing labor market.

- The local swimming pool controversy and the regional facility where a program must serve a broader area is the testing ground for civil rights. There is no question about the relationship of equal opportunities in the use of public facilities and other kinds of equal opportunities for jobs or education which in turn are directly tied to poverty and income.

**P**UBLIC RECREATION of all kinds is theoretically for all of the people. Studies are available which indicate the utilization of public recreation resources by income levels. A conservative guesstimate would be that ninety percent of the utilization would fall between the \$7,000 family income per year to \$15,000 income per year for all types of tax-supported recreation programs and developed resources.

Most recreation outdoor and indoor is geared toward the so-called broad middle class. Although public recreation is a general welfare service, it preserves much from the model of gentry leisure now within reach of a larger population. In the harsh terms of our society's value beliefs, access to recreation must be deserved or used for protection of the larger society or to keep idle youth constructively occupied. This is, of course, a simplification of public attitudes, but it serves to make the point.

The national distribution of recreation resources, particularly those under tax support, will more likely follow the pattern of income distribution and therefore may have no viable part in an attack on poverty. There are no statistics on the proportion of all recreation resources utilized by the 17,000,000 of our nation's families with incomes under \$3,000.

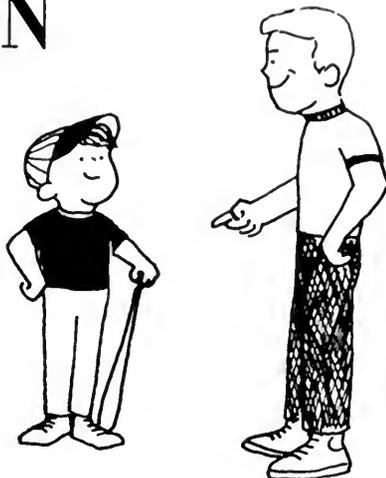
Organized recreation in urban areas has a first-line opportunity to engage the disadvantaged in its programs. Many good recreation programs have no barriers which hold off the uneasy underprivileged. No membership card is required; there are opportunities to watch before the courage for participation is needed; you can leave, or come and go, which is not permitted in highly organized activities, and you can select or test out your own choice of activity without fear of getting the full curriculum. The "low-organization" philosophy of recreation has a reaching out power for the poor whose unpredictable lives are full of daily crises and problems.

Recreation could offer a first experience in purpose for those who have become submerged and apathetic. The feeling of powerlessness is often used to describe the poor and disadvantaged. There are several routes to finding self-worth, something to achieve, an aspiration before one is strong enough for literacy training, retraining for employment, or for work experience leading to a job.

There is a new era for the direction of recreation as a vehicle for reaching the isolated or withdrawn and bringing them back into the mainstream of society. Recreation with good leadership is not stuffy or pedantic and, by planning ways to involve more people in social activities, recreation could develop new powers and skills for these people who need them so much. #

# YOUTH OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

## How to obtain qualified officials for your athletic program



lan Peters

ONE OF THE BIGGEST problems in recreation is that of officiating elementary athletic events. Most recreation departments depend upon the recreation leader to coach, officiate, and supervise at the same time. Most of us agree it is hard to do three things at one time.

Therefore, I propose that a Youth Officials Association be set up and administered by the recreation department. The responsibility for this association would be given to the person in charge of the elementary sports program. This association would be made up of high-school boys throughout the city. These boys could be athletes, out of season, or other interested boys. They would be paid \$1.00 an hour for a two-hour period. Even though a game does not last for two hours, they could still get paid for this period of time. If it was their second year, they could receive \$1.25 per hour.

All the boys would be required to go to a training school to qualify for these officiating jobs. This training school would be run by a professional educator or a local qualified official. If the recreation department has a qualified person to teach this class, all the better, but he must be qualified. This school could be at the high schools, af-

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ter school, with the instructor rotating schools. This two-hour period would be used to learn the rules of the game, as well as techniques of officiating. If there were more than five high schools, you could meet at night, with two schools doubling up, or else use more than one instructor. On Saturday there would be a general meeting, for three hours, devoted to the mechanics of officiating.

This school would run for three weeks and would be culminated by the boys taking two tests. One would be a written test on the rules; the other, a practical test on the mechanics of officiating. If the boys passed the test they would then become members of the association. When the season starts, it would be the job of the person in charge to set up the league schedules so that the games would be played on different days. By doing this, one official could handle five games per week, which would take in ten playgrounds.

EACH OFFICIAL should work at least four or five games per week, and the person in charge of the program will have to determine if he wants one or two officials at each game. After the season starts, the instructors will go around and check the performance of the officials and make evaluations. The instructor should make recommendations to the person in charge on the placements of the officials. The associa-

tion should have one meeting, in the middle of the season, to talk over any problems that may have occurred. Every effort should be made to give the officials as much work as possible. If a boy is making \$8.00 to \$12.50 per week, he will work hard to keep his job and look forward to officiating in the other sports.

The next step would be to set up associations for every sport in your program. They would all be run the same way, and they all must have qualified leadership. You would find that many of the officials would carry over from one sport to the next. Each association would have a training school, and the same procedure would be followed. These officials could also be used in other activities as aids or helpers. These associations might act as a stepping stone to a part-time recreation leader after their graduation.

This program would cost a little money, but you would be getting quality officiating. This, in turn, would relieve the part-time recreation leader of this additional burden and enable him to do a better job of coaching and supervision. The recreation leader, relieved of the responsibility of officiating, would have more time to teach the fundamental skills of the various sports.

You will have to decide if you are going to try to run a *quality* program or run *half* a program. If you want a *quality* program, then you should consider setting up an association for officials. Besides setting up this association, you should have clinics to train the recreation leaders in fundamental skills. Again, this program should be taught by only qualified people. Remember, the athletic program is the largest program on the elementary playground and to run a poor program will be detrimental to the youngsters using the playgrounds. If you want a *quality* program then you must sell *quality* to the people in charge of the recreation department, and these associations are the type of quality you can sell. ≡

# DELINQUENCY AND RECREATION



# FACT AND FICTION!

*Pointing up the urgent need to provide exciting and challenging youth programs*



IN HIS recent review of Arnold W. Green's book, *Recreation, Leisure, and Politics* (RECREATION, June 1965), Robert Crawford points out that the author seriously challenges a number of positions which have been traditionally accepted by recreation professionals in years past. As an illustration, he cites Green's statement that delinquents have been found to be more athletic, physically stronger, and more skilled at playing games than nondelinquents. The specific reference in *Recreation, Leisure, and Politics* is this:

... the continued linking of sports and games with moral probity may be dreadfully old-fashioned, if not reactionary. If it is held that sports or games or any recreation program is going to solve the problem of delinquency, then an intrinsic connection is either stated or implied. It is probable that there is no such relationship. In the most controlled and extensive investigation of juvenile delinquency ever made, delinquents on average were found to be more athletic than nondelinquents, to be physically stronger, and to be more skilled at playing games.<sup>1</sup>

The implication of Green's point, and of later references, is clear. He suggests that since delinquents are already more highly skilled in games and sports than nondelinquents, and since these activities have apparently had no "character building" effect, there is little justification for expanding programs of physical recreation, or, indeed, any recreation program, to "solve the problem of juvenile delinquency."

If this were merely an isolated statement, it might be ignored. However, as an example of the kind of criticism of the value of recreation service which is frequently voiced by sociologists,<sup>2</sup> it deserves a thoughtful reply. In the first place, the statement is factually inaccurate. In the second, it sets up a "straw man" which is all too easily demolished, and which does not accurately represent the recreation professional's view of the potential social contribution of his field.

**What are the facts?** Green cites, as his reference for the supposed superiority of delinquents in sports and games, the study carried on by Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck for the Commonwealth Fund, which paired five hundred confirmed delinquents with five hundred non-delinquents, over an eight-year period. He refers to the text, *Unraveling Juvenile Delinquency*,<sup>3</sup> but fails to give a page reference. What the Gluecks actually say, both in this book and in a later simplified version of their findings, *Delinquents in the Making*, is:

... we are forced to the striking conclusion that the majority of persistent juvenile delinquents are typically of the mesomorphic, muscular, well-knit athletic type.<sup>4</sup>

This, however, is a description of *physique* only. Nowhere in either text is there any reference to superior physical performance by delinquents. Indeed, it is made abundantly clear by the Gluecks that the confirmed delinquent has a

much lower preference for competitive games and sports than nondelinquents, that he participates much less frequently in recreation clubs or supervised athletic programs, and that his primary recreation outlet, in contrast, is dangerous, semi-lawful activity roaming about the community, such as hopping trucks or exploring railroad yards.<sup>5</sup>

This does not tell us that the antisocial behavior of the persistent delinquent has been *unchanged* by participation in sports and games. It *does* say that, as a class, he has not been attracted to or successfully involved in organized recreation programs. In addition to his preference for more exciting and daring activities, a basic reason for this failure to participate is his own personality structure. The confirmed delinquent finds it very difficult to accept the rules, the discipline, the frustration, and the need to relate to others meaningfully, that are inherent in the recreation center situation. All too often, his disinterest is matched by that of the recreation director who seeks only an excuse to bar him from the center, as an "undesirable."<sup>6</sup>

Secondly, Green's "straw man" lies in his suggestion that any recreation professional believes that recreation, by itself, is capable of solving the problem of juvenile delinquency. This tired platitude may have been voiced frequently years ago, when "keep them off the streets" was an acceptable motto. Today, however, no reputable authority in the recreation field would advance it. Instead, it is recognized that the causes of juvenile delinquency are far too complex to be eradicated by any single remedy or form of treatment.

This was illustrated recently when the report of a six-year study of two hundred high-school girls, chiefly of racial minority groups in deprived urban neighborhoods, was made public. In the experiment, sponsored by the Russell Sage Foundation, these girls had been given intensive individual counseling and social group-work therapy experiences, in contrast to a control group of two hundred matched girls who had received no such services. However, the report revealed that there was absolutely no difference between the two groups after a period of years had elapsed, either in terms of high school "dropout" or other measures of behavior.<sup>7</sup>

Similarly, education, recreation, family counseling, or improvement of housing or job opportunities cannot work miracles when taken *separately*. They must be combined in a meaningful and effective team approach, in which each aspect of the problem (environmental, family structure, and individual personality) is the focus of concern.

**A** CCEPTING this "team" concept, what should the specific role or contribution of recreation be?

*First*, it must be recognized that many of the delinquent acts of youth *do* emanate from a craving for excitement, a testing of one's manhood, and a sheer reaction to boredom. When we read of teenagers sniffing cleaning fluid, or clinging precariously to the outside of elevators moving up and down in high apartment buildings (both of which practices

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have recently claimed fatalities in New York City), or of wild youth riots in vacation resorts during college holiday periods, or of senseless, blind vandalism in a Long Island society mansion or a famous artist's studio, the word that comes to mind at once is *kicks*. Irrational or not, it is a worldwide phenomenon, among the *mods* and *rockers* of Great Britain, the *raggare* of Sweden, and the young delinquents of the Soviet Union.

Thus, an important contribution of organized recreation service must be to provide socially acceptable leisure outlets that are as exciting and challenging as the antisocial acts just described. Obviously, this is not easy to do. Yet, with determination and imagination, it can be done. One vocational training camp for school dropouts, sponsored by the New York City Youth Board, began by providing active competitive sports for its enrollees. It then introduced them to sledding on steep slopes, to skiing, mountain climbing, and horseback riding along difficult trails. These youngsters did not sneak out at night to vandalize nearby cottages and they finished the training course. Similarly, within the community setting, some recreation directors have taken teenage gangs with a record of antisocial behavior, and converted their interest in hot-rodding, surfing, or motorecycling into a socially constructive form of activity.<sup>8</sup>

This, then, is the first step—providing an attractive alternative to delinquent leisure pursuits.

A *second* important aspect of organized recreation service is that it has the potential for providing meaningful relationships with understanding and affectionate adults. The Gluecks point out:

... a far higher proportion of the mothers of the delinquents than of the non-delinquents were openly indifferent or hostile to them, often to the point of rejection . . .

Only four out of every ten of the fathers of the delinquents as compared with eight in ten of the fathers of the non-delinquents, evidenced warmth, sympathy and affection toward their boys . . .<sup>9</sup>

Within the recreation setting, whether it be a municipal recreation playground, a Police Athletic League tournament, a boys' club or settlement house, the recreation leader may develop the role of "surrogate parent." He can provide, as a nonpunitive, or repressive, adult, the kind of warmth, friendship, and firm control, that the child has never known before.

*Third*, recognizing the family inadequacies that are apparently closely related to delinquent behavior and personality structure, the recreation department must make a major effort to promote family recreation services and activities. The parents of delinquent children and youth tend not only to be lacking in affectional ties, but to have confirmed patterns of *nonparticipation* in constructive recreation activities. Therefore, it becomes important to structure family programs which are inexpensive and appealing, which provide different settings or stimuli, or which help parents become more involved with their children in different and more favorable relationships.

The Henry Street Settlement House in New York City, for example, has converted its summer camping program from a residential camp for girls which had served 240 individual children during a summer, to a family day camp, serving 550 families (almost 3,000 individuals) through

brief excursions. In many other ways, it is possible for a recreation or group work agency to stimulate family participation and improve their relationships through program services.

*Finally*, two other kinds of program emphasis are based on the characteristics of the young people who are to be served.

In those community settings where teenagers are ready and willing to enter a teencanteen or other youth organization program, they may be given a large measure of responsibility for organizing themselves and planning and conducting activities. Obviously, important personal values are derived from this process, in terms of growing social maturity. In addition, the fact the program is planned and executed by the teenagers themselves makes it much more likely that it will meet their real needs and interests.

At the other extreme, when groups of youngsters (particularly in low socio-economic neighborhoods) are not ready to be affiliated with the program, an increasing number of municipal recreation departments have begun to employ roving leaders, or street-club workers.<sup>10</sup> These leaders, after making contact with the group members, counsel and assist them and, over a period of time, strive to change their system of values and behavior pattern to the point where they are ready to become involved in the community center or agency program.

**A**LL THIS is expensive and difficult, of course. Many directors of small municipal recreation departments or voluntary youth agencies may say frankly, "How can we afford to provide this kind of specialized service? Isn't it our job to serve the normal youth population with our limited resources—rather than this group, which is so difficult to assist?"

The question is a realistic one; for too often, recreation departments are hampered by a lack of sufficient funds and personnel to undertake the difficult assignment of working with pre-delinquent or delinquent groups. The Reverend C. Kilmer Myers, vicar for seven years of the Lower East Side Mission of Trinity Episcopal Parish in New York City, commented, after a serious outbreak of teenage violence in that slum neighborhood:

The people will not listen to the plea that the desperate needs of youth be met with adequate services. It is easier to punish. One important requirement is supervised recreation—sports programs and clubhouses that would enable the youngsters to develop under the watchful eyes of trained personnel . . .<sup>11</sup>

As John Kenneth Galbraith has pointed out in *The Affluent Society*, our nation has a great willingness to spend within the private sphere of the economy, and an equally great reluctance to pay taxes to support vitally needed public services. In 1963, for example, almost two billion dollars was spent on lawns (grass seed, fertilizer, equipment, and weed and insect killer), far *more* than was spent for organized municipal recreation services. In 1964, the American public spent thirteen billion dollars on liquor and slightly under seventeen billion dollars for instruction in public elementary and secondary schools. Yet, people constantly complain that taxes are too high and that "frills" and waste in public spending must be cut.

The point must forcibly be driven home that the cost of maintaining a prisoner in a penitentiary or reformatory lies between three or four thousand dollars a year—far more than adequate remedial or preventative services would be. From both humane and economic viewpoints, support for adequate community services must be increased.

It is equally paradoxical today that huge funds are being poured into the purchase and development of land and water resources for outdoor recreation which are not accessible to great masses of our population, particularly urban slum dwellers. For them, the reservoirs, lakes, and forest areas that are being developed might as well not exist. And yet it is only recently that Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall and a number of leading legislators have expressed the determination that state plans currently being developed for review by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation give a full measure of attention to urban needs. Even this concern is to be sharply focused on small city parks and open spaces rather than on the indoor centers, program services and leadership, which are so vitally needed.

**H**OWEVER, the real battle for community understanding and support comes on the local, or municipal, level. Ultimately, the community recreation director who is seeking to expand and strengthen his program of youth services is faced by the question, "Do you really accomplish anything with respect to juvenile delinquency? Can you *prove* it?" As indicated earlier, the task of *proving* outcomes within any area of social service is an extremely difficult one. In addition, it is almost impossible to separate the effect of one form of service from that of another—when a number of services have been provided.

In some cases, figures can be cited which seem to demonstrate a direct decline in juvenile delinquency as a result of the provision of recreation services. In Coral Gables, Florida, a War Memorial Youth Center was constructed at the close of World War II, providing a wide variety of recreation and social activities for children and youth. Several years later, juvenile delinquency was shown to have declined by thirty percent in the community.<sup>12</sup> Similar figures have been cited in other communities, relating to the programs of municipal departments or voluntary agencies such as boys' clubs and settlement houses. What is deceptive is that the basis for recording juvenile delinquency statistics or even for booking young offenders may vary greatly from town to town, or even within a given community. Therefore, figures in this area are largely meaningless.

What is more significant is that, in the judgment of those who are most familiar with the situation (police court judges, patrolmen on the beat, probation officers and school guidance counselors), there is no question about the need for effective recreation programming to meet the needs of youth and divert them from antisocial drives and activities. What is crucial, however, if the program is to be successful, is that it must take into account the nature of the delinquent or predelinquent youth. It must provide services and activities and an atmosphere that will interest and attract him, and in which he can grow toward more responsible citizenship.

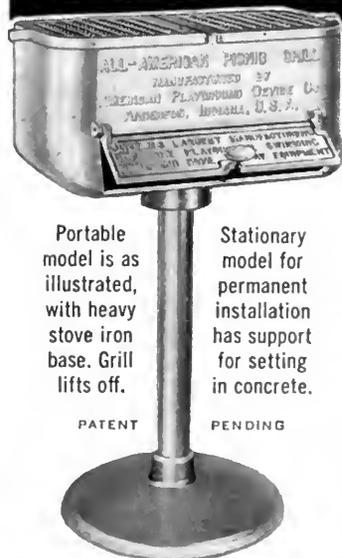
Ultimately, it must convince him that he is wiser to use

his strong muscles (referred to earlier by Arnold Green) to leap toward a backboard or crouch at a starting line—rather than to swing from an elevator's under-carriage or run from a policeman's bullet. #

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# THE LIVELY ART of RETIREMENT

*Community for retirees offers a plan-it-yourself life*

Gordon D. Hunsaker



SOME MONTHS AGO, a nationally known magazine with tremendous circulation cut loose with a blast at "retirement communities." The blast was not aimed at any special area; rather, it was a shotgun approach with great muzzle velocity, the words spreading wide the instant they left the barrel . . . landing indiscriminately and wounding all, unfortunately. But that appeared to be its desire. The article dealt more with the financial end of retirement communities than with the personal feelings of those who had purchased homes or apartments in the many communities. Granted, there were specific cases cited and some personal interviewing was done . . . but not enough. Some poorly devised and poorly handled communities were given the verbal spotlight and the lonesome, weed-infested, wind-blown communities shown were enough to discourage any senior citizen from investing. Combine with this the quoted remarks of those living within these areas and you have an article of great influence. If the truth were known, there are probably thousands of retirees who, at one time were heavily or mildly interested in retirement communities, and, as a result of the magazine story, now would not touch one with a ten-foot pole . . . or even a longer one.

I do not sell real estate and that, most certainly, is not the purpose of this

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article. I am a recreation professional who has been fortunate enough to have stepped into a unique and wonderful experience, one which makes me yearn for retirement . . . and I'm not joking! Some months ago, a job listing appeared in the California Park and Recreation Society monthly newsletter. Sun City, a retirement community some twenty miles from Riverside, California, and some eighty miles from Los Angeles, was looking for a general manager of facilities and programing. The job was a little vague but the salary was interesting and my resume was soon on its way to the Sun City Civic Association along with a request for more information. A few days later, I was asked to appear for a preliminary interview and was requested to arrive early so that I might inspect the facilities prior to the interview. I did. I was amazed, inter-

ested, and completely intrigued with what I saw.

Remembering that first contact with Sun City, I was thoroughly amused some weeks ago when a graduate student from the University of Southern California asked to be shown through Sun City. She was working on her doctorate and had chosen to delve into the leisure time of older people. In her words, following the tour, "I expected to find real regimentation, with someone resembling the shipboard social director with the whistle and sneakers, directing all activity . . . swimming from 10 to 11 . . . dancing from 11 to 12 . . . shuffleboard from 1 to 2 . . . and that sort of thing." I laughed . . . I had expected exactly the same thing!

My first tour prior to the interview showed me people truly retired, truly at ease, doing just what they desired to do,

*Go, girl, go!  
Who says retirees lose their sense of humor? Sun City residents are using all their talents and experience in developing a thriving community full of activity.*



*Sun City's Web Spinners, the retirement community's square dance group, also hold membership in the Cow County Hoedown Association.*



and at the hours of their choosing. Dress was as informal as can be imagined: Bermuda shorts, knobby knees and all, and obviously not caring one bit! Slacks, fancy shirts, ridiculous, but practical, and sun hats. The atmosphere was one of contentment and "hurry" . . . not the rush, rush hurry of modern America, but a sense of hurry to enjoy, an anticipation, and it could be felt. I was casting around for the correct word to describe the people and the feeling that night at the dinner table when I was telling the family about my day and it suddenly struck me . . . it was "happiness," such a simple but rare thing in our present world! It was active relaxation.

When I accepted the position, the first reaction of my friends, both in and out of the recreation field, was, "How are you going to be able to stand all those old, old people day in and day out?" Their mental picture was one of a sanitarium . . . illness, the smell of medicine, wheelchairs, white-frocted attendants and doctors, all just waiting to call the funeral parlor.

I have news for my friends . . . and all nose in the field of recreation: The residents of Sun City are active, interested, creative, and completely aware of their situation. I wonder if we, as recreation people, have not somehow allowed the majority of senior citizens to give us the slip, dash past us who are mired down in a mire of statistics, developing programs classically categorized with old folks: the golden-age clubs, card clubs, picnics, et cetera, dispensed with the attitude that we are dealing with senility. A pure disgrace

and most certainly distasteful to those within our profession who have taken the time to investigate the "old folks."

For one thing, Americans are now retiring at a much younger age. We all remember grandpa working his farm until he was seventy-two and then dying at seventy-three. *Inactivity* killed him. Our present-day "young retirees" are 180 degrees from this . . . and headed in the right direction. Sun City is packed with talent, not latent talent, but talent which is being recognized and used. Not used by me or the community's developer, but by the people who live in Sun City! They know what they have: a high degree of intelligence, years of productivity, experience, and, above all, the fervent desire to make Sun City "go." Without direction or guidance, there has cropped up here every conceivable activity, both of a recreation and service nature. And heaven help the manager if he attempts to poke his nose into the operation of the activities! The residents have organized it and they run it! Briefly, here are a few of the service-type activities: the Red X, an organization with duly elected officers cares for other residents in time of need. For instance, each Red X member displays a large plaque on the front of his or her home . . . each block is covered. If a resident is in need of a doctor, nurse, crutches, cane, food, or anything of an emergency nature, Red X assists immediately. The Woman's Club activities include charitable deeds and projects of all types. Then there are veterans' groups, service clubs, such as Rotary, Lions, et cetera. All highly organized and operating efficiently. Rec-

reation activities are multitudinous! There is not room to list them all. Let me again state, however, that each is handled by its own members, and they assist in the upkeep of the facilities and enjoy doing it . . . another way of feeling useful and productive.

**O**F COURSE, there are problems. My office is full each day with residents who have a variety of problems. But these wonderful people can also laugh at themselves. More times than not, the discussion or gripe sessions end up with me and the senior citizen having tea and cookies in my office while I watch a wonderful transformation take place: an apology for bothering me and a good laugh at the problem which, fifteen minutes before, had been so great. All people must be listened to, even the 78-year-old lady who wanted me to help her with a traffic citation . . . she did not want her husband to know about it! Just look at the many telephone answering services there are now which, for a fee, will do nothing but listen to the gripes and occasionally offer a few platitudes. And it is not the senior citizen doing the complaining!

And the backgrounds my people have! It is an education in itself just listening to them relate their experiences . . . and when you're over fifty you have had many! They come from all walks of life and are interesting and interested. As regards the complaints, show me any city of five thousand population (or less for that matter) where the city manager's office or those of other city officials are not loaded each hour with complaining taxpayers! Sun City dif-

## RECREATIONAL EVENTS TOWN HALL MAY 13th THROUGH MAY 20th, 1965

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Red Cross Swim Class	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Mollie's Corner	11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Lawn Bowling Club	1:00 PM
Art Guild Business Mtg.	1:30 PM-3:30 PM
Beginners Pattern Dancing	3:00 PM-5:00 PM
Duplicate Bridge	6:45 PM-10:00 PM
French Class	7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Camera Club	8:00 PM-10:00 PM
Art Room	
Art Room	
Women's Club Room	
Swimming Pool	
Town Hall	
Women's Club Room	
Town Hall	
Men's & Women's Club Rms.	
Sewing Room	
Town Hall	

### FRIDAY: MAY 14th

Christian Science Rehearsal	9:00 AM-10:00 AM
Chess and Checkers	9:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Mosaics Workshop	All Day
Red Cross Swim Class	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Beginners Art Class—Mr. Jackson	9:30 AM-12:00 Noon
Drama Group	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Religious Science Group	10:30 AM-12:00 Noon
Duplicate Bridge	12:45 PM-4:00 PM
Bridge Club	1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Methodist Official Board Mtg.	1:30 PM-3:30 PM
Lutheran Choir Practice	4:00 PM-5:00 PM
Sewing Class (Beginners)	4:00 PM-6:00 PM
Modern Ballroom Dancing	8:00 PM-10:00 PM
Town Hall	
Men's Club Room	
Ceramics Room	
Swimming Pool	
Art Room	
Town Hall	
Women's Club Room	
Women's Club Room	
Town Hall	
Men's Club Room	
Town Hall	
Sewing Room	
Town Hall	

### SATURDAY: MAY 15th

Shuffleboard Club	8:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Sun City Pinochle Band Practice	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Lawn Bowling Club	1:00 PM
Methodist Choir Practice	1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Chess and Checkers	2:30 PM-5:00 PM
World War I Veterans (Potluck and Travelogue)	4:00 PM-10:00 PM
Town Hall	
Town Hall	
Men's Club Room	
Town Hall	

### SUNDAY: MAY 16th

Catholic Church Mass	8:15 AM-9:15 AM
Lutheran Church Service	9:30 AM-10:30 AM
Methodist Church Bible Class	9:30 AM-10:30 AM
Methodist Church Service	11:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Christian Science Service	12:30 PM-1:30 PM
Religious Science Service	5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Town Hall	
Town Hall	
Women's Club Room	
Town Hall	
Town Hall	
Town Hall	

### MONDAY: MAY 17th

Ladies Slim & Trim Class	9:00 AM-9:30 AM
Art Class—Mrs. Cooper	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Art Class—Mrs. Cooper	12:30 PM-3:30 PM
Bookmobile	9:30 AM-12:00 Noon
Choral Society	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Red Cross Swim Class	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Woman's Club—Literature Section	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Woman's Club—Drama Division	12:00 Noon-1:00 PM
Bridge Class	1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Spanish Class (Advanced)	7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Canasta Club	7:00 PM-10:00 PM
Pinochle Club	7:30 PM-10:00 PM
Town Hall	
Art Room	
Art Room	
Art Room	
Town Hall Parking Lot	
Town Hall	
Swimming Pool	
Women's Club Room	
Town Hall	
Women's Club Room	
Sewing Room	
Men's & Women's Club Rms.	
Town Hall	

### TUESDAY: MAY 18th

Shuffleboard Club	8:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Art Class—Mrs. Cooper	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Art Class—Mrs. Cooper	12:30 PM-3:30 PM
Bridge Class	9:30 AM-11:30 AM
Bicycle Club	9:30 AM
Mosaics Class (Beginners)	9:30 AM-11:30 AM
Mosaics Class (Advanced)	1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Woman's Club Committee	10:00 AM-11:00 AM
Red Cross Swim Class	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
United Church Trustees	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Woman's Club—Drama Division	12:00 Noon-1:00 PM
Lawn Bowling Club	1:00 PM
No NARCE Meeting in May	
Sun City Knitting Club	1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Sun City Stamp Collectors Club	2:00 PM-4:00 PM
Bridge Club (Potluck)	3:30 PM-10:00 PM
Spanish Class (Beginners)	7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Art Room	
Art Room	
Men's Club Room	
Men's Club Room	
Men's Club Room	
Town Hall Parking Lot	
Ceramics Room	
Ceramics Room	
Town Hall	
Swimming Pool	
Women's Club Room	
Town Hall	

### WEDNESDAY: MAY 19th

Ceramics Class—Mr. Jackson	All Day
Ladies Slim & Trim Class	9:00 AM-9:30 AM
Red Cross Swim Class	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Wood Hobby Craft	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
University Women	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Christian Science Informal Grp.	12:00 Noon-1:00 PM
Sun City Trailer Club	2:00 PM-4:00 PM
Sewing Class (Beginners)	4:00 PM-6:00 PM
Keenagers (Pattern Dancing)	6:00 PM-8:15 PM
Spanish Class (Beginners)	7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Scrabble	7:30 PM-10:00 PM
Webb Spinners (Square Dancing)	8:15 PM-11:00 PM
China Painting—Mrs. Hull	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
China Painting—Mrs. Hull	1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Ceramics Room	
Town Hall	
Swimming Pool	
Wood Shop	
Town Hall (South)	
Women's Club Room	
Town Hall	
Sewing Room	
Town Hall	
Sewing Room	
Women's Club Room	
Town Hall	
Art Room	
Art Room	

### THURSDAY: MAY 20th

Shuffleboard Club	8:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Lutheran Church Men	9:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Art Class—Mr. Gilbert	9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Art Class—Mr. Gilbert	12:00 Noon-2:00 PM
Creative Writing	9:30 AM-12:00 Noon
Red Cross Swim Class	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Beginners Lawn Bowling	10:00 AM-11:00 AM
Mollie's Corner	11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Lawn Bowling Club	1:00 PM
Beginners Pattern Dancing	3:00 PM-5:00 PM
Singletons (Potluck)	6:00 PM-10:00 PM
Duplicate Bridge	6:45 PM-10:00 PM
French Class	7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Sun City Democratic Club	7:30 PM-10:00 PM
Men's Club Room	
Art Room	
Art Room	
Women's Club Room	
Swimming Pool	
Town Hall	
Town Hall	
Town Hall (South)	
Men's & Women's Club Rms.	
Sewing Room	
Town Hall (North)	

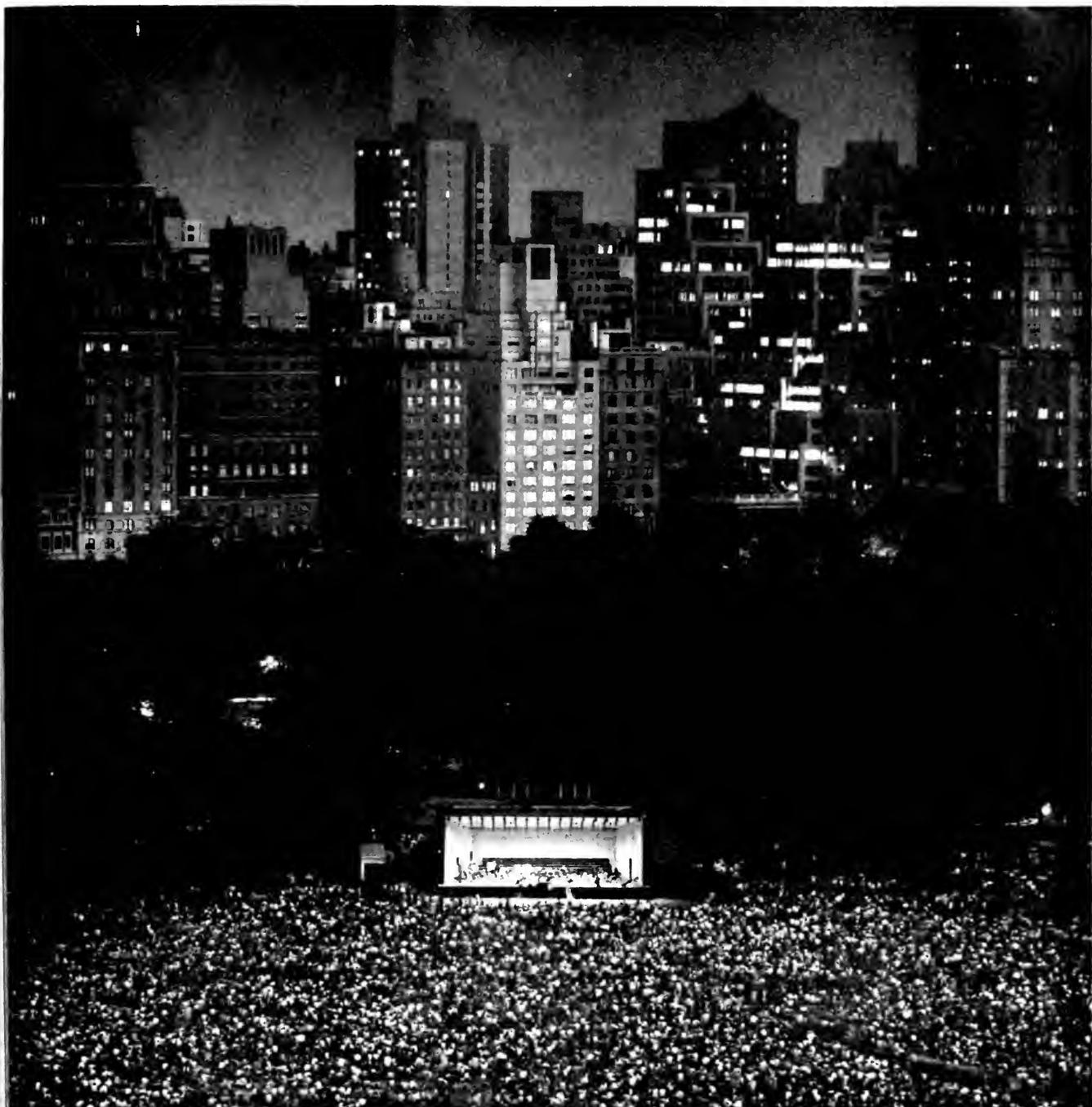
fers not one iota. We have here retired business executives, lumberjacks, race car drivers, test pilots, flower growers, carnival owners, singers, actors and actresses, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, admirals and generals, a vice president of a steel corporation, a Broadway star who has been requested to return for one more performance, and just plain folks, every one with wonderful memories . . . but still active and contributing.

I am in a unique position, one of experimentation, and it is challenging. I have said that our people want no one interfering with the organization or operation of their activities. So, just what do I do? The title is grand: general manager of the Sun City Civic Association. The association is the key, and its short story must be told in order to understand the operation here. Originally, the developers of Sun City operated everything within the city limits. This included, of course, all recreation facilities. On December 31, 1964, the facilities were turned over, lock, stock and barrel, to the Sun City Civic Association. In other words, the developers and representatives speaking for the residents of the city had arrived at an agreement whereby, prior to December 31, 1964, there would be a general meeting of the residents and an association would be set up to manage, completely, the facilities.

With the assistance of a legal firm articles of incorporation were set up and the Sun City Civic Association was in business January 1, 1965, as a non profit corporation dedicated to serve the residents of Sun City. The people who purchase homes in Sun City are required to pay a \$20.00 per person per year fee as members of the Sun City Civic Association and they receive an activities card which entitles them to use, at no additional cost, all recreation facilities and each can have two guests at any time. With nearly five thousand residents, this is quite a sizeable budget . . . guaranteed. However, the association immediately realized that a director or manager was necessary. Before the turnover of facilities, the developer of the city maintained everything.

This being a desert area, everything is air-conditioned. Plumbing repair,

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Melba Woelflé



Visitors at Witless Bay, Newfoundland, find flower-filled meadows and winding roads to explore. The bay's name is a corruption of its earlier name, Whittles Bay, named after one of the pioneer settlers of this Canadian port on the Atlantic.



Glowing in the firelight, Teepee Town, deep in the Canadian Rockies, is one of the many affectionate memories trail riders and hikers take with them. Different locations for the base camps are chosen each year to explore new mountain areas.

**T**HE QUIET CALL of a woodthrush . . . a meadow of alpine flowers sparkling in the early morning dew . . . a tumbling waterfall in a tree-shaded glade yours alone to enjoy . . . These are only a few of the rewards in store for today's pioneer-hearted travelers who leave their cars behind and follow hiking trails into Canadian byways. Canada's vast network of trails leads right across the continent and south into the States. In Canada, such trails range from short walks off the Trans-Canada Highway to a beaver dam or a breath-taking view to the mammoth 480-mile Bruce Trail through the heart of Ontario.

The hardy hiker with a knapsack can savor the spectacular beauty of the Rocky Mountains in remote, seldom-visited areas. Superintendents of each of Canada's five national parks in the Rockies provide well-marked maps, campsites, and sometimes even a lodge tucked away out of range of the usual modes of transportation.

If you don't happen to be the hardy type, don't let the "remote area" bit scare you off. Canada has nature trails that were made just for you, pathways

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off the highway that are neither too steep nor too long, but are packed with enjoyment. A drive through Ontario's Algonquin Provincial Park, for example, will reveal a number of such trails, all clearly marked so the driver can pull off beside the road and take an hour's hike into the woods. This is a game reserve, and such a walk is likely to turn up a beaver dam, a doe or a fawn, as well as lovely scenery.

In 1964, some sixty-one thousand walkers took to the nature trails in Ontario's provincial parks—an increase of a thousand percent in a five-year period. Rangers at these parks—Algonquin, Lake Superior, Quetico, Pinery, Presqu'île, Rondeau and Sibley—give lectures and maintain museums which make nature study alive and colorful. The Gatineau Hills, across the river from Ottawa, capital of Canada, and the Laurentian Mountains, north of Montreal, also offer extensive networks of trails ranging from the short ones designed for people who were born footsore and weary, to the more challenging pathways that appeal to people who really enjoy walking.

Canada's most ambitious trail project is the 480-mile Bruce Trail cutting northward through Ontario from the Niagara River to the Bruce Peninsula.

"The Bruce," as it is commonly called juts out into the Great Lake system between Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. It is designed to link with the Foothill Conservation Trail and Finger Lake Trail of New York State at Queenston International Bridge, which in turn joins up with the Appalachian Trail—solid basis for the prediction that someday it will be possible to follow hiking trails from Georgian Bay to Georgia. The Canadian link is still under development, but scheduled for completion this year. It is based on the ideas and techniques already proven in the Appalachian Trail in the eastern United States and the Fundy Trail in New Brunswick.

In the four years since the idea for the Bruce Trail was first conceived eight separate Bruce Trail Clubs have been formed to cover the 480-mile stretch. Working weekends and holidays, volunteers obtain permission to lay out trails across privately owned land. They blaze trails, construct bridges, and erect signposts. In two years the Iroquois Club, responsible for the eighty-mile stretch through the Niagara escarpment to Hamilton, have constructed twenty-five wooden footbridges, forty-seven stiles over farmers' fences, and more than five-hundred steps to help hikers up steep slopes.

There already are numerous access points along the length of the trail, from Highways 8, 6, 25, 10, 24, and 21, where motorists may leave their cars and take a stroll through byways chosen for scenic beauty. For example most of the Iroquois stretch overlooks Lake Ontario, while the fifteen-mile stretch from Warton to Dyer Bay overlooks vast expanses of Georgian Bay for almost its entire length. Eventually, the Canadian Youth Hostels Association plans to build a chain of fourteen hostels at strategic rest spots along the trail.

There are five national parks in the Rocky Mountains — Yoho, Kootenay, Banff, Jasper and Waterton — plus Glacier National Park and Mount Revelstoke National Park in the Selkirk Range close by. All have an extensive network of well-marked trails. Hiking maps are available from the ranger stations where you check in if you expect to be away overnight. The ranger on duty will know where to locate you in

case an emergency should develop.

Farther west is the fabulous Garibaldi Provincial Park. Although it is only a short distance from Vancouver, it is still almost untouched. There are two lodges near the park station which make a good headquarters for exploring.

Canada's midwest provinces—Saskatchewan and Manitoba—also offer hiking pleasure. There are two nature trails in Cypress Hills Provincial Park to the south, while Prince Albert and the other parks to the north provide many more, among fish-filled lakes and streams. Main hiking centers in Manitoba are Riding Mountain National Park and Whiteshell Provincial Park. A picturesque portage route on the Whiteshell River is the basis of one of the hiking trails. In fact, old voyageur routes are the origin of many of the Canadian trails.

Until the Bruce Trail was started, the Fundy Hiking Trail of New Brunswick

was the longest trail in Canada designed exclusively for pleasure-walking. There are thirty-two miles of trail open, pathways to spectacular views of the Petiodiac Valley and New Brunswick wilderness. There also is a network of good hiking trails in eighty-square-mile Fundy National Park which lead to remote rivers and lakes. Newfoundland, too, is becoming hiking conscious. Wilderness hiking has always been popular in this rugged, scenic island-province. Now, hiking trails are mapped out in Terra Nova National Park, and are part of the program at newly opened Butterpot Park.

Canadians and Americans are discovering that they enjoy finding their feet again and they are taking to the trails with gusto. #

• For more detailed information on Canada's national parks, and the various areas mentioned, write to the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa, Ontario. Free maps and brochures are available on request.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



**Larry Neal**, park and recreation director in Vancouver, Washington, is now on the faculty at the University of Oregon with the recreation and park

management department in the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation Management. Mr. Neal holds both BS and MS degrees from the university in park and recreation management and earned the honor award of the school in 1961.

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**William E. Noonan, Jr.**, state supervisor for health, physical education and recreation in Louisiana, is now director of the Lifetime Sports Education Project, a national effort aimed at improving the quality of instruction of individual sports skills. The project was established by a grant from the Lifetime Sports Foundation to the American

Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (AAHPER), a department of the National Education Association.

The project calls for a nation-wide series of clinics and workshops for physical education teachers and recreation leaders. These will include new teaching techniques, programmed materials and expert skill instruction in sports that can be played and enjoyed throughout life. Initially, the project includes archery, golf, bowling, and the racquet sports, particularly tennis and badminton. Planned for three years, it has a minimum budget of \$150,000 in its first year.

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**Charles O. Handley, Sr.**, director of research for the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, has retired after forty-three years in the field of wildlife research. A pioneer in the field of wildlife study and co-author of the first major wildlife research report, he joined the old Biological Survey, predecessor of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1924, and, with H. L. Stoddard, undertook a five-year study of the bobwhite quail. This was the first major study of wildlife in the United States. Later, he taught wildlife management

and ornithology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

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### IN MEMORIAM

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• **DONALD J. WALSH**, supervisor of music-drama-dance for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation in Westchester County, New York, died in August at the age of forty. He had been with the department since June 1961 and was responsible for all county-sponsored musical programs, including the Westchester Pops Band, the Westchester Pops Orchestra, the Junior Orchestra, Youth Symphony, Senior Orchestra, Dance Band Clinic, and the recent Battle of the Bands competition. He was also in charge of the annual county-wide Talent Show and the past Westchester Arts Festival, as well as the Summer Music Center. He spoke many times at state and national conferences dealing with the arts.

• **EVELYN DYER CLARK**, well-known choreographer and drama instructor, died in July. She was associated on a part-time basis with the parks and recreation department in Auburn, Maine, since 1943.

# PLAYGROUND

## in

# KIWILAND

*A spirit of cooperation dominates the atmosphere of New Zealand*

E. A. Scholer, Ph.D.



**A** LONG-FORGOTTEN city has emerged from the mists of time to become a wonderful place in which to live and work.

Thanks to a resurgent community spirit and cooperative effort, the modern river city of Wanganui in New Zealand now rises where the early Maoris once settled. Today, it is a thriving city of approximately 47,000 and one of the top ten cities in this land of the flightless kiwi bird. In addition, it enjoys unusual cultural recreation facilities. The city's planning map pinpoints the development of these amazing facilities as well as modern industrial and residential areas.

A cooperative atmosphere is evident everywhere and prevails all through city planning. Clubs and sports groups as well as individuals have forgotten about losing their identity and work together with only the end result in mind. Today, through a cohesive public-relations program, one involving the cooperation of the municipality, service clubs, sports clubs, and individuals, Wanganui has emerged as a city of friendliness, beauty, and recreation.

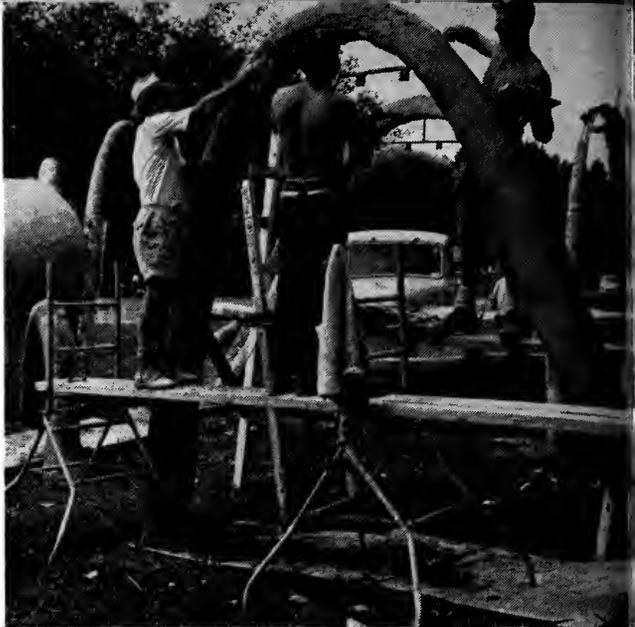
Wanganui is one of the world's an-

*DR. SCHOLER, professor of recreation at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, recently made a six-month study of community recreation in New Zealand under a Fulbright grant.*

cient settlements. Nine centuries before Captain Cook's famous voyage, the great Maori voyager Kupe reached New Zealand. With his party, he worked his way down the east coast of the North Island and hence through Cook Strait and up the western coast where he entered and explored the Wanganui River. Before returning to Polynesia he bestowed the famous Maori name on this territory, *Aotearoa*, "Land of the Long White Cloud."

Today, the Wanganui River still winds down from the snow-capped volcanoes in the center of the North Island to the Tasman Sea and the flightless kiwi bird still inhabits the land. Since World War II, Wanganui has been building and growing with a steady progress, that reflects the pride and cooperative spirit of the city. There is a complete cultural center near its heart that includes a museum, housing one of the finest collections of Maori artifacts in the whole country; a library; art museum; and the recently completed Memorial Community Hall. Nearby is Cook's Gardens where Peter Snell broke the world mile record on an electrifying night in January 1962.

Located on the east bank of the ever-changing river in Kowhai Park, a popular picnic and play site, famous for many rare and beautiful trees from which it takes its name, is a playground with new and exciting equipment. This is not just an ordinary playground with swings, slides, teeter-totters, and other



*Playground designs are original work of Wanganui citizen. New Zealand has no major playground equipment manufacturer. This group is constructing a writhing sea serpent.*

ordinary equipment, but rather a fantasy world of make-believe, without question the ultimate in recreation use for children. The swings are suspended from the tentacles of a giant octopus, and the children slide down the back of a dinosaur.

Conceived by the Wanganui Jaycees and developed by them in cooperation with the Lions Club, three Rotary club business firms, and interested individuals, this playground with a difference is a popular community affair and loved by the children. The apparatus, including the Tot Town Railroad and giant merry-go-round, is designed to stimulate the youngsters in imaginative play and is the ultimate in creative free-form play equipment. Ideas and design have all been the original work of local citizens, since New Zealand is not large enough to support a major playground equipment manufacturing concern.

**T**HE STORY of Kowhai Park has been one of cooperation from its inception, with local authorities alert to the need for long-range planning. The municipality allocated the land for the playground and in addition provided for the custodial services. Various service organizations and interested groups are responsible for the development and construction of the creative play sculpture, while city officials feel they have a responsibility in the technical planning and placement of the equipment.

The creative sculpture provides for a

through history from the thrilling  
le on the dinosaur to blasting off in  
supersonic jet rocket. A giant whale,  
h porthole eyes and gaping mouth,  
hinds one of Jonah and the Whale.  
arby a frolicking bronze porpoise  
hes his back for a junior rider. In  
other part of the playground, the  
re adventurous children may tunnel  
hough a cement replica of Mount Nga-  
hoe, one of the remaining active  
canoes on the North Island of New  
Zeland.

A large sea serpent undulates in and  
of the ground providing a frame-  
work for swings installed in the curving  
y. For tiny tots and footsore par-  
nts, terrapins are located throughout  
park where one may use them to sit  
and eat lunch or just to rest. Predomi-  
e in the playground is a shallow pool  
sailing boats or wading. In its center  
a large relief map of the two islands  
comprising New Zealand. In reality,  
his is a skillfully concealed fountain.

**P**OPULAR SPOTS for the tiny ones are  
a star-shaped sandbox and a slide  
representing the story of "Hickory,  
Dickory, Dock" complete with clock.  
In the older youth have been remem-  
bered with the construction of a large  
asphalt slab for roller skating. On week-  
ends this is a popular hangout for  
ongsters of junior-high age.

across the parking lot from the play  
capture, the Tot Town Railroad, with  
New Zealand Lions Club Casey Jones  
at the throttle, operates every weekend.  
Children are very fond of this particu-  
lar railroad line as it connects with the  
North Pole Line which brings Father  
Christmas (Santa Claus) to Wanganui.  
Only an unobtrusive sign at the en-  
trance attests that the playground is a  
project of many and various groups.  
The sign points out the need for addi-  
tional funds to continue the work and a  
contribution box is provided for those who  
wish to contribute. No general fund-  
raising drive has ever been conducted  
and no charge is made for the use of the  
playground.

To the children of Wanganui and vis-  
itors to the city, a trip to Kowhai Park  
is without question a visit to never-never  
land. It is a glowing tribute to a com-  
munity's interest in the leisure of its  
children. #



*Terrapius, scattered throughout the park, are used by tiny tots and footsore parents as either a place to eat lunch or just to sit and rest before and after adventures.*



*Children think a slide on a dinosaur is just as thrilling as a blast off in a supersonic jet rocket or tunneling through a cement replica of Mount Ngauruhoe, a volcano.*



*A large sea serpent undulates in and out of the playground providing a framework for swings installed in the curving body. Equipment was conceived by local Jaycees.*



# THE V.I.T.'S

## PART III

*Teenagers can be dedicated and valuable volunteers if they are involved in service projects which challenge their talents and quest for maturity. They are also inventive fund raisers for community causes and to augment their own pocket money. Various teenage projects and programs were covered in Parts I and II of this series, which appeared in our May and June issues. Here are still others!*

### EXPLOSIVES

THE AREA of programing for teens is usually entered into with hesitancy, reluctance, or perhaps not at all. Today's teenager is accused of and blamed for everything from deliberately breaking Mr. Jones' window while playing baseball on the playground to out-and-out gang warfare. Administrators, then, may be concerned over getting into what may prove to be an "explosive" situation. There may be fights, vandalism, and racial problems; special police services may be required. The budget may be taxed for the possible additions of more part-time trained personnel, special police, special facility fees, and bus costs.

In establishing a municipal recreation teen activities program, some of the basic administrative consideration would be the nature of the program itself; coordination with other community agencies; its relationship with other department programs; its leadership and limitations as well as parent-

al help and cooperation; fees and charges involved; and, perhaps most important, the philosophy of teen activity program.

The first aspect to be considered is the variety and amount of programing. The administrator will have to decide if he wants a large program with many junior and senior high groups throughout the community, a small program with a limited number of junior and senior high groups in specific areas of the community, or an individual program serving the entire community. Should the activities be just social, just special-interest groups, just athletics, or any combination of these? Should the teen activity program become involved in community-service projects?

Naturally the foregoing comments will all depend, in varying degrees, upon the size of the community to be served, its needs, and the amount of budget available for recreation purposes, as will all the comments to follow. The recreation department must coordinate the teen activity program with other agencies in the community (the YMCA, churches, Boys' Clubs, and schools). Duplication of program services should be avoided as much as possible. Cooperation between the schools and the recreation department is of extreme importance because of the need, in many cases, of utilizing school facilities. It is advisable to establish a strong rapport between the recreation administrator and school principals.

When establishing a teen activity program, the need arises to decide if it will fit into the existing program. Will the teen activity program or playground program take priority? Possibly some other phase of recreation programing may take priority. Budget may become a prime consideration here. The program may be created on bits and scraps of monies over from various other phases of total program or, ideally, the total program may be revised and a balance emphasis strived for.

The administrator will have to decide what type of person to hire in the capacity of teen program leader. Should he be an older person, steady, reliable and established, probably with a family of his own? Or should he be a younger person, less removed from the teenager, who could identify more closely with his problems?

In some communities programs are confined to within the geographical limits of the city itself; in others no such limits exist. It will be up to the administrator to find what is best or permitted in his own city. Trips and outings to points of interest are a vital set to any recreation program. It is to consider: Will overnight trips be permitted? How will buses be provided for? Will insurance fees be necessary?

Parental help and cooperation is always a problem area. How are reliable parent chaperones acquired and kept? What is done when the child gets old and parents no longer want to serve



Approximately sixty percent of our youth are making good choices in their time off, while perhaps about five percent are in serious trouble. The remaining thirty-five percent, the "in-betweeners," could be influenced in either direction.

How does one deal with the problem of parents expecting the recreation department to assume their obligations? What is done when youth do not want their parents to be present at activities? A possible solution to these questions could be a parent advisory board to aid in teen activity programing. Consideration necessary in any type of programing is that of fees and charges. Should there be any charge for teen program activities? Should there be charges for some activities and not others? If so, which activities? How much should charges be? Another problem is deciding if the money should be administered by the youth or placed in a central fund by the recreation department.

After considering the various mechanics involved in initiating a teen program, perhaps the most important consideration is the philosophy on which the teen activity program is established. Do we have to sell the teen program on the basis that it builds social grace, character, physical ability and spiritual potential? Is not the fact that it is a recreation activity justification in itself for such a program?

Activities for teens, when well planned, well organized, adequately supervised and chaperoned can and should be a vital part of any recreation program. There has been no attempt made here to offer any final answers or solutions to teen programing; they, however, serve as a starting

point for anyone considering the possible initiation of a teen program.—JAMES J. OSWALD, *Coordinator of Recreation, Daly City, California.*

### THEY SPEAK THEIR PIECES

ASK a serious question and you will get dead-earnest answers from the teenagers who attend the annual Attorney General's Youth Conference in Texas. Twelve hundred young representatives from all over the state attended the conference last year and tackled such problems as dropouts, citizenship, vocational training, community service, law enforcement, spare time and recreation. Texas is the first state to call together youth on such a scale to seek solutions to their problems themselves. Bernard M. Suttler of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been so impressed with the conference he has been fervently recommending this unique approach to leaders in other states.

### NEED HELP? CALL-IN!

ARE YOU TIRED, run down, nervous? Overcome by too much work? Want to rest, but also have a lot of work which needs to be done? Well, "Call-In" (if you live in Greensboro, North Carolina).

"Call-In" will provide you with teenagers who are eager to work and are willing and able to do any type job. Both boys and girls are on the roll of the "Call-In" service. They will mow your lawn, rake your yard, wash your

car, baby sit, walk your dog, do your ironing, washing, wait on invalids, scratch your back, type, sell, and a hodgepodge of many other jobs.

"Call-In" is a project of the parks and recreation department. It was started by Joanne Taylor, youth coordinator of the department, who has worked with youth of the city since she joined the department several years ago. — *From the Greensboro Daily News.*

### CHAIN GANG

THE Youth Western Square Dance Program in Spokane County, Washington, was inaugurated in the spring of 1961, with an enrollment of about sixty young people, ranging in ages from eleven to eighteen. Classes are conducted on Saturdays from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon, divided into two lesson periods of eighty minutes each. One lesson period is for beginners and the other is for the advanced students. There are also two lesson sessions, one commencing in October and running through December; the second session starting in the middle of January and continuing through April. A limit of grades is set at the fifth grade to senior high school.

The youth program, under the supervision of its caller, organizer, and instructor, Ed Stephan, created such a growth of interest that other activities, over and above the lesson, were developed to keep the interest strong.

The youth, upon graduation from the beginner lessons, automatically become members of Dixie Chain Gang Club. This group of teenagers elect officers, hold meetings, and organize dances for their group, as well as for surrounding township teen square dance clubs. This club, which was organized in 1962, now has over one hundred regular members. The beginners class, to keep interest, have formulated what it calls "party night" held on the first Friday of each month throughout each session. The dances are chaperoned by members of the Western Square Dance Association, and Mr. Stephan is usually on hand as caller. The youth provide their own refreshments during the evening. "Party Night" begins at 7:00 PM and continues until 10:00 PM.

The ultimate achievement for the teen dancers, who meet a high level of proficiency, is an invitation to membership in the "Castaways," an all-teen club, with teenage callers. This is a completely separate independent group, with the exception of adult chaperons and supervision.

To date, the registration of the Western Square Dance classes for the youth has increased to three hundred young people, with an average of two hundred youths participating in Saturday classes. With the interest and expansion of square dancing for the youth, as to the adults, the craze for the twist, frug, swim, et cetera, will have considerable reduction in interest.

## SCOUTING THE MU-MESON

ONCE UPON A TIME, Boy Scouts earned their merit badges for blacksmithing, pathfinding, and stalking. The latest merit badges require skills in electronics, metallurgy, and atomic energy. The merit badge for camping used to require fifty nights

spent outdoors under a tent and making a fire by rubbing sticks together. Today, scouts have to know their mu-mesons, pi-mesons, k-mesons, and protons—if they want an atomic energy merit badge. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's Division of Technical Information has prepared a 78-page booklet, *Atomic Energy Merit Badge Kit*, for the project.

## CERTIFIED BABYSITTERS

**B**ABYSITTING can be a chancy proposition for both parent and sitter . . . but not in Leesburg, Florida! Approximately a year ago, during a reorganization, the Leesburg Youth Council, cosponsored by the Leesburg High School and the Leesburg Recreation Department, decided to "become alive" and take on projects which would build prestige for the council, provide good publicity, and build a quality membership. One of the projects was a babysitting agency which would have a three-fold purpose. First, it would be a community service. Second, it would create safer conditions for children being tended, as well as for babysitters. Third, it would create an income for participating teenagers. To date, response has exceeded all expectations.

This was a *first* for the recreation department. The first act was to contact a pediatrician and the Florida chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The council explained what they wanted to do and from there we sat down to do the planning. A six-week training course was set up with instructors including a local pediatrician, a poison specialist, a safety engineer from the local telephone company, a first-aid specialist, and a representative from the fire department to talk on emergency procedures and preventative discipline.

During the course, much literature was distributed, thanks to various in-

surance companies, baby-food companies, and several nonprofit organizations. The literature included facts as safety concerning babies, children, child psychology, and information concerning what a babysitter should find out before the parents leave the home, such as where the telephone is located, where the emergency switch is off for the heater and air conditioner located, et cetera.

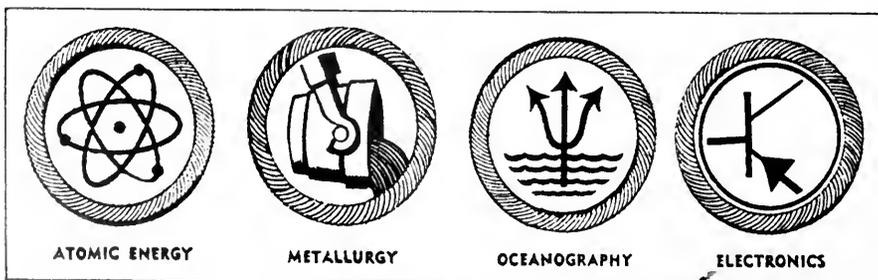
With the termination of the training program, a comprehensive test was given, including multiple-choice, true or false, and essay-type questions. All members passed with flying colors. It seemed that only the highest caliber teenagers participated in this program. Special certificates were presented to the newly qualified babysitters by Leesburg's Mayor Sam Pyles at a special session at city hall. Much publicity was given this project, creating a good image for the Youth Council, the sponsoring agency, and acquainting the public with the new service.

One of the first questions that came up after the babysitting agency was initiated was the safety of the babysitters. The recreation department has to be absolutely sure that any member of the agency will be completely safe in any job for which he or she is recommended. Every prospective employer is courteously given the thumbs up degree! The following conversation is not unusual. . .

"I was told I could call this number for a babysitter, is that right?"

"Yes, ma'am, it is. Where do you live and what is your telephone number? How long have you lived at this address? How many children do you have? What church do you attend? Who recommended the service to you? Is your husband employed in this city? When do you need the babysitter?"

Approximately seven out of ten requests come from citizens of the community who are easily checked out. Then we have the other three who are usually newcomers. We have even had requests from weekend guests at travel lodges. To check these people, we check with their ministers, employ references given by them, and, when necessary (that is when there is a



Boy Scout merit badges reflect the times

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# STOP THOSE HALLOWEEN FOLLOWS!

*Out-and-ried program format guarantees decreasing attendance*

Shaw

WINDOW PAINTING, costume parades, and parties. That's how Halloween shapes up on the out-and-ried program of many recreation departments. Now, it is real tough to change the window painting or the parade. Anyway, who would want to? Yet, year after year of the Halloween party format will steadily decrease attendance figures. Boring! After all, with TV the children get more than their share of cartoons, they tire easily of large group art games designed to interest all from preschool to upper elementary, and restlessness in long lines for a handout of some candy and an apple. Putting all these points into consideration from evaluation of last year's Halloween program in White Plains, New York, it was decided some definite changes should be made. There should be a substitute made for the cartoons. Games must be played on a more individualized basis to keep all ages interested, and the candy must be given out for some sort of purpose.

The high-school drama group filled the first bill by consenting to present a children's Halloween play on the movie stage, in place of the cartoons. We

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also filled the second bill by deciding to use the candy as prizes—but prizes for what? That brought us to the idea of a Halloween carnival with all sorts of Halloween booths where the children would be competing only against themselves and where interest was built into the program, so that it became contagious and was not forced.

After the carnival theme had been approved, my cochairman, Janis Beachler, and I did some brainstorming and came up with the following booths:

**Knock the Hat Off the Pumpkin:** Three chances to knock the witch's hat off the pumpkin with a beanbag.

**Put Out the Light in the Haunted House:** Three chances to put out one of the candles in the haunted house with a water pistol.

**Jump for a Treat:** Two chances to broad jump a certain distance.

**Ring the Many-Armed Scarecrow:** Three chances to pitch a ring onto one of the scarecrow's many arms.

**Fish for a Treat:** Thirty seconds to fish for a treat with a fishing pole in the witch's caldron.

**Pin the Tail on the Black Cat:** One chance to pin the tail within a certain circle on the black cat, while blindfolded.

**Guess the Number of Pumpkin Seeds in a Jar:** One number guess on



*Fish for a treat in the witch's caldron. This youngster had just thirty seconds to catch a prize by some agile angling.*

the number of possible pumpkin seeds.

**Drop the Skeleton Bones in the Coffin:** Three chances to drop chicken bones into a miniature coffin from a raised position.

**Wheel of Halloween:** Children place their admission cards on one of the Halloween pictures on the wheel. The one whose picture stops at the arrow wins a prize.

**Bob for an Apple:** One minute to grab an apple by your teeth only.

**Pop the Ghost:** Three chances to throw a dart through one of the balloons decorated as a ghost.

**Name the Monster:** One chance to name the monster whose picture you select through a number.

There is no limit to the number of booth ideas that you can come up with. It is also good to keep in mind what Halloween-type TV shows the children are watching, so that you can cleverly work them into some of your booths as well. As you can see, most of the booths gave three chances for a prize, with special advantages being given to the younger child (throwing a ball from a closer distance, not having to jump as far for a prize, et cetera). The prizes, of course, were bags of candy. Some children will undoubtedly receive more candy than others, but you will be surprised to see how evenly distrib-

uted the candy will be because many of the booths will feature luck instead of skill.

A Halloween carnival is most exciting when held out of doors under a canopy of orange and black streamers, but there is always the chance of rain, so indoor quarters need to be planned as well. For an outdoor carnival, the aid of the maintenance department will be needed to drive poles to hold the canopy and transport the horses and planks which act as the base of the booth. You can save yourself a lot of trouble by setting the booths up along a backstop or fence, for by doing this you have a natural backing.

Depending on finances, time, and workers, your next job is to decorate the booths. Orange and black balloons should fly from everywhere. The traditional symbols of Halloween should be found on the wrapping-paper skirts of the booths. Huge signs should announce all events. When the actual carnival begins, it is also good to put up ropes which separate booths and keep

the waiting lines as straight as possible. The children also love it when the booth keepers wear appropriate costumes and Halloween music fills the air.

If you are good at reading between the lines, it is not hard to see that careful preparation is the key to the entire program, for once it is set up it practically runs itself. Therefore, it is best to have a meeting of all booth keepers before the actual carnival. They should be shown the booth layouts so they know where they are to be located, they should have a set of rules on how prizes are won at their particular booth, and should be made aware of the punch-card system where as each child enters a particular booth a certain number is punched on his admission card. This means that he cannot return to this booth again, leaving room for others to have a chance. The supervisors will be kept busy during carnival time by stocking bags of candy where they are most needed and encouraging children to go into booth lines which are less heavily crowded.

Now, if you wait for every child to get to every booth your carnival mittee may need to put up lights if it is over. Therefore, an hour and a half of carnival time is certainly ample. With a stage present and a costume parade, the children have certainly been given a memorable Halloween. The children won't be so though when they still have more booths to attend, and the time is up. In fact, they will moan and complain when they hear, "Booths are closing." But what better sign is there than to let the children have enjoyed themselves and our goal has been achieved?

Take your Halloween out of the park, lower the lights and strike up the band for a carnival. Not in my city though, as you can't kill a carnival through abuse or misuse, the same way you can a Halloween Party. Have a party one year, a carnival the next, a Halloween Party the year after, and then a Halloween Party before you repeat. I am still working on the other two. Any suggestions?

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## *They Scare Up Pennies*

*UNICEF Trick or Treat program celebrates fifteenth anniversary*

**A**MERICAN boys and girls from coast to coast will participate this year in the world's greatest effort by children to help children, UNICEF's Trick or Treat program. There is no way of knowing just how many homes will be visited, but some three and a half million Trick or Treaters will be asking for "treats" of coins which mean help and hope for an Asian child burning with malaria, a little African boy going blind with trachoma, or a Latin American girl who will be disfigured by leprosy if she does not receive care.

Last year, the Board of Recreation in Trumbull, Connecticut, sponsored a Trick or Treat for UNICEF program for over two thousand children in town. This was the fifth year of their participation and their efforts resulted in a gift of coins that could equip eighteen small mother-and-child health centers. This recreation board is just one of many

that sponsor a UNICEF Halloween across the country and play a valuable part in stimulating nationwide participation of over three million young people. The beneficent Halloween program for the United Nations Children's Fund began in 1950 when a small Sunday School class collected \$17 and sent it to UNICEF. Now the program has grown to an annual collection of over \$2,000,000.

Just how does a UNICEF Halloween begin in a town? Sometimes a boy or girl, new in a community, comes from a town that has done it and sparks interest among his new neighbors. Other times, a youngster reads about it and writes for information. Letters of the same inquiring nature come from mayors, presidents of church groups, religious leaders, women's clubs, fraternal organizations, and parents.

Many American children can remem-

ber no other way of celebrating Halloween. They have no memories of vandalism and the subsequent cleanings. Wherever the UNICEF Trick or Treat program has been introduced, most of the trouble has vanished. It has not been because of rules and regulations laid down by parents or sponsoring groups, but because of the children themselves. Their fun and satisfaction come from an orderly planned evening, and they feel no need to be destructive along the way.

Preparations must begin well ahead of time. The U. S. Committee for UNICEF offers official identification materials and planning suggestions, as well as a free kit of press releases, radio and TV announcements, visual materials and useful ideas for publicity. Write the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, 331 West 38th Street, New York 10016, for detailed information.

# FIPPLE IN THE MOUTH

...nt to play? All  
...es can do it. All  
...u need is a fipple  
...the mouth.

...d Brink

THE STUDENT was brimming with enthusiasm. "A recorder class," he exclaimed, "that's what I've always wanted to join!" The instructor, Dan Scribner, music specialist for the Seattle Park Department Recreation Division, had just formed recorder sessions. Dan was really nonplussed, however, when the enthusiastic student brought out a *tape recorder* and asked him to plug it in!

This student was undoubtedly the first person to go away from Dan's recorder class dissatisfied but his confusion regarding the word *recorder* is understandable. It has come to mean very different things. In the 1600's when this musical instrument first gained popularity, the word *record* meant to "sing like a bird" and the instrument acquired its name because of the birdlike quality of the sound it produced.

This amazing little instrument, that was one of the media of expression of the great composers like Mozart, and their contemporaries was very popular from 1600 to 1800. It has become exceedingly popular in present-day Seattle as a result of its introduction through Seattle Park Department Recreation Division Cultural Center music classes.

It is so easy to learn the recorder. All you need is a fipple in the mouth. A fipple is a wooden block in the instrument's mouthpiece that gets the air vibrating, much like a reed in a clarinet. Dan Scribner is responsible for the formation of the classes. When introduced

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to the recorder in college, he was intrigued by the tone and relative ease with which it could be played. After becoming a member of the recreation staff, he purchased a recorder and music, took it home, and learned to play. He knew that numerous schools throughout the country use the recorder as a means to introduce students to playing a musical instrument. Realizing that it is a serious musical instrument in its own right, Dan saw its potential as an ideal recreation musical vehicle. He suggested offering recorder instruction at one of the Seattle recreation centers.

The class was formed and a small number of people registered (only two with previous experience with the instrument). The first group was an outstanding success. Meeting once weekly, the students moved quickly through the basic fundamentals of the instrument. Four months later a concert was given in conjunction with a string orchestra, another of Dan's groups. The concert was a success and the new musicians were invited to appear on KOMO-TV.

By this time Dan Scribner's enthusiasm had infected not only the recorder group but also administrators of the recreation division. Dan suggested forming another class, and the story announcing its formation was released to various news media in the Seattle area. One of the Seattle dailies, *The Post-Intelligencer*, wrote a feature story on the release. The *Seattle Times* also devoted a section of its Sunday rotogravure section to the first class. The result was that the park department switchboard was flooded with calls. Seattle music stores sold out their supplies of recorders and music, and, instead of one class, three had to be organized.

The recorder is a delightful musical instrument not difficult to play. It works equally well with large or small groups, and beginner's models are reasonably priced (\$3.00 to \$15.00). Anyone who is familiar with music can learn to teach it; for example, Dan is using students from his first class to teach the newly formed classes.

Its wide appeal is noted in the number of business men registered in the classes. Prior to the organization of the recorder classes, Seattle had not been

too successful in attracting men into cultural arts activities. Perhaps the average Pacific Northwest male is too close to nature to enroll in painting and sculpture classes, although there are many male professional artists in the Seattle area. At least forty percent of the recorder groups are men. The following comments from men students are not uncommon, "I've never had time to learn to play a musical instrument, and now that I have I'm having a ball," and "When I pick up the recorder and attack Bach, all the problems of the office and the world fade away."

Seattle has discovered that playing the



Music specialist Dan Scribner (left) starts a recorder group practice session fippling away at a Seattle recreation center. Recorder appeals to young and old.

recorder serves as an ideal recreation activity. It provides an escape mechanism as well as an opportunity to explore serious music. As in any successful activity, the satisfaction of the participants is highly infectious.

Encouraged by the success of the project, Seattle is planning additional classes and arranging for small concerts where the new musicians can display their talents. It also hopes that the demonstrated interest in music can be used as a springboard for the recreation division to further expand the music program which will aid in offering Seattle citizens a more complete cultural arts program. #



# THE OPEN-SPACE PLANNING PROCESS

Arthur A. Davis

CAN WE PROVIDE in our crowded urban areas a place for nature and a place for man? I think we can, but it presents new and difficult problems that will test the mettle of all of us. President Johnson, in his speech at the University of Michigan, eloquently expressed the challenge as that of creating a great society which he described as "a place where every child can find knowledge to enrich his mind and enlarge his talents. It is a place where leisure is a welcome chance to build and reflect, not a feared cause of boredom and restlessness. It is a place where the city of man serves not only the needs of the body and the demands of commerce but the desire for beauty and the hunger for community.

"It is a place where man can renew contact with nature. It is a place which honors creation for its own sake, and for what it adds to the understanding of the race. It is a place where men are more concerned with the quality of their goals than the quantity of their goods."

The attainment of these goals will take wit, and skill, and vision. They especially challenge those of us concerned with parks, recreation, conservation, and the other values provided by urban open space. We must plan to meet more pressures on a shrinking natural resource base and a population by the turn of the century of four hundred million.

Overall, it is expected that demands for public recreation opportunities will triple by the year 2000. Can we possibly meet needs of this dimension? Can we do it without destroying the natural environment and diluting the quality of the individual recreation experience? I think we can, but it will require an enormous expansion of present efforts and will require the application of some new approaches as well.

The Federal Open-Space Land Program, during its first three years of operation, has assisted in the acquisition of 101,947 acres of urban open-space land. Grants totaling over \$32,000,000 have been made to 219 applicants in 177

communities. Acquisitions have included regional and greenbelts, community and neighborhood parks, reservation areas, scenic and historic sites, and special space uses. Yet the total acreage acquired so far under Federal Open-Space Land Program is still only a ten-acreage that goes into urban uses each year. We have a long way to go.

At the state level, a number of programs assist local regional agencies to acquire park, recreation, conservation and other kinds of open space areas. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut provide grants to local agencies for these purposes. In many cases, there has been a long way cooperation, with the federal, state and local governments all contributing toward the common objective of open-space preservation. Both state and local funds can be counted toward the non-federal share of matching grants of local agencies applying for federal open-space grants. Wisconsin, Florida, Minnesota, and Ohio have launched state park acquisition programs. Last November California voters approved a \$150,000,000 program of open-space acquisition, with a substantial share of the total going to local and regional agencies. In scores of communities over the country there will be referendum financing new park and recreation developments.

THESE NEW EFFORTS, while encouraging, cannot meet projected needs for open-space areas. Present open-space acquisition programs cannot possibly keep up the pace at which land is being turned to urban uses, and land must be turned to such uses, in quantity, to meet the needs of millions of people for homes, schools, hospitals, stores, industries, roads, airports, and many other purposes. Let us recognize these needs as pressing and legitimate. If we are in favor of conservation and recreation does not, we must require that we be "against" people. Bulldozers, too, are useful purposes.

Make no mistake: I urge the preservation for public purposes of every possible acre of urban open space, but I recognize that new approaches will be needed. Conservationists and recreationists will need to broaden their roles and accept new stewardship responsibilities. Their concern for natural beauty, their dedication to the conservation of

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**On what basis  
do you decide  
how to develop an area  
or when to develop it or  
how to develop it?**



Efforts to make recreation activities creative and concise—all these must be carried to the community, not in terms of parks and recreation areas, but as they do to the total physical environment.

Where we have roads and highways, let us have road-shoulders, foot paths, bicycle trails, landscaped areas, buffer zones, screens of trees, historical markers. Let us consider these as usual concomitants of our road-building, to be included in the planning, budgeting, and construction at the same level of normal costs of our highway system.

We will need new water supply reservoirs. Build into these projects park and recreation features; provide access to existing areas. Municipal water supplies can be used for outdoor recreation. If this means certain remedial measures, such as a new filtration plant, let us fight for them. Our goal is to relate the natural world to the development of man: From the flower border of the city-hall lawn, to the shaded residential streets, imaginatively landscaped public facilities, neighborhood commons, candy-striped playgrounds, small parks that invite one to rest and chat. Let us have paths paralleling our roads, accessible lakes and rivers, protected stream-valleys, historic sites that have been respected and restored, spacious playing fields, municipal, county, and regional parks, town forests, nature sanctuaries and conservation areas—all contributing to a continuity of nature interwoven throughout the entire fabric of the urban environment.

We need to involve the entire metropolis—the central cities, the surrounding towns and suburbs, the rural fringe areas. All must work in some general harmony. We are too familiar with the bumpy pattern of urban sprawl that accompanies unbridled growth—urban strips that mar the countrysides, auto graveyards astride entrance highways to our cities, pockets of blight downtown, monotonous urban sprawl near town. The list is long and sad.

URBAN PLANNING is vital. Coordination, setting up common criteria, agreeing upon general priorities, looking at the city and its surroundings in terms of total needs and available resources—these are key steps in attaining our goals.

Recognition of the importance of joint planning and

acquisition programs, the law establishing the federal open-space land program provides for increasing grants to thirty percent of acquisition costs where applicants have, or share, open-space responsibilities for an entire urban area. Since few public agencies have authority to plan and acquire lands through the urban region in which they are located, most thirty-percent grants (69 to 99) have been approved on the basis of intergovernment agreements. These agreements vary in content, but all are intended to achieve as nearly as possible the degree of coordination that could be obtained by a single agency. To accomplish this, all must have the following:

- A statement of policy or intent concerning the functions, scope, and purpose of the agreement.
- A method for coordinating both plans and acquisition proposals for open-space land in the urban area covered by the agreement, not limited to lands involving federal assistance.

Intergovernment agreements have been formed for twenty-four metropolitan areas, including both Chicago and Peoria in Illinois. The Chicago agreement has been entered into by thirteen villages, cities, and counties, and involves eighty percent of the area covered by the six-county Chicago urban region. All of the signatories of the agreements qualify for the higher grant.

We also have other instruments for preserving open-space lands, such as zoning, requirements for the set-aside of open-space lands in new developments, official maps, subdivision regulations. These, and related measures, can be powerful tools in the race for open space, and their use has a solid foundation in law. In *Berman v. Parker* (November 1954) the court held that "the concept of public welfare is broad and inclusive . . . the values it represents are spiritual as well as physical, aesthetic as well as monetary. It is within the power of the legislature to determine that the community should be beautiful as well as healthy, spacious as well as clean, well-balanced as well as carefully patrolled." Few communities would not benefit from a careful reconsideration of how these administrative and regulatory measures could be better employed to the public benefit.

Still other tools are available, often overlooked or untried because they are untested. Easements, long-term leases, and development rights can often be acquired at less cost

and dislocation than would be the case if lands were purchased outright. Compensable regulations offer a unique approach to keeping lands in a natural condition. Tax incentives and preferential assessments, agricultural zoning—all offer promise for helping to preserve urban open space.

There is yet another need demanding our attention. Our efforts to preserve open-space lands will only meet with public support if they fill a public need. Therefore, we must examine again how well our areas are serving human wants, how responsive they are to meeting community requirements. Why are some parks sterile, insulated enclosures, repositories of windblown papers, the sanctuary of vagrants by day and vandals by night, while others are warm and tranquil, colorful and secure, beloved by children, young lovers, and our elders? No one is entirely sure. We need to know more if we are not to waste natural resources that each day are harder to acquire.

Why do children forsake hardtop playgrounds to play on nearby piles of fresh dirt from construction of a new road or develop fascinating and complex games with discarded cardboard boxes instead of using new playground equipment? You can get several answers—and arguments.

Until we can better answer these kinds of questions, our service to our community will be incomplete. In turn, it will be that much more difficult to compete for limited

public funds against other claimants that have convinced the community of their worth.

**W**HAT KIND OF PEOPLE live in your town? What do they really enjoy doing in their leisure time? Do you provide a choice, a wide range of enjoyment to people of all ages, sizes, and sexes? Is there opportunity for solo pursuits, group activities, active sports, family gatherings? Is your park a stereotype of wooden benches, concrete paths, drinking fountains that do not quite supply enough water for a decent drink or, alternatively, threaten to put out your eye, and well manicured grass complete with “Keep Off” signs?

On what basis do you decide how to develop an area and when to develop it, or how to develop it? What assumptions guide your land purchase program? Availability? Priority? Are you giving priority to acquisition, or using your own funds for development?

Intelligent answers to these questions require a careful analysis of the community as we see it now and as we project its growth over time. Assumptions about the people who will be serving should be basic to the open-space planning process. After all, that is our final goal—to contribute to the maximum extent we possibly can to the beauty of our land, and the peace and joy of our people. #

## SHOPPING FOR RECREATION

### *Suburban shopping plaza transforms ravine into usable playspace*

**A** WOODED and trash-filled ravine, a hazardous area for young children in suburban Hyde Park in Cincinnati, has been transformed into a filled, graded, and sodded area complete with ball diamond and protective high wire fencing. For this, the children can thank Peter J. Palazzolo, developer of the Hyde Park Plaza shopping center. When Mr. Palazzolo was building the plaza, he needed a bit more land for his parking lot than he had. The only adjacent property that could be used was a former dump, with the ravine and wooded area running through it, all of which belonged to the city of Cincinnati. This property, in turn, was adjacent to a city playground inadequate to do the job for the neighborhood because it was too small and the ravine area alongside it greatly diminished the usable playspace.

So, Mr. Palazzolo offered to trade a \$100,000 filling, grading, sodding, and fencing job, that also included new sewers, for the small strip of land he needed to fill out his parking lot (which is also used by those enjoying the use of ballfields and their spectators)—an excellent deal for the city because it resulted in virtually doubling the play area, including a vastly improved playground and three ball diamonds. To provide protection for small children in the playground and to further separate the playground and the shopping center area, Mr. Palazzolo also provided a high wire fence and landscaping, vastly improving the appearance and safety of the whole area.

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission was very happy



*Initiative transforms former dump into shopping and recreation*

with the arrangement, as was the Oakley Playgrounders Association, a group of parents who act as unofficial supervisors of the playground, and who long have sought improvement of the area. Mr. Palazzolo is very active in the field of recreation in Cincinnati and throughout the country. This is just one instance of his work in developing recreation facilities. #

# RECREATION IN ROUTE



ADMINISTRATION

## County society initiates travel program for recreation professionals

Edward J. Guagnini

TRAVEL PROGRAM for recreation professionals has been initiated by the county recreation and society in Westchester County, New York. The first venture took place in the fall of 1964 when a delegate was sent to the World Recreation Congress in Japan. This spring, the society sent a delegate to the First International European Congress of Parks in Montedison, Italy.

The month-long trip to the Far East included visits to Manila, the Philippines, Bangkok, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Taipei. The society's delegate, Charles Bambace, superintendent of recreation in Port Chester, attended the opening of the Olympics in Tokyo.

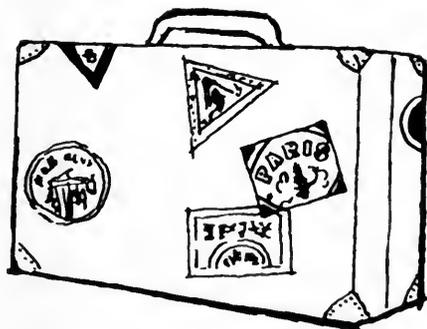
Besides being a valuable education and experience for the delegate, the program has been a tremendous public relations medium for the Westchester County Recreation and Park Society. Charles Bambace, upon his return, has dedicated himself to make a colored-slide presentation illustrating his trip and impressions of recreation in the Far East. He will be visiting to Westchester civic and recreation organizations. As a result of these presentations, the Westchester society has gained prestige and respect from these organizations for its initiative and dedication. The membership society, impressed by the results of the first venture, then established a permanent professional travel program committee.

Charles Bambace was selected to attend the Congress in Montecarlo. Twenty-one countries were represented. The general sessions pointed out that many of the problems faced by park and recreation departments are similar the world over, in-

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cluding open space, population explosions, budgets, vandalism, air and water pollution.

Recreation, as we know it in the United States, however, does not function to a great extent in Europe. Several of the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, and Great Britain have made great strides in playground development but for the most part programming has been left to the schools, churches, and private clubs. In France and Italy—the two countries I toured—emphasis has been placed on the creation of parks and gardens. Many of the European delegates believe that recreation programs on the municipal level



will become a necessity in the near future.

During the first three days of the Monte Carlo congress, delegates had the privilege of hearing twelve information talks relating to park, garden, and recreation administration. The next three days were absorbed by tours through Monaco, Cannes, Nice, Menton, and San Remo. Receptions were held by officials of each city for delegates. The next six days were spent touring the French and Italian Riviéras. I had the privilege of teaming up with John Paulos, superintendent of parks of Miami Beach, and his horticulturist, Robert Kundtz. We drove in a rented car at our own desired pace and en-

joyed the majestic beauty of this area.

We stopped for two days at Portofino and San Margherita and took time to visit the fishing villages along the northern Italian coast. We continued down the Italian coast to Pisa. After climbing the 286 steps of the tower, I was amused to find five teenage boys playing cards at the top.

From Pisa we went to Florence where we had a personal tour of the city with its park director, Dr. Pietro Corenich. We discussed fully the scope of parks and recreation in Italy with Dr. Corenich and learned that one of the most critical problems in Italy is the unavailability of water. Vandalism is also a growing problem even in the cultural centers.

At Biella near Lake Como, relatives and friends were instrumental in arranging personal tours for me of Mt. Oropa, one of the finest skiing centers in Italy, and the Medical Center for Sports in Torino. Visiting this medical center, equipped with the latest equipment for research, was one of the highlights of my trip. Most of the leading European athletes go here for various physical and medical tests. Active files are kept on all athletes, and I am sure that the results of these findings will be of invaluable assistance to the medical and coaching professions the world over in the years ahead.

Biella, a city of sixty thousand people, boasts one of the finest community center facilities I have ever seen. A gift by a local industrialist, the million-dollar complex consists of separate outdoor and indoor swimming pools, gymnasium, activity rooms, and cafeteria—all in a beautiful park setting. I was impressed most with the immaculate equipment room with push-button controls for all operations, including

temperature, water, and filter systems. The facility is operated by the city and is used by local schools and the general public on a fee basis.

Was the trip worthwhile? Emphatically, "Yes!" I was able to plant the seed for the establishment of a Professional Recreation and Park Personnel Program with European officials and delegates at the congress. I also discussed the possibility of an exchange program with delegates from Canada and the western part of the United States. Perhaps these exchange programs can become a reality in the near future.

While in Italy, I had the opportunity to learn about E.N.A.L. (Ente Nazionale Assistenza Lavoratori), a national

organization doing work comparable to that of our Industrial Recreation Association. I also obtained an insight on the work and influence of C.O.N.I. (Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano), the Italian National Olympic Committee on the sports program in Italy. My discussions with students, teachers, and officials gave me a better understanding of Italy and its people. I also would like to believe that I did "my bit" to give these people a better understanding of American life and the operation of its municipal recreation and park programs. The slide presentations that I will be making to New York educational and service organizations will serve as a public relations media for the work of the Westchester County

Recreation and Park Society and recreation movement in the United States in general.

The first two trips were made largely through the generous cooperation of an individual who is esteemed and impressed with the work of Westchester's professional recreation people. The Westchester society strives to finance future trips by initiating various fund-raising projects.

I hope that this professional program initiated by the Westchester County Recreation and Park Society will be implemented by other groups. We in the recreation field should continue to experiment not only with equipment and facilities but with ideas. #

## Art of Retirement

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heating unit repair, swimming pool upkeep, and all other maintenance problems were now the responsibility of the association, it all takes money and organization. Facilities include bowling green and shuffleboard courts, both lighted for night play; croquet and horseshoe areas, all grassed and beautifully maintained; an arts-and-crafts compound complete with simulated waterfall, patio, and benches, that includes a wood shop, lapidary shop, jewelry room, ceramics shop, art room, sewing room, darkroom for camera bugs (all of the shops are completely equipped), stonecutters, kilns, polishing wheels, grinders, bench saws, planers, rips, easels, sewing machines; in other words, everything that is needed is there and available to all residents and is kept in good repair and replaced as necessary. This all takes money, crew, and organization. Then there is a swimming pool with deck furniture, dressing rooms, cabanas; and a town hall which is unbelievable: huge, roomy, completely furnished, versatile with fully equipped stage and loud-speaker equipment. The town hall can be split into two large rooms and has a kitchen fully equipped, chairs, tables, restrooms, and the like; an outside Greek

theater, lighted for night productions; and the association's office building containing my office, reception room for our secretary, board room and treasurer's room where the year's billing is done and a running record of all who move into Sun City is kept with the cooperation of the developers.

This is big business, certainly on a par with municipal administration but with new and never-before problems. However, Sun City residents are determined to make this new "home rule" work. They are proud of their city . . . and it is just that . . . and are making my job of general overall management, scheduling of facilities, and, at times, father confessor, an easy and exciting one. To make it even easier, each organization (see list of activities) runs itself . . . elected officers, dues, if required, et cetera. All taken care of by them. They love to have me visit them and say a few words . . . but hands off their club operation!

I am seeing retirement, active retirement, in action and it is astonishingly successful. The homes are well built, the developer is legitimate, the city is clean, and homes are beautifully kept. This is the third year of Sun City's operation and it becomes more solid each year. Its impact on the county has been felt greatly, both politically and culturally, and, in particular, financially. The

Resort Improvement District of Sun City is the county organ here and is made up of Sun City residents who had experience in business and state, or county administration. A member of the County Board of Supervisors who serves this area is a member of RID and stays in close contact with the community.

And is all of this recreation? Not a bet! Because, as the old saying is "You Don't Haveta." It's done through interest and, along with the conventional forms of recreation, keeps the participating citizens busy and gives them what is so desperately wished: a feeling of being needed and of accomplishment. They are producing and acting on their own terms. Their terms contrast against the belief that retirement means senility and infirmity. Sun City, with the myriad of other legitimate retirement areas, have made a great deal of general recreation thinking. We must update our approach to old age attendant problems. I am sure we are doing this, slowly but surely, and I am sure a visit to Sun City would inspire many a recreation person to change ideas and delve into a deeper study of age and retirement. I am only worried that these wonderful people will be too involved and too efficient and one day they will not need me! #

# NOTE "YES" FOR PARKS

Young city passes its first general  
ligation bond issue

G. Parham

**W**HO WANTS to live in a monotonous asphalt, concrete, and stucco jungle? Not the twelve thousand citizens of Cupertino, California,

now voiced their need for parks closer to home.

The success of the million dollar measure for parks is a culmination of persistent efforts by a number of groups and individuals in the community to bring the city its first park sites. The five sites selected include four neighborhood parks of five acres each, adjacent to schools to utilize the five to eight acres of school playground space, thus giving the city park an actual area of ten to fourteen acres of green or recreation space. A fifteen-acre central park will offer such facilities as a community center, sports center, little theater, space for art exhibits, hobby classes, and meetings.

The victory is all the more significant as it more than doubles the city property tax rates. Approximately four-fifths of this amount will go into land acquisition with the remainder for partial development programs. In addition, Cupertino's active membership in the regional Association of Bay Area Governments may bring in a thirty percent open-space grant from the federal government.

Obviously, the park information, promotion, and public relations programs were commanding factors in the success of the election. From the first series of park site proposals since 1960, to the decisive victory at the polls, elements of the general public partici-

pated in all stages of decision making. Former members of the recreation commission, the citizen-initiated recreation-education committee, and various individuals participated in several study sessions with the city council, the city manager and the recreation director.

Eight months passed before the city council finally adopted the proposed park sites. Six more months went by before the election. Thus, for fourteen months, from inception to the polls, the park proposal received a great deal of citizen participation, guidance, and direction.

**T**HE SIX-MONTH campaign covered the gamut of park promotion and public education. With slides, charts and maps, representatives of the recreation department alone made twenty-five presentations of the park plan to various service clubs, individuals, public forums, and neighborhood family and homeowner groups. The latter were especially effective in bringing the proposal to every neighborhood in the area, allowing the homeowner and his friends maximum time, in familiar surroundings, to study and discuss the park sites.

In July, the Cupertino Junior Chamber of Commerce designated the park program as its top priority community-service project. The Jaycee campaign included a voter registration reminder, as the Jaycee park committee immediately conducted a quick neighborhood and organizational survey to find out where the park program stood. Results of the survey underscored the need for more neighborhood park information, and more publicity directed to answering specific concerns. The survey pinpointed the particular blocks where seventy percent or more of the voters favored the measure. The marginal areas, also identified in the survey, received the brunt of further campaigning.

The independent weekly paper, a strong supporter, prepared and published a series of two articles and two editorials, ran off about three thousand extra copies of these articles, back-to-back, for distribution. Out of the service clubs, a citizen's committee emerged six weeks before election, and raised the necessary funds budgeted for the

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saved themselves from such a fate they approved a million dollars park acquisition last October. By twenty-three percent majority, the city in this rapidly growing community, nestled in the western valley foothills of Santa Clara County, San Jose, agreed to spend \$1,450,000 for acquisition of thirty-five acres and for five park sites and construction of a city hall. This was the city's first general obligation bond issue.

Well-to-do "bedroom" community, where the family breadwinner makes an average yearly income of \$9,500 and living in a \$25,000 home, Cupertino had a mere fifty-nine hundred people in 1960, five years after incorporation. Its population more than doubled in ten years and is expected to increase to 100,000 by 1985. The city recreation department was initiated in June 1, 1960. Residents up to this point had enjoyed the regional or mountain parks and the Stevens Creek Reservoir but

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# STATE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

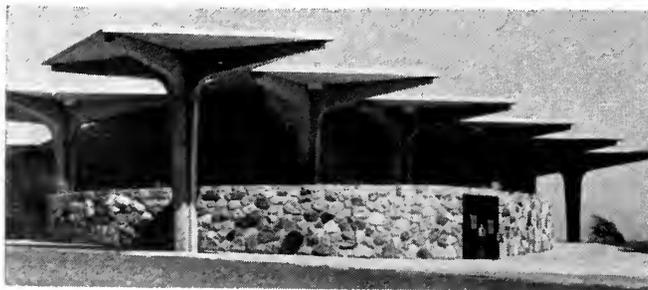
ELVIRA DELANY

**ARIZONA.** Preservation of some of the state's most famous Indian petroglyphs has been assured through purchase of twenty acres of land northwest of Gila Bend from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management by the Arizona State Parks Board. BLM Phoenix District Manager Richard H. Petrie presented the Painted Rock Historical Site patent to Dennis McCarthy, state parks director, in ceremonies at Phoenix. The land was acquired under provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, which provides for state, county, municipal and other government agencies to purchase lands for public use at \$2.50 per acre, or lease it for \$.25 cents annually.

Preservation of the Painted Rock petroglyphs has long been sought. Because the site is located near major population centers, it has suffered extensively from vandalism. The paintings appear on a large deposit of granite boulders scattered through highly scenic terrain. In presenting the patent, Mr. Petrie said: "The R&PP Act has provided nearly ninety thousand acres of land to the people of Arizona for recreation and other public uses. We are pleased to see the state act so rapidly to save these irreplaceable relics of the historic past."

**MICHIGAN.** The Michigan Society of Architects at its 51st Annual Convention awarded its First Honor Award for architectural design to Baypoint Beach Bathhouse which opened in the summer of 1964 at Stony Creek Metropolitan Park northeast of Rochester. The award plaque was presented to the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, a regional park agency serving the counties of Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, and to Wakely-

*Prize-winning bathhouse, Stony Creek Metropolitan Park.*



Kushner Associates, architectural consultants, St. Shores.

Baypoint Beach Bathhouse placed first among forty entries submitted in the first annual honors awards program conducted by the MSA. "Baypoint Beach Bathhouse was awarded the First Honor Award because the plan is an excellent special quality related to the natural environment of the site. This is a very disciplined yet plastic structure distinctly human in scale. The transition from open sky to part shelter to solid shelter is excellent," said the MSA in presenting the award.

**NEVADA.** A spectacular 40,720-acre section of the Ruby Mountains has been designated a scenic area by the Humboldt mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service. The new Ruby Mountains Scenic Area on the Humboldt National Forest extends some eighteen miles along the rugged, glaciated slopes of the Ruby Mountains southeast of Elko. Within the area are four peaks over eleven thousand feet in elevation including Ruby Dome (11,350 ft.), numerous peaks over ten thousand feet in elevation, and over two dozen alpine cirques nestled among its cirques.

Features of the newly established National Forest Scenic Area include the well-known Lamoille Canyon which was carved by an immense powerful river of ice which gouged out a U-shaped canyon with sheer side walls rising nearly two thousand feet above the canyon floor. Along its rim are ribbon-like waterfalls come spilling down from small cirques cradled in cirques and hanging valleys between the peaks. Lamoille Canyon also provides the principal means of access to the heart of the scenic area with trails leading from the road end at the head of the canyon to Lily Lake and the top of the mountain range. The small glacial lakes and streams, although remote, are well-stocked with trout and offer excellent fishing to the hiker or horseback traveler. Within the area are many species of wildlife including mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, badger, beaver, many small mammals, and a variety of birds including several species of grouse. The rough mountainous terrain provides important summer range for mule deer which are driven down to the lower slopes by fall storms. Domestic livestock graze portions of the area during the summer months.

John Fremont in 1845 named the mountains and the Humboldt River after his friend, Prussian naturalist Baron Alexander von Humboldt. Later in 1854 Colonel E. J. Ricketts, searching for a military route across central Nevada, changed the name to Ruby Mountains when one of his men discovered "rubies" (actually red garnets) while prospecting for gold near Hastings Pass.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE.** New construction totalling \$1,334 for several major projects under the \$9,000,000 park expansion program is under way in eight New Hampshire state parks. Development of Pawtuckaway State Park in Nottingham at a cost of \$1,077,706, the first phase of a proposed \$3,000,000 development plan, is the largest

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# CULTURE ON A LOCAL LEVEL

*International conference examines culture  
in contemporary civilization,  
whether found in factory or museum*

LOCAL AUTHORITIES must regard the promotion of culture as a major function in the programs they offer as well as in physical environment. states a report of the Education Cultural Committee of the International Union of Local Authorities which met at the UNESCO Youth Institute in Gauting, Germany, last February. Present were representatives from the United Kingdom, Finland, Italy, France, Austria, Yugoslavia, Netherlands, and the United States. The National Recreation Association is represented by Siebolt H. Frieswyk, its consultant in the performing arts. Headquarters of the IULA is in The Hague. Subject of the meeting was "The Role of Local Authorities in Promoting an Interest in Cultural Matters to Citizens." The committee's report declared:

In one sense, culture can be regarded as a way of life. It implies a style of living which forms the framework of civilization. We can think of culture as a natural complement to toil, that existence which enriches personality and heightens the quality of living. As working definition, we should regard the field of culture as including not only literature, history, drama, music, ballet, and the fine arts, but also architecture, the planned physical environment of man in town and country, and sport. Culture in contemporary civilization tends to be associated more with leisure-time activity, though by attention to environment influence can be felt in the factory and the office.

It is important for local authorities to increase the attention and the amount of expenditures devoted to activities other than those meeting material needs, and, indeed, to regard the promotion of cultural matters and to

raise standards of appreciation and achievement, it is desirable that there should be greater opportunities for individuals to participate directly and show creative initiative. The development of cultural awareness makes the individual more critical of his environment and a more active participant in community affairs.

Local authorities will naturally be involved to a greater or lesser degree with different kinds of provision. Libraries, museums and concert halls need to be directly provided. Local authorities should ensure that adequate buildings are available for local dramatic groups and choirs to practice and perform. Libraries are of special significance since the availability of a wide range of reading material is essential to modern man. A library service should be free if possible. Libraries are also growing points of other activities of a cultural kind, including music and dramatic activity. . . .

Local authorities should encourage citizens to be more concerned with the quality of the physical environment of the town, with the architecture of individual buildings and with town planning. There might be more cultivation by local authorities of their own indigenous resources to achieve a more distinctive local environment.

**C**ULTURE and education are closely related. Where responsibility for the appropriate services is divided, it is important that cooperation should be developed. Owing to the growth of the corpus of knowledge and of the technical demands of modern society, there is sometimes a tendency for cultural matters to be excluded from the school curriculum. There is, however, a need to broaden the basis of education on which culture rests. This may need more

and better trained teachers. Adult education should assist in developing cultural interests and more opportunities are needed for individual creative work.

Too often, people are discouraged from visiting museums and public galleries even though the barriers are psychological only. Too often the atmosphere is excessively solemn and austere.

In the past, works of art were often produced under the patronage of the wealthy. Today, public bodies tend more and more to shoulder cultural responsibilities for community works of art. Here, local authorities have an important role to play. In commissions dealing with cultural matters they should always seek the advice of experts and give full recognition to the place of the individual artist in society. At the same time, we feel it important that the layman should play his part in association with the experts, but the authority must keep a balance between the conservation of the old and valued and the contemporary. A balance must also be kept in the range of provision between high levels and more popular levels. Culture must not be thought of as for the intelligentsia alone. . . . In framing central government grants, cultural as well as other needs should be taken into account so that those authorities with least resources may be helped. . . . There must also be coordination between the cultural authorities and the central government. Urban areas too should be able to offer more assistance to the surrounding rural communities.

There should be more international exchanges of cultural work between authorities to develop a mutual appreciation of different cultures. Possibly UNESCO might be able to assist in these projects. #

# MARKET NEWS

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## State and Local Developments

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current projects. Construction of new lifts for the next season accounts for \$290,020 of the total, broken down as follows: \$150,045 for a nineteen hundred-foot double airlift at Mount Sunapee State Park in Newbury; \$139,500 for an upper mountain T-bar at Cannon Mountain in Franconia. Pawtuckaway State Park, encompassing fifty-three hundred acres and an 803-acre lake in the center of New Hampshire's most densely populated area, will be the largest multiple-use state park in the growing system of thirty.

Historic Franklin Pierce Homestead in Hillsboro is being restored at a cost of \$55,000, following the recommendations of the late Roy Baker, who conducted a thorough architectural investigation in 1954, and the suggestions of William Perry of Boston, who designed the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Designated as a National Historic Landmark, the venerable structure will be restored as closely as possible to its condition when it was occupied by the Pierce family in the last century.

Another restoration is the Governor Goodwin mansion in Portsmouth. A total of \$172,000 has been expended on moving the structure to its permanent foundation and restoring it. The 155-year-old mansion, home of New Hampshire's first Civil War governor, will eventually be one of the "state" buildings in the Strawberry Banke restoration project in Portsmouth.

**NEW MEXICO.** Two new reservoirs near *Truth or Consequences* have been taken over by the State Park and Recreation Commission under contract from the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. Facilities existing and under construction at the sites include boat launching ramps, sanitary and water systems, docks, access roads, and shelter buildings. Bating, water skiing, and fishing are year-round sports on the new lakes.

The new Ute Dam, financed by the state, will eventually impound the Canadian River near Logan into a thirteen-mile long lake creating another excellent water sport recreation area for the state. The State Park and Recreation Commission has planned an expenditure of \$61,000 for reconstruction of a service dock and launching ramp, boat sheds, parking lot, access roads, and sanitary facilities. The lake has been stocked with several species of game fish.

**NEW YORK.** Establishment of a network of "vest-pocket" parks in New York City to be set up on vacant tenement lots in low-income areas of the city was agreed to by Mayor Robert Wagner. A design for a pilot project in the chain was submitted to the mayor by the Council for Parks and Playgrounds, a coordinating organization for city local neighborhood parks groups from throughout the city. The pilot park would cost an estimated \$32,312. The mayor also endorsed a plan to establish, as widely as possible, temporary parks on sites cleared for new con-

struction, but where the actual erection of buildings waits two to five years after demolition. These so-called "knock-down" parks would be given up as soon as building construction was ready to begin. Council leaders urged the mayor to consider recreation in the city as an "urgent social necessity." They asked that the city administration seek federal anti-poverty funds for recreation purposes.

**WEST VIRGINIA.** Fishermen are enjoying a number of new boat launching ramps, parking areas, and camp sites at public fishing lakes. Under the Accelerated Public Works Program, additional facilities for camping and boat launching have been developed at Plum Orchard Lake in Fayette County, Sleepy Creek Lake in Berkeley County, and Laurel Creek Lake in Mingo County. Other improvements have been carried out at Teter Creek Lake in Barbour County, Conaway Run Lake in Tyler County, Castleman Run Lake in Brooke County, the Bluestone Public Hunting and Fishing Area in Summers County, and Berwind Lake in McDowell County.

• Over thirteen hundred sportsmen attended the eleven public meetings held in February and March by the State Department of Natural Resources. These meetings are scheduled each year to give West Virginia sportsmen an opportunity to voice their opinions and recommendations concerning hunting and fishing regulations. Attendance at this year's meetings was up about fifty percent over the last two or three years, thanks to excellent cooperation from TV, radio, and newspapers in covering the events.

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✦ During the past several years, agencies in the Longview-Kelso area in the state of Washington have cooperatively sponsored a growing recreation program for mentally retarded and physically handicapped children. A swimming program for handicapped children was begun by the Longview YMCA about ten years ago. This was followed in July 1964 with the pilot day-camp program, Camp Goodtimes, sponsored jointly by the YMCA and other agencies.

The Coordinating Council for Recreation for the Handicapped of the Longview YMCA and the Cowlitz Valley Chapter of the Washington Association for Retarded Children felt the recreation and socializing values of Camp Goodtimes and the established swimming program should be expanded to provide a year-round recreation program. Consequently, in the fall of 1964, the Goodtimes Club was organized. To date results have been excellent. Over forty children are enrolled in the program. Since this is an experimental program, children are accepted who are enrolled in special school classes. A Tri-Hi-Y Club of high-school junior girls assist with the program as a service project. In addition, boys from two Hi-Y Clubs, Boy Scouts, and other interested individuals assist with the activity periods.

✦ The recreation programs scheduled for the youth of Mount Vernon, New York, whether sponsored by the recreation department or some other agency, share a goal of trying to serve the most children possible, reports the Mount Vernon *Daily Argus*. The newspaper points out that the attitude toward retarded children has changed dramatically over the past twenty years. Once they were thought of as unfortunates who should be excluded from the general activities of society, and recreation in particular. Today they are treated differently; they are considered people. The recreation program in Mount Vernon reflects the contemporary thinking in offering a year-round program of activity for retarded children. Starting last summer a three-day-a-week playground program was sponsored by the recreation department under Commissioner John Branca. It was the first of

DR. THOMPSON is director of the *National Recreation Association's Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped*.

its type in Westchester County. In winter, the group meets on Thursday nights at the recreation department community center.

✦ According to the Volunteer Service Photographers Annual Report, 7,600 student patients participated in thirty-three hospital or institutional programs in New York and New Jersey. They were serviced by 111 volunteers, who gave a total of 6,713 teaching hours. New York's Long Island area, thirty-three volunteers have been functioning in seven hospitals.

✦ Seventy-five to eighty-five percent of the mentally retarded can be rehabilitated with proper training. Thanks to a recently perfected method, children with an IQ of less than 50 can be taught to read. Using the same method, many educable children can be taught to read twice as fast. Dr. Samuel Krick at the University of Illinois is making much headway in raising the IQ of children and has proved that the IQ of eight-year-old children could be raised from 72 to 89 by giving them special instruction one hour a day, five days a week for a year.

✦ A 25 percent increase in programs of vocational training for handicapped children is revealed in the new edition of the *Directory for Exceptional Children*. The fifth edition of the directory describes programs and policies of over three thousand facilities in the United States providing special education and therapy for children who are physically handicapped, mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, or socially maladjusted. It also notes continuance of the pronounced trend toward non-residential day programs for exceptional children.

Day schools and clinics now comprise two-thirds of the total facilities for handicapped children. During the last twelve years, six times more day centers than resident facilities have been established for physically handicapped youth. Of 135 new programs described in this edition, nearly fifty are day offerings for mentally retarded children. Among state-sponsored programs for the mentally retarded founded since 1950, day centers have outnumbered resident institutions by more than two to one.

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After a year of operation, there is  
...waiting list for a new training session.  
...In addition, the local office of the Flor-  
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...ous sections of the country as a result  
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...Leesburg babysitters have made it pos-  
...sible for many moms and dads to pur-  
...sue their particular recreation needs  
...and interests, whether it be in the Lees-

burg Recreation Department activities  
...or be it in one of the many other forms  
...of recreation available. Babysitting is  
...a leisure-time activity for those teen-  
...agers involved, and, through "Baby-  
...sitting and Leesburg Way," they have  
...been directed into a rewarding and  
...profitable leisure-time activity.—DAVID  
...W. CARMOLLI, Superintendent of Rec-  
...reation, Leesburg, Florida.

**THE LONERS**

**B**Y 1966 HALF of America's 195,000,-  
...000 citizens will be under the age  
...of twenty-five. Every large city will  
...be struggling to solve the problems con-  
...nected with this age group, particularly  
...with those teenagers whose poor choice  
...of free-time activities leads to delin-  
...quency. As a result of the recent prob-  
...ing news stories of Lee Oswald and his  
...tragedy, many people have become  
...acutely aware of the psychological  
...problems of youth.

The Public Recreation Department  
...in Long Beach, California, knows that  
...by providing free or low-cost activities  
...for the teens, one important problem  
...is partially solved, for youth's needs  
...are great but earning power is small.  
...With this in mind, the department fur-  
...nishes some craft materials free and  
...some at cost; there is a charge of  
...twenty-five cents at the pools and fifty  
...cents for youth-club memberships.  
...Most other activities are free.

One complication which plagues  
...large cities and is not so easily solved  
...is that of the "loner" who is just the  
...opposite of the youth who joins, par-  
...ticipates, and contributes. The "lon-  
...ers," mostly boys, are in the minority.  
...They are alone and without friends, as  
...Lee Oswald was. They do not attend  
...the organized centers, but go about in  
...small groups forming gangs which can  
...easily drift into trouble. Among these  
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...lives are just too well ordered and  
...over directed and who feel the need  
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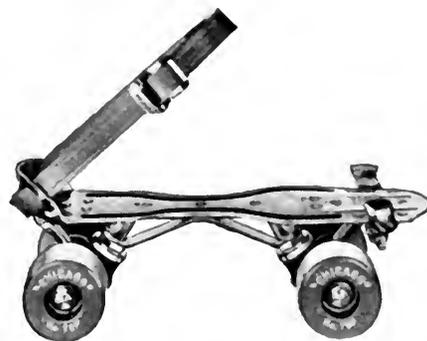
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...lem. A few of the largest cities in the  
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...like the "guys" on the corner, hang

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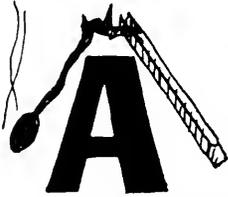
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around and make friends. Later these boys are encouraged to be on the team or participate in a special event. Each year a few lives may be completely changed by this program. It has not been shown, however, that Long Beach needs this, for it appears to be reversing the national delinquency trend. Local officials believe this comes as a result of the fine cooperation between local youth-serving agencies, law, probation, schools, and recreation.

It has been written that "given skills, education, and enough background in order to feel secure among many choices, most youth will choose their leisure activities wisely." This then would indicate that the home, school, and community working together must give skills, education, and background to help young people prepare for the best use of their increasing free time. Recent statistics show that approximately sixty percent of our youth are making good choices in their time off, while perhaps about five percent are in trouble. The remaining thirty-five percent, "in-betweeners," are of special concern as they are the ones who can be influenced in either direction. One of recreation's biggest problems is that of making programs attractive, exciting, and adventuresome enough to appeal to *all* youth.

**T**HE Long Beach Recreation Department offers a wide choice of activities. Participation in this program gives teenagers a chance to enjoy a cultural program, to keep physically fit, and to have an active social life. No wallflowers nor loneliness here. Several cultural opportunities of interest to both boys and girls are crafts, including woodcrafts; the Junior Theatre drama group open only to teenagers, which presents four full-length royalty plays a year; and the Youth Talent Showcase, a group of two hundred nonprofessional teenage entertainers (membership through tryouts) which performs free for clubs and civic affairs.

To keep youngsters physically fit and use up excess energy, the department provides clubs, instruction, play, and some leagues in a number of sports. These include badminton, baseball, basketball, flag football, gymnas-

tics, Junior Olympics (boys' track skiing with both dry-land instruction and water-ski facilities, a powder derby (girls' track), softball, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball.

Aquatic activities at six swimming pools and three still-water beaches this age group are life-saving, diving, synchronized and competitive swimming. Sailing techniques are studied at Alamitos Bay by the sailing club.

Teenage co-recreation activities the social type show the highest attendance. The Friday Nighter groups which feature social dancing, meet every junior high-school in the city during the school year. Fortunately the Long Beach recreation plan is well-ordinated, giving young people the fullest use of school and park facilities. There are also five youth clubs with eight thousand members, four of which have their own buildings adjacent to the high schools, with a new club under construction. Memberships are available to high-school-age youth only. Besides having wholesome fun, the clubs contribute to charity. For example, last year each held special dances raising over a thousand dollars in cash and more than three thousand cans of food.

Recreation leaders point out that the values received in the youngsters' playtime will carry over into other phases of their lives. One of the problems with today's adults is that many find their worth is measured by the money they earn and spend, whereas it should be really measured by the way they spend their *time* both *on* and *off* the job. The community that provides its youth with an opportunity to learn these truths early in life will reap the benefits later, for, as tomorrow's adults, they'll do much better than their parents. In addition to landing on the moon and Mars, and straightening out the international mess here on earth, it is hoped they will solve the problem of the teenage "loner" by inventing some exciting new activities with a built-in "safe" danger and won't that be a new twist?—VIRGINIA CLARK, *Supervisor of Drama, Music and Public Information for the Long Beach, California, Recreation Commission. This material appeared in the Long Beach Herald American.*

# CONCERNING UPKEEP

## Erosion Control

A VERY SERIOUS problem of erosion of the banks of the chain of lakes along one side of Roeding Park in Fresno, California, is slowly but surely being solved. A four-year program of installing rock walls along the bank of the lakes is now more than halfway to completion. After the installation of the block walls and the application of a gunite finish, the short areas were rock-filled, brought up to grade, and planted to maintain the park appearance. In addition, the fifteen-foot drainage from the new main roadway was extended into the second lake to improve the drainage of the main roadway and increase storage. Upon completion of the work outlined above, the lakes were thoroughly cleaned and refilled. After the lakes were filled they were stocked with carp, bluegill, and catfish, a warm-water fish transferred from Lake Washington. The lakes are stocked in this fashion each spring to provide fishing opportunities for boys and girls for the remainder of the year.

It became necessary to deepen all of the wells in Roeding Park and to increase the capacity of the pumps in order to provide adequate water for irrigation purposes in the park. This provided more than adequate supply of water which vastly simplified the irrigation and improved appearances of the park. However, the deepening of the wells created a very definite sand problem and it became necessary to install a large sand trap on the water main serving the zoo restrooms and concession stands. In addition, to deepen the main wells, a twelve-foot water well was drilled in the shop area and a thirty-horsepower pump installed to provide adequate supply of water for sanitation purposes, eliminating the necessity of having the big irrigation pumps cut out to maintain water service.—From *94 Annual Report*, Fresno Parks and Recreation Department.

## Moisture Control

THE PROBLEM of excessive moisture, long a deterrent to the use of acoustical ceilings in natatoriums, gymnasiums, and other high humidity facilities may finally be licked thanks to a new product developed by the Armstrong Cork Company. This is an entirely new type of acoustical material

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According to Armstrong, most acoustical ceiling products today withstand normal humidity conditions indefinitely without appreciable dimensional change, but, when installed in areas where the prevailing humidity is high, they often absorb excessive moisture from the air and eventually start to "cup" or "sag," creating an uneven

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IN ONE economical move, the Metropolitan Park District in Akron, Ohio, cleared some fallen timbers and converted the better part of them into over two hundred neat new signs, flashing yellow letters on a rustic brown background. The signs—more are being made—are replacing deteriorating predecessors, and, in some instances, serving as newly needed pointers to direct the public. They range from 9½-inch-square directional signs to four-by-five-foot informational boards.

The fallen wood first was taken to a lumber yard and milled. Then, as time permitted, park crews cut the lumber to size and shape, stenciled and routed out the letters, treated the wood with a preservative, and finally painted it. The signs being replaced are up to ten years old. The "new look" in park signs will continue popping up as the need for them arises and parkmen have time to produce the signs.

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# NEW PUBLICATIONS

**A Rating System to Improve Job Performance.** Public Personnel Association, 1313 East 60th Street, Chicago 60637. Pp. 12. Paper, \$2.00. 1965.

OFFICIALS in San Diego, California, became dissatisfied with the conventional personnel rating form. A study of the system that they had been using revealed too many purposes and that the man-to-man comparisons invited by numerical scores was a source of considerable dissatisfaction. Out of their study came the decision that a new plan would be designed for the sole purpose of helping supervisors to counsel their subordinates on ways to strengthen job performance. Under the new plan, the numerical ratings were replaced by a "global" evaluation by the supervisor. Moreover, supervisors are now called upon to record specific instances of outstanding work performance and shortcomings and are expected to specify concrete ways whereby employees can overcome their deficiencies. The new plan requires that supervisors use the reports as a basis for private face-to-face counseling of their staff personnel. Preparation for the evaluation includes nine things to do before a rating is made.

Suggestions for conducting the evaluation interview give twenty-three items, or factors, plus nine additional ones for supervisors on a checklist to be rated with criteria. The criteria include: 1—Satisfactory; 2—Requires improvement; 3—Meets standards; 4—Exceeds standards. These factors are defined together with guides for their use. The San Diego plan represents a willingness to overhaul a time-worn personnel mechanism when analysis shows its inadequacies, and to experiment with fresh concepts and new methods. The plan has been installed in the city school system and is currently undergoing a trial. If this new system proves to be satisfactory, it will become permanent. Other SPA reports are listed in this publication.—*W. C. Sutherland, Director, National Recreation and Park Association Recreation Personnel Service.*

**Music Activities for Retarded Children,** David L. Ginglend and Winifred E. Stiles. Abingdon Press, 201 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville 3, Tennessee. Pp. 40. Spiralbound, \$3.50.

THE SELECTIONS in the book are suitable for trainable retardates of all ages and for educable retardates to

about twelve years of age. The level of mental age to which this material would appeal to runs from three to eight years. The music is illustrated and the songs provide for a variety of participation by the children including singing, clapping hands, using instruments, and many other types of fundamental activities. A chapter is devoted to the use of other musical instruments such as the record player, autoharp, and percussion instruments. A list of books, recordings, and instruments are included under supplementary materials. This excellent book is a welcome addition to resource materials on recreation for the mentally retarded and was designed to provide guidance and resource materials in music for the special class teacher, recreation leader or volunteer working with the mentally retarded.—*Morton Thompson, Ed.D., National Recreation and Park Association Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped.*

**Rural Youth in a Changing Environment.** National Committee for Children and Youth, 1145 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Pp. 344. Paper, \$2.50 (plus 25¢ postage). 1965.

THE PROBLEMS of preparing rural youth to adjust and compete in a modern, essentially urban society is basic to many of the issues faced by cities, by industry, by educational institutions, and by government. The National Conference on Rural Youth, sponsored by the National Committee For Children and Youth, was held at Oklahoma State University in September 1963 and drew 520 participants from forty-eight states, the Virgin Islands, and several foreign countries. This conference, chaired by Winthrop Rockefeller, included many speeches, workshops, and discussions. Among the most useful to recreation leaders and executives is an analysis by Dr. William Osborne, a "Study of the Problems, Attitudes and Aspirations of Rural Youth," prepared for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in 1963 by Elmo Roper. A summary is included in the report. Dr. Paul A. Miller, president of West Virginia University, gave one of the finest speeches, entitled "Guidelines and New Meanings." It will reward careful study. Background papers for this conference, under the title of *Rural Youth in Crisis*, will be available shortly. They are being published by the U.S. Depart-

ment of Health, Education, and Welfare.—*V.M.*

**Instant Water Skiing,** Ralph He Grosset & Dunlap, 1107 Broadway, New York 10010. Pp. 94. \$2.95.

IF YOU are a swimmer, you ought to be able to water ski almost immediately after consulting this guide. Start by learning to put on the skis, learning to get up on them before leaving dry land. Photos of attractive skiers will show you how to do it in about five minutes. Next, you try it in the water—with a towboat attached. If you do insist on falling after all, you are advised to "do it with style and come up with a smile."

An excellent list of Do's and Don'ts is included, as well as instructions on trick skiing, and skiing without skis (as was demonstrated to National Recreation Congress delegates last year in Florida). This guidebook should be especially helpful to persons who are learning to instruct in water skiing (because of its instruction sequences, it is also useful to anyone in charge of a waterfront, to an accomplished skier who wants to learn ski tricks. The pictures, 250 in all, show you "everything in the book."

**Plastics as an Art Form,** Thelma Newman. Chilton Books, East Washington Square, Philadelphia 19101. Pp. 338, illustrated. \$11.00.

THIS is probably the only complete book on working in plastic. It begins with the history of plastics as an art medium and describes fully the different stages and types of plastic work. It is or will be considered a textbook on plastics. The photographs are black and white with several pages of color and the text is written clearly and concisely. This is a book pointed toward the craftsman and written by an expert craftsman and artist, who is an authority on the subject.

Because of the dangers involved in working with plastics, I doubt very much if it is a book for recreation workers as the work must be done in an area where there is an exhaust ventilation hood and demands certain precautions when using the material. However, this is a wonderful book for the trained art or craft person and I could hardly keep my hands off it!—*M. B. Cummings, Arts and Crafts Specialist.*

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

**TIN-CAN CRAFTING.** *Sylvia W. Howard.* Sterling Publishing Company, 419 Park Avenue South, New York 10016. Pp. 4, illustrated. \$3.95. This newly revised book has many new and varied projects. Most are easy to do, requiring inexpensive equipment and scrap materials. Using tin shears with compound leverage and a serrated blade under supervision, children can safely work on the simpler projects. The book includes innumerable designs and eas for wall decorations well illustrated with diagrams, patterns and photographs. The best book on tin-can craft that has come to our attention.

**PIPIER MACHÉ AND HOW TO USE IT.** *Aldred Anderson.* Sterling Publishing Company, 419 Park Avenue South, New York 10016. Pp. 96, illustrated. \$3.95. Papier-mâché has been revolutionized by the introduction of resin epoxy as a surface finish which means many utilitarian projects can be done, ones that stand much hard use. The book progresses from elementary to advanced projects, from simple howls to a whole chess set and table.

**MAKE YOUR OWN MOBILES.** *T. M. Hegger.* Sterling Publishing, 419 Park Avenue South, New York 10016. Pp. 96, illustrated. \$2.95. (Originally published in German, translated by Paul Kuttner). Of course, making mobiles isn't new. Alexander Calder introduced us to this art form, as we are now familiar with it, around 1931 when he exhibited his first mobile in Paris. Artists and craftsmen, both professional and recreational, have been fascinated by them ever since. Miss Schegger's book covers composition, balance, flat geometrical shapes, three-dimensional shapes, procedures, materials suggestions of thread, paint, metal, glue, and tools. Materials include wood, shells for birds, nut-hells for sailboat hulls, corks for bird bodies, beechnuts for birds, and blown-out eggs for birds.

**SCULPTURE FOR BEGINNERS.** *Maria and Luis Di Valentin.* Sterling Publishing, 419 Park Avenue South, New York 10016. Pp. 160, illustrated. \$3.95. "Have you ever watched children making mudpies or sand castles? You must have done both yourself," so begins *Sculpture for Beginners*, a detailed instruction book that has side-by-side photographs showing each step in the process of modeling in clay, then making a mould and casting in plaster. The volume is easy to follow, covers the use of the armature, familiarity with the shapes of bones and muscles, covering the sculptor's basic skills.—*lean Wolcott, RECREATION Magazine Staff.*

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**Action for Older Americans,** 1964 Annual Report of the President's Council on Aging. U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Pp. 71. \$30.

**Developments in Aging, 1963 and 1964.** U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Pp. 86. \$25.

**New Thoughts on Old Age,** Robert Kastenbaum. Springer Publ., 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10010. Pp. 333. \$7.50.

**You, The Law And Retirement.** U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Pp. 36. \$25.

### GAMES AND HOBBIES

**ABC of Contract Bridge, The,** Ben Cohen and Rhoda Barrow. A. S. Barnes, 11 E. 36th St., New York 10016. Pp. 287. \$5.00.

**Art of the Middle Game, The (Chess),** Paul Keres and Alexander Kotov. Penguin Books, 3300 Clincher Mill Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21211. Pp. 238. Paper, \$1.25.

**Bidding at Bridge,** Norman Squire. Penguin Books, 53 W. 43rd St., New York 10036. Pp. 191. Paper, \$.95.

**Children's Games,** Pieter Brueghel. Taplinger Publ., 119 W. 57th St., New York 10019. Unpagged. \$2.50.

**Decorative Stitchery, Marian May.** Sunset Books, Menlo Park, Calif. Pp. 80. Paper, \$1.95.

**Game of the Seven Goofs, The,** H. Blanc and Ami. Crown Publ., 419 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. Unpagged. Paper, \$1.00.

**Games and Puzzles for Family Leisure,** E. Richard Churchill and Edward H. Blair. Abinadon Press, Nashville 2, Tenn. Pp. 80. Paper, \$.75.

**Manic in Your Pockets,** Bill Severn. David McKay, 119 W. 40th St., New York 10018. Pp. 146. \$3.50.

**Magic Shows You Can Give,** Bill Severn. David McKay, 119 W. 40th St., New York 10018. Pp. 212. \$4.25.

**New Troops in the Chess Opening,** Al Horowitz. Arco Publ., 219 Park Ave. S., New York 1003. Pp. 181. \$3.95.

**Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, The,** Richard L. Frey and Alan F. Truscott. Crown Publ., 419 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. Pp. 691. \$10.00.

**Photography and the American Scene,** Robert Taft. Dover Publ., 180 Varick St., New York 10014. Pp. 546. \$3.00.

**Polyominoes,** Solomon W. Golomb. Charles Scribner's Sons, 597 5th Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 182. \$5.95.

**Pun Fun,** Ennis Rees. Abelard-Schuman. 6 W. 57th St., New York 10019. Pp. 124. \$3.25.

**Radio Amateur's Handbook, The,** American Radio Relay League, Newington, Conn. Pp. 700. \$4.00.

**Recreations in the Theory of Numbers—The Queen of Mathematics Entertains,** Albert H. Peiler. Dover Publ., 180 Varick St., New York 10014. Pp. 349. Paper, \$2.00.

**Scarne on Cards,** John Scarne. Crown Publ., 419 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. Pp. 435. \$4.95.

**Strings on Your Fingers: How to Make String Figures,** Harry and Elizabeth Helfman. Wm. Morrow, 425 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. Pp. 48. \$2.75.

**Student-Made and Teacher-Made Pictures** (Basic Photography), Marvin E. Duncan and James E. Parker. Edwards Brothers, 2500 S. State St., Ann Arbor, Mich. Pp. 45. Paper, \$1.50.

**Teenage Chess Book, The,** Reuben Fine. David McKay, 119 W. 40th St., New York 10018. Pp. 144. \$3.75.

**Underwater Photography,** Derek Townsend. Sportshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. Pp. 160. \$5.75.

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**Glamour Magazine Party Book, The,** Eleanor Elliott. Doubleday, 277 Park Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 302. \$4.95.

**Holidays: Arbor Day,** Aileen Fisher; **Passover,** Norma Simon; **Flag Day,** Dorothy Les Tina; **Mother's Day,** Mary Kay Phelan; **St. Valentine's Day,** Clyde Robert Bulla. Thos. Y. Crowell, 201 Park Ave. S., New York 10003. Unpagged. \$2.95 each.

**Light of Christmas, The,** Frances Brentono, Editor. E. P. Dutton, 201 Park Ave. S., New York 10003. Pp. 319. \$5.95.

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**Concepts in Rehabilitation of the Handicapped**, Frank H. Krusen, M.D., W. B. Saunders, 218 W. Washington Sq., Philadelphia 5. Pp. 69. Paper, \$1.00.

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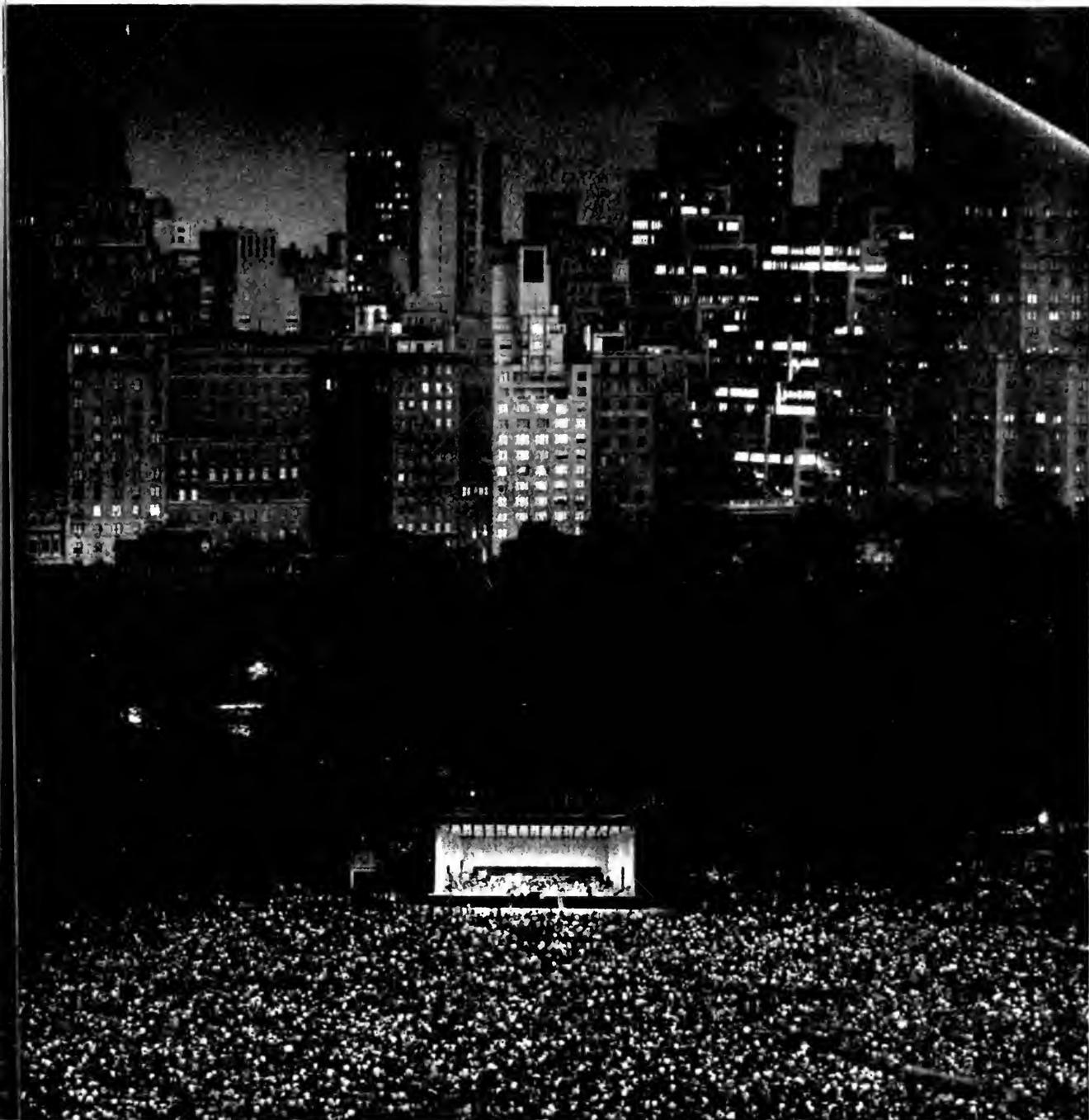
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**On the Cover**

In our rapidly urbanizing society some children will gain their own experience of farm life through visits to farms-in-the-zoo or the constructions of an earlier day (see page 425). These children are enjoying a trip to the farm zoo operated by the Metropolitan Park District in Tacoma, Washington. Photograph courtesy the Tacoma News Tribune.

**Next Month**

Christmas is a time of merry feasts of all descriptions and we will investigate fun with handbells "Parties that Ring Bells" and all look in on "The Festival of Lights" staged by senior citizens in Mansfield, Ohio, as well as examine Cincinnati's Christmas tree decorated with seedcraft creatures "The Pixies in Eden Park." In case your left hand does not know what your right is doing when it comes to song leading, you need the help given in "Song Leading Simplified." In "A College Serves Its Community," we learn how California's Cerritos College District expanded its community services to include recreation services to residents in the area. We will also visit an old armory in Bridgeport, Connecticut, which was converted into a modern recreation center and facilities constructed from pre-engineered steel buildings.

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# LETTERS

## Help! Lifeguard!

...s:  
Lifeguard training in some areas has become sloppy and slipshod. It has reached the point, in some cases, where a Water Safety Instructor (WSI) will be anyone who can stay with the course of Junior or Senior Lifesaving. An example which will illustrate this is what happened in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1962. A WSI was teaching a class in pool lifesaving. Many of the students could not swim well, but the instructor said, "That's not important!" On the day of testing, the students were required to save mock victims of a possible drowning. All went smoothly until the last student. She proceeded to do everything wrong and almost succeeded in turning her mock victim into an actual fatality. Yet, when the WSI was asked if the girl would pass the course, she replied, "She paid for the use of the pool, and it would not be fair to otherwise." It would be nice to know how often this only happens once in a while, and the frequency of such cases is increasing.

Statistics also support the case for better lifeguard training procedures. According to the Kansas State Board of Health, one county had four drowning deaths in guarded swimming areas in one summer. Other counties also reported drowning losses, although not as severe.

What are some ways this situation can be changed? There are several possibilities: (1) The lifeguards could be tested by the pool manager before being hired. (2) Teach somewhere in WSI training on the *how* of guarding a pool. Too often, the WSI teaches about the holds and releases, but neglects what are some danger points to recognize when guarding a pool area. (3) An establishment of a county authority which would check all lifeguards in that area on a set of standards. The WSI's could have a probationary period in which their records on the quality of the students who graduated the class would be checked. This could continue intermittently even after the probationary period had been passed by the WSI.

**BEBBIE BRADEN, Head Lifeguard, Spring Swimming Pool, Wichita, Kansas.**

## Where's the Leader?

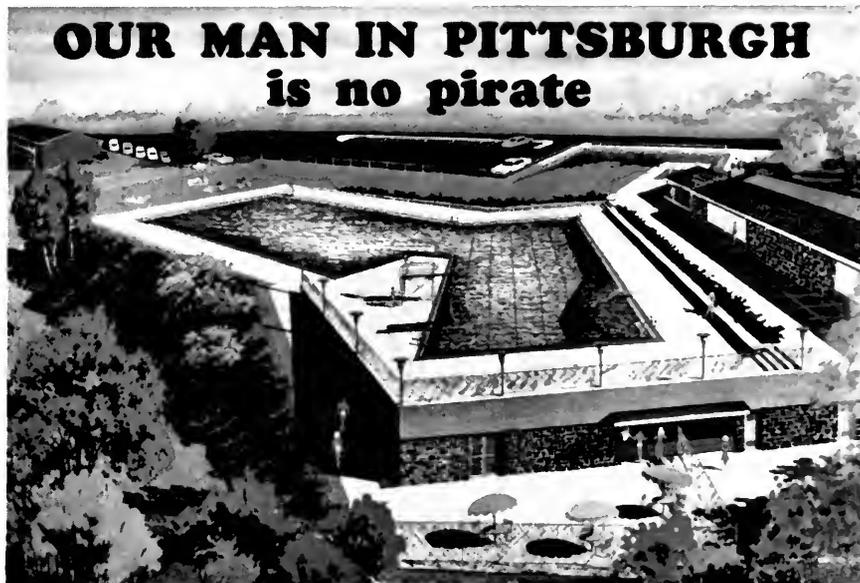
"Where's the leader?" is an oft-heard cry on playgrounds across the country. Instant identification of recre-

ation leaders has been achieved by the Stanton, California, Recreation Department, through the use of the attractive and distinctive shirts which the department provides for its playground staff. Each leader is issued two shirts: a blue, short-sleeve sweat shirt with gold lettering on the back saying "City of Stanton Recreation" and a white, short-sleeve tennis-style shirt with blue lettering. A badge is provided for the front of the shirt. The shirts serve sev-

eral purposes. They aid in discipline, encourage participation in the program, help promote employee morale, and are a valuable public-relations asset.

Stanton is a relatively new city and as a result of recent annexations has several portions that have mailing addresses in adjoining cities. These areas quite naturally have difficulty in identifying with Stanton. It is felt that the sight of a Stanton recreation leader conducting a creative and worthwhile recreation program on a playground in these areas will help the city "image."

**ROY SAVAGE, JR., Recreation Director, Stanton, California.**



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**WHITEHALL POOL CREATORS.** (L. to R.) "Our Man" James P. Demas, Architect Herold Bradley, A.I.A., and Whitehall Councilman Edwin F. Brennan, Recreation Committee Chairman admire Coin-Lok installation.

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## VS

# COMMUNITY RECREATION

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Ralph J. Andrews

**R**ECREATION and park departments are, in varying degrees of progress, proceeding through an evolutionary process which is adding new interests, new concepts, and many new dimensions in program. This is brought about, in large part, by the alert, professionally trained leader without giving up traditional areas of recreation service. This is done while he helps to add the desirable, newer concepts of community recreation opportunity and the resulting, often inexpensive, recreation resources to the local, planned, community recreation program.

The aspects of progress to which I refer have resulted in a change from the department-centered, department-personnel-centered, department-facility-centered program to one which includes emphasis on people-centered and interest-centered recreation. The recreation concerns of civic and service groups are weighed, facilities are made available, and guidance and other assistance is rendered to them in *their* recreation interests and projects. This is done even though the recreation department does not control and operate them.

Cooperative assistance is also given to arts councils, little theater, children's theater, collection groups, photography clubs, and to the many local performing arts potentials. This is recreation at its best, in which a little help from the department may cause fine recreation opportunities to blossom

for many citizens. These are citizens who, too often, never reached by the more traditional programs.

This progress helps to change the old "park" emphasis upon *things* to one where their wise recreation use by *people* becomes the purpose. It helps to change the concept of conservation from one of preservation to one of protection, wise and best use—many times of multiple-purpose use.

In the following, single, definitions may be recognize the whole philosophical base of some of our recreation park department's present operational programs. In other departments more than one of the definitions may apply. All of them may, in some degree, be found in the best programs. How many does your program include?

**Regimentation** is to *tell* them to "do it my way."

**Negativism** is to *tell* them how they must *not* do it.

**Limitation** is to *tell* them how it may be done, with reservations if anyone chooses to do it.

**Imposition** is to do it *to* them.

**Paternalism** is to do it *for* them.

**Cooperation** is to do it *with* them.

**Assistance** is to *help* them do it.

**Consultation** is to *advise* them as to how to achieve themselves. #

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MR. ANDREWS is director of the North Carolina Commission in Raleigh.

# AS WE GO TO PRESS

AFTER MUCH CONTROVERSY, Congress has enacted important legislation affecting conservation and beautification. This series of bills includes: **Clean Air Act Amendments and Solid Waste Disposal Act.** This establishes standards for the control of automobile and diesel truck emissions that will lead to exhaust controls on all new cars within two years (September 1967).

**The Highways Beautification Act of 1965 (S 2048).** This strengthens control over billboards and imposes new controls over junkyards and along interstate and primary highways and authorizes \$80,000,000 over the next two years for implementation of these programs. It also launches a positive program for making highways more attractive, for the acquisition of roadside recreation sites, easements to protect scenery and landscaping. It authorizes \$10,000,000 for these purposes for the next two years.

**Chincoteague Island National Seashore (PL 89-195).** This establishes a long slender barrier reef off the coastline of Maryland and Virginia as the nation's sixth national seashore. The Virginia portion of the island was designated as Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in 1943. The island is the home of the famous Chincoteague ponies which roam wild, living in marsh grass.

**The Water Quality Act of 1954 (PL 89-234).** This amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which is authorized to establish criteria for water quality in preventing, controlling, and abating pollution of interstate waters. Use of waters for fish, wildlife, and recreation purposes will be given consideration in establishing criteria.

**Yuca Knob-Seneca Rocks (PL 89-207).** Establishes a new national recreation area in West Virginia. Congress has also recently created the Delaware Water Gap (Tocks Island) National Recreation Area in Pennsylvania and New Jersey (PL 89-158).

FEDERAL AID TO ARTS and humanities projects is included in the recently passed National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (HR 1029, S 1483). The National Foundation will be composed of a National Endowment for the Arts, a National Endowment for the Humanities, and a General Council on the Arts and Humanities. Federal fifty percent grants

## THE RIGHT TO BREATHE

*President Johnson signed the Clean Air Act Amendments and Solid Waste Disposal Act on October 20 in the Bethesda Naval Hospital in his first ceremonial bill-signing since he entered the hospital for surgery. Remarked the President on this occasion:*

WHEN future historians write of this era, I believe they will note that ours was the generation that finally faced up to the accumulated problems of American life. To us has been given the task of checking the slow but relentless erosion of our civilization. To us has been given the responsibility not only of stimulating our progress, but also of making that progress acceptable to our children and grandchildren . . .

Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution we have been systematically polluting our air. Each year the pollution grows worse. We have now reached the point where our factories, our automobiles, our furnaces and our municipal dumps are spewing more than 150,000,000 tons of pollutants annually into the air we breathe—almost a half million

tons a day.

From our automobiles alone, enough carbon monoxide is discharged daily to adversely pollute the combined areas of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Jersey. The air that is the very essence of life has become a carrier for disease and early death. Between 1930 and 1960, the number of deaths from one respiratory disease alone increased by eight hundred percent. We can no longer allow this problem to go unchecked.

Air pollution is also a drain on our resources. In the United States alone it accounts for more than \$11,000,000,000 in economic damages. This amounts to nearly \$30 a year for every man, woman, and child in the nation. And yet our expenditure on air pollution control is less than twenty cents a year per citizen.

Rachel Carson once wrote: "In biological history, no organism has survived long if its environment became in some way unfit for it, but no organism before man has deliberately polluted its own environment."

We intend to rewrite that chapter of history.

will be available to individuals, groups, municipal, county, and state agencies for arts and humanities purposes. It

encourages each state to establish a state agency for the arts and humanities through a federal grant of \$25,000 to each state. The bill provides federal aid of \$21,000,000 a year for three years.

## COMING EVENTS

**Biennial Meeting, Family Service Association of America, November 10-13, Statler-Hilton, Detroit.** For further information, write to FSAA, 44 East 23rd Street, New York 10010.

**Conference, National Association for Mental Health, November 17-20, New York Hilton, New York City.** Write to NAMH, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 10029.

**Annual Meeting, National Social Welfare Assembly, November 29-30, Biltmore Hotel, New York City.** For further information, write to NSWA, 345 East 46th Street, New York 10017.

**Centennial Celebration, Camp Fire Girls, December 4, 1965-August 1966.** Write to Camp Fire Girls, 65 Worth Street, New York 10013.

**Women's National Aquatic Forum, December 23-30, Sea Garden, Pompano Beach, Florida.** For further information, write to Mrs. Louise Wing, Chairman, 12 Vincent Street, Binghamton, New York.

**National Swimming Pool Exposition, January 15-18, 1966, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas.** Sponsored by National Swimming Pool Institute, 2000 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

▶ A REVISED EDITION of *Personnel Standards in Community Recreation Leadership*, prepared by the National Recreation and Park Association National Advisory Committee on Placement, is now available from the NRPA for \$2.00. This publication, first issued in 1930, has had seven printings with four major revisions. The latest revision contains the most comprehensive job analysis material available on positions common to the local public recreation field. Old positions have been updated and new ones added. Thirty-five positions have been identified, seven of which are new, that have not appeared in the earlier editions. New ones include such positions as "Outdoor Recreation Supervisor," "Nature Center Director," and such auxiliary positions as "Recreation Analyst," "Detached Worker," and "Director of Public Information."

In addition to the duties, responsibilities, and worker qualifications for the various positions, the report con-

## TO ALL NRPA MEMBERS

Expect a new "spring look" in your new book—PARKS AND RECREATION—in January. Let it give you a first-of-the-year lift and help you with your buying as you look ahead to summer! This issue—possibly one hundred pages or more—will include the annual "Buyer's Guide," carried by PARKS AND RECREATION in the past but now with a more complete listing of companies handling recreation equipment, supplies, and other recreation products. If you want to build a swimming pool or a battery of tennis courts, airbrush a photograph, order a portable stage, set up an archery range, or buy craft supplies for your playground, this is your book! Browse through it carefully. Let it work for you!

Other departments of the magazine likewise will bring more complete information for practitioners in the park and recreation field. You will want to keep each issue near at hand for quick and easy reference. If you have let your subscription or membership lapse, or don't subscribe at all, get on the bandwagon *but quick* and renew or pick up a subscription at the present rates—while they last. They may be increased later!

tains brief statements on such topics as "What to Do When a Vacancy Occurs," "Salaries," "Fringe Benefits," "Personnel Practices," and "The Meaning of Standards." Managing authorities use this personnel guide extensively in establishing personnel standards and defining their positions. Recreation educators, professional workers, and students will also find many uses for this publication. The report was produced under the co-chairmanship of Joseph E. Curtis, commissioner of recreation in White Plains, New York, and William Lederer, superintendent of recreation in Greenburgh, New York. The NRPA hopes that as many administrators as possible will get a copy, run a test, then send in their suggestions. In this way the report can continue to be revised and updated.

► **PROPOSAL FOR A DAM** across the Yukon River Valley a hundred miles north of Fairbanks, Alaska—one of the biggest and costliest power projects ever—has alarmed many conservation groups throughout the nation according to *The New York Times*. A team appointed by Secretary of the Interior Udall is now analyzing a field study made by the Corps of Engineers, the governor, and a Congressional delegation from Alaska. A statement from a Federal Fish and Wildlife study last year, states, "Nowhere in the history of water development in North America have the fish and wildlife losses anticipated to result from a single project been so overwhelming."

► **A STORM IS BREWING** over Grand Canyon, which is threatened by the proposed Marble Gorge and Bridge Canyon dams. Battlegrounds are now forming for what may well turn out to be the bitterest conservation fight in many decades.

Last spring, to rally support for

Grand Canyon and forge a weapon for its defense, the Sierra Club published *Time and the River Flowing: Grand Canyon*, by Francois Leydet (reviewed in RECREATION, April 1965). David Brower, executive director of the club, edited the book. He says in the foreword, "Most of the exquisite beauty of Glen Canyon was destroyed early in 1963 when the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation closed a dam that was not necessary for this century and perhaps would never have been necessary. Now the same bureau has proposed to build dams in Grand Canyon itself to end the living river's flowing for all this civilization's time.

"And needlessly. Looked at hard, these dams are nothing more than hydroelectric power devices to produce electricity and dollars from its sale to pay for projects that ought to be financed by less costly means. The dams would make no water available that is not available already. Indeed, they would waste enough to supply a major city and impair the quality of the too little that is left. . . ."

• If you are against this construction of dams in the Grand Canyon, write or wire Representative Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, Public Land Law Review Commission, Washington, D.C. 20506.—Ed.

► **CONSERVATIONISTS** have joined other groups in praising a new park and recreation plan for California's redwood country, the *North Coast Redwood Master Plan*, published by Resources Agency of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento. The plan was formulated by a team of industry and community representatives after a controversial federal proposal for the region became known.

The purpose of this report is to determine the state's long-range needs for preservation of primeval redwood groves that should be added to the state

park system and for the treatment of these groves for their best protection and public use and enjoyment.

The state park commission held its first public hearing of the "North Coast Redwood Master Plan" at its meeting in Sacramento on February 19, 1965. Other public hearings will be held by the commission to obtain expressions of opinion from all interested persons so that the final report and plan of greatest value to the state for the preservation of coast redwoods can be made.

► **ANY ONE** of the four major north California state redwoods parks would be worthy of national park status, the Save-the-Redwoods League believes. That the best opportunity to establish a national park exists at Mill Creek in Del Norte County. The league's long-time objective of a Redwood National Park now appears nearer to realization with the recent strong endorsement of the idea by President Johnson, Secretary of the Interior, and the director of the National Park Service. National Park Service has issued a preliminary report which presents a proposal.

Other proposals have been advanced to the National Park Service.

Over the past forty-six years the league has developed a program in northern Redwoods involving the protection of the most representative Redwood forests.

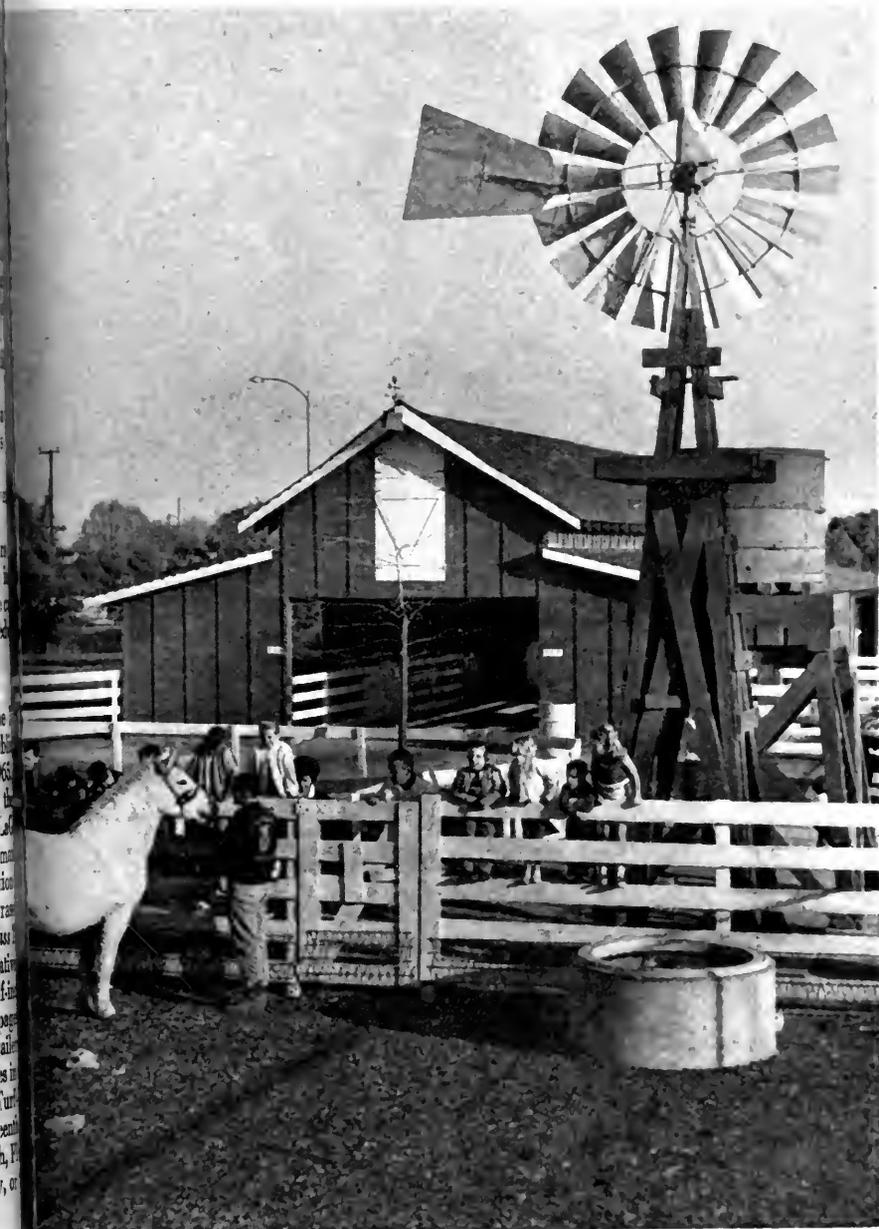
► **A NEW MONTHLY** journal, the *Turf-Grass Times*, has just been published. Its first issue, dated October 1965, carries an article, in a "Scanning the Future" series, by Alfred B. LaGrange, executive director and general manager of the new National Recreation Park Association, on turf-grass parks and recreation. *Turf-Grass Times* promises to be very informative, the oversized eleven-and-a-half-inch fourteen-and-a-quarter-inch pages do not adapt themselves to self-mailing, and the first copy arrives in a censored state. Published by Turf-Grass Publications, Inc., 218 Nineteenth Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. It is available for 50¢ a copy, or \$5 for a year's subscription.

► **DANCE LEADERS:** A Christmas Country Dance School will be held at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, December 1-3, 1965.

► **OVERSIGHT.** The material on retirement preparation used in our September issue should have been credited to the NOCA Staff Report on Employment and Retirement (Autumn 1964), published by the National Council on the Aging, 49 West 45th Street, New York 10

# BARNYARD SERENADE

*Park and recreation district operates popular small animal farm*



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annizing areas,  
by children  
never seen  
in livestock and poultry  
realistic setting.*

**Bob Avenatti**

**C**OUNTRY MUSIC, the smell of hay, and the mooing of cows greeted over three hundred youngsters and adults at the formal dedication of the Southeast Recreation and Park District's Small Animal Farm in Nor-

*MR. AVENATTI is senior recreation supervisor for the Southeast Recreation and Park District, Norwalk, California.*

walk, California, two years ago. The dedication climaxed two years of careful preparation and planning—but it only signaled the beginning of a new and exciting program era for the Southeast Recreation and Park District.

The district is located seventeen miles southeast of Metropolitan Los Angeles and encompasses the cities of Norwalk and La Mirada and also includes unincorporated areas. The district serves a total population of 143,700 people and has been in operation since 1953. The area that is now within the district's boundaries was predominantly used for farms and dairy farming during the early 1900's and remained so until the population explosion in the early 1940's. With World War II and the increasing demands on housing in California, Norwalk and its vicinity rapidly blossomed into a "bedroom community" which it is today. Only a few farms remain within the area and their operations are but a shadow of the past.

In June 1962, the proposed farm facility was placed in the hands of the district board of directors. The board liked the idea and voted to proceed with the project. Work began in late 1962. At this time it was agreed upon by the district staff that the farm would quarter young animals such as calves, cows, horses, donkeys, goats, sheep, lambs, pigs and piglets, ducks, chickens, and other barnyard inhabitants.

Major structural features at the farm were to include a large twenty-one hundred-square-foot red barn with hay-loft, windmill, duck pond, corral, large pens, and a greenbelt area. Also, it was planned to add to the barnyard pieces of old farm equipment and machinery.

Enthusiastic about the project, the park department maintenance crew joined in the search for old farm equipment. They turned the surrounding communities inside out and found seeders, tillers, hay wagons, water wagons,

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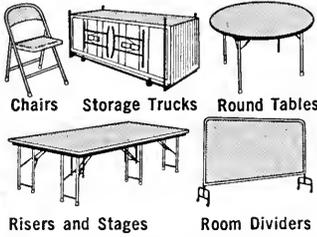
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buckboards, graders, hayracks, team harnesses, a corn grinder, and numerous other pieces. An old windmill was spotted at the Navy's Seal Beach Special Weapons Depot by a recreation supervisor on his way home from work. The Navy was approached and gladly gave the district the windmill as it was declared a surplus item.

With the physical structures rapidly nearing completion, the next important step was then taken—the animals. Local contacts by Joseph F. Painter, park superintendent, and Carl C. Fry, general manager, and interested community people brought in numerous animals for the farm.

An agreement also was made with the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America Club in nearby Artesia to house its animals at the farm as Future Farmer projects. The care and health of these animals was insured, as these young people gave special attention to their animals and had expert technical assistance from the local agriculture teacher. Technical information on animals donated to the park district was obtained from the California State Polytechnic College in San Dimas.

An interesting sidelight to the farm was a donation made by a local businessman who boards his horse, Nancy, at the farm. He threw in a World War I-vintage truck that lends itself beautifully to the farm as it creates what the park district was seeking—the element of time.

**T**ODAY, as we look back on our project, we do so with a certain satisfaction for the finished product is an article of beauty and it is truly a functional and recreational facility that will increase its value to the community in the years ahead as our population grows and undeveloped land areas disappear.

The Animal Farm has created a dual function for the park district and the

community—one of a recreational nature, the other an educational experience. The educational purpose of the animal farm has already been realized to a measurable extent. In the first year of the project's existence, over two thousand five hundred school children from public and private and parochial schools have participated in study trips to the farm. In addition, over twenty thousand sand children and parents have gained happy recreational and educational experiences in less formal and structured situations.

The opportunity for children from urban and suburban communities to step into a rural setting has proven to be a valuable experience and a "must" for the whole family to see again and again when they visit Norwalk Park. We have found that many a youngster seeing farm livestock and poultry in a realistic setting for the first time.

The farm is open to the public throughout the year, with hourly schedules varying according to seasonal conditions. Conducted tours are scheduled during the morning and early afternoon hours throughout the school year. The farm is also open for viewing at school each week day, all day Saturday and on Sunday afternoon. During the summer months, the farm opens its gates from 10 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, and from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sundays.

We may safely say that the future of our farm is bright. Our project, we feel, is but a newborn idea with numerous avenues and byways to explore. Even now, local service organizations and civic groups are being contacted to list their services and to involve them in the farm's growth. The farm's immediate success can be traced to the basic ingredients: staff foresight, planning, and overwhelming enthusiasm. Truly, the project and the program could not miss with these essentials.

Every child should have mudpies, grasshoppers, waterbugs, tadpoles, frogs, mud turtles, elderberries, wild strawberries, acorns, chestnuts, trees to climb, brooks to wade in, waterlilies, woodchucks, bats, bees, butterflies, various animals to pet, hayfields, pine cones, rocks to roll, sand, snakes, huckleberries, and hornets; and any child who has been deprived of these has been deprived of the best part of his education.—Luther Burbank.

# CREATIVE CONSTRUCTION

*New facilities develop from dreams and budgets, from imagination and detailed planning, from high hopes and down-to-earth practicalities. All of this is reflected in the new senior-citizen drop-in center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa:*

*the park developed from a clay pit in Akron, Ohio; a new recreation center in Hempstead, New York, where the recreation superintendent occupied a trailer on the site during construction; and a clubhouse on a mountain in Denver.*

## UNITED THEY BUILT

ONE FIFTH of the population in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is over sixty years of age and thinks, "It's wonderful to have a place like this to come to." That's the general reaction of the growing number of men and women

over sixty years of age who are now enjoying the drop-in facilities and planned programs of recreation and crafts at the city's recently completed Senior Citizen Center. Conveniently located downtown in pleasant, tree-shaded Greene Square, the \$90,000 contemporary-styled building was built for about \$45,000—thanks to the donation of the major part of the labor by fourteen

building trades unions, and to \$5,000 worth of other gifts of labor, time, materials, and furnishings by more than 140 firms, civic groups, and individuals.

The need for such a building developed steadily. Superintendent of Recreation Nevin Nichols points out that Iowa's population has the largest percentage of persons over age sixty-five in the United States. In Cedar Rapids



*Interior and exterior views of downtown Senior Citizen Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, shows imaginative design and decor.*



he estimates about one fifth of the population, or twenty thousand persons, are sixty or over. During the past four-teen years, the city's special recreation programs geared to the interests of these senior citizens have grown until approximately five hundred persons have been participating in nine different clubs.

The director for these activities as well as for the new Senior Citizen Center, Mildred Scott, stresses, "These people don't want to sit down and do nothing. They can do that at home. We have had an interesting, diversified program in operation for them; but we have needed a central, permanent location with bus transportation easily available—a place with drop-in facilities as well as planned activities. That was our dream. We often wondered if the city budget would ever permit its coming true."

Early in 1962 the city fathers employed architect Leo C. Peiffer and Associates to draw up plans for such a center; but it was not until March 11, 1963 that the dream received a big boost toward reality. On that day, representatives from various building trades unions appeared before the City Council and pledged free labor for the building.

Volunteer laborers and other craftsmen worked on the construction project evenings and weekends after their regular working day. Building tradesmen giving of their time and skills included sheet-metal workers, plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, hod carriers, asbestos workers, iron-workers, lathers, plasterers, operating engineers, brick masons, carpenters, electrical workers, painters, cement masons, and others.

Details of the building may suggest possibilities to other communities with a similar need. Of frosted earth-brown brick, the building has forty hundred enclosed square feet, plus an additional eight hundred square feet under a seven-foot canopy over a seven-foot slab of concrete. Stationary park benches are judiciously placed for those who like to watch the goings-on of a big city.

The roof is a combination of specially formed concrete mono-wings over the mechanical areas, and sixty-foot concrete mono-wing tees spanning the public area. There is a built-up tar-and-

gravel roof over the entire building, with acoustical sprayed-on plaster on the interior.

Large floor-to-ceiling windows are interspersed with brick panels along the curved edge of the fan shape, looking out of the square's beautiful elm, hackberry, locust, and sycamore trees. Transparent drapes of sandalwood case-ment cloth permit the persons inside to enjoy the view without letting passers-by see into the building.

Location of these full-length windows on the north side of the building eliminates cooling problems in the non-air-conditioned center. Clerestory windows to the south give an open feeling while maintaining protection from the sun and privacy from the street.

The major portion of the floor plan is devoted to the large multi-purpose area. This can be divided by movable partitions into small areas, such as the card room, billiard room, crafts room, TV area, et cetera. The floor plan also includes a kitchen, office storage area, and the mechanical area with its toilets and heating systems.

The dominant color of the building comes from the frosted brown brick, the white acoustical plaster ceilings, and the white terrazzo floor. Accent colors are provided in the chairs of bitter-sweet, charcoal gray, and white, and in the walnut stain of the doors and trim.

When additional landscaping is added to the existing, the center will be surrounded by 150 shrubs and twenty-three trees. Long-range plans also call for the development of outdoor shuffle-board and horseshoe courts, croquet areas, and an arts-and-crafts display area.

By the time the building was completed and dedicated last September, money for the furnishings had come from a variety of sources. A group of teenagers did the "Bossa Nova," the "mashed potato," and the "twist" and sent all the proceeds from their dance to help the place where their elders might prefer the waltz and polka. The Beta Sigma Phi sorority sent the profits from its annual Valentine's Ball. The piano and electric range were donated, as were the public-address system, chairs, a portable stage, a TV set, card tables, and a weatherscope. Senior citizens helped too. The Retired Teachers

Organization of Cedar Rapids supplied one of the long work tables which con in so handy for sewing and handera activities. It was at these tables th the center's handcraft class has ma nylon-net scouring balls to sell in ord to buy a small rug loom for the cente. Members of the needlework guild at th center are now making quilts wh they will give to Public Health nurs to distribute where needed.

Thus, the new Senior Citizen Cent not only helps the senior citizens sta young in mind and heart—it also help them serve others as they continue be an important and integral part of th Cedar Rapids community. — NANCY GIBBONS ZOOK. *This material is used with permission from Construction Craftsman, December, 1964.*

## LE ROY-ON-THE-SPOT

**M**OST park and recreation administrators keep their nose to the grindstone but the superintendent of recreation in Hempstead, New York, has been keeping his in the cement mixer during the construction of a new community center building to be dedicated on November 11. Hempstead superintendent, Le Roy L. Tintle, served as acting clerk of the works and spent approximately four hours daily on the construction site. Although he had access to several other recreation center offices located at other park sites, a rented trailer on the site became the official office of the department. The project met its completion deadline.

Many changes were made as the project moved ahead, the result of close cooperation of architect, contractor, and the superintendent. Mr. Tintle made department equipment and personnel available at times to facilitate the work and make certain the community received the best job possible. During weekends of heavy snow, the entire area was plowed out quickly so the men would lose no time on the job in preparation for work. He arranged for temporary power until the electrical contractor could get his electricity. Many other areas of cooperation enabled the construction crews to eliminate considerable red tape. Photographs were taken daily of all phases of construction.



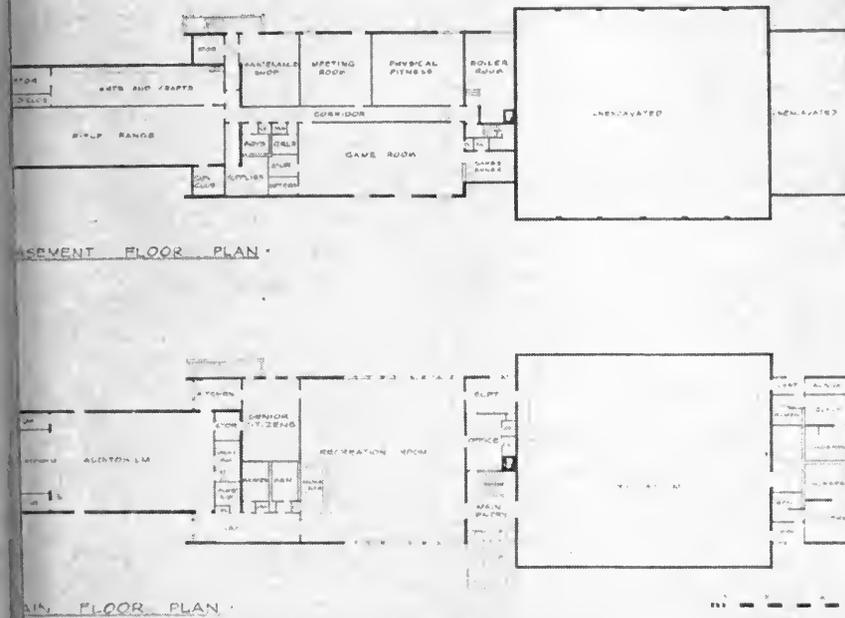
For many years the area, adjacent to Mason School, was a wild and undeveloped clay pit where children played and swam. Citizen's pleas for the improvement of the site were ignored until very recently. Now the efforts and dreams of Akronites, young and old, have become manifest in the beautiful and modernistic Mason Park.

The first months of the park's operation occurred during the winter months, thus a majority of the programming was designed to utilize the indoor facilities of the shelter house. When weather permitted, children participated in outdoor activities such as ice skating, sledding, and basketball. Skating was made available through the flooding of the basketball court area. The courts are slightly inclined from the center to the outer boundaries of the asphalt, making the flooding process feasible. Lighting of the basketball and tennis courts makes evening skating possible. The lighting system is of the pay-as-you-go type. Coins are inserted into a box which controls the length of time that the lights will be on. The children help to shovel snow from the skating area.

The shelter house includes a large recreation room, an office, a small kitchenette, an arts-and-crafts room, restrooms, and two storage rooms which house equipment for both outdoor and indoor sports activities, and a utility room. Many varied activities are being carried out in the large assembly room which is 44'-by-55'. Golden-age meetings, junior and senior high-school dances, physical-education activities, lectures, clinics, and movies are being held in this room. A smaller room is being used for arts and crafts, small group meetings, and as a nursery. Adjacent to this room is a storage area which includes a wash basin and many cupboards and drawers housing arts-and-crafts materials. The spacious restrooms are accessible from outside as well as from within the building.

Numerous groups are making good use of the kitchenette. On some occasions the area is used strictly for the sale of concessions; other times it is used for the heating or chilling of covered dishes. Many of the kitchen utensils and materials are being provided by the Mason Park Mother's Club.

The outdoor portion of Mason Park includes a large hard-surface area. On



Floor plan and architect's rendering of new center in Hempstead, New York, situated in the middle of a thirty-two-acre park. It replaces a mansion built in the early 1900's. New building is length of a football field with two floors.

in both black and white and color. The new building replaces a thirty-two-room mansion built in the early 1900's. Situated in the middle of a thirty-two-acre park, the new center will be beautifully landscaped by the recreation and park department from its own greenhouses and nurseries. Building specifications were carefully written to insure the most functional operation by sacrificing nothing in reducing overall maintenance costs by spending a little more now. An example of this is the use of terrazzo floors rather than asbestos tile. The building is the length of a football field with two floors. Its exterior is brick interspaced with rough stone. For questions? Send them to the department, 335 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, New York.

## OUT OF A CLAY PIT

A WILD and undeveloped clay pit area adjacent to a school in the heart of Akron, Ohio, has been turned into Mason Park, a new recreation development which extends over fourteen acres of land. Made possible by approximately \$200,000 of city income tax revenue, Mason Park is designed to serve twenty-six thousand Akron residents. The park was chosen as the initial site to be developed under a long-range, city-wide park-and-recreation expansion plan. The shelter house, an enclosed, attractive building of modern architecture, constructed of brick, glass, and pre-cast concrete, is one of the main features of the park.

this area are four tennis courts and four multi-purpose courts, on which four basketball games, eight badminton games and four volleyball games can be organized interchangeably. Three ball diamonds on the site can be used for Class A baseball, softball, and Little League. Outfields of these ball diamonds are convertible for the playing of football, soccer, and field hockey. Five horseshoe pits, a golf driving cage, two clock-golf areas, four shuffleboard courts, hopscotch, a dodgeball area, senior citizen's patio, and a wooded picnic and nature study area are other interesting features of the park.

Mason Park is very proud of its creation tot'ot, an innovation in modernistic playground designing for small children. The equipment is designed to encourage the children to use their imaginations. There is a map of Akron painted on a sizeable portion of the asphalt area. Major streets and the various wards are indicated on this map which enables youngsters to become more familiar with the city. A miniature gas station gives the children an opportunity to service their tricycles and bicycles. Several rocks are arranged for climbing purposes. Another device for climbing is a tree which is surrounded by sand. A three-foot sewer pipe is available for the children to crawl through. Mounds of dirt are arranged for sliding. There are railroad ties for climbing and rails for balancing and walking. Other features of the totlot include a miniature basketball court, Donald Duck swings, and a climbing structure with a built-in slide and a fireman's pole.

An unusual apparatus is the spray sculpture which releases water for the children to dabble in. This piece of equipment is also utilized as a jungle gym. Benches for adults are placed at strategic points around the totlot.

Attendance at the park has been exceptional, especially in the areas of juvenile activities. Because of the high rate of attendance, the junior, senior, and grade-school gatherings are ideally set up to include children from the Mason Park community. Adults from throughout the entire city are encouraged to participate in park functions.

Mason Park is staffed by a community center supervisor who is also in

charge of recreation programming in the neighboring schools. There is a full-time assistant, the recreation supervisor, who is also in charge of women's activities. In addition to the two regularly paid full-time and three part-time employees, there are thirty volunteers who assist in classroom leadership, sports activities, and chaperoning. These volunteers are usually parents or similarly interested parties. — ARTHUR YOUNGBLOOD, *Community Center Supervisor, Mason Park, Akron, Ohio.*

## MILE-HIGH CLUBHOUSE

THE NEW clubhouse at John F. Kennedy Municipal Golf Course, just west of the Cherry Creek Dam in Denver, Colorado, occupies a rise overlooking the golf course, with the principal view westerly toward the mountains. The west wall, principally glass, is shaded by a sixteen-foot roof overhang, which also covers an outdoor area for the multi-purpose room and snack bar. This outdoor area is paved with a patterned exposed aggregate concrete and may be served from the kitchen.

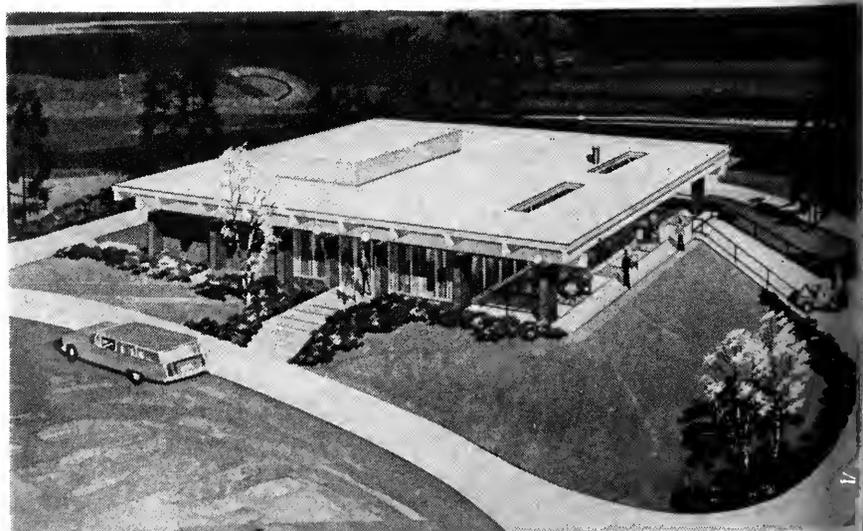
The first floor covers thirty-five hundred square feet and contains a golf pro shop, snack bar and lounge, multi-purpose room, starter's room, and kitchen area. The lower level, accessible by two interior stairs and an exterior door, also covers thirty-five hundred square feet and contains locker and shower rooms for men and women, storage facilities for thirty-five electric golf carts,

and general storage for the golf shop and kitchen.

The clubhouse is completely air-conditioned, with glass walls on the two sides facing the golf course and Gothic oak paneling on the interior walls. It is designed so that its operation can be limited to ticket sales and coffee or expanded to a full-scale restaurant operation. First floor and roof are of precast concrete T-slabs. Roof slabs are supported by two precast concrete beams resting on a series of brick piers, with exterior walls of brick and glass.

Money for the clubhouse construction, as well as all other costs for the first and third phases of the project are being supplied from the golf-expansion fund. No tax money has been spent on the golf course. #

- Another article on new facilities will appear next month. Previous articles on modern recreation buildings and areas include "Modern Theater Concepts and Community Drama," *Recreation*, May 1965; "Planning Pleasure Areas," April 1965; "Super-Block Pleasure Areas," April 1965; "New Forms and Facades," January 1965; "Bike Paths," December 1964; "Development of Children's Zoo," October 1964; "Illinois' Flying Saucer," September 1964; "Multi-Level Zoo," June 1964; "Theater in the Garden," December 1964; "Foldaway Theater," October 1964; "Creative Tank Town," October 1964; "Five-Alarm Arts and Crafts," October 1962; "Prefabricated Steel Buildings," December 1961; "From Dream to Drawing Board," *Gene Rotsch*, April 1961; "New Concepts for Park and Recreation Structures," January 1961.—Ed.



New John F. Kennedy Golf Course Clubhouse in Denver is set down amid scenic grandeur. Its roofed patio on the west looks out on towering mountain range.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Luella B. Snoeyenbos**, supervisor of girls' and women's activities with the Baltimore Bureau of Recreation, retired in September after completing a career of thirty-nine years of service to the girls and women of the city of Baltimore and Baltimore County. Miss Snoeyenbos has dedicated nearly four decades to the development of girls' athletic and recreation programs on the playgrounds and in the recreation centers and school of the community.

As chairman and a member of many panels at the national, regional, and local level, Miss Snoeyenbos has been able to bring standards and objectives in girls' programs to the attention of recreation administrators throughout the country. She has helped expand existing programs and initiated new ones with improved standards and goals as the major objective. This has been accomplished largely through the training of recreation leaders, specialists, and referees and umpires in the technique of teaching, coaching, officiating, and in the operation of activities such as basketball, softball, track and field; folk, square, modern, ballet, and tap dancing; club activities; and baton twirling. At the present time she is promoting a new activity, bamboo rhythms. Miss Snoeyenbos is the author of hundreds of bulletins devoted to the instructional and organizational phases of girls' and women's activities.

**Senator Clinton P. Anderson** of New Mexico received the Distinguished Service Award of the American Forestry Association at its 90th Annual Meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in September. Senator Anderson was singled out by AFA President Peter F. Watzek for his longtime leadership in conservation both as a member of the U.S. Senate and as a former Secretary of Agriculture. "Practically every conservation measure enacted since 1945 of major significance has had Senator Anderson's stamp on it," Mr. Watzek said. Singled out for special acclaim was the Senator's leadership in helping to amend mining laws that improved multiple-use management on national

forests, wilderness legislation, and water research measures.

**Ruth A. O'Neil**, county supervisor for Maricopa County, Arizona, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Recreation and Park Association, has resigned her county position to join the staff of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Washington, D.C. Mrs. O'Neil is serving her second term as president of the National Association of Parks and Recreation Officials, an affiliate of the National Association of Counties. She is also president of the Arizona State Supervisors and Clerks Association.



**George Ward**, director of parks and recreation in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, received a Citation for Outstanding Achievement, the

highest award of the Parks and Recreation Association of Canada, at the association's annual meeting in Toronto. In presenting the award, John Janzen, Ontario regional director for the association, said, that Mr. Ward is "a driving force . . . in his community and in all affairs of national and international concern in which he has participated. By his positive approach to the whole field of recreation and parks, he made himself sought as a speaker, advisor, and lecturer across the length and breadth of Canada . . . He has always believed that no person leaves his footprints in the sands of time by sitting on his haunches in the sand."

**Myron (Min) Hendrick**, director of recreation in Niagara Falls, New York, heard his name mentioned all over the place at the recent annual meeting of the Niagara Amateur Athletic Union. He was setting up the movie projector to show the official films of the 1964 Olympic Games when he heard his name and looked up to be honored with a plaque for his outstanding work and devoted service to amateur athletics. Earlier in the meeting he had been nominated as a delegate to the national meeting in Washington, D.C. on December 1-5. Later he was elected vice-president of the Niagara AAU.



# SQUARE DANCE

*One of the first centers designed exclusively for them is a public-private*

Harold Rawley, Roy B. Gunderson, and John Tuft

EVERY Saturday afternoon a group of 150 to 200 teenage square dancers from the fifth grade through high school appear by age groups for dance lessons at the Western Dance Center in Sullivan Park, Spokane, Washington. The sustained interest of these young folks, in the chaperoned and well-disciplined classes, makes it one of the most successful of the all-season recreation programs sponsored by the Spokane County Department of Parks and Recreation and Western Square Dance Association. Few groups, if any, dance on a beautiful maple floor in a spacious building built for the exclusive use of square dancers. The adults take over in the evenings, and it is a rare weekday night that there is not some square or round dance activity going on in Sullivan Park.

The Western Dance Center is a steel-frame building, 60 feet wide by 110 feet long, with a 20-foot-wide wing extending the full length along one side. A fully equipped kitchen and dining room are located in the wing. A fifteen-foot section along one end is taken up with office space, storage and cloak rooms, and dual sets of restrooms, one set for dancers and the other with outside entrances for use by park patrons. The heart of the structure, of course, is the unobstructed fifty-four hundred

MR. RAWLEY is past-president of the Western Dance Association of Spokane County, Washington; MR. GUNDERSON is superintendent and MR. TUFT, assistant superintendent of the County Parks and Recreation Department.

square feet of maple floor under a twelve-foot acoustic tile ceiling. The entire building is insulated and heated. The exterior has been finished with cedar boards in a rustic style to conform with the natural environment.

It is perfectly obvious to those who are familiar with building costs that you do not build eighty-eight hundred square feet of enclosed floor space with *coupons!* Curious administrators might well ask just how any park department, operating on the usual restricted budget, even sells the idea, much less finances the construction of such a large building for the exclusive use of one recreation group.

The truth of the matter is that the park department did not sell the idea; it was sold the idea! It did not spend a penny of tax money on the building; it was financed by community-minded people who made use of every known money-raising scheme and then actually built the building by utilizing their own skills and brawn. The people who did it belong to the Western Dance Association of Spokane. The merging of their efforts with the recreation objectives of the Spokane County Park Department has resulted in an unusual public-private partnership.

THE WHOLE THING started in 1957 when the members of a dance club decided that something positive should be done about providing the several hundred local dancers with adequate facilities in the same way that golfers, tennis players, swimmers, et cetera each have exclusive facilities to suit their

particular needs. Dancers are just as fussy about the condition of a dance floor as golfers are about their green and acoustics are as important to them as they are to amateur theatre groups. Very few school gymnasiums or similar multi-purpose units meet these requirements, and, even with such handicaps their availability to dancers is subject to the prior rights of others. Square dancers are a friendly, gregarious lot and lack of space to hold their jamborees at convenient times in a pleasant atmosphere is extremely frustrating.

This club started a fund to build a hall for square dancers alone. The idea spread rapidly throughout the dancing community, and, before the end of the year, committees with county-wide representation were active on every phase of the project. Four years later, on September 30, 1961, these people proudly held their official grand opening dance in their own hall in Sullivan Park.

Organizational work quickly resulted in incorporation, so that business affairs could be handled properly and public confidence and recognition gained. The objectives of the Western Dance Association were soon pretty well known a wide area from the continuous barrage of publicity covering their various activities in the newspapers and on radio and TV. It was probably because of the fine cooperation of these new media that the project began to be thought of as a community affair, and when the association and the Spokane County Park and Recreation Department eventually got together, the disc-

# O-SI-DO IN THEIR OWN BUILDING

ons from the start were on the common ground of community recreation needs.

The need for a suitable building site was what first brought the association to the Spokane County Park Department. A site committee quickly discovered that local zoning ordinances restricted its search to either industrial and business areas, high-cost land in undesirable neighborhoods, or to agricultural areas where available sites were generally on quite remote side roads and access in the winter months would be quite a problem. The ideal site was park-like property. The committee found that the Spokane County Park Department had been studying a comprehensive survey of county park needs and was just about to take action on a long-range program that would give priority to acquisition of new park sites.

Existing parks were either fully developed or plans had been formulated which removed them from consideration as a hall site, but soon the ideal site appeared when the county acquired several acres of wooded land adjacent to the Spokane River on Sullivan Road, a all-weather highway. The county commissioners agreed that the association's project appeared to be a natural adjunct to the tentative development plans for this area, and, in November 1958, they gave the association a thirty-five year lease on a building site, including water and sewer connections to the contemplated park systems, but with a protective stipulation that building construction had to be started with-



*The Western Dance Center is in a wooded area adjacent to the Spokane River.*

in three years and substantially finished in five years.

The Spokane County Park and Recreation Department had solved the site and utility problem, but the huge task of financing and constructing the building itself still remained. Benefit dances, salmon barbecues, turkey raffles, rummage sales, and other schemes to raise money continued without any abatement, but the goal was still far in the future. Estimates of costs, based on detailed plans that friendly architects had prepared, ran up to \$60,000, which made it evident that additional financial help was needed. Loan agencies were not prepared to risk money with no more security than unpredictable income from promotions, and especially for a building on public property. It was apparent that the dancers themselves had to supply the answer, and many of them did by making personal

pledges. Later, when the chips were really down and construction was underway, some of them came right back and loaned additional substantial amounts that insured completion.

**B**UILDING plans were changed abruptly late in 1959 when the association was offered a dismantled steel-frame building, complete with metal roofing and a maple floor, which had previously been used in a portable roller rink. There were also quite a few thousand board feet of timber and two gas-heating units. The price was \$7,120. The association had \$8,000 in the bank, so the purchase was made in January 1960. The building parts were in storage some distance away, and it was early summer before all the kegs and boxes of bolts and nuts, steel members, lumber, and flooring could be brought to Spokane. The resulting stockpile

looked like a junkyard, but the association had the vital parts of its building.

New plans and cost estimates were prepared for the necessary remodeling. A full or partial basement was considered desirable but not absolutely necessary as far as the association was concerned. The Spokane County Commissioners were again approached to see if they were interested in constructing basement space for other community activities under the dance hall. The proposal was considered for some time by the commissioners but they finally decided in August 1960 that the limited available revenue should still be directed toward acquisition of parklands rather than toward construction.

The association construction committee immediately went to work on the no-basement plan. The concrete foundation was poured and the trusses were assembled in September 1960, all with volunteer labor. The work slowed down during cold weather, but work crews went at it again every weekend in the spring and then evenings as the weather moderated. Hundreds of manhours (and womanhours) of labor, free use of equipment, contributions of material, and scrounging for salvaged fixtures finally resulted in the completion of a virtually complete building by the following September. Various interior improvements have since been made and additional furnishings added from time to time. A new dining-room wing was added in 1964 and other work is planned for the future.

The \$32,000 in actual cash that has been spent, together with all the donated labor and material, has produced a building with a replacement cost of at least \$85,000, yet the association has a bonded indebtedness of only about \$6,000 which it is paying off at the rate of \$1,000 per year.

Adjoining park facilities complement the structure and add greatly to the overall value of the center, both monetarily and physically. The Spokane County Park and Recreation Department has undertaken the responsibility for landscaping the area immediately adjacent to the building. A new paved parking area will be completed in 1965 by the department. The adjoining park area, with several hun-

dred feet of frontage on the beautiful Spokane River, continues to develop with the cooperation of the Spokane Valley Women's Club. Already completed are a picnic shelter, kitchen shelter, playground equipment, and extensive landscaping. A fully night-lighted horse-riding ring has been completed in this Western atmosphere by interested horse-riding clubs cooperatively with the department.

**M**EMBERSHIP in the association costs \$1.00 per person for as long as he is active or interested in the organization. Each dance club affiliated with the Spokane Area Council of the Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington is entitled to elect two couples to serve on the board of trustees of the association. Enough other names for trustees-at-large are drawn from the membership list to make a total of one hundred. The trustees meet once a year to fill vacancies on the board of directors as the staggered terms of the seven couple board members expire. Ninety-two trustees appeared at the annual meeting in February 1965, and all eight of the absentees had planned to attend but were unable to because of unforeseen circumstances.

The administration of the building is handled entirely by the board of directors. They schedule the use of the hall, handle all financial affairs, and work with other square-dance organizations in the area on promotional work. For instance, the board has an active mailing list of about five hundred families who receive a monthly newsletter on association matters, to which are attached reports of activities of the other square-dance organizations and notices of their future events.

The board collects all the fees and pays all the operating expenses, with the exception of maintaining the park and building, cosponsored by the Spokane County Park and Recreation Department. This arrangement relieves the county of an awkward fiscal problem involving budgeting and cost accounting subject to public audit. It also eliminates personnel problems that might arise from the part-time employment of specialists such as a caller teacher for the youth program. The board simply pays the caller a professional fee in

accordance with the prevailing rate in the area, and he is in no sense considered a public employe.

The association, on the other hand, cannot afford to employ a full-time caretaker for the building and, in fact, does not wish to assume the legal responsibility of being an employer. The county, therefore, has arranged to include the hall in its overall park care and this work is now done by a resident caretaker. The association periodically reimburses the county for this service in an equitable manner consistent with the expenses it has incurred in connection with the youth program.

In June 1964, the Washington State Federation of Square and Folk Dance held its convention festival in Spokane and the valley. With more than three thousand dancers traveling from California, Oregon, Canada, Idaho, Montana, and Washington, all areas were well represented. The rustic square dance building at Sullivan Park was the main station for the dancers, many using the park area as headquarters, with camping trailers and tents for the three-day festival. This is just one of the many Western Square Dance festivals and special functions held at the spacious Western Square Dance building at Sullivan Park.

The Western Dance Center is now in its fourth year of use. It has truly become the center of square- and round-dance activity in Spokane County as envisioned by the people who made a dream a reality. A stipulation in the original site lease that the premises shall not be used for any other purpose than a recreation area has not been violated. The center was built for all dancers and every event that has ever been held at the hall has been *open to everyone*, regardless of which dance club or group might be the hosts for the occasion.

Another stipulation in the land lease is that any buildings placed there shall become part of the real property and upon termination of the lease, title shall vest in the county. This is a normal protective clause for the county, but goes much further than that. It is positive assurance to those hundreds of people who have worked on the project that no private individuals in the future will benefit in a financial way from the ultimate disposition of the building.

# NEW HOPE FOR THE HOMEBOUND



Morton Thompson, Ed.D.

**F**OUR MILLION PERSONS are condemned to loneliness, unable to leave their homes because of illness and disability. Now mobile recreation projects are giving them a new lease on life.

In the fall of 1963, a small group of volunteers called the Chicago Women's Committee of the National Recreation Association agreed to sponsor a recreation service for homebound handicapped adults in Chicago. The project chairman, Mrs. Conway H. Olmstead, and her small committee of a dozen dedicated women were oriented and trained by the NRA Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped. The Consulting Service had pioneered the development of such a program through a federal Vocational Rehabilitation Administration grant during 1960-62.

In November 1963, the Chicago Homebound Project hired a professional recreation director, Marjorie Bishop, who began to interview handicapped homebound adults for possible recreation service. The initial caseload of fifteen persons were referred to the program by the Multiple-Sclerosis Clinic and Arthritis Clinics in Northwestern Medical School, Mt. Sinai Home-Care, and Grant Hospital. The National Arth-

ritis and Rheumatism Foundation and the Multiple-Sclerosis Society, cooperating agencies in planning the project, were responsible for making the original referral contacts in Chicago.

Today, the project has received a total of 135 referrals, eighty of whom have been interviewed and are receiving service. Eight of the handicapped recipients are now serving as volunteers in the program. The original group of twelve committee members now consists of fifty-eight. Some serve as fund raisers or contribute other valuable services, while the majority provide direct recreation services centered around the individual in his home.

The project has grown in scope and intensity of activity. The homebound not only receive recreation in their homes but are brought out into park recreation centers, to the homes of the committee members, and to various recreation and cultural facilities in the community. Home programs consist of music, crafts, books, active and quiet games, and other activities which can be participated in by a bed patient, wheelchair or ambulatory individual, either alone or together with the volunteer or family members.

Two new exciting programs conducted for the homebound this year are a special swimming class and an archery program. The Chicago Park Archers are giving ten wheelchair cases instruction in archery. The swimming

program has been extremely successful. Through the cooperative efforts of the Recreation Department, Red Cross, and firemen, twenty homebound handicapped persons are included in a weekly swimming program. This seemingly simple program is actually a monumental achievement for these homebound persons include severely disabled multiple-sclerosis and arthritic cases, some of whom have not been out of their homes for many years.

In working with the homebound several major problems exist which make it very difficult to accomplish the goals of social rehabilitation. Most homebound persons are in the lower strata of economic productivity and they are faced with inappropriate housing and transportation difficulties. "These problems, in turn," says Miss Bishop, "make the mildly disabled become homebound in walk-up flats and make the more disabled become desperate." Living quarters such as these mentioned usually have steep narrow stairs, lack railings, poor lighting, and inadequate heating and ventilation. Transportation is one of the bugaboos of a recreation program for the handicapped. Many homebound cannot negotiate a bus, cab, or private car, and specialized transportation is either costly or not available.

These conditions along with the acute disability are major causes of emotional distress and withdrawal that contribute to the condition "homebound." It is easily apparent that Chicago's Recreation Service for the Homebound has given many socially deprived citizens a new lease on life.

More than twenty-five agencies in Chicago have evidenced a keen interest in the homebound project. United Cerebral Palsy in Chicago is studying the program for the expressed purpose of initiating its own homebound service. Religious organizations are looking to the project for methods of bringing their homebound to church. The project is exciting the interest of the entire city of Chicago. It is vivid proof of what can be done when agencies in a large city cooperate towards a common goal. Other communities can profit from this demonstration project to develop similar programs for the four million other lonely homebound persons in the United States. #

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# THE RECREATION CENTER

Young and old, everyone in Iowa City is proud of their new facility



E. A. Scholer, Ph.D.

A RECREATION CENTER is for the enjoyment of all the citizens of a community and a focal point of the area, physically and culturally. Iowa City, Iowa, is justly proud of its new, modernistic center dedicated last fall. Robert Lee, superintendent of recreation, and members of the Playground and Recreation Commission proposed a bond issue in 1962 that was passed on favorably by the voters and instituted construction of the \$660,000 building.

Perhaps no one has better expressed their feelings about

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the center than the third-grade students of Isabel Montgomery of Longfellow Elementary School. During the creative writing class, the children conceived the idea of writing about the new recreation center, the hub of the world. Working together, they drafted a poem in honor of the building. Then, with the help of their music teacher Hazel Fritze, the children evolved a tune to fit the words. With musical accompaniment provided by Margaret Haerner, elementary music supervisor, the children sang the song at the annual school music program in February and a warm round of applause from the audience for these words

## THE RECREATION CENTER

Third Grade  
Longfellow School  
Iowa City, Iowa

The rec-re-a-tion cen-ter is a good place to play, I  
But swim-ming is the one I think is fun, There's

go there and go there al-most ev'ry day. Just hop on the bus and pay your  
e-ven a place where you use a gun. I like to, I like to, I like to play

fare. And quick as a wink you'll soon be there. It does-n't cost a pen-ny It  
pool. And once I saw them use a fun-ny tool. Oh ping-pong is fun for

does-n't cost a dime, they just want you to have a good time. You put on some  
ev-'ry one, There's a weight that weighs a- bout a ton. So many, ma-ny

skates and a-way you race, or jump on the tramp and go in- to space!  
things there are to do. I hope that you will try a few!

# A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## Scholarship Bowl

FUND-RAISING for scholarships takes many forms. On February 11, 1958, Mrs. Ellen E. Linson, then president of the Maryland Recreation Society, appointed a scholarship committee to explore the possibility of establishing a scholarship and expanding existing county and city recreation department scholarships in the state. In a report to the society, Warren Kershow, the scholarship chairman, reported that as of May 1, 1959, the society had in force one \$250.00 scholarship to the University of Maryland and was considering its second. Since that time, the Maryland Recreation and Parks Society has granted six scholarships to the University of Maryland in recreation and parks. The grant has increased from the original \$250.00 to \$314.00 per year which covers matriculation and all fixed fees at the university. In the past, monies for the grant have been raised through theater parties, raffles, special dances, and individual donations by members and member departments.

Last year, Fair Lanes, Inc., a bowling concern, proposed that the society use one of its bowling centers in the state for a Beat the Leader Bowling Tournament. The monies raised would go in full to the society's scholarship fund. At the society's next executive committee meeting, the proposal was discussed and approved. A meeting was then arranged by the scholarship chairman with Bob Haux, Fair Lanes' representative in the area, and plans were set for the tournament. Nine lanes in Prince George's, Montgomery, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel Counties and the city of Baltimore were reserved for the tournament held in August.

All printing was done by Fair Lanes, Inc., in its print shop for a nominal fee. After the flyers and registration forms had been printed, they were distributed by Fair Lanes to each of the centers being used; the area coordinators then picked up and distributed the materials through their respective departments. Trophies were ordered from one dealer in the state, and Fair Lanes again dis-

tributed them to each center. It was also responsible for picking up any trophies not presented at the tournament.

Tournament coordinators were appointed in each of the counties to prepare newspaper publicity, secure scorers, runners, and handle the presentation of awards. They also, working through their respective departments, distributed registration blanks and flyers announcing the tournament to all local teen clubs, youth centers, summer playgrounds, and organized baseball associations. Participation was limited to those engaged in sanctioned recreation programs.

Anyone wishing to participate in the tournament filled out the registration forms, enclosed one dollar, and returned the form to his recreation leader. The leader then returned all forms to his area coordinator several days prior to the tournament. The contestants participated in minimum groups of six. Each group had to be accompanied by a recreation leader or appointed recreation volunteer. Trophies were awarded to the boy or girl in each group that beat his or her leader and to the boy and girl participant and male and female leader with the highest set at the end of the day at each bowling center.

After the tournament, when all registration forms and money for the same

had been mailed to the state chairman, the results were tabulated. Nearly eight hundred boys, girls, and senior citizens competed against their leaders in the tournament. The only expenses incurred were those for trophies and publicity. The society netted \$500.00 for its scholarship fund.

• Some readers may feel that there is a conflict of interest in charging a fee for an activity when the fee is to be used for a professional society program. What is your reaction?—Ed.

## Used Cars Parts Lot

DURING a swap-shop session at the Sports and Recreation Management Workshop sponsored by the U.S. Air Force in Wiesbaden, Germany, last spring, a used-car project was described by Joseph Brookshire, recreation director in Spangdahlem, Germany. The program is designed to make car parts available at a minimum cost to base personnel for self-help projects. Economically unrepairable, unsalable, and wrecked cars are accepted by Personnel Services as gifts. Donor signs registration certificate, which is witnessed by an officer, over to CBWF. Such cars are dismantled, parts tagged and stocked for future sales. This is established as an NAF activity and administered through the auto hobby shop. Mr. Brookshire warns that a well-protected area is essential. Do not put it near other base activities because it creates an unsightly area. Allow no "running" cars on the lot, for someone may dismantle them by mistake. Have firm prices: \$3-\$4 less than comparable parts in the economy. Because of low sales prices, very little profit is realized. However, if part-time help is paid and a good service provided, the program is considered successful. Left-over scrap is sold to local junk dealers for metal value.

## It's Your Move

ARE YOU FORGETTING your local chess players in your programming? "We were," says Gary Woodring, director of the Park and Recreation De-



*A park department crew at the Animal Playground in Sunset Park, Manhattan, Kansas, installs a horse donated by the Rotary Club. The area is furnished with all sorts of play equipment in the form of animals donated by service clubs and fraternal organizations in the city.*

partment in Klamath Falls, Oregon. "until 1962 when a tournament sponsored by our department and two local firms found forty-eight participants eager and ready to go. Annually, since 1962, we have sponsored a city tournament and, in addition, on November 7-8, 1964, cosponsored an invitational United States Chess Federation sanctioned event with thirty-seven participants coming from as far away as 350 miles. Here is another special-interest group we are sure that is often overlooked."

### Vestpocket Playgrounds

A NEW VARIATION of what used to be called the playlot is being developed in congested areas of New York City. Known as "vestpocket" playgrounds, they are city-owned lots or lots owned by churches or other social agencies. In the case of the former, plans have been made for them to be cleared of rubbish and debris by the sanitation department, paved by the highway department, and financed by the real estate department. They will then be turned over to the local coordinating

council for a nominal \$1 a year, to be operated by the council.

A vestpocket playground already in action through the efforts of a church and funds from private donors shows an interesting variation from the usual playlot. The new concept is an open space for neighborhood enjoyment. Mothers and small children use it in the mornings. All ages come and go in the afternoons, finding it a pleasant place to chat with friends, or to play simple "sidewalk" games. In the evening teenagers come to dance to music brought in by a mobile unit, and the neighborhood comes to enjoy the fun. Young trees, flowers in windowboxes, and fresh paint help to make the little vestpocket playground a real neighborhood asset. Neighborhood pride seems to be responsible for keeping it free of litter and for the behavior of the users.

Such "neighborhood patios" do not take the place of adequate parks and playgrounds. They can provide no space for sports, privacy for picnics, no nature trails, no swimming. They do provide colorful oases in congested areas for informal neighborhood use and relaxation, and they do encourage neighborhood action in assuring responsibility for operation and maintenance.

### Notes on the Cuff

- Sections of five Los Angeles city beaches have been set aside as surfing areas for the exclusive use of the growing wave-riding set by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department. This will protect swimmers at city beaches from the dangers of flying surfboards and ease the problems of supervision in crowded waters. At the same time, it will meet the needs of devotees of the popular water sport by centering this activity on beaches with good wave characteristics.

- Little girls in North Baltimore prefer discarded rubber heels from men's shoes for hopscotch markers. One shoe-repair man in the area found himself spending considerable time pulling tacks from worn heels and handing them out to appealing little girls.

- Himalayan snow partridge eggs have been successfully hatched for the first time under artificial conditions at the University of California in Davis.

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# RECREATION AFLOAT

## *A man-of-war is actually a sea-going recreation district*

Ronald C. Hallberg, LTJG, USNR

**A** NAVY WARSHIP at sea for weeks at a time helping preserve the peace of the nation can hardly be described as an ideal setting for a recreation program. The close quarters, requirements for a state of instant readiness, steel decks, and the all-important mission of the ship dictate that life at sea often be quite different from that on shore. Ill, long separations from family and familiar surroundings, inability to move about freely, and periods of off-duty hours with little to do result in a need for a recreation program.

One example of a program afloat is that planned and conducted by the officers and men of the attack aircraft carrier *USS Kitty Hawk*. This eighty-two thousand-ton vessel has a crew of approximately four thousand when fully manned. Her flight deck is approximately four acres in area and her hangar deck about two acres. The ship is a completely equipped airfield capable of handling the most advanced

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jets as she steams on the Pacific from the coast of California to the shores of Viet Nam.

Recreation activities on *Kitty Hawk*, the world's largest conventionally powered warship, are supervised by the ship's Special Services Office. One officer and a staff of nine enlisted men organize and conduct the various athletic, social, craft, and special activities that make up *Kitty Hawk's* recreation program. The Special Services officer and his staff work full time on recreation programming except when involved on watches or other ship evolutions such as battle drills.

Other departments on the ship also contribute to the recreation program. The engineering department supplies movie projector operators specially trained in the electrical hazards of a steel ship, a problem not encountered in more conventional theaters. The ship's Public Information Office distributes information concerning recreation opportunities for the crew in its "Port of Call" booklets printed for each new port the ship enters. This office also organizes and prints the ship's biweekly paper, the *Kitty Hawkeye*, which, as part of its news concerning the ship, describes leisure-time activities available to crew members.

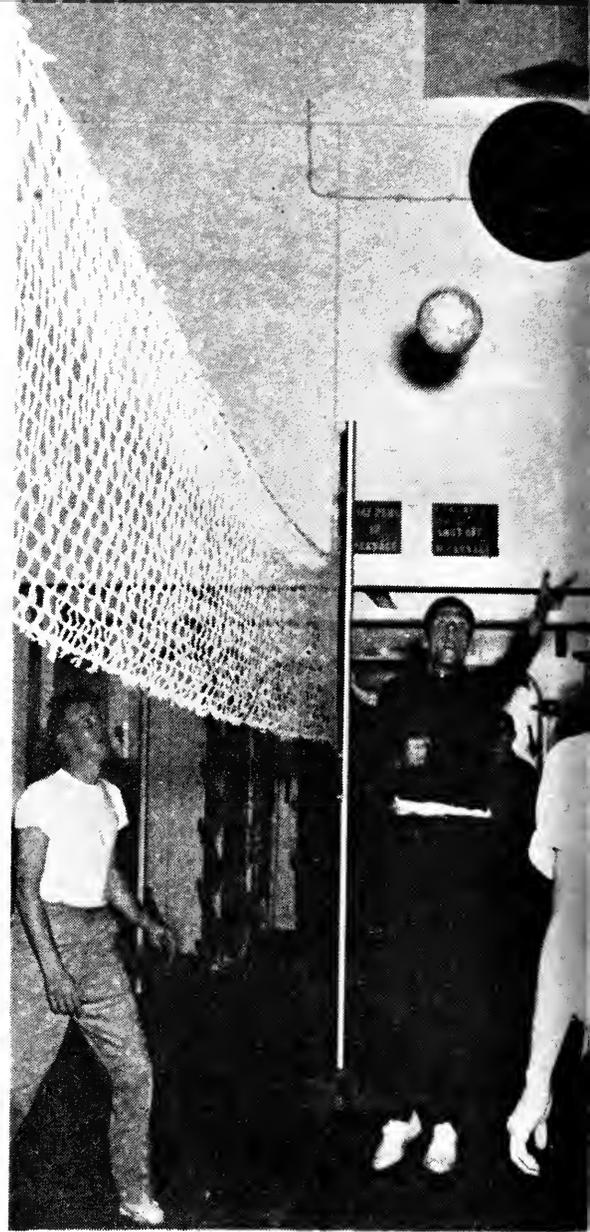
With few exceptions, the cost of the recreation activities



*Movies are often exchanged with ships operating with the Kitty Hawk. Here, a high-line transfer crew prepares to send a package to a ship alongside the world's largest conventionally powered carrier.*



*KTTY-TV, Kitty Hawk's closed-circuit TV station, offers live programs utilizing the talents of crew members as well as films distributed by the Navy. The ship also has an amateur radio station.*



*A Captain's Cup volleyball game is conducted on the hangar deck. Here, the ship's radio gang sets up for a shot against the Marine detachment. The ship offers many varsity athletic programs.*



*Though social recreation is somewhat limited, the crew often entertains orphans and schoolchildren at parties on board as is shown here at a party for children in Japan when the ship put in there.*



on board Navy vessels is defrayed from profits on the sale of goods in the ship's stores and vending machines. The stores include three soda fountains, three sundries stores, and a clothing store. During an average quarter while the ship is deployed in the Orient, these stores turn over about twenty-five thousand dollars to the ship's recreation fund. A portion of this money goes directly into the various ship's division and squadron funds for parties, picnics, other social events, and special recreation items desired by these groups. Another part of the ship's stores receipts is used to purchase equipment such as small games and TV receivers to be distributed to each division and squadron for use in their living areas. Cost of maintenance of this equipment is obtained from the "rec fund" as are items like the two minibuses which Special Services uses for everything from transporting fishing parties to moving the ship's band. Another ex-

penditure provides for reduced price tickets to local theaters, sporting events, and other recreation activities.

Two advisory groups function on the *Kitty Hawk* to guide the use of the recreation fund and the personnel effort involved in planning and conducting recreation activities. These are the Recreation Committee and the Recreation Council. The Enlisted Recreation Committee is made up of enlisted men from each of the ship's divisions and squadrons. Meetings are held monthly to collect ideas and suggestions from the crew and to pass on information concerning schedules, plans, and opportunities from the Special Services Office. The Recreation Council is a group of senior officers who advise the Special Services officer on policy matters.

Although a man-of-war has certain limitations in the area



*KBN/MM is the ship's amateur radio station. Here, a "ham" makes contact with a stateside ham. During long periods at sea, the ship's hams are able to send messages to folks back home or their fellow crew members.*



*Outside entertainment groups, such as the Bremerton, Washington, Symphony, present programs aboard. Other entertainers have included USO shows, college variety shows, and a Japanese Dixieland band.*



*Dependents' Day cruises are an opportunity for family get-togethers on board ship for a day at sea. This group is going away for a day on the Pacific.*



*The ship is equipped with a five thousand-book library which offers hours of leisure-time activity. Newspapers and magazines are distributed when available.*

of recreation programing, a sea-going recreation district has a few advantages over more conventional recreation organizations. Tours, which may be limited to the local state park in the hometown recreation program, have on *Kitty Hawk* included trips to Diamond Head and the Punchbowl National Cemetery in Hawaii, the resort of Baguio in the Philippines, the floating restaurants of Aberdeen in Hong Kong, and the shrines and temples of Japan.

*Kitty Hawk's* roving has been used to advantage for other recreation pursuits. Ski trips to Nikko in Japan and the Cascade Mountains near Seattle have been offered to the winter sports enthusiasts on board. Warm-weather sailors have had the opportunity to surf at Waikiki, skin dive off Okinawa, and sun bathe on Southern California beaches.

Club activity is encouraged on the *Kitty Hawk*. The ship's Rod and Gun Club has periodic skeet shoots at sea from the flight deck during off-duty hours. The *Kitty Hawk* Divers, the ship's skin-diving club, a toastmaster's club, and a judo club have added to the varied program offered on board. In addition the *Kitty Hawk* has its own band.

**D**URING BREAKS in ship's work or on Sunday "holiday routines" a variety of recreation activities are usually in progress, especially when at sea. The most actively participated in is the ship's Captain's Cup competition. This competition pits the various units of the ship against each other in a number of activities, from football to chess, to determine the most outstanding unit on the ship overall. This latter group is awarded the Captain's Cup traveling trophy which is held by the winning unit until the following round of competition is completed.

Varsity athletics are another aspect of *Kitty Hawk's* recreation offering. Teams representing the ship in bowling, flag football, golf, rifle and pistol shooting, basketball and softball compete wherever they can find suitable opponents, whether it be in Kobe, Japan, or Seattle, Washington. Teams are outfitted and equipped by Special Services.

More sedentary activities for men of *Kitty Hawk* include nightly movies on the hangar deck, in the squadron ready rooms, and the officers' wardrooms. During long at-sea periods films are swapped with other ships operating with *Kitty Hawk* by helicopter or by highline transfer, a method of exchanging material at sea between ships. Watching programs produced by the ship's closed circuit television station, KTTY-TV, is another quiet activity for leisure hours.

For those interested in crafts, *Kitty Hawk* has a well equipped hobby shop. Facilities for work with models, ceramics, leather work, wood work, and many other craft activities are available.

**K**ITTY HAWKERS interested in electronics can participate in the ship's amateur radio station, K7KBN/MM, a licensed ham station. *Kitty Hawk* hams have found themselves very popular after long periods at sea when they are able to contact the folks back home for other crew members on the radio through a stateside ham.

A boxing ring is another center of activity on the ship. The ring is assembled periodically on the hangar deck for

boxing "smokers" which generally draw enthusiastic fans to cheer their favorites. "Smoker" as used here is a misnomer as smoking is not permitted on the hangar deck due to the danger of fire. For those who desire a more comfortable view of the fights, KTTY-TV televises the bout on the ship's closed circuit system. To keep the men in trim for the boxing matches and to generally stay in shape, a gym has been set up by the Special Services Office in a small compartment below the main deck.

A "gear locker" is still another offering of the Special Services Office. Golf clubs, tennis rackets, balls, bats, gloves and nets are a few of the items available for the crew's use on a personal checkout basis. This equipment gets its greatest use in port when facilities such as ballfields are available but games of catch with this equipment can be found almost any time on the hangar deck.

Social recreation is somewhat limited for the crew of the *Kitty Hawk*, but parties for the individual units are encouraged for which the ship provides food and transportation. When the ship is in the states, family programs include such activities as the children's Christmas party, held last season on the hangar deck, and dependents' day cruises, during which families are loaded aboard and taken to sea for a day. Overseas, children from orphanages and schools are often welcomed aboard at parties given for them by the crew.

Both professional and amateur entertainment is sought and during the past four years since *Kitty Hawk's* commissioning a variety of programs have been presented on board. During the Christmas season of 1962, Bob Hope's show was held on the flight deck while the ship was in Subic Bay, Philippines. Other entertainers have included a Japanese Dixieland band, several college variety shows, USO shows, the Bremerton, Washington, Symphony, and many other

**T**HE NECESSITY for a comprehensive recreation program for men in the military at sea is as obvious as it is great. Loneliness, restlessness, and boredom have adverse effects on a ship's crew after long periods away from home when the men on a ship like *Kitty Hawk* are enclosed in a steel box that can be completely encircled in a ten-minute walk. *Kitty Hawk's* last deployment to the Orient was nine months long with one thirty-five-day period off Viet Nam beyond the sight of land.

This situation calls for ingenuity in order to provide several thousand men worthwhile activity while they carry out the mission of the ship. *Kitty Hawk* is typical of the Navy's recreation efforts. Other men-of-war in the U.S. fleet have similar problems and programs. The lack of professional leadership, the necessity to plan activities around the ship's movements and evolutions, and the nature of the facilities are problems inherent in a warship environment which have not been entirely solved.

As in the case of the *USS Kitty Hawk*, however, there are certain advantages of being a transient recreation district. In what other situation could the participants be involved in touch football games in California this week, surfing at Waikiki next week, playing volleyball in the South China Sea the next, and still be exempt from the draft? #

# READY, SET...SKI!

*Pre-ski conditioning program increases participation and safety*

David Brink

PRE-SKI conditioning is too often overlooked by the recreation skier. Each winter, hundreds of thousands of people journey to the snow country to participate in the highly strenuous sport. The average skier spends a considerable sum on skis, boots, and clothes, but often gives no thought to physical preparation. Physical exertion in a high altitude can quickly produce muscular fatigue for a person not prepared adequately beforehand. As any skier will testify, the sport is *not passive*. Regardless of the extent of participation, some degree of conditioning is necessary.

Better conditioning will not only permit the skier to do more skiing in a day, it will also minimize chances of injury. Many skiers shortchange themselves by neglecting physical conditioning. In calculating costs of equipment, gasoline, food, and lift tickets, the skier who is exhausted after two or three hours of skiing is far from getting his money's worth. Furthermore, the tired skier is more liable to accidents and possible injury. As skiing is an activity that attracts many desk workers who have little opportunity to prepare themselves through their work, programs of planned physical conditioning offered by a municipal agency can be an outstanding public service.

With these thoughts in mind, the Recreation Division of the Seattle Park Department initiated a six-week pre-ski conditioning program for adults during the fall of 1964. The activity was offered to the participants free of charge. Furthermore, there was no cost to the department, except in the case of staff personnel, under direction of Watson B. "Mike" Hovis, assistant recreation director in charge of athletics, organized and conducted the sessions with the aid of enthusiastic volunteers.

Arrangements were made with the Pacific Northwest Ski Instructor's Association and the National Ski Patrol to provide instructors for lectures. Well-known personalities, such as famed mountain climber Jim Whittaker, took time from busy schedules to explain the importance of good physical conditioning for the average skier. Ski shops in the area provided available films and served as a communication outlet in announcing the classes. Every aspect of skiing was presented to the group by "experts." Managers of ski areas sent films and "pitchmen" to advertise their facilities. As there was so much to cover, each session was divided into sections, films, lectures, and conditioning. The physical-fitness portion was based on a series of exercises developed by Dr. Thomas Cureton, famed University of Illinois physical educator.

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A DRY-LAND ski school held the day after Christmas capped off the course. The Ski Instructor's Association provided personnel to inspect and adjust newly acquired equipment, as well as teach basic fundamentals, such as the traverse position, kick turns, and how to get up from falls. The school achieved its objective of saving ski instructors and ski-school members many headaches and wasted hours. A common problem encountered at the first meeting of ski classes is poor fitting equipment which entails hunting for screws, straps, or tools for repairs and losing valuable ski time. Anyone who has attempted temporary repairs on a noncooperative set of bindings without tools at fifteen above Fahrenheit will readily agree that a dry-land school stressing maintenance is a fine idea.

Public response to "Pre-Ski '65" was overwhelming. The publicity received on the program via radio, TV, daily and community newspapers resulted in 175 persons attending the first class. Each class over the six-week period averaged 125 persons. The professional Ski Teachers Association lauded the course as a great new idea in ski orientation.

For the coming ski season an expanded program is planned. Pre-ski classes will be offered at four recreation centers at different points in the city. In addition to the Ski Instructor's Association's assistance, the Northwest Ski Association has also offered assistance in the form of personnel to teach classes. Ski shops will be asked to provide displays of equipment and offer ideas to help the skier choose what he should buy. The dry-land school will also be repeated. It is considered a must for any type of ski-orientation program. The potential for such a course is only limited by the imagination of the planners. #



The jump tower was one of the attractions that thrilled visitors at Fort Wainwright's annual July Carnival

# DIRECTIVE FOR FUN

*Military bases zero in on special events with precise tactics*

## BIG TOP IN THE HANGAR

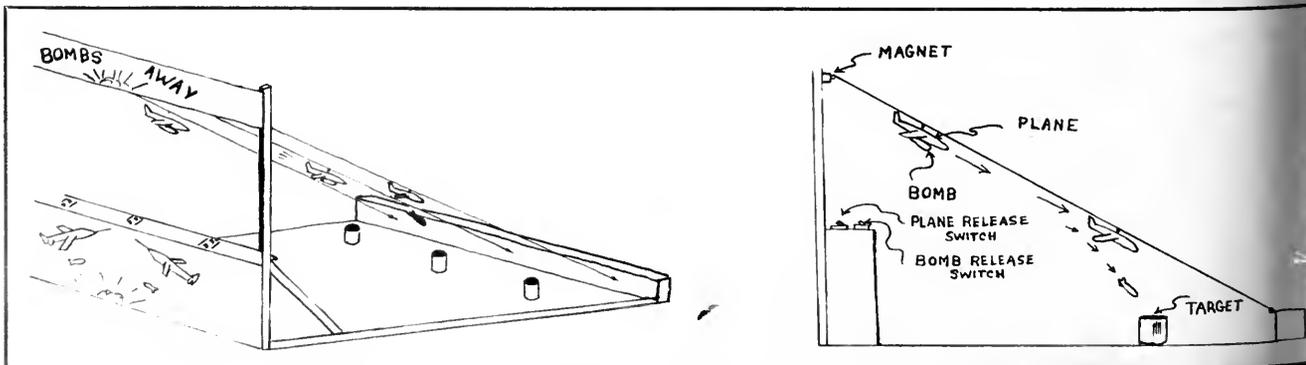
Now that the Big Top is practically extinct, most communities compensate for this childhood extravaganza by planning their own circus or carnival. In Alaska, the Fort Wainwright Dependent Activities Council has an open-house fund-raising carnival yearly on the Third and Fourth of July which captivates old and the young in the Fairbanks area. Hangar #1 is the "Big Top" and the animals are from the forest and streams of our last frontier.

For the past five years, Fort Wainwright has realized about \$18,000 annually from this two-day open house. Funds are utilized exclusively to support the multiplying youth programs, such as scouts, campfire girls, junior baseball, softball, bowling leagues, skiing, charm school, rifle team, peewee hockey, teen club, and a twelve-week summer schedule of tours, swimming, archery, roller skating, playground activities, and crafts projects. The youth

director's salary at Fort Wainwright not part of this fund.

Primary action for this prodigious affair is promoted in March and directions published in a Yukon Command Army Circular, which prescribes policies and procedures and delineates responsibilities for the open house. The participants are "all Army and Air Force organizations and units stationed at Fort Wainwright and all organizations and activities at Fort Wainwright established for the benefit and welfare of military, civilians, and dependent personnel." The objective of the open house is "to promote the continued good public relations between the populace of the Fairbanks area and the armed forces and to provide a means of raising funds for the support of dependent activities. The use of government equipment is authorized for the event providing that authorized operators and/or supervisors of such equipment

Diagram for Bombs Away



ment are present during its use. Any materials may be used which can be returned in basically an unchanged condition to the stock from which they were drawn." Fund-raising methods include: (a) concessions selling food, malt beverages and soft drinks, (b) concessions featuring games of skill, amusement rides, side shows, and similar activities, and (c) ticket sales for a new car and other lesser prizes." The circular clearly states the duties and responsibilities of each of the committees mentioned below and requests detailed after-action reports from same.

The president of the Dependent Activities Council is chairman of this program. The committees selected to assist in this gargantuan affair include finance (comptroller office), publicity (information office), legal (judge advocate office), traffic and wildlife conservation (provost marshal office), fa-

cilities (post engineers), communications (signal office), entertainment (special services), first-aid (hospital).

The games, rides, food concessions, decorations, police-and-security, purchasing, midway-sales, and ticket-redemption committees are composed of personnel from various organizations and units on post. These committee members are parents of children who participate in the Dependent Activities Program on post or they are volunteer civilian, single and/or unaccompanied military personnel.

The Arctic Test Center provides the council with a "Big Top" (*Hangar #1*). The floor space, 324'-by-230', houses forty-three booths. The area outside of this "Big Top" is also utilized for various amusement rides. The usual games, such as fishpond, cork shoot, dart throw, train-pony-fire truck ride, kiddie cars, and the standard activities

compose these booths inside and outside the hangar. In order to keep the thousands of military and civilians amused for twelve hours each day (there were 5,436 unregistered vehicles on post during this two-day event in 1964), the food must tickle the taste buds. Watermelon, fried chicken, hamburgers, barbecued beef, snow cones, cotton candy, candy apples, popcorn, and ice cream are just a few of the goodies sold on the midway to entice carnival strollers.

The activities which thrill visitors most are the fish and wildlife booth, bombs away (*see diagram*), crane ride, and the jump tower. Add these ideas to your present program, pray for sunshine, and you will cement public relations and have plenty of money to finance a youth program in your community. — ALICE ROTH, *Director of Youth Activities, Fort Wainwright.*

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## HAVE A FIELD DAY

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A FIELD DAY is usually a program of a variety of events that gives everyone an opportunity to participate. It is conducted in some form or another in all parts of the country, but none has reached the magnitude of success as those conducted at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. Even though Lowry was blessed with exceptional athletic and recreation facilities, thanks to its active and dedicated Personnel Services Division and cooperative command personnel which gave every opportunity for military personnel to participate in their respective programs on their leisure and/or off-duty time for entertainment and relaxation, it needed a program of fun on a competitive basis so that even the most ardent nonparticipant could be a participant even though he did nothing more than go through the motions.

Thus, the field day was born, on June 21, 1956 with ten events. This program and all those that followed included events of fun, skill, novelty, strength, talent, knowledge, and nonsense, but none which required participants enter into an extensive period of training in

preparation. The program was started small to assure a good beginning and test its acceptance by the military. Field Day events increased each year until the 1959 program had 244 events. A study was made of the numerous events to reduce the program to those with the greatest participation and for more efficient control. The end results were 106 events, of which 74 were selected for one field day each year from 1959 to 1962.

The span of its conduct after its beginning extended over a period of a week with a third of the events conducted in the respective athletic and recreation facilities and the remaining two-thirds on the recreation field and adjacent parking lot on a Saturday, 9 to 11 AM. The 1959-1962 programs each had four thousand to five thousand participants. Each field day required a minimum of two hundred officials of which the most were selected from the military personnel of the base and others were furnished by the city of Denver Recreation Department, YMCA, Denver University, and other organizations where specific professional knowl-

edge was necessary. Fourteen base sections assisted in its conduct whenever and wherever its services were needed. At no time did a single individual participant or official complain that the events were not properly conducted or the officiating was a tiresome duty. The entire affair was enjoyed by everyone.

The planning started two to three months prior to its conduct. A committee was organized, composed of representatives of support agencies, and respective competing organizations, and responsibilities established with the Personnel Services Division assuming full leadership.

The base newspaper announced the overall dates followed by the schedule of events and other information growing stronger each publication to a climax prior to actual start. In addition, a general information pamphlet was published and distributed to all organization project officers, announcing program, method of entry, schedule of events, rules of competition, scoring system, awards, and other pertinent information. There was also a map show-

ing the location of each event, both in facilities and out-of-door area.

The officials were assigned events without knowledge of qualifications, as time was not always available to interview each to make determinations. A schedule of briefings of officials by events was conducted so each knew the rules of his activity and his responsibilities thereto. Good officiating is a major factor to the success of the field day. The athletic section was assigned the responsibility of equipment, its safety and placement.

The events were grouped into eighteen categories that included such events as Dizzy Izzy and sack relay races, flight and monkey drills, pig calling and egg throwing, volleyball and Chinese Ping-pong, standing broad jump and hundred-yard walking race, clock golf and basketball shoot, skits and specialty acts, eight-ball pool and checkers, round and square dancing, spelling bee and military quiz, walking hand balance and tumbling stunts, drawing and photography, small and large chorus singing, and limbo. Several events were created that were social and educational in nature and rules established for their conduct.

Only a third of the out-of-door program was conducted at one time followed by another third and a final third. This keeps an even distribution of events in all categories and participant and spectator interest at a high level. It is important and essential that the events be kept moving as rapidly as possible without hurry to avoid a drag and eventual lack of interest.

An entry blank was used to determine number of groups and teams in group and team activities to set up brackets and get an idea of the approximate number of entries in all other events. There was no restriction on the number of events individuals may enter as long as he participated at its start.

Points were awarded each event according to the number of participants, degree of difficulty, and length of time required in preparation and competition. Points ranged from 5, 3, 2 and 1 to 20, 15, 10 and 5.

Awards included a two-and-a-half-foot-high trophy called the Grand Champion All Events Trophy presented to the organization that won three

field days. Permanent possession trophies were also presented to the organizations that placed first, second, and third place. Appropriate awards were also presented to the winners of each event. Other awards were the Esprit de Corps Trophy which was presented to the organization that had the greatest participation in the entire program, and an Oscar which was presented to the commander of the organization on the same basis. Community service organizations also gave out awards for specific events.

The final day or out-of-door program was the climax of the field day. Each area of events was designated by markers in accordance to the map and appropriate equipment installed therein. This was accomplished a day or two preceding to avoid any rush the morning of the program. If there is a possibility of inclement weather, then it will be necessary to do this job early the morning of the program or postpone the program until the following Saturday or appropriate day.

Communications installed a PA system with the mike on a platform location at the center edge of the field day area. At this location the project officer supervised and directed the conduct of the field day, and the results of events were tabulated and recorded.

An ambulance with a doctor and two technicians were stationed nearby for any possible emergencies. This is always advisable even though the possibilities of injuries are near impossible. The base exchange placed two mobile canteen units serving coffee, sandwiches, and soft drinks.

The officials reported at 8 AM the day

of the program for any last-minute instructions and to procure their score cards and equipment necessary for the conduct of their respective events. The program started promptly at 9 AM with an opening ceremony. A color guard USAF band, and guidon bearers of competing organizations marched half the distance of the field day area facing the platform, and halted, at which time the project officer gave a brief introductory speech. Upon announcement, the band played the National Anthem, and when completed marched out of the field day area. Immediately thereafter, the project officer gave the signal to start and the program was underway.

Officials reported results of respective events, immediately when completed by runner to the field day headquarters where they were recorded and posted on a large master chart. This operation is important, and there should be at least two men adding and totaling figures so that at the end of the field day the victors are known and all points totaled for each organization.

Unusual and special acts were presented to base military personnel and civilian personnel of Denver in a specific area throughout the program. Each performance was given a time limit so that the last would end prior to 11 AM. This activity does not distract from the field day events, especially where there is a large group of spectators.

The program usually ended at 11 AM as scheduled. The victorious organizations and event winners along with many spectators assembled in front of the headquarters platform for the presentation of the awards. The base commander or his representative made the presentations as the project officer announced the event and organizational winners. After the presentation ceremonies were completed, a loud cheer sounded that could be heard for several blocks away.

The planning, organization, administration, and conduct of the field day requires time and work, but the results derived therefrom are gratifying to all concerned. A field day will save you from "stuffed-shirtitis" and "sole cholia." — MAJOR GERALD SMITH USAF, Retired.



# FAMILY RECREATION SCORESHEET

Many recreation departments reproduce material from RECREATION Magazine to distribute to staff members or to John and Jane Q. Public and their offspring. Such material has included such items as rules and reminders for a safe Hallowe'en and Christmas. We now offer, here, a checklist for families to use in rating their recreation. The following was prepared by the National Recreation Association Program Department with the hope that

it will be helpful in promoting better family relationships through recreation. Any local agency is free to reproduce for local distribution. (Please credit RECREATION Magazine!)

The best gift you can bequeath to your children is not money, or land, or insurance, but a happy childhood. Be honest? Is your house a home? Is it fun to belong to your family? Does your family enjoy living? How do you rate, recreationally speaking?

## DAY-BY-DAY NEEDS

### I. Some Form of Social Recreation

Did you play any games with your children? Did you "visit" with friends or neighbors? Go on a picnic? Go to a party, a dance, or a club? (Sitting in the movies or in front of TV doesn't count.) Do you make a big point to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays?

Plus  Minus

### II. Some Form of Physical Recreation

Did you play (not just watch) any active game? Horseshoes? Tennis? Bowling? Golf? Softball? Did you go walking or hiking, bicycling or swimming? Did you romp with the children? Take them to the park or playground?

### III. Art

Did you do any painting in oils or watercolor or pastels? Any ceramics? Wood carving? Visit any museum? Attend an art exhibit? Read anything about art and artists?

### IV. Handcrafts

Did you work on anything with your hands? Whittling? Woodwork? Leatherwork? Weaving? Did you do any needlework like knitting, embroidery? Hook a rug? Make an afghan? Frame a picture? Build a model plane? Repair a toy?

### V. Music

Did you sing—with your family, friends, or church choir? (Singing in the bathtub counts!) Did you play any instrument? Really listen to any good music? (Turning on the radio and then reading doesn't count.) Do you have a record player—and use it? Did you go to a concert?

### VI. Storytelling and Reading

Did you read anything besides the newspaper? (That's important, too!) And poetry? Did you tell or read a story to the children at bedtime? Discuss a book with your family? Visit the public library? Buy a book?

Plus  Minus

### VII. Drama

Did you go to the theater? Do you belong to a drama group? Did you make a costume? Build a set? Make a puppet stage for the children? Tell the family about plays you have seen? Read a play, with everyone taking a part? Put on a home talent show? Have a dress-up box for the children to use?

### VIII. Dance

Did you attend a square dance club? Know any South American dances? Recognize the latest teenage craze? Encourage the youngsters to enjoy dance rhythms? Watch ballet? Modern dance? Take your wife dancing?

### IX. Hobbies

Did you encourage and take part in any family hobbies? Take family movies? Have a family scrapbook? Allow family pets? Collect stamps, coins or other items? Provide hobby space for the children? Use reference book to encourage more study?

### X. Nature and Science

Did you take time to really see and feel the sun? Really look at the stars last night? Notice birds and flowers? Visit a park or other outdoor area? Work in a garden? (Windowboxes count.) Talk to the children about wind, or rain, or weather, or the sea, et cetera? Collect and find out about shells and rocks? Plant a tree? Lie flat on your back with the children and watch the clouds or the treetops? Go family camping?

If your score is minus, you're missing a lot in life. If your score is plus, you're building up a family reserve of happiness.

# BEWARE: THE SPOILERS ARE ON THE MARCH!



Jay Shivers, Ph.D.

**T**HE INSIDIOUS pattern of waste, destruction, and pollution, developing everywhere across the United States today is destroying the natural resources with which this country was so abundantly blessed. By encroachment, denudation, desecration, and unthinking utilization, the forces of corporate enterprise, private individual gain, and even those agencies of government entrusted with safeguarding the nation's resources are subverting our natural endowments to ends which are at best questionable and at the very least alarming.

No longer are there sporadic raids upon the public domain by industrial concerns eager to turn a quick profit. Now there is wholesale attack. There is a nationwide picture that is clearly defined which dramatically emphasizes the continuous threat under which we all live. Advantage is being taken of an unenlightened and, too often, apathetic public. The public *can* be aroused to this stepped-up tempo of deterioration of our natural resources by en-

trenched interests, but unless it is awakened *now* it will be too late. The spoilers are already gouging the land, polluting the air and the waterways, stripping the land of timber, defacing the rocky places, and forever destroying nature's balance. From Big Sur on the Pacific Coast to the Connecticut River, a host of uncaring but influential individuals and agencies, from all sectors of society, are doing irreparable harm to our natural heritage. A continuous process of ruin-by-design is decimating rivers, marshlands, parks, geologic phenomena, forests, beaches, ridges, and wilderness areas. The great predator is loose in the land; his name is man; and his gods are speed, profit, and influence.

This assault against the remnants of America's natural resources presents a bleak outlook. The insistent land-grabbing techniques of public agencies upon public forests and parks is appalling. The terrible truth is that many of these encroachments *are* necessary. The cause they serve is important to the public welfare. What cannot be justified is the taking of park and other recreation lands for many projects because of the *seeming* economies which such en-

croachment involves. Replacement of these areas—and eventually they must be replaced to meet the needs of growing population—will be many times greater than would have been the original cost for condemning and appropriating land used for slum buildings, light industrial plants, or other developed eyesores in the core of the city. Parks located in the center of any community cannot be replaced once they have been destroyed by access highways, turnpikes, schools, hospitals, other public buildings. When the park is gone, regardless of what is erected in its place, there can never be grass spots, shaded lanes, or the original rolling landscape. The ecology of the area is forever unbalanced. Perhaps an ecology has no place within the environs of the urban center, but, with growing population and a spreading megalopolitan area, a time is rapidly coming when all of man's ingenuity will have to be used to find natural areas that remain untouched and uncontacted by industrial and urban sprawl. Vast stretches of what is now considered rural and even primitive regions will be invaded by the offspring of a massive population explosion.

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## *Some truths about a continuous process of ruin-by-design*

What can recreation leaders do? There are some basic methods for reversing the spoilers' march:

Write to both state and national representatives informing them of the dangers of encroachment, pollution, or destruction of recreation areas.

Write to specific departmental heads, e.g., the Secretary of the Interior, when questionable actions by agencies of his department are apparent.

Organize citizen-protest meetings. Have resolutions made up with the strongest language possible to show appropriate state and local officials that infringement on recreation open spaces is abhorrent to the body politic.

Under advisement by legal counsel, seek resolutions against agencies which are attempting to subvert park areas for other than recreation purposes.

Join forces with local conservation and planning commissions or committees in order to keep abreast of the areas which are threatened.

Publish some sort of house organ as part of a continuing policy of public relations which deals with the entire problem of natural resource maintenance and preservation.

Space does not permit a listing of all the outrages against our natural environment that are occurring or predicted. However, the following illustrations will prove that no section of the country, not even the most magnificent natural spectacles, are being spared.

**Item:** The California State Highway Department has plans to straighten a road which

runs through a grove of giant redwood trees along the California coast. If the road is permitted, the savings in time to motorists will be as much as *twenty minutes for the trip*. The loss to the world will be incalculable since this species of tree does not grow anywhere else on the face of the earth. To save twenty minutes, a state agency is willing to destroy a national heritage that has evolved from the Mesozoic era.

**Item:** Grand Canyon is threatened with inundation as a result of a government agency's tampering. When Theodore Roosevelt saw the Grand Canyon in 1903, he said, "Leave it as it is. You cannot improve upon it. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it." Apparently the federal government cannot leave nature's handiwork alone, for there are plans to construct two dams on the Colorado River that will cause irreparable damage to the canyon. The Colorado River already has more dams on it than there is water to fill their reservoirs; the planned dams will, in fact, waste water. Whatever hydro-electric power could be generated by these dams could be more economically and efficiently produced by atomic power. The construction of these dams will effectively flood and destroy the lower canyon.

**Item:** The St. Croix River in Minnesota is threatened with thermal pollution if the Northern States Power Company is permitted to develop a conventional power plant with an exhaust stack eight hundred feet high and a coal pile half mile long to feed it. The project has aroused national concern among conservationists. The St. Croix is the last clean river serving the recreation needs of a major metropolitan region in the Midwest. It is the

objective of the plant to discharge superheated water back into the St. Croix, which would raise the temperature of the river as much as twenty degrees. Such an increase would thermally pollute the river and effectively destroy all fish life and ruin swimming. High-water temperatures stimulate the growth of bacteria and algae; these, in turn, produce a nauseating stench. The entire water resource would be useless for any recreation activity. Beyond that there is cause for alarm about air pollution. In a newspaper interview, the president of Northern States Power voiced an attitude reminiscent of Commodore Vanderbilt's famed remark, "The public be damned!" When asked why his company did not use an alternate site, such as one on the already polluted nearby Mississippi River, this man replied: "Why should we?" This is typical of the profit-minded industrialist who can see no farther than the next dollar. The St. Croix belongs to all of the people of the United States. We all have a vested interest in its historic and esthetic value. No industry has the right to destroy natural beauty if there are easily accessible alternatives, as there are in this instance.

**Item:** The highlands of the Hudson River Valley are under immediate threat by the development of a gigantic hydro-electric power plant by the Consolidated Edison Company of New York. Recently, an investigator of the Federal Power Commission approved of the plans submitted by Con Ed to construct a huge power plant in the Hudson Highlands, which would deface the entire northern face of Storm King Mountain. The plant will be blasted out of the living rock and a reservoir will be constructed on the top. The net result of this FPC decision, based solely upon economic considerations, is to forever destroy one of the



# NOTES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

## The Modern City

SUCCESSFUL and economical urban renewal demands a closer look at the changing face of the metropolis and a pinpoint analysis of how cities grow in the present decade. Too many planners and property owners, says geographer Donald W. Griffin of the University of California at Los Angeles, still view the expansion process of cities from the outlook and theories of some fifty years ago.

In those days, the traditional city grew around the central business district. This core was surrounded by a mixed commercial and residential transition zone, which separated the retail heart of the city from well-defined sections of extensive houses, cheaper homes, and heavy industrial concentrations. The city grew through a sort of falling domino effect, in which the central core nudged into the transition zone, which in turn pushed out the surrounding industrial and residential belts.

Today, the slow, orderly growth of cities has been replaced by a gigantic leapfrogging process, triggered largely by the automobile and mass transportation. Large department stores jump from downtown to outer suburbia and form self-contained shopping centers. Industries, serviced by fleets of trucks, no longer stick close to the main railroad

terminals. Workers, who once lived near their jobs, now hop in their cars and drive half an hour to their tract homes.

The new mobility has drastically changed the clear-cut pattern of the city's commercial, industrial, residential, and recreational areas. Instead, a given area may contain light industry and luxury high-rise apartments, alongside shabby frame houses and old government office buildings. Despite the change, many planners still tend to look at each city section, particularly the downtown area, as a uniform chunk of real estate, says Dr. Griffin. As a result, when an area is slated for urban renewal, the good is often leveled with the bad. "Urban renewal is needed in most cities," he says. "but before we condemn an area, we should carefully decide if there aren't some parts worth saving."

## Salt Free

CONSTRUCTION of the first municipally-owned water desalting plant in the State of Texas and the second such installation in the United States to provide a community's entire water needs is the Port Mansfield Public Utilities District's \$200,000 desalting plant, scheduled for completion by the end of this year. It will convert 250,000 gallons per day of a brackish deep well water to a fresh domestic water supply. The complete water treatment facility, consisting of a water supply well, iron and manganese removal filters, two 100,000-gallon concrete storage reservoirs, and the desalting unit, will cost approximately \$400,000. Water for this project will come from a well eighteen miles west of the port through a new pipeline. The Community Facilities Administration of the Housing and Home Finance Agency is financing the project under a grant and loan.

Port Mansfield is the newest Gulf port in Texas, the first in the Rio Grande Valley, and a rapidly growing commercial and resort community. It is located on the Laguna Madre intercoastal waterways, fifty-six miles north of Brownsville, Texas, and opposite the Padre Island National Seashore currently under development by the U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service. Availability of good water and the new Padre Island project are expected to stimulate Port Mansfield's growth over the next decade. The desalting plant, which will reduce the total mineral content of the raw water from about 2,400 parts per million to 500 ppm, can handle the requirements of a population of several thousands. Prior to 1950, the port did not exist.

Eight million dollars has been expended to build the new port, which has all necessary facilities including a newly completed automatically lighted airfield, a 260-foot-wide channel and turning basin, marinas and repair yards for oil, fishing, and pleasure boats, motels, a Coast Guard station, and lots for real estate and commercial development. Plans are underway to build a causeway from Padre Island to Port Mansfield which is the southern headquarters of the Padre Island National Seashore.

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# CONCERNING UPKEEP

## SNOW REMOVAL FROM SKATING AREAS

Roland (Pat) Lachance

ALL PLOWS used by the Recreation and Parks Department in Concord, New Hampshire, are equipped with steel-plate wings twenty-four to thirty-six inches long, the height same as each plow. These wings have an angle-iron bottom runner curved at the outer end to prevent digging into the ground and to help the plow ride up over uneven frozen surfaces. The side wings are held in place with two bolts on each end and one in the center of the plow through the angle-iron braces. These five bolts require but a few minutes to either put on or remove the wings from the plow.

Why wings on plows? In our case by raising the level of the pond sixteen inches above normal height, we have but few spots where the pond edge is too sharp to go directly from the ice surface to our snow storage areas. So, with wings on the plows, snow can be pushed in any desired spot without spilling out or losing the load whenever a change of direction is necessary. Also, by plowing in straight passes without wings or in a circular pattern, the snow depth becomes too great to continue pushing it to the sides before the accumulated weight will sink the ice enough to allow water on the surface and form slush. By removing snow with each pass to solid ground, the pressure or weight is lessened and will allow the ice to rise and remain dry.

Every day following good skating conditions, we broom the ice. At first, when it is only about four inches thick, a single four-foot rotary broom, driven by a Gravely tractor is used. As the ice gets thicker, two brooms clean from opposite sides until the ice can support our six-foot "Sweepster" rotary broom, propelled by a 9HP motor, mounted in front of a four-wheel-drive pickup truck. On our outside neighborhood rinks, we usually hand scrape the skating area before adding a light coating or spray of water daily after the desired surface has been built up.

Unless a snow storm changes our schedule, we usually plane four times each week after the ice is six or more

inches thick. By removing a quarter to three-eighth inches of top ice, all skate marks, chips, or bad spots are shaved off, leaving a smooth, crack-free glass-like finish. Air bubbles, snow ice, or patches of snow are thereby removed, allowing the ice to become thicker.

We fill cracks only after the ice is a foot or more and in the process of expansion. Planing removes most cracks before they become troublesome. However, when they need filling, we try to apply water on days when the temperature rises close to the melting point from a tank mounted on a tractor with a garden hose attached to the end of a hockey stick. On extremely cold days water will not fuse to the ice unless it is hot enough to melt the ice and bond it together.

The Concord Recreation and Parks Department uses the following equipment for snow removal:

- 1 half-ton Willys four-wheel-drive pickup truck
- 1 half-ton Dodge four-wheel-drive pickup truck
- 1 ton-and-a-half International four-wheel-drive dump truck
- 1 Worthington tractor
- 1 Ford tractor front-end loader with snow bucket
- 1 Gravely blower

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## Cement Mulch

POROUS cement blocks cast from three-quarter to quarter-inch gravel can provide an attractive and effective mulch for ornamental planting and save a great deal of water. Dr. S. Richards, soil physicist at the University of California, Riverside, reporting during the Western Society of Soil Science section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science UCR, that the block pores have an optimum size for a soil mulch when held in a rigid matrix with fine sand, cement and water.

An outdoor test with the blocks showed that for a 42-day period in August and September, young trees unmulched required fifteen surface centimeters of water—about six inches—six irrigations, while similar trees with the mulch were given five centimeters of water in two irrigations.

Dr. Richards said most of the water which comes as rainfall or irrigation drains immediately into the soil. Tests show that the water lost by evaporation is greatly reduced by a five centimeter thick mulch. Pans of soil having various mulches to be compared with bare soil were placed under a bank of fluorescent lights. For the period following an "irrigation," evaporation loss from the block was only twenty-five percent that for the bare soil. Later loss of water through the block was about equal to that from a pan covered with a plastic sheet. Blocks made from plaster sand and larger gravel, one-half to one inch in size, showed water loss rates of fifty-three and eighty percent, respectively relative to bare soil.—UC Clip Sheet

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# DEVELOPING AN AMATEUR RADIO PROJECT

Alfred Dobrof and Julian N. Jablin

AMATEUR radio gives individuals and groups the means for communicating with individuals and groups in other cities, states, and countries using electronic equipment. In the club setting, amateur radio provides the individual with opportunities to learn a new skill, make friends while earning, plan for action in a group, develop group feeling, develop leadership potential and provide service to others. What exactly is amateur radio? It is essentially a hobby based on the construction and use of radio transmitting and receiving equipment for communications. To engage in this pursuit, the individual must have a knowledge of electronics theory, construction practice, International Morse Code, radio procedures, and the federal laws governing amateur radio. He must have a license granted by the Federal Communications Commission before he can use a transmitter. Although the requirements appear formidable, almost anyone can learn enough to pass the examination given by the FCC for the license. Once licensed, the amateur can spend his hobby hours constructing new equipment, talking to other amateurs on the air, making various experiments in any combination of these. Amateurs are boys and girls, men and women, of diverse backgrounds.

MR. DOBROF and MR. JABLIN, members of Jewish Welfare Board's professional staff, are both amateur radio operators. This material is digested with permission from Jewish Community Center Program Aids, Spring 1964, professional journal of the national JWB.

The usual age for beginning in amateur radio is around twelve to thirteen, although youngsters of six or seven have been licensed; there is no age requirement. Men become interested, frequently because their sons have taken up the hobby or because they have always liked to work with tools and equipment. The mechanics of radio make a relaxing leisure-time pursuit for men and women who spend the day in a shop or office. Amateur radio is also an interesting possibility for older adult programming in centers, particularly since many senior citizens are amateur operators.

The American Radio League, which is the national amateur radio association, reports some 1,330 amateur radio clubs affiliated with it. Most of these are without specific sponsorship, having sprung up spontaneously. There are, however, high-school radio clubs, YMCA radio groups, and clubs under other communal agency auspices.

The program goals for radio clubs are quite typical of those of other types of skill groups, with some special overtones resulting from the specific hobby involved. Basically, there is the desire to meet other amateurs. The club is a place to which people may come to learn the various aspects of the art required for a federal license—elements of electronics, International Morse Code, and radio laws. The club offers the individual the opportunity to extend his knowledge beyond these basics. Frequently the club is the locus for an amateur radio station which may be operated by the members. Finally, the club can promote certain group activi-

ties in which the amateur abandons his essentially individual role and becomes part of a team devoted to meeting a specific communications problem.

LEADERSHIP for a center amateur radio group should meet the normal criteria for group leaders in the agency. There should be one, possibly two, group leaders skilled in electronics with the interest and ability to transmit this knowledge. They should be able to relate to young people, since a large percentage of the members of the club will most likely be teenagers. Suitable club leaders may be found among the center members, in other radio clubs in the community, and in the local Civil Defense organization. Inquiries may be made at local broadcast studios and wholesale electronics parts shops, where personnel are frequently amateurs. The club leaders should have FCC licenses.

For meetings, the club will need a room, which can double as a classroom for instruction; a blackboard and a few tables are helpful. If the club reaches the point when the decision is made to set up a station, somewhat different facilities will be needed, such as a room devoted to radio only. It need not be very large, although it could be large enough to serve as a meeting and classroom as well as a station; an upstairs location would be preferable for antenna considerations.

The beginning budget for an amateur radio club should be quite nominal. Less than \$50 will provide for publications and radio parts as well as code equipment for instruction. As the group develops it will require some operating funds, which could be met by registration fees and/or dues. If a club station is contemplated, this represents a sizeable investment of several hundred dollars. A fund built up through dues, donations of money, the proceeds of auctions of donated used equipment (a popular program), and other means can provide for this, and in some centers the actual equipment for the station has



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**C** CLUB MEETINGS fall rather naturally into distinct periods of activity. Typically, a meeting will begin with the usual and necessary business of club government. The next phase might be a period of instruction although this can be held before the general meeting if the class group is small and there is sentiment against taking club time for teaching. Following this, a general discussion on some aspect of radio, a lecture on electronics or a film on the subject may be scheduled. Time must be allotted for what is known in ham radio as "rag chewing" or socializing.

If the club has a station, or is building one, this introduces an additional factor into the programing for meetings. A period should be set aside for the construction or operation of the equipment.

The "entertainment" part of club meetings is most important: this entertainment takes the form of talks, film discussions, and demonstrations, keeps interest alive, and attracts new members. Sources of these programs are many and varied. Films and film strips are available from the American Radio Relay League, electronics manufacturers, government agency libraries (notably the Armed Forces), commercial distributors, local telephone and utility companies, and colleges.

Speakers may be recruited from the engineering staffs of local radio manufacturers and wholesalers, police, fire, telephone and utility communications divisions, FCC, FAA, and other government local branches. Local hams who have built unusual equipment or who have taken part in special projects can also be invited to speak. Demonstrations of equipment may accompany some of these talks. Lectures may be prepared by club members on specific radio topics; these give the speakers experience in addressing a group and also an opportunity to do research on a new subject, both worthwhile objectives. Panel discussions on differing aspects of one radio subject accomplish the same purpose, and both types of programs increase the member's knowledge. Speakers in the categories mentioned earlier ordinarily do not charge for lectures.

There is a very strong community

service orientation to the amateur radio hobby. The license issued by the government is given specifically for considerations of "public interest, convenience and necessity." Radio amateur clubs, therefore, devote large segments of their activity time to group communications problems, tests and service programs. Clubs, using portable (hand-carried) and mobile (in automobiles) equipment, have provided communications for marshals of large civic parades. Using amateur radio, a center can set up a link with an associate country camp several hundred miles distant or might establish a network among center, day-camp site, and transportation personnel.

Radio amateurs commonly handle "traffic" consisting of nonurgent messages to all parts of the country and to many points overseas. Clubs take such messages from individuals in the community and forward them along established networks to their destination.

The radio amateur role in Civic Defense is a special one. In most communities, amateurs have their own emergency organization (Amateur Radio Emergency Corps) to cope with situations arising from storms, flooding, fire, and the like which disrupt normal communications. Beyond this, the Civil Defense organization has set up its own system (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services). Any of these activities may be conducted as a club program.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Below are some basic books which will be found useful in the library of an amateur radio club. They cover general radio theory and licensing requirements, as well as the kinds of equipment which may become part of a club station. As the membership becomes more experienced and is interested in specific aspects of radio operating, other manuals devoted to specialized phases of radio will suggest themselves and should be added.

*How to Become a Radio Amateur*, \$5.00  
*Learning the Radio Telegraph Code*, \$5.50  
*The Radio Amateur's License Manual*, \$5.00  
*Understanding Amateur Radio*, \$2.00; *Radio Amateur's Handbook*, \$3.50; *QST Magazine*, \$5.00 annually; all from the American Radio League, Newington, Connecticut.

*ABCs of Ham Radio*, Howard S. Pyle W70E, \$1.50; *Building Up Your Ham Shack*, Howard S. Pyle, W70E, \$2.50; both from Howard S. Sams and Company, Indianapolis.

*Building the Amateur Radio Station*, Julius Berens, W2PIK, \$2.95, John F. Rider & Company, 116 West 14th Street, New York, 10011.

*Amateur Radio License Guide*, Barry Brickman, K2IEG, \$2.50; *CQ*, The Radio Amateur's Journal, \$5.00 annually, Cowan Publishing Corporation, 14 Vandeventer Avenue, Port Washington, New York 11050.

## THINK CHRISTMAS!

an Wolcott

CHRISTMAS is almost here again! And whether we are four, fifty or eighty-four years old, it begins to cast its spell on us, pushing our thoughts to decorations or making gifts. The following projects are *old*, perhaps traditional, and that is why they've been chosen. In an age of plastics, prepared kits, and stores full of imaginative craft gimmicks, let us remember these; very plain and very simple.

### Pomander (sachet)

#### NEEDED:

- Firm oranges, apples, or kumquats
- Cloves (1 box per pomander)
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon orrisroot powder
- 1 heavy paper bag
- Colorful ribbon of your choice
- Saran Wrap

#### PROCEDURE:

Choose cloves with long pointed stems, insert them into the fruit until the entire fruit (choose one of the above) is thoroughly covered. Combine cinnamon and orrisroot powder, putting the mixture into the bag. Insert pomander and shake until completely covered with the powder. Close the bag, tie the top, and hang in a dry, dark, cool place for at least one week. When *used* wrap in Saran Wrap to preserve the fragrance until ready to use in your Christmas decorating. Tie with red ribbon as shown (for hanging).



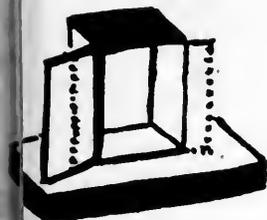
### Triptych (cigar-box style)

#### NEEDED:

- Flat cigar box (approx. 8½"-by-1½")
- Decorative paper or material
- Figurines (crechi, or as desired)
- Styrofoam or wood block for base (approx. 6"-by-2")

#### PROCEDURE:

Cut lid of cigar box in half. Tape or glue loose half to the box. Cover entire box, inside and out, with paper or material of your choice. Decorate doors with gold and trim edges as desired (colorful lace is one suggestion). Cover styrofoam or wood block with same material as box. Arrange box as shown and use figures or scene made as desired.



### Advent Ribbons

(old Scandinavian gift giving custom)

#### NEEDED:

- Ten small boxes, approx. 1"-by-3" or 2"-by-3", (one for each of the ten days before Christmas)
- Ribbon, approximately one yard long by six inches wide
- Scraps of paper, ribbons, sequins, seals, sparkle, et cetera
- Tempera paints
- Glue

#### PROCEDURE:

Decorate each of the ten boxes differently, using the above suggested supplies. Glue the boxes onto the large ribbon, spacing them equally. Each box contains a small gift; such as candies, coins, charms, bells, rings, earrings,

buttons, et cetera. Advent ribbons are hung in doorways or on the walls. They are given as gifts (or exchanged) and one box is opened for each of the ten days before Christmas. (Good for all age groups!)

### Special Christmas Supplies and Sources

- Pine Cones:** Holiday Handicrafts Inc., Apple Hill, Winsted, Connecticut.
- Bells-Bells-Bells:** Sarna, 39 West 19th Street, New York 10011.
- Sequins:** Magnus Craft Materials, Inc., 108 Franklin Street, New York 10013.
- Stain-Glass Supplies:** Stain Glass Products, Box 756, Cleveland 22, Ohio.
- Felt Remnants:** American Handicrafts, 18-20 West 14th Street, New York City.
- Gold Embossed Papers:** The O-P Craft Company, Inc., Sandusky, Ohio.
- Block Printing Paper:** J. Johnson Company, Inc., 51 Manhasset Avenue, Manhasset, New York.
- Broadcloth Appliques in Christmas Designs:** Murnat Mills, 15 East 16th Street, New York City.
- Burlap Patterns** or by the yard in a variety of colors: American Reedcraft Corporation, 417 Lafayette Avenue, P.O. Box 154, Hawthorne, New Jersey.
- Color Corrugated Paper** (also art papers and colored tissue): Berniss-Jason Corporation, 49-20 Van Dam Street, Long Island City, New York.

### Christmas Bibliography

- A TREASURY OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, *Zelda Wyatt Schulke*, Hearthside Press Inc., 118 East 28th Street, New York 10016. Pp. 128. \$3.95.
- A NEW LOOK AT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, *Sister M. Gratia Listoche*, Bruce Publishing Company, 400 North Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pp. 149. \$4.95.
- FELT FANCIES, American Felt Company, Glenville, Connecticut. Free. (Leaflet containing eleven projects.)
- DESIGNS FOR A FAMILY CHRISTMAS, *Ernestine Sabrina Coffey and Dorothy Fitch Minton*, Hearthside Press, Inc., 118 East 28th Street, New York 10016. Pp. 160. \$4.95. (Contains crafts, traditional ideas, community plans, special Christmas recipes, et cetera.)
- PRINTMAKING, *Dona Z. Me'lach*, Pitman, 20 East 45th Street, New York 10017. Pp. 47. \$1.00. (Excellent guide for making your own Christmas cards.)
- MEALS FOR A CROWD CAN BE FUN, Accent International, Suite 1100, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10017. One copy free. (Ideas for decorations, planning and recipes—based on "fifty people" gatherings.)
- GIFTS TO MAKE AND GIVE, *Wrights' Trims*, William I. Wright and Sons, West Warren, Massachusetts. (Twelve ideas in a colorful brochure.) Free.
- WHIP-WAX, American Wax Corporation, Azusa, California. (Complete instructions to candle making.) \$.10 per copy. (Ask for price listings.)
- MELTAMOLD, Meltamold Company, P.O. Box 433, Chappaqua, New York. \$.25 (Complete instructions for using Meltamold and many charming Christmas decorations.)

SEWING SUPPLIES AND TRIMMINGS, Home-Sew, Inc., 1825 West Market Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. (Write for 20-page catalog—marvelous items for decorative gifts. They also have a "sample club" to join—for \$.25, four times a year you receive samples.)

CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Augsburg Publishing, 426 South 5th Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota. Pp. 66. \$3.50 (paper, \$1.50) (Christmas music, poetry, art, stories, articles.)



# MARKET NEWS

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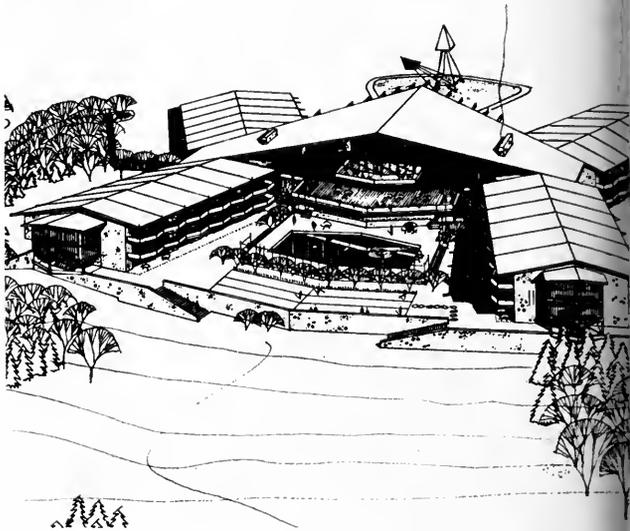
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H. J. Begrow said that his architectural firm, Begrow and Brown of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, recommended laminated rather than natural wood beams because of the extreme size involved. The 97,000-square-foot central building required a 118-foot-long ridge beam. In addition, laminated members were needed to provide the necessary strength to support the lodge's heavy roof load requirement of fifty pounds per square foot. "But the laminated wood also helped us to hold down costs," Br. Begrow says. "This enabled us to erect the building at costs fifteen percent lower than steel beams veneered with wood, and about thirty percent lower than reinforced concrete."

The laminated members used in the construction of the lodge were made of Southern pine lumber. To provide the desired finish, each unit was wire brushed, stained, and varnished. "The wire brushing added a rustic appearance," Mr. Begrow explains, "while the staining produced a dark, comfortable color in keeping with the atmosphere we were striving to create." Many of the beams, laminated with waterproof glue, project outside the building facade to form a wide eave shelter. In the winter, these protruding beams must withstand temperature extremes of more than 100 degrees difference between the inside and outside. Winter in Bellaire drops as low as -30 degrees F., while indoors the temperature is maintained at 70 degrees.

For further information on laminated wood, write to the Koppers Company, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania. (Att: David E. Birkhimer.)

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Prints of *Trek to the Tetons* are available from Association Films regional libraries located in Ridgefield, New Jersey (Broad at Elm); La Grange, Illinois (561 Hillgrove Avenue); Oakmont, Pennsylvania (324 Delaware Avenue, Allegheny County); Dallas, Texas (1621 Dragon Street); and Hayward, California (25358 Cypress Avenue).

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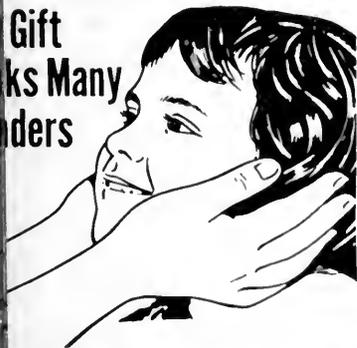
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At the time of his death, Dr. Nash was  
serving as special consultant and teach-  
ing two classes at Montclair State Col-  
lege, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. He  
was formerly executive secretary of the  
New York State Association for Health,  
Physical Education, and Recreation;  
dean of the Brigham Young University  
College of Recreation, Physical and  
Health Education and Athletics, and  
before this, had been chairman for many  
years of the Department of Health, Phy-  
sical Education and Recreation, School  
Education at New York University.  
He was executive of many national health,  
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Dr. Nash had been president of the  
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sical Education, and Recreation; chair-  
man of the department of school health  
education, National Edu-  
cation Association; national chairman  
of physical education, the National Con-  
ference of Parents and Teachers; and a  
member of the Joint Health Committee  
of the National Education Association  
and the American Medical Association. Dr.  
Nash was one of the founders and later  
executive secretary and president of  
the American Academy of Physical  
Education.  
Dr. Nash was the author of some  
thirty books in the fields of physical  
education, health, and recreation. In  
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articles, edited professional magazines  
and books, and served on the Advisory  
Council in connection with the problems  
of community recreation under both  
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# NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Pantomime — The Silent Theater**, Douglas and Kari Hunt. Atheneum Publishers, 162 East 62nd Street, New York 10016. Pp. 116, illustrated. \$3.50.

**D**RAMA leaders and drama enthusiasts will enjoy this simple and engaging history of pantomime. The account begins with "Charley Cro-Magnon" and his attempts to describe the events of his day before he was able to verbalize. From there the authors trace it through ancient Indian rites and rituals, into the great era of the Greek and Roman drama, down into the Middle Ages when it blossomed again in the mystery and morality plays. The *Commedia dell'Arte* becomes reflected in various characters in Shakespeare's plays, and, in turn, eventually becomes changed into English pantomime, in which famous mimes like Charlie Chaplin first received their training.

The development of clown acts, and the work of famous clowns like Emmet Kelly are part of the history of pantomime. Silent films gave actors like Chaplin, Turpin, Lloyd, and Langdon full scope for their talents. The pantomimes of Ernie Kovacs, Sid Caesar, and Red Skelton came via TV. And as a finale, the classic art of pantomime as developed into the performances of Marcel Marceau and others like Dimitre, Ophir, Guida, and the American Lionel Shepard uses the "silent language of the body to make satiric comments on current affairs and to express emotions too deep for words."

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**Reading Methods and Games for Teaching the Retarded Child**, Helene L. Hunter. Know Publications, 799 Broadway, New York 10003. Pp. 64. Spiralbound, \$2.95.

**D**ESIGNED to help teachers, parents and volunteers to teach the retarded child to read, this interesting and practical manual is specifically a workbook. It explains some of the problems of the retarded child and suggests ways to deal with the skill of reading. The material was devised during

actual teaching of retarded children at various age levels.

The handbook contains fifty games and devices to teach the retarded child to read. Sections are included on "How to Teach What Words Mean," "Playing Games With Difficult Words," "Teaching Left and Right," "Reading for Trainable Children," and "Making a Daily Work Schedule." The games include cutouts, matching words, picture recognition, word recognition, and sentence comprehension. Finally, the material learned is included in a variety of game situations. The handbook is excellent and should be very helpful in any program for the retarded.—Morton Thompson, Ed.D., *National Recreation Association Consulting Service on Recreation for the Ill and Handicapped*.

**4 Seasons Party and Banquet Book**, Adelle Carlson. Boardman Press, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville 3, Tennessee. Pp. 192, illustrated. \$3.75. 1965.

**W**ELL-KNOWN in church social recreation for many years, Mrs. Carlson is now program consultant of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Readers may be familiar with some of her earlier pamphlets, such as *Parties, Banquets*, and *Senior Adults*.

Some of the games, quizzes, and other recreation activities described in the various socials, parties, showers, banquets, et cetera in this book will not be new to seasoned recreation leaders. They are well chosen, however, to fit the specific occasion and are described simply and informally. Since the book is designed primarily for church-sponsored occasions, Mrs. Carlson suggests at the end of each a brief religious "message" that can be used or not, as the leader wishes.

Most of the plans (forty in all) are easy to put into action and allow leeway for individual variation and originality. Two minor criticisms might be made. In the plan for an outing for young children, called "A Trip to the Woods," children are turned loose to gather flowers and to collect them plus other nature items in a shoebox. This is not a very good way to emphasize conservation or to encourage the *look, enjoy but let-be* attitude toward plant and animal life. Also, after a game period, home-made ice-cream, and a trip home, what wildflowers would be alive to be arranged by the child and taken home?

**East-West Handicrafts**, Colonel Wyburd and Dorothy L. Furrell. Bargett Printing and Publishing, 2035 Damar Boulevard, St. Louis 63103. 130, illustrated. \$5.95. 1965.

**A**LL OF US who do craft work need to keep abreast of the times with the new materials that are available and that will upgrade our programs with new ideas rather than stay in the rut of the same things each year. While some of the crafts discussed in this book include projects that cannot be done in a playground, leaders in hospitals, nursing homes, and other community programs, as well as amateur craftsmen, teachers, students, artists, et cetera will find this book inspiring. It is full of explanations and information on materials (which are sometimes hard to find that would be helpful in any craft work besides those specifically described in this book. The contents are so arranged that information one would want easily found.

There is an interesting guide on sand paper, information on lacquer and shellac, rubber molds, and types of plastic and many more guides that would help us to achieve better work. A section "Where to Buy" and the materials available is an excellent listing. Also magazines for the craftsmen.—Mary B. Cummings, *Specialist Arts and Crafts*.

## IN BRIEF

**THE BOOK OF FESTIVAL HOLIDAY** Marguerite Ickis. Dodd, Mead and Company, 432 Park Avenue South, New York 10016. Pp. 178, illustrated. \$3.75. Here is a resource book on history, customs, crafts, and other methods of celebrating the principal festival holidays, both religious and secular. The book includes a wide and fascinating variety including New Year's Day, Twelfth Night, Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, winter carnivals, St. Valentine's, St. Patrick's, Easter, a festival of dolls and a festival of kites, Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Purim, Pesach, Hanukkah, April Fools' Day, May Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Each developed fully, and includes legends, traditions, ways of celebrating, typical music, ceremonials, et cetera. An excellent resource in the planning of holiday celebrations and folk festivals. (*Readers of RECREATION will be interested to know that this book is dedicated to NRA's Virginia Musselman.*)

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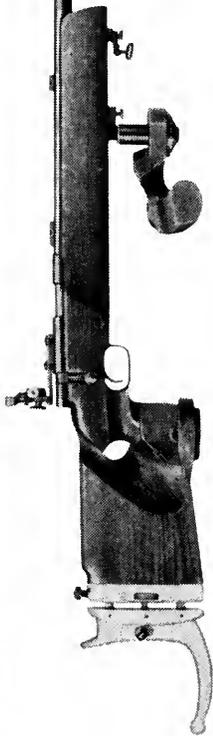
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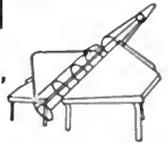
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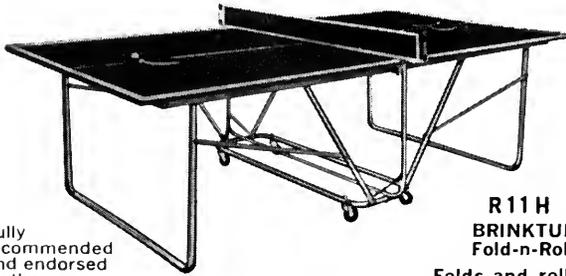
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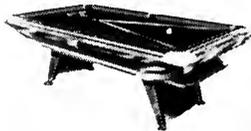
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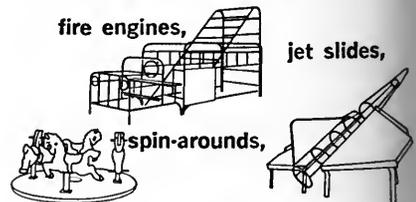


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**On the Cover**

The late afternoon sun creates Star of Bethlehem effect over the snows at Sun Valley, Idaho, and the ranger station at the summit of Baldy Mountain, graduate ski area.

**Next Month**

A New Year and a New Magazine. Readers of RECREATION Magazine will be receiving the greatly enlarged PARKS AND RECREATION, the voice of the new National Recreation and Park Association. Lawrence S. Rockefeller, president of the new organization, will give his philosophy and hopes for the ever-expanding age of leisure and will carry a "profile" story of Mr. Rockefeller. The first issue will have an important Buyer's Guide to aid you in the purchase of park and recreation equipment and supplies. George B. Hartzog, Jr., director of the National Park Service, will discuss the challenge of leisure time from that time, more than two thousand years ago, when Aristotle wrote, "When looms weave by themselves, man's slavery will end," to this modern day of automation. To take us into the future, we will examine recreation into space and the research being done to evaluate man's need for appropriate recreation activities while on space flight and to determine what particular types of projects are feasible. The Human Factors Laboratory, Air Arm Division, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, in Baltimore has made intensive study of leisure activities in a space vehicle.

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# LETTERS

## Readers Respond

would like to commend you on the part of readers who subscribe to your magazine. From the number of letters we have received on two of my articles you have published, I can sincerely say that your readers are a truly interested group of professionals. People are willing to ask for additional information, add something to your present knowledge, or even debate you the type of individuals I enjoy sharing my ideas with.

Being a schoolteacher first and a recreationist second, I hate to admit it but I have not received as much as one letter on any of my articles in educational journals, whereas I am still receiving letters from an article I wrote for RECREATION Magazine over a year ago. I only hope your other contributors have been as fortunate as I in communicating with your readers and establishing contact throughout the country.

MARLA SHAW, *Elementary School Teacher and Part-Time Recreation Leader, Department of Recreation and Parks, White Plains, N.Y.*

Mrs. Shaw's articles were "Art for Payment's Sake," *Recreation*, January 1965 and "Stop Those Halloween Shows!" *October 1965*.—Ed.

## Comprehensive Answer

Many thanks for [the] comprehensive letter [from Donald V. Joyce of the Correspondence and Consultation Service] in reply to my seeking information for the Park and Recreation Director for the city of McAllen, Texas. I found your information enormously helpful, and I thoroughly appreciate the time and trouble, expense and effort to which you went to advise me so comprehensively. The chances are I will be writing for material from time to time. I will not impose too inadvertently on . . . your splendid staff.

(KIKI) DE LA GARZA, *U.S. Representative from 15th Congressional District, Texas.*

## Monegasque Exchange

Each summer the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District sponsors a Junior Olympics program for all of the playground children. Each of the eight playgrounds in the district chooses a representative to represent during Junior Olympics week. Last summer Brookwood Playground chose Monaco, and

the children from that playground thought that it would be a good idea to write a letter to Princess Grace and Prince Ranier to let them know of their choice. . . . [The district received a reply] from Monaco. It read:

"It was most gratifying to the Princess and myself to receive your nice letter of July 15, 1965 and we take particular pleasure in congratulating you most warmly.

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enclosed key rings, Monegasque postage stamps, illustrated brochures describing Monegasque postage stamps, illustrated brochures describing Monaco, photographs of my family and carabinieri.

"Please accept our best wishes for the activity of your group and for the fullest possible success of your performance in the Junior Olympics Meet. [signed] Sincerely, Ranier Prince de Monaco."

ARTHUR KUZNIEWSKI, *Supervisor, Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District, Pleasant Hill, California.*

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# A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## Peace Tree

THE Apache Indians are providing the National Community Christmas tree for 1965 to be erected in the Ellipse, just south of the White House. This gift to the nation from the White Mountain Apache Indians from the Fort Apache Reservation near White River, Arizona, according to Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, not only marks the first time an American Indian Tribal Council has provided a Christmas tree for the Pageant of Peace ceremony, but it is also the first tree from the state of Arizona to be used in the pageant.

The tree was selected by Lester Oliver, chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council, from three specimens of Engelmann and Colorado blue spruce. These majestic trees tower to heights of sixty or more feet on the higher elevations—about eight thousand feet—in the 1,600,000-acre Apache reservation. Following its erection on the Ellipse, the tree will be decorated

with thousands of colored bulbs and ornaments by National Park Service personnel.

The National Community Christmas tree ceremony has been an annual event in Washington since 1923. In 1954, the Christmas Pageant of Peace, Inc. was organized and the scope of the National Community Christmas tree ceremony was expanded to emphasize the desire of this nation and other nations to find peace through the spirit and meaning of Christmas. The President's Christmas message, given at the tree lighting ceremony, is broadcast across the nation, and by the Voice of America to the remote areas of the world.

## Campaign for Miller Hill

RESTORATION of one of the principal battlegrounds of the Revolutionary War, Miller Hill in White Plains, New York, has been a major project of the County of Westchester Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation.

The Battle of White Plains Monum Committee, which has long struggled to preserve the area's historic landmarks, cooperated in the project. The site was cleared to provide an unobstructed view of the former battle area, and an aluminum plaque mounted on a pedestal was placed so that visitors might easily be able to identify the terrain.

Restored were the earthworks and a replica of the original stone wall which General Washington's soldiers used for protection during the shelling. The cannons were also replaced along with other memorabilia of the period. The failure by the British to take Miller Hill, in which Washington's troops were firmly entrenched, ended the Battle of White Plains, one of the major northern eastern campaigns of the Revolutionary War.

## Hooligans in Moscow

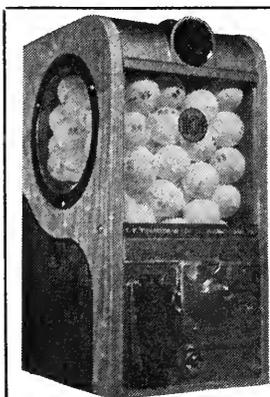
Moscow's parks and stadiums are becoming havens for drinkers, according to a recent article in the *Evening Moscow*. The article said that empty bottles were seen cluttering the park lanes, while "hooligans" were observed coming to the stadium in their spare time to finish off their afternoon or evening drinking. The article blamed park directors for failing to keep the drinkers out; however, it reported one director as saying: "What can I do? I say anything, they only beat me or throw bottles at me." The newspaper advocated beginning a big campaign against drinking and drunkenness in parks and stadiums.

## Land Between the Lakes

A STRETCH of land in western Kentucky and Tennessee, forty miles long and six to nine miles wide, has attracted national attention as development proceeds on this "cafeteria" of outdoor opportunities," the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Bounded by Kentucky and Barkley Lakes, the Land Between the Lakes area is being built and managed by the Tennessee Valley Authority and, upon completion, will incorporate 1,740,000 acres, including the two gigantic lakes of the Between the Lakes territory and adjoining wildlife preserves.

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# CENE and HEARD at the

## 47th National Recreation Congress Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 1965

THE Minnesota Twins won two games over the Dodgers in the World Series in Minneapolis while the 47th National Recreation Congress was in session, thus adding some exciting competition for the delegates' attention. With pennants flying, the headquarters hotel teemed with a mixture of recreators, park administrators and commissioners, board members, Congress guests—AND with players and their guests, families, girl friends, and good friends from Kalamazoo, Oshkosh, and other points West and East. Souvenir sellers and souvenir collectors, photographers, and members of the press vied for space with delegations and baseball fans in the milling throng in the lobby. Reports on Congress attendance total over twenty-one thousand persons.

In spite of this general stampede, however, recreator found recreator, park man found park man, staff found staff, and friend found friend. Because of the emergency crowds, the 47th National Recreation Congress exhibits and meetings were transferred, with only few exceptions, to the newly built and just opened Municipal Auditorium two blocks away. In spite of groans at the transfer, the settling-in period proved this building to be spacious and adequate; delegates found to their surprise that they were happy there. Special thanks should be extended to the exhibitors of recreation equipment and other products for accepting the crowds with such good grace. We heard no complaints. Each set up an attractive exhibit with elbow room to spare. Helpful assistance was given by our hosts, members of the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association. Again, our thanks.

After everybody got sorted out, the Congress swung into its planned program and turned out to be very successful. There was in evidence this year, more than it has been for a long time. The Minneapolis Police Band gave it a melodious start at the opening session on Sunday evening, and delightful selections by the Richfield Chorus at the closing session

sent delegates home to the accompaniment of haunting strains of melody ringing in their ears. We hope there will be more of this next year!

The National Recreation Congress was cosponsored this year by the National Recreation Association and the American Recreation Society for the last time. In 1966 it will be sponsored by the newly formed National Recreation and Park Association and, if all goes as planned, it will be held in Washington, D.C. (Watch the new PARKS AND RECREATION—the consolidated magazine—for announcements.) The Congress in Minneapolis was cosponsored in cooperation with the Minneapolis Board of Park Commissioners, the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, and the Federation of National Professional Organizations for Recreation.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### General Sessions

CONGRESS chairman Joseph Prendergast, executive director of the National Recreation Association and executive vice-president of the National Recreation and Park Association chaired the opening session. Among his introductory remarks, he explained the source and read the full text of the Congress theme, "Make No Little Plans." It was written by Daniel H. Burnham who played a leading role in the planning of the Chicago Park District in 1906. The entire quotation reads as follows:

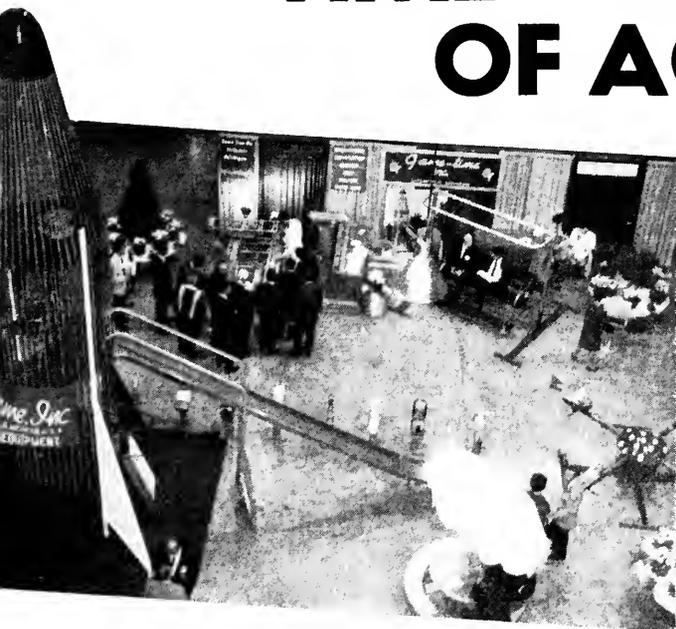
"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but, long after we are gone, will be a living thing, asserting itself in ever-growing consistency. Remember that our sons and grandsons are going to do things that would stagger us. Let your watchword be order, and your beacon beauty."

The Congress sessions that followed enlarged on the idea

*The Opening. The queen of the Minnesota Aquatennial, Isadora Kleinert, cuts ribbon to open the Congress Exhibit Area.*



# TIME OF ACTION



*More than a hundred manufacturers had displays in new Convention Hall exhibit area.*

*Famed football coach, Bud Wilkinson, addressed the delegates on "Recreation's Role in Lifetime Sports."*



The delegates soon realized that this was, indeed, time to "Make No Little Plans," as they listened to the reports on the merger of leading recreation and park organizations into the National Recreation and Park Association and really grasped many implications and ramifications. They listened to the aid and programs now being offered by many federal agencies to expand state and local recreation opportunities in this era of ever-expanding leisure time.



*Dr. Luther Gulick was honored for his many contributions to the recreation field and, in particular, for his many efforts to cement the merger of organizations that form the National Recreation and Park Association. Here, he receives a special certificate of appreciation at the National Recreation Association luncheon. Seen with Dr. Gulick are Mrs. Gallagher of Omaha and the Rev. Warren Ost of New York.*

*Dr. Reuben Youngdahl, famed pastor of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, addressed both the opening and closing general sessions.*



*An unexpected guest, Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey dropped in during Congress smorgasbord evening and addressed the delegates in impromptu fashion.*



*Delegates thronged during general session to hear Bud Wilkinson and Dr. Youngdahl.*



*Informal smorgasbord and dance replaced the customary banquet this year.*

of looking ahead, and having the courage to try new ideas, broader concepts, larger goals.

Messages from government leaders and from other organizations were read by Mr. Prendergast, among them, one from President Lyndon B. Johnson and another from Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey. The President's message said:

"Beneficial use of leisure time can bring immeasurable improvement in the quality of life in our society. I am pleased, therefore, to extend greetings to delegates of the National Recreation Congress. Those who participate in the fine programs of the Congress have my warm gratitude and sincere good wishes."

Among other messages were ones from the governor of Minnesota, the governor of Nevada, the National Recreation Association of Japan, the president of the National Council of Camp Fire Girls.

Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl, pastor of one of the twelve greatest churches of America, the Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and well-known speaker, greeted Congress delegates at the opening general session, and addressed them again at the closing session, with two stimulating talks. The first was on the topic, "Make No Little Plans," and the second on, "The Possible You." He pointed out that this is a time of choices—a world at peace or a world in pieces, that we must dare to dream and make our dreams come true, for time is running out. "It is better to light a candle than to rail at the dark," he said, and he gave a recipe: "Take a look at what you are—a personality—and at the amount of light you are to produce . . . be brave to dare, not afraid to fail."

Another outstanding Congress speaker was Bud Wilkinson, president of Lifetime Sports Foundation in Washington, D.C., and special consultant to President Kennedy on the National Physical Fitness Program, who spoke to a packed house at the closing session. "Our society has been very successful in eliminating activity and creating a physical void," he said, "but whether we like it or not, we are physical beings as well as mental and intellectual beings." And he recommended exercise if we are to function well as individuals and have a reasonable degree of muscle tone and cardiovascular fitness. He spoke of a book called *Excellence* by John Gardner, the new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, as one of the finest books he has read on this subject. He also quoted Dr. Will Menninger of the Menninger Foundation on the "necessity of play." Dr. Will holds that an effective community recreation program is just as important to mental health as sanitation is to physical health, and that *too many people do not know how to play.* [The italics are ours.—Ed.]

### The New Organization

EAGERNESS for details about the merger of leading national park and recreation organizations to form the National Recreation and Park Association was evident from the very beginning. This was satisfied to some extent at the first session on Monday morning when the status of the merger and how it would affect the delegates was explained and their questions answered. This session was chaired by

Ralph Wilson, recreation specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and chairman of the Congress Program Planning Committee. Sharing the platform were Sanger Robinson, vice-chairman of the NRPA Board of Directors; Luther Gulick, vice-president and chairman of the NRPA Board of Directors; Frank Vaydik, chairman of the NRPA Board of Governors; and present to answer questions were Joseph Prendergast, executive director of NRA and executive vice-president of NRPA; Alfred B. LaGasse, executive director of the American Institute of Park Executives and executive director and general manager of NRPA; Frank Butler, executive secretary of ARS; and Don B. Alexander, executive director of the National Conference on State Parks.

Laurance S. Rockefeller, NRPA president, and James Evans, chairman of NRPA's overall Board of Trustees, could not be present; but Mr. Robinson read Mr. Evans' paper which he called the NRPA "the fulfillment of a dream." Mr. Evans paid tribute to the leaders who had worked so unceasingly to bring about the merger, with special tribute to Dr. Gulick who has been acting in a consultant capacity and to whom he referred as "consultant to merging nations and established states," and about whom he said, "Whenever that dream became an obscurity, he [Dr. Gulick] would make it clear again."

Dr. Gulick was the next speaker, and he talked about the lay side of this new program. "We are blazing a new trail," he said, "where the initial programing, planning, analysis, leadership, advice to politicians who come asking questions will be a single matured voice reflecting both the knowledge of the professionals and the keen devotion to recreation of the informed lay leadership. The unity at which we have now arrived stands firmly thus, on two good feet."

Mr. Vaydik followed and spoke of the wealth of talent and leadership now amassed in the new organization and of the challenges that face it. "We must face the challenges of our times by providing competent, efficient, imaginative and creative service to our citizens," he said.

The climax of the morning came during the question and answer period, however, when a voice from the balcony addressed the chair: "In America one of the measures of greatness is tremendous impact on the stock market. If we are as big as we claim to be, has this merger had any effect on the stock market and have the public relations people taken advantage of this impact to tell the American people what potent force we are?"

Mr. Prendergast answered this question. He said, "In answering this somewhat facetiously, as it was asked, I would say that the low point of the stock market was last spring and it's been going up ever since. Secondly, I seriously call to your attention the fact that the recreation budget for the United States is now running at the rate of forty billion dollars a year; and the old proverbial answer is, 'You ain't seen nothin' yet.'"

"The strength of the whole recreation and park movement must be concerned with the enrichment and the fulfillment of American life. As Frank Vaydik has said, we want a beautiful America; but we want not only a beautiful

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# AS WE GO TO PRESS

**T**HE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is going full speed ahead in disbursing funds for park and recreation projects. The following developments are noteworthy:

▶ Twelve states have established their eligibility for a total of \$28,000,000 in matching federal grants for acquisition and development of state and local outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Each of these states has submitted comprehensive outdoor recreation plans adequate for initial qualification for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program and are the first states to become eligible for full participation in the program. The states are California, Connecticut, Indiana, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. They may now apply for grants for fifty percent of the cost of acquiring and developing state, county, city, and other public outdoor recreation areas that are in accord with the state's plan. Edward C. Crafts, director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, which administers the program, said that most of the remaining state plans are well along toward completion and that twenty to twenty-five additional states are expected to qualify for the program by the end of the year.

▶ The new U.S. Administration on Aging is offering state allotments totaling \$5,000,000 available this fiscal year for development of state and community programs and services to older people under the provisions of the Older Americans Act. The granting of an allotment is contingent upon submission of a comprehensive state plan and the designation by the governor of a single state agency to administer or supervise the use of the federal funds. To date, thirty-seven governors have named such an agency. The amount of each state's allotment is made up of a flat minimum plus an additional sum based on the number of its citizens sixty-five years of age and over in relation to the total sixty-five-plus population of the nation. A state may use its allotment to strengthen, extend, and coordinate state activities in aging and to make grants to local government agencies and non-profit voluntary organizations for community programs and services. Local projects, for which such grants could be used, include development of communitywide programs of health, social services, employment, recreation, and education for older people; staffing and operation of multipurpose activity centers; development of retirement preparation courses; professional training

## DAWN OF A NEW MAGAZINE

**T**HE NEW YEAR that dawns in January 1966 will bring you the first tangible evidence of the merging of the five leading national recreation and park organizations—the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, the American Institute of Park Executives, the American Recreation Society, the National Conference on State Parks, and the National Recreation Association—in the form of the new **PARKS AND RECREATION** Magazine. This will be a continuation of **RECREATION** Magazine but in new form—a bigger, better magazine. When you receive it, you will hold in your hands a symbol of the united front with which these organizations will face the era that lies ahead. As James Evans, chairman of the NRPA overall Board of Trustees told delegates at the National Recreation Congress in Minneapolis. "The NRPA is the fulfillment of a dream . . . The need for unity of action is grave. You can be proud of what you've accomplished, *but this is just the beginning.*"

Check each issue of the new magazine as it comes to you for important announcements, reports, and news from, and about, the National Recreation and Park Association. Every alert professional and concerned volunteer will want to watch the growth of the new organization and this will be reflected in your monthly magazine. You will want to help your new magazine by sending in suggestions, ideas, materials for it. *Action* is the watchword of the new day!

The location of the editorial offices of **PARKS AND RECREATION** will be announced as soon as possible. The January issue will carry the new address.

for persons working with older people; and staffing information, counseling, and referral centers.

▶ The Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments recently took positive action on four resolutions recommending new areas for inclusion in the National Park System. Areas recommended are the Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota; the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway in Minnesota and Wisconsin; the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, Indiana; and the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site in Washington, D.C.

▶ Recommendations regarding establishment of a Redwoods National Park will be made to President Johnson for his consideration before the first of the year. Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has announced that final meetings on the redwoods in November included consultation with officials of the state of California, members of the Congressional delegation from California, conservation organizations, the timber industry and other landowners. Del Norte and Humboldt Counties, California, were the counties where the principal groves of redwoods recommended for preservation were identified in a year-long study of the Redwoods of California by the National Park Service under a grant from the National Geographic Society. The Sec-

retary and members of his staff have had a number of meetings during the past year with groups interested in a proposed Redwoods National Park. It had been hoped that a final recommendation would be completed before now. However, the numbers of proposals submitted and the difficult and complex issues involved in establishing the Redwoods National Park have delayed the report beyond the time when Congressional action could be taken on any proposals this year.

▶ Bertram C. Roberts has been named as the first superintendent for the recently authorized Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland-Virginia. Mr. Roberts has set up a temporary headquarters in Snow Hill, Maryland.

▶ Milton A. Pilcher has been appointed head of the Division of Federal Programs Review in the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The division is responsible for reviewing and coordinating federal outdoor recreation programs, promoting uniformity among U.S. Government agencies, and providing services to the Recreation Advisory Council. More than forty federal agencies have programs in outdoor recreation.

**S**TATES have also been active in parks and recreation:

▶ Charles H. Odegaard, director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation

Commission, reports that two recent actions in the state have already made an important impact upon outdoor recreation in Washington State. The State Parks Department, coordinator of the statewide Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan, was requested by the state's Interagency Committee to disburse not only the Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds but also monies provided through a state bond issue and a marine initiative. Such a plan was submitted and was accepted in October by the Interagency Committee. The final plan will be submitted in December.

As a result, the interagency has made allocations of half of the anticipated 1965-1966 fiscal year revenues to the state agencies and the other half to local agencies. At the October meeting the Interagency Committee made the following allocations: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, \$630,000; State Game Department, \$420,000; Natural Resources, \$140,000; Department of Fisheries, \$70,000; and \$140,000 for contingencies. So far state parks has requested that its allocation be used for acquisition of three new parks and added developments in three others.

► Fred L. Jones, director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation recently presented an accelerated development program for the state park system to the State Park Commission. Director Jones' report highlighted the State Park System as it is today and the progress of the recent acquisition programs—the \$19,000,000 acquisition program approved by the Legislature in 1963 and the first phase of the State Beach, Park, Recreation and Historical Facilities Bond Act of 1964 approved by the Legislature in 1965. The development of the State Park System should be phased over a twenty-year period and would provide the following additional public-use facilities: 23,000 camp units; 30,000 picnic units; 55,000 parking spaces; 211 boat launching ramps; and other related facilities.

► In Iowa, a million-dollar bond issue for a cooperative park development project by the city of Cedar Rapids, Linn County, and the adjoining city of Marion was approved by voters on November 2 by a seventy-five percent majority.

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

► A SAFE CHRISTMAS. A complete line of materials to promote fire safety at Christmas is now available from the National Fire Protection Association. Tips on Christmas tree care are featured on a colorful new Sparky poster which is both attractive and educational. It

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

TWO TRAVELING exhibits of art and handcrafts will criss-cross the country during 1966. Many of your clubs and groups may like to plan special tours or excursions when the exhibits are in your area.

Regional exhibitions of *Craftsmen U.S.A. 1966* will be shown in:

**Portland, Oregon, Feb. 26-April 2,** Oregon Ceramic Studio.

**Los Angeles, March 16-May 1,** Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

**Milwaukee, Jan. 13-Feb. 13,** Milwaukee Art Center.

**Dallas, Feb. 16-March 20,** Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.

**Wilmington, Delaware, March 11-April 3,** Delaware Art Center.

**Raleigh, North Carolina, March 24-April 24,** North Carolina Museum of Art.

Showings of the *Johnson Art Collection* for 1966 will be in:

**Omaha, Nebraska, Jan. 28-Feb. 20,** Joslyn Art Museum.

**Denver, March 4-27,** Denver Art Museum.

**Seattle, April 8-May 1,** Seattle Art Museum.

**San Francisco, May 13-June 5,** California Palace of the Legion of Honor.

**San Diego, June 17-July 10,** Fine Arts Gallery of San Diego.

**Fort Worth, Texas, July 22-Aug. 14,** Fort Worth Art Center.

**Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 1-20,** Des Moines Art Center.

**Nashville, Tennessee, Sept. 30-Oct. 23,** Tennessee Fine Arts Center.

**Birmingham, Alabama, Nov. 4-23,** Birmingham Museum of Arts.

**Toronto, Canada, December,** Art Gallery of Toronto.

is effective for display in a wide range of places, from recreation centers, school classrooms and churches to plant and office bulletin boards. "A Holiday Message to You" is a folder describing in detail the safe handling of Christmas trees, precautions about lights and decorations, the disposal of wrappings, and even the selection of toys. For the children there is a Christmas tree coloring card which includes a "pledge" for the child to keep the tree well supplied with water and to guard it from sparks

and flames while it is standing in the home. After it is colored, the card may be hung on the tree as an ornament. For samples and quantity prices on the materials, write the Public Relations Department, National Fire Protection Association, 60 Batterymarch Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

► Kits of helpful health education material of particular interest to recreation leaders have been prepared by the National Dairy Council. The kits contain suggestions for programs for the following groups: Kit No. 1, Charm Class for Girls; No. 2, Esquire Clubs for Boys; No. 3, Trim and Slim Clubs for Women; No. 4, Fifty Plus Fitness Club; and No. 5, Picnics. The kits at \$5 each are available from the National Dairy Council, 111 North Canal Street, Chicago 60606.

► OVERSIGHT. The material on the Maryland Recreation Society's scholarship program which appeared in RECREATION in November was submitted by Saul M. Honigsberg, district supervisor, Montgomery County Department of Recreation, Rockville, Maryland.

► FIVE COLORED MARKERS, each distinctively shaped, will indicate degree of difficulty on North American ski trails. While the signs will be used nationally they indicate conditions relative to local area. The new signs, endorsed by the National Ski Areas Association, should aid skiers in selecting trails commensurate with their skill level.



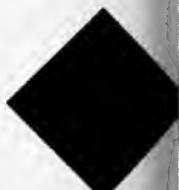
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SUSAN LEE

## A WIDENING OF HORIZONS

**T**HIS MONTH, December 1965, RECREATION Magazine brings you news not of an end but of a new beginning in a long proud history of publication—a history which started with the first issue of *The Playground*, in April 1907, just one year after the birth of The Playground Association of America in Washington, D.C.

From its earliest beginnings as a small but pioneering journal of sixteen pages, the magazine gradually grew and changed both in content and size, changing its name along with its format, to *Playground and Recreation* in 1930 and the following year to RECREATION (remember the blue cover of those middle years?) till in 1948 it adopted its modern decor, with a different pictorial cover for each issue.

It is significant, I think, that through the various changes, the purpose of the magazine has remained the same—that of an educational journal, as well as a clearing house for program ideas. Through the years it has not only reported new methods and techniques and new developments, but has also served as an interpreter, noting the portents and the signs of significant trends, in anticipation of future needs, which has given it a prophetic quality worthy of a pioneering organization founded by men of imagination and vision. It has never been merely a follower of roads, some of which may lead to dead ends, but rather a blazer of trails leading to new horizons. Nor did it lose sight of the fundamental philosophy of the organization which gave it birth, the philosophy that recreation if it is to serve its purpose must involve the whole human being, social and spiritual as well as physical if he is to realize his full potential as a free and creative individual.

Significant, too, is the fact that change in emphasis and the broadening of scope from playgrounds for children to service to all age groups, from sports to the creative arts, from teenage centers to golden-age clubs was a gradual process of growth and development. New ideas were studied and tested, as they were tried out in local communities, be-

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fore they were unduly stressed in the pages of the magazine. By the same token, the growth and the shift of emphasis in program came first and the change of name, both of the organization and the magazine, followed later, not vice versa. In a word, consensus and demand preceded legal steps. For though a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, the rose comes first and it must have roots.

Nor did a new emphasis—a widening of horizons—mean a discarding of former types of activity merely because they were old or had been done before. Playgrounds did not disappear with the advent of community centers. To the contrary, the magazine now has a special Playground Issue and although its pages are burgeoning with ideas for new designs and new activities, the basic concepts remain. The baby was not thrown out with the bath! (Years ago there was an article in RECREATION with the title “Where Can a Girl Climb a Tree?” The Playground Issue of 1965 has a picture of a playground design with trees for climbing—trees having been rediscovered as girls were a few years back!)

From the beginning, three ideas have been constant in the recreation movement, as they have in the pages of its magazine:

(1) *Lay leadership.* Recreation, like education, is a function of government. To be effective it must not only be understood by the citizen at large on the national level, but must have the personal interest and support of the citizen in the local community.

(2) *Professional leadership* is essential to effective recreation. As a recreation program is only as good as its leaders, its leaders must be not only people of high caliber and creative imagination, but people with special training and competence. (An article on exams for play leaders appears as early as the issue of May 1910).

(3) *Land and open space.* One might say that it was the need to find space where children could play which led to the founding of the Playground Association. And, in the wider sense of space, we find (again in the May 1910 issue) *Parks as Recreation Centers* listed as a Congress topic.

With these fundamental planks in its platform, the Association has worked through the years to meet the steadily increasing demands of a growing program, anticipating trends and adding new services as the need arose from the

training institutes and area and facility planning service of earlier days to the more recent services to play in institutions, day camping programs, and recreation for older people. These, to mention a few, are among the many facets of recreation which have been reflected in the magazine, as we have tried to keep faith with our team-mates, while keeping an eye on the ball and not losing sight of our goal of a richer and more creative life for all our citizens, realizing, as we do, that quantity without quality will not get the ball over the line.

Now once again, as in earlier days, there is a shift of emphasis and a broadening of scope, with the change in structure, and in name following a steady growth and development—this time in the relationship between groups. To paraphrase Joseph Lee, this is not a tying on of flowers but a watering of the plant.

As we stand on the threshold of a new era and a yet closer partnership between lay and professional, recreation and parks, we shall need an ever increasing interest and support from you, our coworkers, who have done so much to make the magazine what it is today. Its aim is, as it has always been, to serve the Recreation Movement. Because of the five groups now officially joined together, it will be a bigger magazine of still wider scope. To you who have known it for the last thirty-five years as RECREATION we give our assurance that under its new name of PARKS AND RECREATION it will not serve you less because it includes more. As *The Playground* is father to RECREATION so perhaps RECREATION is grandfather to *Parks and Recreation*, as the magazine approaches its sixtieth year and becomes a senior citizen.

Burning problems lie ahead, problems of leadership to meet the needs growing out of automation and the new leisure, problems of land, of preserving wilderness while also providing for multiple use in a time of exploding population. The time is now and the crisis urgent. It will take teamwork and the best brains we have to meet it. Are we equal to the challenge? Joseph Lee was prophetic when he said,

“It seems to me in our conferences that the first thing we heard about was playgrounds, then it was art, and now it is getting to be, I think, the lonely places—the great parks and great beauty scenes—the preservation of the beaches.” #

**T**he greatest revolution ahead is the time revolution made possible by automation. Instead of the leisure-class societies of the past, America is on the threshold of becoming a leisure society in which time is available not for the privileged few but for the many who will have a new dimension of freedom added to their lives. But Americans must use this time to replace the current cult of fun . . . tension filled and frenetic, and replace it by the idea of play as a full expressiveness and harmony of body, spirit, and mind. The people and the community must recognize how important is the role of parks, playgrounds, and recreation in this concept. There is scarcity of accessible space today and yet the workday is shorter and leisure time greater. Instead of defacing and polluting the natural environment, instead of filling space and time with unfulfilling pursuits, we must put space and time to use for all people, and give them a chance to develop the values of work and play.

—DR. MAX LERNER, speaking at the 17th Annual California and Pacific Northwest Recreation and Parks Conference in San Francisco, March 1965.

# THE PIXIES IN EDEN PARK

*Cincinnati Park Board decorates its Christmas tree with woodland creatures and ornaments*

Dalton Battin

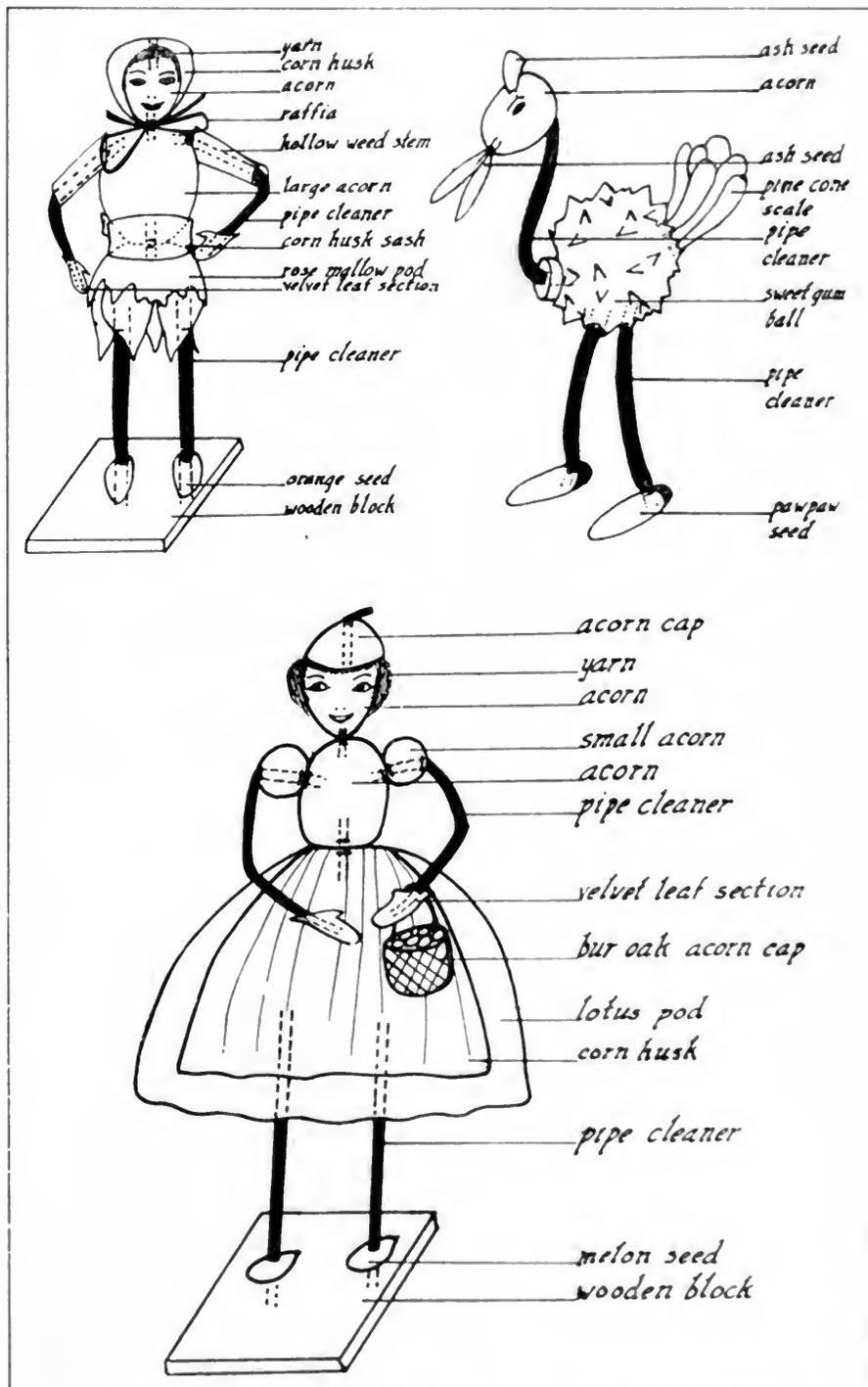
TEAMED with the annual Christmas floral display at Cincinnati's Eden Park Conservatory, the Educational Christmas Tree has been a popular feature since the middle 1930's. The term "educational" is apropos because of the use of natural seed-craft ornaments. At first this was literally a tree trimmed in seed-craft ornaments. Soon Park Naturalist Hester Stephenson began making little "men" from acorns, buckeyes, and pine cones; then penguins and other imaginative figures appeared in increasing numbers.

To answer a public demand as to the mechanics of the craft, a book named *Woodland Pixies, A Hobby in Seed-craft* was published and widely circulated. (Available for \$.45 from the Cincinnati Park Board, 950 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati 45202.) The name "pixies" was used by Miss Stephenson and other members of the park board staff, and has since become a popular term for describing seed-craft figures throughout the nature-craft world.

Originally these pixies were distributed at random on the tree; later a theme was used. At first geography, history of kings and queens, the circus, and fairies were featured; then stories, such as "Snow White," "Red Riding Hood," "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer," "Amahl and the Night Visitors," and the Nativity were used. These still-life tableaux are arranged around the lower branches at a height to be enjoyed by visiting children and their parents.

The appearance of the themes has not detracted from the ornaments used in the balance of the tree. The natural ma-

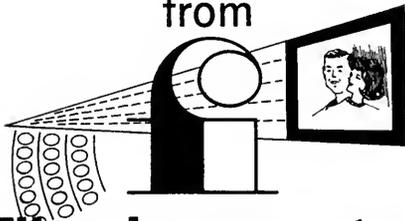
Mr. BATTIN is supervising landscape architect for the Cincinnati Park Board. His material is reprinted with permission from *The Sounding Board*, May 1955.



Seedcraft creatures are described and pictured, in both black-and-white and in color, in Cincinnati Park Board's *Woodland Pixies* craft manual.



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materials adaptable to such ornaments are inexhaustible. Honey locust, tulip, or magnolia pods; maple seeds, beans, walnuts, pine cones, sweet gum balls, pressed leaves and milkwheat fluff used like commercial angel's hair are just a few. A festoon of ginkgo seeds adds a finishing touch. The pods and nuts in the pixies are augmented with cornhusks for simulating textile, seedcases and pods from garden flowers, seeds of household fruits and less common wild seeds. Nonnatural items depended on are pipecleaners, paint, glue, toothpicks, and electric lights. Only simple tools are needed.

In the year prior to its first appearance at the conservatory, the tree had already attracted thousands of visitors at Trailside Museum in Burnet Woods. Since then the tree and the floral display have attracted from thirty thousand to fifty thousand visitors in the annual ten-day holiday period.

The booklet bears the subtitle "A Hobby in Seed-craft." As is true of most hobbies, this one is educational. To quote from the book's foreword, "The powers of observation will be further developed when the woodlands and parks are searched for pixie material. One can hardly handle the innumerable things furnished by nature and not have a desire to know the names and some of the characteristics of the plants from which they come." As Wordsworth put it, "Let nature be your teacher." #



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len J. Lorenz Porter

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD the music of handbells? Are you one of the many whose faces, as they listen, are transformed by a peculiar expression of yearning, of timidity, with a touch of ecstasy? Dare you hope—is there a chance—may you just possibly be allowed to *play* one of those lovely things?

In the past ten years or so, over a thousand churches in this country have purchased handbells and formed handbell choirs. These groups play for the church festival services and are in demand for club programs and similar occasions. If your community has such a group, you will know what sheer magic is evoked by the ringing of bells. Everyone seems to be fascinated by the sound. Young and old crowd around them after the performance, asking questions and wanting to play. Church groups must guard their bells with jealous care; only the elect may play them and rightly so, for the bells are fragile, expensive, and difficult to replace. Still, would it not be fun, the

MS. PORTER, an arranger and composer, lives in Dayton, Ohio, and is author of a widely used booklet *Handbell Ringing in Church*.

listeners wonder, to be able to sound one *bong* on a bell?

If you are among those who are entranced, why not consider buying a set of bells for your own use? They are expensive, yes, but no more so than a spinet piano. They are fragile, yes, but you can set up rules for their use which will be effective safeguards. They are hard to replace, yes, but this only serves to make them more exciting to own! Just think of the pleasure you and your family and your friends can have and what delight you can bring to others as they play or listen! Let us tempt you further by telling of some of the good times our family has had with its twenty-five handbells, acquired about six years ago.

First, there is our family itself, a large one, physically scattered but closely knit in sentiment. Family groups are always coming back to the home town, where some of us still live, on every possible occasion. Every now and then we invite the clan for a little supper and a lot of bell music. Just before serving, we hand out bells and play the Doxology for a blessing. Included among the players are all those from age ten (our minimum by family law) to grand-

father's eighty-four. After supper we ring again—folk songs, spirituals, simple classics, chorales, and familiar songs of the season. We've been known to play Christmas carols in July, for, with bells, Christmas can last all year! It is our ambition to play for a family wedding; so far, none of the cousins has invited us in spite of broad hints, but we're working now on the next generation. *Some day we'll sound forth with "Here Comes the Bride" in church!*

Friends and neighbors also get in on the fun. The biggest and noisiest of all our bellringing parties is the one at Christmas for the neighbors. This is one party to which all the members of a family come. This past year we had eighty-four in our rather small house; they came in two shifts, the earlier one being especially for families with young children. We start out the first shift with carol singing by all—and they all *sing!* Then the children sing a carol they have learned at school. Next, perhaps a musical child will give us a solo on the flute or organ or violin, or the host and hostess will play a medley of carols as an organ and piano duet. More carols are sung, and then comes the feature of the evening: the children who have rehearsed the day before play bells in the gallery while the adults and younger fry eat their bell-shaped decorated cookies and hot wassail. "God Rest You Merry," "Jingle Bells," and "Silent Night" are fine for bellringing. The bellringers are rewarded with a double serving of cookies!

There are newcomers at the door—is it possible that the first party is over? The guests of the second shift greet the departing families, and in a few minutes we repeat the program for the adults and teenagers of the smaller, more sedate second party, where the guests play bells without benefit of previous rehearsal, and do a good job of it! This is one of our favorite evenings of the year,



and everyone seems to have a wonderful time, not minding that our little house is packed to the walls! In the six years we've had these parties, only one mother has called for aspirin! New Year's Eve is another time when a bell party is especially apropos.

It was after one of these seasonal parties that we called several couples and single friends who had expressed especial pleasure in ringing, and suggested that we get together regularly for bellringing. A dozen of them responded, and now we meet once a month at the houses of successive members late on a Sunday afternoon. Our playing is chiefly for our own pleasure, although each year we give a few public programs, as at our Art Museum, the International Dinner, the Music Club Family Night, or some church social. Our formal name is The Whitechapel Bellringers, but we were soon nicknamed "Porters' Dealers." The friendships developed through this group have been especially rewarding.

**A**NOTHER DELIGHTFUL USE of our bells comes from demonstrations for clubs and church groups. We talk about the bells, their history, legends, art, and literature; then we invite the audience to come up and play with us. A good deal of merriment ensues, but the resulting music is usually recognizable, at least on the second verse!

We use our bells in our business life, too. One of us is a school teacher; the fifth grade is granted the privilege of playing the bells (after a month of bi-weekly rehearsals) for the Christmas assembly. Another of us is an editor in a publishing company; the bells are often featured in the company Christmas party, with players recruited from several departments and rehearsing during several noon hours.

Here are some of the questions which will occur to you in considering the purchase of handbells:

*How much must I know about music to play handbells?* For players an understanding of music notation, especially of rhythm, is helpful, but it is surprising how quickly even the musically illiterate can follow bell music. One need not know the staff lines and spaces, since a bellringer is responsible for only the line or space representing the bell he is playing.

*What about directing bellringing?* The director must be a fairly capable musician who can spot difficulties and engender confidence and keep things moving. Many teenagers fit these requirements and make good bellmasters.

*What kind of music copies are used?* Bell music comes in two forms: either as individual sheets of music to be played from a rack on a table or in the form of large charts to be placed on an easel for everyone to follow. The latter method is by far the more practical for the social playing described in this account.

*How can I get bell music?* You may make your own arrangements if you are able (this is great fun), or you can purchase it from any of several music publishers.

*How can I get handbells?* The most beautiful bells, most people agree, are the English-made ones [from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry]. Dutch-made bells

[from Petit and Fritsen] and the recently introduced American-made bell [from Schulmerich Carillons Inc.] are also popular, and all cost about the same. It takes about two years to get the English bells, but the American ones are available in a few months.

*What size set should I order and how much will they cost?* The set which becoming standard is the two chromatic octaves from G to G (25 bells). The price for these is approximately \$70 (tax or duty included). An octave-and-a-half set (G to D, 19 bells) is large enough to enjoy and might be considered for a starter.

*What equipment is needed in addition to the bells themselves?* Storage cases (elaborate ones can cost as much as the bells, but we use a cheap suitcase for the large ones and a plastic wash tub for the small ones); gloves for protecting the hands from the occupational hazard of blisters and for keeping the bell handles from getting limp and discolored; a rubber pad on which the bell may be placed; either an easel for the big charts or racks and a table for individual copies. If you do not have a fitted carrying case (obtainable from the bell foundry or made by your local handyman), you should have plastic or Pacific cloth bags for the individual bells. #

#### SOURCES

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#### Bellringers

• American bellringing groups include the Drew Methodist Church group, Carmel, New York; the "Southern Bells," McComb, Mississippi; J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church Junior Bell Choir, also of McComb; the Christ Methodist Bell Ringers, Salt Lake City; the "Pilgrim Bellringers," Pilgrim Congregational Church, St. Louis; the Boys Handbell Choir, First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas; The "Ringin' Ambassadors" of Trinity Methodist Church, Denver; the Handbell Choir of the San Francisco Senior Center, San Francisco; and the Gillette State Hospital for Crippled Children group, St. Paul.—Ed.



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Sweden, the Yuletide officially begins on December 13 with St. Lucia's Day. Here, the Lucia Girl wears a wreath of whortleberry leaves and lighted candles and is attended by a rearguard of "star boys" and two gnomes.



Senior citizens present tableau of Nativity scene while narrators on either side of stage tell the Christmas story and a soloist sings "O, Holy Night."

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

### Golden-agers stage Christmas scenes and tableaux

By Mrs. Russell Gimbel

ANOTHER HOLIDAY SEASON was fast approaching and much thought had been given to planning a Christmas program for members of the Golden Age Club of Friendly House in Mansfield, Ohio. An unusually active group—though the average age of the 37 members is seventy-five—they had presented "Living Christmas Cards" the previous Yule season. And this year's production had to top even that successful project. But what? Even the most creative of the Friendly House staff, and those with dramatic bent in the club, failed to come up with an idea which all could agree. When we had just about given up, we found our answer in our files: a pageant bulletin.

Mrs. GIMBEL is associate director of Friendly House Settlement in Mansfield, Ohio.

"Festival of Light," secured from the National Recreation Association many years ago for the nominal price of ten cents! (*The Association has a small supply still available—but, \$.25 please!*)

Done entirely in pantomime, "Festival of Light" is a combination of moving scenes, as well as tableaux, depicting the birth of Christ, Christmas customs of the English, Swedes, Croatsians, and Mexicans, and the sacred observances of Hanukkah among the Hebrews.

Because narration for the program requires some experience before an audience and strong voice, the two narrators for the program were obtained from the local Community Players group. Extensive costuming and properties for the program might have presented problems had it not been for one talented member of the club who

volunteered to manage this. Everyone else pitched in to help.

After much research to make sure we would be authentic, and running about the city to pick up properties, the Golden Agers were ready for rehearsal. And we never have any problems about our thespians showing up on time. They love it!

A capacity crowd of friends, including some not yet eligible for the senior club, filled the auditorium the day of presentation. Full-page coverage in the local newspaper appeared the next day.

As in all endeavors with our Golden Agers, we feel our efforts are well rewarded when we hear comments such as this from one of the members of the club who participated in the program: "I never thought I'd be on stage at the age of 82!" #

# SONG LEADING SIMPLIFIED

Siebolt H. Frieswyk

*Books on how to lead a song invariably include diagrams to describe hand and arm movements in relation to beats in a measure. If there are two beats to a measure, the arrows point down and up; if three, down, to the right, and up; if four, the arrows point down, to the left, to the right, and up. Diagrams for compound rhythms are understandably avoided.*

**R**ECREATION LEADERS untrained in music theory but who enjoy singing with others, very often get confused with these diagrammed beats and divided beats, and become completely confused when the music contains one long held note which does not fit any beat pattern. The leader soon decides that the job of conducting should be left to the conductors. The difficulty stems from the failure to draw a clear distinction between conducting and song leading.

Conducting is rather a technical business which requires special training. Recreation leaders who do not want to be conductors may well forget about the fancy diagrams. Song leading is a social function, and requires the leader to have the spirit and the personality that lead others to singing. In fact, a song leader is anyone who can get a group to enjoy singing together. *The only musical qualification required is a feeling for the main (heavy) beats of the song.* It is well to remember that singing came before musical theory, and that human beings not only have a natural sense of rhythm, they live by it. "Together" is a key word because informal singing is intended to create group spirit.

The most essential musical element in bringing about a group spirit is the "beat." What is a "beat"? It is a pulsation or series of pulsations, or accents in time, which form rhythmic patterns. Each tick of a clock is a beat in time, each pulsation of a heart is a beat. Each syllable in poetry or verse is a beat. The musician and the poet will tell you that there are main beats, stronger and weaker beats, off beats, extended beats, and so on, ad infinitum. Pay no attention. You are a song leader, not a conductor or versifier. Your job is to engage people in group singing.

Do you breathe regularly? Do you know a few songs? (You don't have to be able to sing them, although it helps.) Do you enjoy singing with others? Do you like spirit in a

group? If you answer affirmatively, you are a potential song leader. Here is the simple formula for making you a song leader:

1. Select a song by asking the group what they would like to sing, or by suggesting a song yourself.

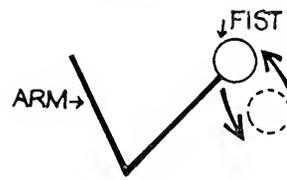
2. Get a starting pitch. If you are a monotone, ask someone in the group for the starting pitch, or if you have an accompanist, ask the accompanist for the pitch (piano, uke, guitar, harmonica, accordion player). Usually songs are pitched higher for children, lower for teenagers, and still lower for adults.

3. Say clearly, "Ready, sing!" or "Here we go!" or "Just sing!"

4. Beat the main beats with your *fist* or *fists* in a down and up movement.

Here it is:

**Simplified leading described:**

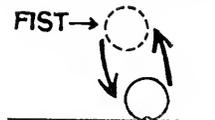


BEGINNING POSITION OF FIST FORWARD OF BODY, SLIGHTLY UP.

BRING FIST DOWN FOR BEAT AS IF POUNDING ON TABLE TO INDICATE BEAT.

RETURN TO BEGINNING POSITION.

The whole movement down and up should be circular evenly paced, with a sense of weight at the bottom of the movement to indicate beat, thusly



BOTTOM OF MOVEMENT IS THE BEAT

**Examples—main beats only**



**B = MAIN BEAT**

	B OH	B SAY	B CAN	B YOU	B SEE
	B She'll	B be	B comin	B round	B the
	B Frere,	B Jacques,	B Frere	B Jacques	

MR. FRIESWYK is consultant on the performing arts for the National Recreation and Park Association.

The trick is to feel the main beat, and indicate it at the bottom of the movement. The movement should be like pumping a tire rhythmically, pumping water out of a well, or sawing wood.

The main beat is like a walking step. The "in-between" beats are like little taps of the foot. Or the main beat is like the beat on a big drum, while the "in-between" beats are the rhythms on smaller drums played with the big drums.

Like this:

BANG	BANG	BANG
BANG, BANG, BANG	BANG, BANG, BANG	BANG, BANG, BANG

You can do it with your hands or feet.

Clap your hands alternately loudly, then softly—regularly like this:

C L A P, clap, C L A P, clap, C L A P, clap

OR

C L A P, clap, clap, C L A P, clap, clap,

OR

C L A P, clap, clap, clap, C L A P, clap, clap, clap

Try it with your feet, starting with a heavy step followed by a light step (in place or walking):

S T E P, step, S T E P, step

OR

S T E P, step, step, S T E P, step, step

OR

S T E P, step, step, step, S T E P, step, step, step

You may try counting to get the "feel" of a main beat followed by lighter beats. Count a loud "ONE" followed by a light "two":

O N E, two, O N E, two

OR

O N E, two, three, O N E, two, three

OR

O N E, two, three, four, O N E, two, three, four

All rhythmic patterns are related to the march rhythm (one, two) or the waltz rhythm (one, two, three).

Listen to marches and waltzes to get the "feel" of the main beat.

As song leader, you "beat" the main beats. But if you happen to beat a few weaker beats, do not worry about it.

For practice, it may be useful to use a table or desk as the base of the movement to indicate the beat. Use a light pounding movement.

Try with both fists moving simultaneously in "beating" the same rhythm.

The beat is all that is required. You do not have to worry about the meter, or about up and down beats.

There is only one kind of beat in simplified song leading—the fist moves down and up in a gentle or sturdy motion to indicate *one* main beat.

If you can sing, sing with the group while indicating the beats. If you cannot, "mouth" the words.

The distance between the top of the beat and the bottom should not be more than twelve inches. Usually it is better to confine the distance to a few inches. You are not pounding railroad spikes, you are driving in thumbtacks. Make it graceful.

What would you like to sing?

"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"?

Let's all sing this song for all good fellows!

Here we go or here's the pitch—pitch please.

Ready, sing

FOR	B HE'S    A	B JOLLY    GOOD	B FEL	B LOW
WHICH	B NOBODY	B CAN	DEN	Y

NEXT SONG PLEASE!

## A CHART OF PROGRESS FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

1. Cultivate the broadest possible concepts for the role of organized recreation in the arts.
2. Create and strengthen cultural planning and advisory bodies within the administrative structure of organized recreation, and establish liaison with appropriate organizations and institutions.
3. Develop policies and practices for the arts as recreation in accordance with general policy which do not restrict but rather encourage expansion and flexibility.
4. Encourage the use of specialized leadership of quality in building the cultural recreation program.
5. Arrange for more workshops in the various arts for exploratory purposes as well as training purposes.

6. Develop better techniques for educating the authorities, the staff, and the public in the use and benefits of actual recreation program.

7. Undertake the formation of new groups and special events. Cultivate the indigenous.

8. Make freer, fuller, more frequent use of talented groups and individuals in reaching the public, serving them, and interpreting recreation.

9. Accumulate a supply of basic and useful equipment for the various arts. Plan for and increase the availability of basic facilities for the arts.

10. Constantly strive for quality in this phase of the organized recreation program.

*From a talk on "The Arts in Organized Recreation" given by Siebolt Frieswyk, consultant on the performing arts of the National Recreation Association, at the 19th North Carolina Recreation Conference in Raleigh, 1963.*



Since ugliness on the whole is man-made, it can be man-unmade! Above, municipal indifference allowed this New York City block to deteriorate into a slum. Below, children in Sterling Forest, a planned community near Tuxedo, New York, designed for homes, light industry, research laboratories, educational projects, and a large experimental garden center.



# CITIZEN ACTION FOR A BEAUTIFUL AMERICA

*Beauty is not skin deep; it is soul deep*

Leo Perlis

**U**GLINESS is pathetic because it is caused largely by man—the greed of some and the poverty of others. The drive for the “fast buck” will not produce beautiful buildings nor will corruption in city hall produce a beautiful city.

Of course, there are many reasons that cause different kinds of ugliness, and there are many ways to promote different kinds of beauty, but the essential fact is that the ugliness of corruption within us tends to create ugliness and corruption around us. Ethics and esthetics, in the final analysis, are interrelated. Beauty is not skin-deep; it is soul deep. If we really want beauty, then we must use the “buck” not to corrupt and not to impoverish, but to beautify and to enrich, and since ugliness on the whole is man-made, it can be man-unmade.

To accomplish this will require vigorous and courageous action on several fronts: political, legislative, social and educational. This, after all, is what we mean by *citizen action*. We mean, first of all, that citizens must exert private initiative and encourage public responsibility through political action—through the enactment of both mandatory and permissive laws on the federal, state, and local levels, with adequate appropriations where necessary, to promote beauty in the city and beauty in the countryside. Professional advisory committees of architects, landscape designers, artists, etcetera, should be developed.

We mean second of all, that citizens must encourage, through their organizations, in their schools, and at home, the education of the very young for a deep appreciation of beauty from Project Head Start on. If citizen action is going to be effective, there must be a national coordinating committee, with a full-time staff—nationally and regionally—for the purpose of stimulating volunteer action, for the purpose of promoting model legislation, for the purpose of developing educational programs, for the purpose of exchanging pertinent information, for the purpose of acting as a clearing house of ideas, etcetera. There must be a neigh-

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hood-by-neighborhood and block-by-block approach.

It seems to me that now the time, the man, and science have combined to make beauty possible. The time is now when the grey clouds of poverty and the bomb simply cry out for that silver lining. The man is President Johnson whose message on natural beauty is a clarion call to action. And science, through automation, is producing a new leisure class with time on its hands.

Beauty has always touched the favored few of wealth, education, and imagination, and it has almost always escaped the many in our mill towns, tenements and roadsides.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**TOP RECRUITERS** of the year. The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the National Recreation and Park Association recently presented two awards as "Recruiter of the Year 1965" to **Elizabeth Scarborough**, chief, Special Services Section, Employment Management Division, Department of the Army, and to **Walter C. Johnson**, superintendent of parks and recreation in Glencoe, Illinois. Some of their achievements in this important area follow:



**MISS SCARBOROUGH** has continually and effectively conducted an aggressive program by publicizing and bringing to the public's attention the need for qualified civilian personnel recreation specialists to plan, direct, supervise, and coordinate the recreation programs for Army personnel enlisted and the military communities overseas. As a result of her able leadership, expert guidance, and professional knowledge, she has carried a heavy workload in maintaining liaison and public relations with city and college newspaper editors; radio and TV stations; university and college faculties and placement offices; national, state, and city recreation departments and professional organizations; and Army commands overseas and in the United States. Miss Scarborough has been responsible for the planning of all Army recreation program exhibits at national conventions, such as the National Recreation Con-

gress, National Art Education Association Convention, American Library Association Congress, and the American Educational Theatre Association Convention.



**WALTER C. JOHNSON** is an excellent example of what a recreation administrator can do in recruitment. Mr. Johnson began by speaking to high schools in the Mount Prospect, Illinois, School District, reaching a total enrollment of nine thousand students. Successful in this venture, he conceived the idea of offering a trip to students in the Chicago Metropolitan area to visit the University of Illinois campus and its Department of Recreation and Municipal Park Administration. The university agreed to cooperate and Mr. John-



*Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson met two young helpers in her beautification campaign at the 12th annual meeting of Keep America Beautiful in New York City. On the left is "Tom Tidy" and on the right, "Daniel Broome, Jr.," mascots of the litter-prevention programs in Rhode Island and Kentucky, respectively.*

son has always been my experience that beautiful ghettos built on power and pelf have been more exclusive than ugly ghettos built on poverty and pigment.

Now, in the face of more free time for the millions, there will be more possibilities for creating and sharing beauty than ever existed in the history of mankind.

The achievement of this beauty through recreation, education, the arts, requires the highest degree of public service and this means citizen action. Only then will the Great Society become a reality—because the Great Society is a society of hope, scope, duty, and beauty. #

son approached the West Suburban Recreation Directors Association for assistance. The result was a turnout of sixty high-school students. A followup study completed by Maxwell R. Garret, associate professor of recreation and park administration at the university, showed that, as a direct result of this trip, eighteen students enrolled in the field of recreation at three universities in 1965. Mr. Johnson now has new fields to conquer, having been appointed chairman of the recruitment committee for the Illinois Park and Recreation Society for 1965-66.

**Peter DeGelleke** has been appointed National Park Service park planner at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. Mr. DeGelleke, who opened an office in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, on November 1, will represent the NPS in the new national recreation area. The act authorizing the new national recreation area, the first east of the Mississippi River, was signed by President Johnson on September 1. It calls for the Secretary of the Interior to administer the area for public outdoor recreation, and for preservation of the scenic, scientific, and historic features in a manner coordinated with the Tocks Island Reservoir project being constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers. The seventy-two thousand-acre national recreation area surrounding the artificial Tocks Island Reservoir—about thirty-seven miles long and about a half-mile wide—will provide an area of varied outdoor recreation available to about thirty million people, nearly fifteen percent of the nation's population.

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drive for seventy million Americans. With many facilities underway and some completed, 1966 is the target year for full operation; five million visitors are expected in that year, increasing to between eight and ten million annually thereafter.

The Land Between the Lakes has become a demonstration area to show how the land can be used for the maximum benefit for outdoor-loving Americans. With recreation a first goal, five thousand campsites will be completed within the first five years and TVA predicts the annual camper total will reach a minimum of two million people. Plans for recreation facilities also include the building of a one-mile canal which will unite the twin lakes, making over 220,000 surface acres of water available to boating, fishing, swimming, and water-sport enthusiasts. A program of on-the-spot education in biology for school children, scientists, and recreation leaders; a wildlife sanctuary which will protect deer and wild turkey; and pond and marsh areas which will be planted with vegetation to lure migratory water fowl are also planned.—CAROLYN BANFIELD LEAMOND, *Cincinnati, Ohio.* (Former playleader, naturalist, and craft specialist for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.)

## New Policies for Recreation

TO PROVIDE more federal recreation facilities near cities, the President's Recreation Advisory Council has laid down guidelines for management of recreation areas on federal lands and adopted a uniform method for measuring recreation use. In October the council approved three new policy circulars. One establishes guides to direct the federal investment in outdoor recreation. The second spells out, for the first time, a new uniform system of reporting recreation use by federal agencies. The third gives guidelines for the management of federal lands for recreation by federal, state, county, local, and private agencies.

Copies of the three circulars approved by the council are available from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D.C. Titles are: "Guides for Federal Outdoor Recreation Investment," "Federal Executive Policy Governing the Reporting of Recreation Use of Federal Recreation Areas" and "Non-Federal Management of Recreational Facilities on Federal Lands and Waters." (See also Page 471.)

## So Old, It's New

FLORIDA'S newest theater is twenty-four hundred years old. A replica of an old Greek outdoor theater is being



*Archway to the West. The keystone section completes the St. Louis Gateway Arch, symbol of America's westward expansion. It is part of the 85-acre Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Park and was designed by Eero Saarinen. Under the arch will be constructed the Museum of Westward Expansion. Twelve galleries of some 240 exhibits will cover major phases of the history of westward expansion, and two theaters will show documentary films on the subject.*

planned for Florida's newest university, Florida Atlantic at Boca Raton. Latest addition to the plans for the university, whose motto is "Where Tomorrow Begins," is a replica of the theater of Dionysus in Athens in 435 BC.

The theater is being sponsored by the Greek Embassy and the American National Theatre and Academy which have provided research information and material. Southeastern Florida and Athens have the same climate. In addition to accommodating Greek theater festivals, the theater is suited to other types of presentations including music and ballet.

## Flagging Along

FLAG FOOTBALL, a new version of the gridiron game, has been introduced to Los Angeles area by the City Recreation and Parks Department. Rules of flag football are similar to touch football except that the ball carrier must be stopped by snatching away a flag attached to the runner's belt. All team members wear flags of the same color, and only players on the offensive team are eligible to receive passes. Flag football replaced touch football this season at Los Angeles municipal centers. Competition is scheduled at three levels: local leagues, district or area playoffs, and interagency playoffs.

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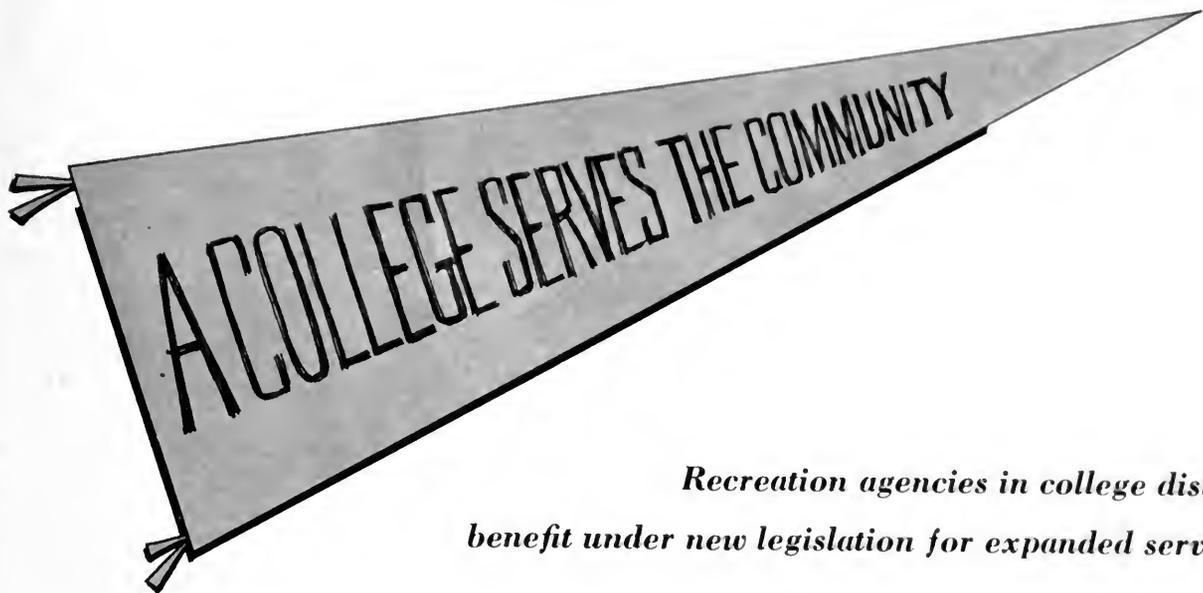
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*Recreation agencies in college district  
benefit under new legislation for expanded services*

Jess Larez

THE Community Center Act in California stipulates that a five to ten cent tax may be levied by school districts throughout the state for community services. However, it is not generally known that junior colleges in California may also levy such a tax for the same purpose. The Cerritos College District, surrounded by the cities of Lakewood, Bellflower, Artesia, Downey, and La Mirada, has expanded its community services, by using such a tax, and now includes recreation services to residents.

In September 1963, the college formed a community services council designed to represent a cross section of the college district in matters dealing with services to the residents of the district. The council's objectives were to identify the educational needs of the community, determine how the program would be financed, and continually evaluate the specific services of the total program.

The council further provided for the creation and/or coordination of specialized interest groups which, while largely autonomous, would be affiliated

with the council. These groups would be engaged in activities such as fine arts; special educational services for business, industry and professional groups; lectures and forums; community recreation; and community research and development. Each group was instructed to elect a chairman who would then have a voice in the council whenever a meeting was scheduled.

The first meeting of the recreation committee was held in September 1963. The purpose of the meeting was to bring recreation administrators together from the cities in the district to determine the need for a citizens advisory committee to the Cerritos College administration. The members of the committee (representing their respective cities) were asked to consider a statement of guiding principles. These principles would be used as a framework for the future operation of the committee and were to identify the recreation needs of the community (junior college district), to determine the scope and character of the college-sponsored recreation program which would not unnecessarily duplicate programs offered by other groups in the district, and to coordinate the activities of all of the recreation groups within the district. A questionnaire answered by each of the members

revealed that it was desirable that efforts be made to commence a cooperative program between recreation agencies within the Cerritos College District and Cerritos College.

Subsequent meetings were held to discuss implementation of the program. The outcome of these meetings was that the college would provide leadership in programs which the member agencies were unable to schedule due primarily to budgetary limitations. Actual programming began in June 1964, operated throughout the summer, and was termed very successful for the first year by all participating agencies. Leadership from the college was provided in such classes as wrestling, gymnastics, creative dance for children, weight lifting, archery, and other sports activities. Because of its tremendous facilities, a diversified program was also scheduled at the college. These activities included a music camp, instrumental band, art classes, theater groups for children and adults, dance groups, sports activities, lectures, swimming instruction, recreation swimming, and many other activities. Plans are currently underway to expand this cooperative program to include activities on a year-round basis, thereby extending a recreation service to all the people. #

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# THE FUTURE IN RETROSPECT!

## *Recreation Department in Lynchburg, Virginia, celebrates its fiftieth birthday with gala anniversary week*

Myrtle F. Patterson



**A** FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY is a time for appraising the past and anticipating the future. The year 1964 was such a "red letter year" for the

Lynchburg, Virginia, Department of Recreation and Parks which celebrated the fiftieth year of its founding and honored those farsighted people of the early 1900's who not only realized the great value of proper use of leisure time but did something about it.

Records show that this department is the second oldest in the state of Virginia, the department in Richmond having come into being in 1913. The public recreation program in Lynchburg was first known as the Association of Playgrounds in 1914, and was incorporated as the Municipal Department of Playgrounds and Recreation in 1921. In 1953 the parks department was added for more efficient operation, and the department became officially known as the Lynchburg Department of Recreation and Parks, the name it still bears today.

It all came about when Mrs. Bertha Guggenheimer, a resident of Lynchburg who also had been instrumental in starting the recreation movement in Israel, attended a small recreation conference

in Richmond. Realizing the great need for adequate play facilities in her hometown, she gave a parcel of land and a two-story frame building located on it for Lynchburg's first playground and community center, in memory of her deceased daughter, Mrs. Cecile Guggenheimer Milliken. The center was named the Guggenheimer-Milliken Playground, and has been in continued operation ever since. In the early thirties the original house was destroyed by fire and replaced by a modern, one-story brick building. Progress, in the form of a dual-lane expressway constructed through Lynchburg in the fifties, caused the house to be literally picked up off its foundation and moved a few feet to make way for the new road, but the center continued to serve the public.

Mrs. Guggenheimer and John Craddock became the first president and vice-president, respectively, of the Association of Playgrounds, with the city employing Frank Wood as the first superintendent of recreation. During the years, other properties have been donated for recreation use; the city has purchased certain properties; and, with the excellent relationship enjoyed between the recreation department and the city school authorities, many playgrounds have been established on school property.

**S**O NOW, after fifty years of operation, the Lynchburg Department of Recreation and Parks in this city of fifty-

five thousand population boasts twenty-four playgrounds, eight community centers, two libraries, several unsupervised play lots, a modern stadium, and many multi-use athletic fields, many lighted for night play. Now, instead of one playground director, as was the case in 1914, the department has more than sixty-five regular employes, including one paid person on each playground, a number of special supervisors, an office staff, and a group of maintenance men who are kept busy throughout the year beautifying the parks and centers and making equipment safe for maximum use. Instead of a central office, located in a small second-floor room, it now has its own office building with office space for the director, secretary and supervisors, and for conference use and workshops.

During the week of July 13, 1964, emphasis was given to the public recreation program in Lynchburg, and the mayor proclaimed it the fiftieth anniversary week for the Lynchburg Department of Recreation and Parks, lauding the department for its "dynamic concepts of the creative use of free time" and pointing to its fifty years of service "in the field of meaningful recreation." Much publicity was given that week through all media—radio, TV, and newspaper—so that all who lived in the vicinity were made aware of the part that recreation played, and continues to play, in the lives of Lynchburg citizens. Each of the playgrounds that week set aside a day to conduct a special celebration, giving emphasis to family recreation and taking time out to review the history of the department and the particular playground, and to hear comments from those present concerning the use of leisure time.

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**D**URING the anniversary week, two floats were decorated each day by playground children, depicting the various phases of recreation, with a king and queen from that playground reigning over the float and the day's activities. Appropriately enough, the first and last float to travel throughout the city that week had a historical theme. The first one depicted the organization of the department in 1914, with some of the teenagers dressed to represent Mrs. Guggenheimer, Mr. Craddock, and friends as they put their heads together over this project. The very last float compared the modern athletic contest with that of the early 1900's.

The floats were merely flat-bottom wagons, donated by a local trucking company, and hauled by a department-owned pickup truck. The sides were draped with bright green material with artificial grass, loaned by a local burial park, used to cover the flooring. A sign was carried on the rear of the wagon each day, announcing which playground it represented, and another across the side, announcing that this was in celebration of the department's fiftieth anniversary. The king and queen sat in specially constructed, high-back thrones on the rear of the pick-up truck. The thrones were covered with purple material, decorated with sequins and glitter. The reigning pair wore highly decorated ("bejeweled") crowns, and the queen carried an armful of bright flowers. On the first float, direct descendants of the Guggenheimer and Craddock families were the reigning monarchs. Floats carried such themes as family recreation, a lawn party, a teenage party, activities for small children, arts and crafts, and special activities celebrating four major holidays. Spectators were rather astonished to see a float carrying a decorated silver Christmas tree, an Easter bunny, a Halloween witch stirring her brew in a smoking pot, and patriotic figures representing Flag Day and the Fourth of July. The float carrying a decorated Maypole surrounded by children doing a typical May Day dance was beautifully executed, as was the one showing children operating large hand puppets and painting at an easel.

As the floats traveled throughout the city, they stopped momentarily at designated locations, so that people could in-

spect the float and ask questions about the activity. Since the city code prohibited use of a loudspeaker system or any kind of amplified music, the driver would sound his horn as he approached a playground, a shopping center, or the newspaper office to draw attention to the celebration.

A dozen or more signs saying "We salute the City Recreation Department on its 50th Anniversary" were displayed in sporting-goods stores, bowling alleys, restaurants, hotels, and in the public elevator in city hall. Little fillers were composed which said, "Watch out for the Recreation Department's 50th Anniversary Floats today," "What have you done for recreation recently?" "Visit your nearest playground," etc., and sent to local radio stations which they used throughout the week. Two guest appearances by department representatives were made on TV programs, at which time they told about the department's progress over the years and invited people to join in the celebration and to take advantage of the programs throughout the year. And, finally, the local newspaper on the Sunday of Anniversary Week gave the department a one-page spread—a feature article concerning Lynchburg's public recreation program. All this was an excellent way of promoting good public relations, and many excellent comments have been heard as a result. An amateur photographer was on hand all week to take movies of the floats and playground activities and, at the conclusion of the week's celebration, a special evening was set aside for those interested to come and view the films.

This was a gala weeklong celebration. The children on the playgrounds were given a special program to work on—one that held great significance for them and their families. The public was made aware of the necessity and worth of recreation as a way of life. The city authorities became conscious for the first time that this department had been "on the ball" for fifty years. And good comments were "sweet music" to the ears of all who had promoted recreation.

With so much being said about people wishing to contribute something to the future of America, it was well for this department to take time out to look in retrospect at its history and then to turn its attention to the future. #



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*An old National Guard Armory in the heart of busy downtown Bridgeport, Connecticut, has been remodeled into a recreation center which not only provides a community-wide program but holds physical-education classes for nine nearby Catholic elementary schools.*

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*Something old,  
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## NEW LEASE ON LIFE

**A**N OLD ARMORY in the heart of busy Bridgeport, Connecticut, has undergone extensive face-lifting and remodeling and is now the Archbishop

Shehan Center, which not only provides a community-wide recreation program but physical-education classes for nine nearby Catholic elementary schools as well. The center is financed by the Diocese of Bridgeport, the Community Fund, and membership fees.

The armory really got a new lease on life when the diocese entered into an agreement for a five-year lease on the Bridgeport Brass Recreation Center, formerly the National Guard Armory, with the Bridgeport Brass Foundation, a charitable subsidiary of the Bridgeport Brass Company. The armory for the past several years has made its facilities available for general community use. The building was examined by state engineers and found to be structurally sound and in excellent condition.

Remodeling the armory on Main

*Versatility highlights this pre-engineered structure in Weld County, Colorado, built around a livestock exhibit area in Greeley to provide sheltered show area in summer, ice skating in winter.*



*Some of the world's finest quarter horses train in this pre-engineered building at Westernhook Farm, Southbury, Connecticut. The rigid frame-type construction permits a training area without obstructions.*

# ENGINEERED CENTERS

*"Erector-set" steel components make possible flexible and attractive arrangements.*



Street for its role as a recreation center got under way immediately. A capital improvement program totalling \$300,000 was begun, initiated by The Most Reverend Lawrence J. Shehan, Bishop of Bridgeport, who later became Archbishop of Baltimore, and recently became a Cardinal. The installation of a 35'-by-60' swimming pool was the first addition to the building. The remodeling of the gym was accomplished and two new double exit doors were provided on both sides of the recreation center looking out on Main Street. The exterior of the building was refinished with brick and limestone. An area of thirty-five hundred square feet on the second floor of the building was remodeled to provide a library, reading room, and conference rooms. The swimming pool area, located at the rear of the building, had once been used to house army artillery. The pool ranges from a depth of three to ten feet. Ceramic tile showers were installed. The basement of the building totaling approximately thirteen thousand square feet was remodeled and is now being used for children's games.

The program of the recreation center includes a full-time physical education program for nine parochial schools which encompasses over two thousand youngsters and takes place from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The recreation program for the diocese begins at 3:00 PM and lasts until 10:00 PM, Monday through Sunday. The adult program at the center includes ballroom dance classes, family swims, men's nights on Tuesday and Thursday, women's nights on Wednesday and Friday, a Red Cross instructor's course, slimnastics for women, tennis lessons, and a widow and widower's club. The program for children includes a beauty and charm course for girls, swimming lessons, a swim team, basketball programs, golf lessons, midget basketball and football, modern dance and ballet, a band, a reading program, and sewing for girls, as well as seasonal clinics.

In a letter written last year to the center's board of directors, Bishop Walter W. Curtis said, "The Archbishop Shehan Center, in the space of a short time, has become an important part of the recreational life of the community of greater Bridgeport. Its high membership, especially among the youth,

and its busy, full program of cultural and recreational activities for the young and old, has enriched our community life in the greater Bridgeport area."—**GEORGE A. FASOLO**, executive director, *Archbishop Shehan Center, Bridgeport, Connecticut.*

• A number of New Hampshire communities have also converted old armories into recreation centers. The New York City Park Department has its headquarters in an old arsenal in Central Park!—Ed.

## REVOLUTION IN STEEL

**N**EW CONSTRUCTION methods and materials are making their contributions to modern developments in recreation buildings. Attractive styling, durability, and fire resistance are making pre-engineered steel buildings a fast-growing method of construction. Once limited to a few standard shapes, steel buildings now come in an unlimited number of forms, sizes, and price ranges. They are used for everything from skating rinks, lodges, enclosed pools, and bowling alleys to boat and part shelters, and even as enclosures for tennis courts and rodeos.

The revolution in steel buildings stems mainly from the new emphasis on mass-produced components. By combining components in unlimited ways, the buyer gets exactly what he wants in terms of layout, style, color, vertical and horizontal clearance, erection time, and cost. Pre-engineered steel frames and panels can be blended with glass, masonry, concrete, or any other conventional material.

"Erector-Set" assembly techniques permit construction in as little as a third of the time required for other structures, thereby assuring quicker return on investment. A lodge of Girl Scouts of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania, for example, was constructed during winter months and completed in time for early spring occupancy.

"Less upkeep, durable, and safer be-

cause it is fireproof" is the way Girl Scout representative Mrs. J. E. Timbale explains selection of the steel building. The clear-span, rigid-frame structure is over forty feet wide and seventy feet long. The floor is supported by steel trusses to provide unobstructed patio space beneath the building. Exterior wall panels have a baked-on acrylic enamel that will give years of maintenance-free service.

In Weld County, Colorado, officials employed pre-engineered steel components to keep their livestock exhibit area in Greeley in use the year round. By building a steel roof supported by rigid frames over the area, they created a 100'-by-300' shelter that is ideal for picnic groups and livestock shows in the summer and ice skating in the winter. The ice rink is formed by damming the concrete floor and flooding it with water. Nature acts as the refrigerant.

Steel buildings are popular for ice and roller skating rinks because of their economy, speed of erection, clear space styling, and ease of expansion. The Westview Playland in Waco, Texas, is an example. A handsome 436-foot building houses two recreation facilities, a roller skating rink and children's play area, under one roof.

Expansion of a pre-engineered steel building is accomplished speedily and economically by demounting interlocking steel wall panels and re-erecting them in conjunction with the enlargement program. The work can be conducted without the usual expense of installing supports for the existing roof and without disruptions to normal business routine.

Aluminized or aluminum-coated steel is becoming increasingly popular for roofs of steel buildings. Aluminized steel provides outstanding corrosion resistance, bettering the life of galvanized steel four to one. Aluminized steel also has excellent heat capabilities, reflecting eighty percent of unwanted solar heat in summer and retaining generated heat in winter.

Excellent financing plans are usually available from reputable manufacturers of steel buildings. In addition to financing the building shell, these plans permit the buyer to figure the cost for heating, plumbing, insulation, and other details that become a permanent part of the completed structure. #

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# RESEARCH BRIEFS

## Shoreline State Park

DESIGN PRINCIPLES for a shoreline state park are given in the master study plan for Bluff Point in Groton, Connecticut. The study was made by Morton S. Fine and Associates of Bloomfield, Connecticut, an organization of consulting engineers, landscape architects, and surveyors. The project is noteworthy for several reasons:

The lands represent the last major undeveloped area along the Connecticut coastline.

Since 1648, the ownership of these lands has been transferred only three times.

This is the largest state park along the eastern half of the Connecticut shoreline.

The Bluff Point project has many important aspects. The state of Connecticut is represented by a strong contrast in development patterns. Highly urbanized metropolitan communities along the western half of its Long Island Sound coastline are contrasted by the more rural character of the easterly half. This state, whose population has tripled since 1900, now maintains the fourth highest population density in the nation. This concentration of activity is most clearly evident in the intensive land use extending from the New York border to New Haven and then proceeding northerly up the Connecticut River Valley to Hartford. While the major traffic arteries have previously confined themselves to this corridor, the Connecticut Turnpike and Interstate Route 95 now extend easterly to include the other population centers along the coastline. This easterly half of the coast, therefore, must now anticipate an intensification of development pressures and population growth.

Of the state's total coastline of 253 miles, only seventy-two miles may be classified as beach lands. A mere nine miles of beach are open to the public. Within this category lies the state park system, represented by a composite six miles of beach.

The lands surrounding Bluff Point are clearly representative of a site whose natural conditions offer a variety of suggestions toward design. Within this site of 276 acres are presented the full extremes of visitor interest. Basically, it is divided into two factors: the beach lowlands, and the rocky headlands which climb the hillsides to overlook the water from a sixty-foot height advantage. These hillsides are covered with abundant vegetation: oaks, beech, and hickory trees provide a canopy to the smaller hawthorns and hornbeam. Providing further interest are the groupings of white viburnums and shadblow.

Following a course towards Long Island Sound, the land slopes downward to end abruptly in a sudden plunge to the water, thirty-five feet below. Here Bluff Point takes its name. Providing accent to this open protrusion of headland are natural groupings of bayberry, wild azaleas, and sentinella-like junipers. Here, one can view the panorama of Long Island Sound as it sweeps in from the southwest to meet the gently curving beachlands.

Stretching some four thousand feet westward from the bluff, the beach testifies to the force of storm waves which have overtopped its gentle heights to carry valuable sand into the Poquonock River behind it. This overwash has also provided substance for a salt-water marsh and flood plain. Important as a breeding ground for shellfish, the marsh and its beautiful grasses offer a clean contrast to the adjacent hillsides. Development of Bluff Point calls for a boat launching area, service areas, nature preserve area, visitors' center, beach lands stabilizing the headlands, providing a beachwalk, picnicking and nature trails, all in keeping with the region's distinctive character.

## Wilderness System

MILLIONS OF ACRES of nationally owned lands administered by the Department of the Interior will be reviewed "as critically and carefully as possible" under the new Wilderness Act, declares Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall. He indicated that only a fraction of the acreage to be studied is expected to qualify for inclusion in the new National Wilderness Preservation System. The measure was signed into law by President Johnson on September 3, 1964. It automatically placed more than 9,000,000 acres of nationally owned land in wilderness status and provided for review within the next ten years, of other millions of acres managed by the Agriculture and Interior Departments as possible additions to the system. These areas can be added to the 9,000,000-acre Wilderness System only by vote of Congress. The law provides that the President, acting upon the advice of his Cabinet officers, will recommend to Congress any new areas.

All of the 9,000,000 acres automatically placed within the system by enactment of the law is national forest land, administered by the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture. Among the Interior-managed lands now in line for review are areas within national parks and monuments and national wildlife refuges and ranges.

The Wilderness Act permits public access by foot, on horseback, or in canoes into wilderness areas, but it prohibits intrusion by roads, motor vehicles, and related machinery, or commercial enterprises of any kind. No structures, buildings, or other developmental facilities are to be erected. Each area to be considered for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System would cover at least five thousand acres or be of sufficient size to make its preservation practicable. Areas included in the Wilderness System would continue to be managed by the department and agency that had jurisdiction over them prior to their incorporation into the system. To qualify for inclusion, an area or portion of an area must be identified as possessing wilderness characteristics of such quality and extent as to merit continued preservation in its original and unchanging state.

# STATE AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

ELVIRA DELANY

**CALIFORNIA.** Governor Brown has signed into law *Assembly Bill 371*, which requires that boating facilities constructed with state aid include shoreside facilities for purposes of emptying waste matter holding tanks on boats. Also recently approved were acts which (1) regroup the state boating agency, the California Small Craft Harbors Division, with the divisions of Recreation and Beaches and Parks in a Department of Parks and Recreation; (2) make it a misdemeanor to temporarily use a motorboat or vessel without the owner's consent; i.e., joyriding; (3) eliminate lifebelts from listed safety equipment required for persons on undocumented vessels; and (4) provide for registration without payment of fees of boats belonging to the federal government.

• Two newly acquired state park system units in *Sonoma* and *Napa Counties* are now open to hikers and horseback riders and both areas will be developed to permit vehicular access and a variety of recreation uses as soon as possible. The two units are the new 3,932-acre Austin Creek State Recreation Area, adjacent to the north edge of Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve at Guerneville, Sonoma County, and the new 1,520-acre Sugar Loaf Ridge State Park which straddles the Sonoma-Napa County line at the end of Adobe Canyon Road out of Kenwood on Highway 12 in Sonoma County.

**MICHIGAN.** The State Waterways Commission and the Boating Control Committee have been caught up in a master reorganization of state government aimed at boiling down the number of administrative agencies. The legislature abolished the State Waterways Commission, in charge of construction of harbors of refuge around Michigan's three thousand miles of Great Lakes shoreline, inspection of livery boats and vessels carrying passengers for hire, and the preservation of cruising waters. Its functions and duties are transferred to the Conservation Department. The Boating Control Committee, which is charged with the establishment of specific regulations for specific lakes with the object of achieving maximum uniformity, has been transferred intact to the Conservation Department.

**MISSOURI.** A new law makes it illegal to discard rubbish and litter in Missouri's navigable streams and state parks.

State conservation agents and deputy boat commissioners are empowered to arrest litterbugs. An interim legislative committee has been created to look into present and future needs for recreational opportunities in the state.

**NEW YORK.** The Long Island State Park Commission presented the town of Smithtown with a state check in the amount of \$113,600, together with a state grant of fifty acres of land for a new town park and beach at the western boundary of Sunken Meadow State Park on Long Island Sound. In return, the town deeded to the state fifteen acres of town lands within the present boundaries of the state park, together with certain improvements and a town road which will become a part of the state park. The transaction completes a plan of exchange authorized by the State Legislature and approved by the governor in 1963.

These two projects highlight the many facets of urban renewal today. It is no longer merely slum clearance, but a creative effort to further the economic and social progress of our communities.

**OHIO.** The Park and Recreation Board and Mayor David L. Sanders proclaimed August 16-20 as "Park Dedication Week" in *Cuyahoga Falls*. This occasion saw the dedication of five completely new parks and the rededication of six improved park sites. This unusual community event was highlighted by a week of activities and events for all ages. Developments on each site have varied but have followed a "Master Plan for Park and Recreation Facilities." Improvement began with total site development including grading, sewers, sidewalks, parking lots, and landscaping. Recreation facilities, such as shelters, restrooms, drinking fountains, tennis courts, basketball hardsurfaced areas, children's play equipment, picnic facilities, and special game areas, were constructed and are now in use. Additional improvements are still under way in many areas with some projects to be completed between now and next spring. A highlight of the week was the dedication of Lion's Park Lodge which will be available to the community as a year-round facility to supplement the programs at Galt Park Lodge.

**WEST VIRGINIA.** The neat, well-manicured embankments along state highways and the new trails in fishing and hunting areas are the work of some 618 youths of the Neighborhood Youth Corps. The youths worked for the Department of Natural Resources during the summer at fifty-six facilities in thirty-six counties. The work-training project, initiated by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, provides useful work experience for unemployed young men and women through participation in state and community programs so employability may be increased and education resumed or continued. The twelve-week summer program began June 1 and continued through August 21. The enrollees were between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one, unemployed, and from a family with less than a \$3,000-a-year income. They worked thirty-two hours a week at \$1.25 an hour.

# CONCERNING UPKEEP

## MULTIPURPOSE EQUIPMENT FOR ALL SEASONS

Walter F. Bruning, A.S.L.A.

GRASS-CUTTING equipment comes in a variety of sizes ranging from 8-inch power mowers to the huge tractor types that can tow as many as eleven gangs for a 25-foot swath, and also come with a vast assortment of accessories or other maintenance chores. The equipment should be suited to the job it is supposed to do, and the size of the site. Hand-pushed power mowers are ideal for smaller confined grass areas, while the larger equipment should be considered for the larger, unbroken expanses of lawn.

Larger, self-contained up-front mowing machines make possible a quick, quality cut of large areas because they leave a smooth surface with no wheel marks. Because the cutting units are out in front of the operator, they also mean greater operating safety on park grounds.

Multipurpose equipment should be considered, such as tractors which can tow an assortment of attachments in addition to mowing. Year-round maintenance also should be a factor in selection of equipment which will not only mow grass in summer, but can spread fertilizer in spring, clean up the grounds in fall, and clear snow in winter.

Time studies (by Jacobsen) have revealed some interesting comparisons of time savings with power equipment over hand tools. Also, some comparisons between different types of power tools to show how proper use of power equipment and manpower can save man-hours and reduce maintenance budgets. For instance, some of these time studies showed that grass raking ten times faster with a power sweeper. That one snow thrower is worth twenty men with snow shovels, and that trimming with power is twenty times faster than by hand.

One time study showed how the use of one large capacity machine can be much more economical than the use of several smaller units. The test areas were three park sites of a large Midwestern city. The comparison studies were made of a five-gang front-mowing unit and

of three tractors towing three gang mowers.

The findings were very conclusive. The five-gang machine completed the job in twelve and a half hours, while the smaller units took twenty-one and a half manhours. The bigger machine took almost half the time, and yet its initial cost was only half that of the other three units. Add to this the fact that three smaller units would take more than twice the amount of maintenance as the bigger, single unit, and you can see the economy of selecting the larger machine.

Smaller equipment—mowers, trimming equipment, et cetera—has its place in the maintenance program, but for large park areas, economy in maintenance is achieved with large equipment rather than with numerous smaller pieces which take more people, more time to do the same job, and require

more maintenance, more gas, more oil and more storage area.

At the same time, we are recommending "large enough" equipment, we want to caution against becoming "over-powered." In other words, do not send your biggest piece out to cut a small, confined area which would be like hammering a nail home with a pile driver. A well-balanced maintenance department will have equipment to efficiently handle the various maintenance requirements posed by its grounds.

The moral here is for park administrators and maintenance people to keep abreast of the equipment available and properly fit it to the job. Multi-site use of equipment also should be considered. Most of the large lawn maintenance vehicles today have highway transport gears so they can swiftly move from one site to another.

Many parks report that increasing mechanization of their maintenance function has permitted them to take on the care of bigger and more complex grounds without the necessity of adding personnel.

WITH PROPER LAYOUT and proper application of materials, many difficult and time consuming park maintenance problems can be eradicated or appreciably reduced. Here are some of the more obvious recommendations for reducing maintenance:

- Provide for continuous mowing by avoiding sharp corners and angles on grounds and in plant beds.
- Locate water outlets conveniently. Handling of excessive lengths of hose should not be required to water lawn and plant beds. The absolute minimum in maintenance would be an automatic sprinkler system.
- Provide free movement of maintenance equipment from one area to another and from one level to another. All roads, walks, ramps, and entrances should be planned wide enough to easily accommodate equipment.
- Keep lawn areas clear of unnecessary obstructions. Where possible, keep shrubs, plant beds and other obstructions out of lawn areas in order to achieve continuous mowing pattern.
- Keep grass surfaces flush with paved areas such as walks, roads, playgrounds, parking lots, to prevent unnecessary trimming and provide easier movement of maintenance vehicles.
- Avoid hand trimming around trees by use of grass barrier or metal edging. Will also eliminate tree damage from mower.
- Use flush paving around lawn obstructions. This can eliminate trimming and thereby speed up mowing in relatively large areas with obstructions such as utility vent pipes, hydrants, et cetera.

### Don't grown-ups know?



### Every litter bit hurts



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# SOCIAL DANCE: AN AID T

## *Neuropsychiatric hospital expands recreation program*

Emanuel J. Jacobs



**S**OCIAL DANCE can give neuropsychiatric patients a renewed lease on life. In a modern hospital setting, sooner or later the various therapies meet and become integrated in their common objective: accelerating the patient's recovery and rehabilitation. Recreation, as one of these, plays a major role in

the morale of the patient. This role is related to the patient's mental, physical, emotional, and social adjustments, inside the hospital and later in the community. As a recreation activity, social dance assists in the rehabilitation process.

In the normal community setting, social dance had demonstrated time and again its value as a pleasurable activity, as a social asset, and as a healthy means of recreation and exercise. With a little modification and planned effort by the recreation leader, social dance can be adapted in the hospital program with even more beneficial results for the patient who is mentally ill, by providing another worthy outlet for the patient's energies and need for motivation.

At the Veterans Administration Hospital in Montrose, New York, an 1800-bed neuropsychiatric hospital, the recreation therapist who directs a comprehensive recreation program for the female veterans observed that these patients responded readily to most forms of social activities. As a result, a social dance class was started in the large recreation room of the women's building. This has proved quite successful.

The following objectives were set up:

- To provide a suitable medium for a pleasant emotional experience which would aid in calming and relaxing emotionally disturbed individuals.
- To develop a good rapport between patient and therapist, and to improve relationships and more personal interaction between patient and patient.
- To help overcome a feeling of loneliness and isolation, and to develop group feeling.
- To reach the patient who might not otherwise be accessi-

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ble, to catch her interest and to channel it into a socially acceptable activity that is not threatening.

- To revive an old skill and to learn some of the latest dances and dance patterns, thus developing more confidence and poise during the learning process.
- To add variety to the recreation program and for greater patient participation.
- To improve physical condition, muscular coordination and to develop a better understanding of how the various dance rhythms are expressed through the movements of the feet.
- To gain further insight into the personality difficulties and inhibitions of each participant.
- To improve communication, whether verbal or nonverbal.
- To provide a social activity with carryover value for the future.
- To develop an esthetic appreciation of life and personal pride in one's appearance, and to gain a healthy attitude and approach toward social interaction.

The female patients in the dance class are mostly chronic schizophrenics, with various levels of mental illness, who range in age from the twenties through the seventies. Regardless of diagnosis or nature of the severity and stages of recovery, all patients are encouraged to join in the weekly dance session. Approximately sixty-five female veterans who participate in recreational activities assemble in the large recreation room on the main floor of the women's building. The remainder of the patients are bedridden, in wheelchairs, busy at a work assignment or engaged in other therapy activities.

**A**S THE PATIENTS enter the recreation room, soft, soothing music is played on a record player to set the mood, such as "The Most Beautiful Music in the World" by Living Strings, or music by Percy Faith or Mantovani. After being greeted by the therapist, the patients are invited to take part in a variety of recreation activities, such as table games of Scrabble, Monopoly, Chinese checkers, picture puzzles, cards, and other games of their choice; also Ping-pong, quoits, and table shuffleboard. Those who desire to participate in the dance class, or just to observe, are directed to an-

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other end of the recreation room. Some of the patients enjoy just chatting or reading.

After the group is settled at their chosen activity, dance instruction begins. As the dance music is played, it often awakens pleasant associations for some patients; they identify themselves with some past enjoyable social experience.

No restrictions are laid down as to the number who may be in the class. Usually, from six to nine patients are ready to dance. As instruction proceeds, more patients become interested, wander into the class, and before long from twelve to fifteen patients are dancing enthusiastically.

The dances taught are the old American standbys: the fox trot and waltz, the Latin American rhumba, tango and cha-cha, and the more recent dances such as the merengue, wist and bossa nova. Of these, the ones that have proved most popular are the fox trot, rhumba, cha-cha and twist.

Posture and correct body form, relaxation, proper hold, execution of movements, direction, follow-through, dancing with complete abandonment, body carriage, style, and rhythm are stressed. A brief history and origin of each dance is explained. After the basic steps are mastered, more advanced patterns are added. A chart is kept on the different dances and the names of the steps, to which the patients may refer. This facilitates the learning process and the chart list keeps growing.

Occasionally, for variety and creating interest, a record is played with the rhythms of different dances. A quiz is held to see how many of the dances and rhythms the patients can recognize. How they are related to the movements of the feet is demonstrated, and soon the patients become better oriented as they practice the basic patterns. What patients have learned through moving together and sharing makes this a stimulating activity. They forget any differences in language or background, and prejudices diminish as they build understanding based on a mutual appreciation. Social dance then becomes a language of feelings, and is expressed according to the mood of the individual which is generally improved.

Patients may drop in or out of the class as they like. Usually, at least half the class remains for the entire period. The emphasis is on informality and a relaxed atmosphere.

This class is different from most dance classes in that no male patients are permitted in the women's building during this period. The reason is that the entire group of female patients must be treated, including those not in the dance class but in the same area, and the presence of male patients at this time might create problems. Therefore, those patients who have mastered the step, dance the male part with other members of the class. This practice gives the leader a better understanding of the man's part and makes it easier for her to follow in the normal dance setting. Of course, the importance of allowing the man to lead when she is dancing with a man is stressed.

Regular dances and dance parties are held periodically for all areas of the hospital in the social hall of the recreation building, sponsored by voluntary groups. During these times, and also in their own building when special activities are held, the female patients may dance with male patients or male volunteers.

THERE IS no standard rule for motivating the patient's activity. Usually, the informal approach, coupled with encouragement and humor does the trick. Occasionally, when a patient is bewildered or restless, simply leading her by the hand with a smile and a kind word will be sufficient to start the patient in the activity. A case in point: a patient who had not spoken for months, was aloof, and kept to herself most of the time, was staring into space on the sidelines of the class. Her legs were crossed while the upper leg and foot were keeping time to the music. Observing this, the therapist led her by the hand to the class as she continued staring. Before long, she identified with the group and was participating. When class was over, she smiled for the first time in months and said, "Thank you, I enjoyed it!" And so a gap had been closed, and the patient reached. Apparently, this little release had eased her emotional conflict and a new rapport had been established between patient and therapist. Also, participation in the dance class had proved to be more than a mere recreation activity. The human interaction is always the prime consideration, more important than any activity for activity's sake.

It is evident that the instructor must proceed with the concept that the patient in therapy may be quite removed from contact with others, that, in fact, she is a "Society of One," who best communicates with only imaginary friends or enemies, and that her social functioning is either limited or suspended. The "Society of One" becomes a "Society of Two" when the patient can relate to the therapist. As more people are involved with the patient, such as nursing assistants, student nurses and volunteers, whenever practical, the therapist adds to this small society by using techniques calculated to help the patient gain new confidence in her ability to deal with problems of interpersonal relationships and re-socialization. The therapist must know when the patient is ready for the next step, no matter how small this step may be. By the same token, the therapist must know when the patient is *not* ready. He must experiment and explore different therapeutic individual approaches. Techniques and procedures which allay fears and anxieties are structured toward developing pride in one's self, encouraging self-con-

fidence, self-respect and self-esteem. Patients will participate if they have the desire to do so, possess the minimum ability, and are emotionally ready to take part.

**A** LITTLE HUMOR injected here and there, and some praise as the patients make progress go a long way in stimulating the patient into continued activity. Most of these patients do not have an interest span of any length or extended emotional tolerance. Whether they are withdrawn, assaultive, exhibitionistic, catatonic, overactive, etcetera, they respond to a greater or lesser degree in expressing their emotions. They may simply verbalize, show joy, free their body in expressive, rhythmic movements, express enthusiasm, reflect a new confidence, are less apathetic. Generally, they become more relaxed and more cooperative. It may be concluded that, when the patients return to their wards or go to other therapy later in the day, they are more amenable to the new activity. The patients who attend the dance class are usually the ones who are more apt to dance whenever dances or social parties are sponsored by voluntary groups

in a normal dance setting, more in keeping with community life. At this time, the female patients demonstrate more social poise, confidence, and react quite normally in every respect. Both female and male patients make a special effort to appear at their best, wearing their best clothes, the men cleanly shaven, the women in party hairdos. Manners are improved and conversation is of general interest.

As a part of the recreation program, social dance can be a therapeutic aid offering the individual a means of relating herself to the environment. Feelings of isolation, fear and anxiety, and lack of understanding are reduced, and the patient may enter into the activity in a satisfying manner, in due time becoming part of a group situation.

In developing an awareness not only of herself, but others around her as well, social dance offers a pleasant avenue of expression leading to social satisfaction, a physical and emotional release, and helps the patient to enrich her life both inside the hospital and in later community life. All this contributes to the practical purposes of recreation and rehabilitation. #

## BEFORE IT HAPPENS . . .

### *Bulb-snatchers turn outdoor Christmas lights into death trap*



**O**NE OF THE pleasures of my family during the Christmas season is the drive we take through the various nearby neighborhoods to view the efforts of the homeowners in decorating for the holidays. Sometimes we are amazed to find that we have so many ingenious people living in such close proximity. "Oh, look at that!" and "Oooo!" are the comments from both young and younger.

Considering the pleasure derived from such a simple outing and from the eager anticipation of preparing for Christmas and stringing up our own lights for the enjoyment of ourselves and others, it came as a great jolt to

us to realize suddenly this year the potential danger of the outdoor Christmas lights. Tragedy lurks there unless precaution is taken to prevent it.

It seems that "bulb-snatching" is becoming more and more prevalent each year, and with the bulb-snatching comes the problem of open sockets. This year when my husband went out to "de-decorate" our house, he returned absolutely pale. Five bulbs were missing from in front of the garage. It was not the petty thievery that paled him—three of those empty sockets were upturned and filled with water. Instant death awaited the inquisitive child who might have stuck a finger in one of

those sockets to investigate. Or the victim could even have been my husband, had he not been aware of the secrets of electricity.

I mentioned this at the last executive board meeting of the Earl E. Warren Parent-Teachers' Association. It was obvious by the expression on the faces about me that this thought had not occurred to them before. Our principal actually shuddered. He also had missing light bulbs this year. "Why," he said, "they wouldn't even have to be wet, if the child were standing on wet grass!"

Whether you have or haven't thought of this potential danger before, I beseech you to mention it to your safety chairman as possible programing material for next fall. As a side result perhaps we can impress upon the children that "bulb-snatching" is actually petty thievery and a criminal offense subject to punishment by the law.

It is not my desire to promote the banning of outdoor decorations or the elimination of Christmas lights; however, let's educate our parents and children about this potential danger for the sake of safety, security and sanity—  
MRS. PAUL SATUR in California Parent-Teacher, *March 1965.*



# ADAPT SPORTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

*When participants cannot fit  
the demands of standard rules,  
then new rules should be established*

Regulation sports may be adapted to meet many special needs: from boys too young for Little League to those in their pot-bellied forties, too huffy and stiff for strenuous workouts; for the blind and handicapped and for the aged. Here are some adaptations that have proved successful.

## FLOR-HOCKEY

COMBINE a gymnasium or all-purpose room floor, twelve hockey sticks, an equal amount of active children, and a puck, and you have the ingredients of a great indoor recreation activity. Two goals, four by four and one foot deep made of wood or light piping and netted with obsolete tennis netting, make up your equipment.

Flor-hockey, recently introduced to the children of Radburn, New Jersey, has caught fire fast and has made giant strides of incorporating the teenagers to its grasp.

An initial purchase must be made of twelve hockey sticks, either the type with a no-mark laminated fiberglass blade or regular hockey sticks with an ordinary heavy woolen sock put over the blade. In both cases, these sticks should not mark the floor. Pucks made of a heavy, round sponge, cut to regulation size and painted with regular paint on each side, carry well, have great sliding ability, and do not hurt on contact. A goal-tender's stick can be purchased and is preferred over a regulation stick.

There is no need for padding equipment as the puck does not hurt; but to ward off an occasional blow on the shin, some boys place double-folded magazines secured by tape or heavy elastic on their shins. Some players find that the wearing of gloves makes stick han-



dling easier, but this is a matter of choice.

Flor-hockey played in sneakers follows the same pattern and standard rules of ice hockey with a few improvisations on the rules and regulations. A center, two forwards or wings, two defense men, and a goalie make up a starting team. Penalties in minutes are cut from two to one minute, since the periods of play are ten minutes instead of the usual twenty. Activity is fast and exciting, so it is highly recommended that one or two qualified supervisors referee the game. Substitutions can be of a rotary nature or made by team captains when play is dead or a goal is scored.

Teams are chosen on grade levels or age categories and divided to balance one another for closer competition. Flor-hockey is so invigorating and quick moving that, in many instances, players want substitutes; therefore, teams may carry as many as twelve players.

A clinic on the fundamentals of hock-

ey and its various rules is suggested, with emphasis on high sticking and checking into the boards and the charging rule. No stick may be carried or used with its blade above the waist, and no checking is permitted unless within a two-foot area of one another. Needless to say, this is to prevent injury and is easy to enforce with proper supervision.

A successful hockey league, with standings, statistics, and playoffs stimulates interest, and can, as it has in Radburn, challenge basketball as the number-one winter gym activity.—ROBERT FRALICK, *Manager, Radburn Association, Radburn, New Jersey.*

## TEE BASEBALL

DURING the 1964 summer playground season, the Playground and Recreation Commission in Springfield, Illinois, organized what we call the Tee Baseball League. Many of the parents and baseball men in this area had voiced their feeling that a good many of the boys participating in organized baseball leagues did not have an opportunity to learn to hit properly and to make the defensive plays in game situations, because the pitcher simply fired the ball past the batters. This was one of the primary reasons for organizing Tee Baseball. The boys hit a regular baseball off a rubber telescopic batting tee, thus teaching each boy the correct way to hit, and also giving the defense a chance to make a play on each boy who comes to bat.

The league is composed of boys aged eight through ten. Each playground director places the boys on teams to insure equality of teams. The director of the league is one of the local high-school coaches. We make sure that all

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understand the purpose of the league, to teach baseball and give participants an opportunity to enjoy the game. Listed below are the rules:

1. Each team consists of nine players stationed as in organized baseball.
2. Bats should meet Little League requirements.
3. Regular baseballs are used.
4. Bases should be no more than sixty feet.
5. Gloves are to be worn by each player.
6. Shoes with rubber cleats, or tennis shoes should be worn.
7. Each player has two swings to try to hit the ball each time at bat.
8. If the batter either fouls the ball twice or misses the ball or any combination, he is declared out.
9. No bunting is allowed.
10. The catcher removes the batting tee after each play. Players will not be injured should they run into the rubber batting tee.
11. Games are six innings long.
12. Each team completes an inning when the team makes three outs or when the team has had nine men at bat.
13. Runners may lead off, but not more than six feet.
14. The batting tee should be adjusted each inning.

This is a simple game, and the boys enjoyed it tremendously. The parents also expressed their approval. Very little equipment is needed: only bats, balls, and a rubber telescopic batting tee. This may be obtained from most high schools. We do not have a time limit on the game since we expect our directors to stop the game to give the boys instructions at any time.—HERSCHEL J. MOORE, *Superintendent, Playground and Recreation Commission, Springfield, Illinois.*

## QUIRK BALL

ANOTHER GAME for boys too young (six to eight) for Little League play is Quirk Ball, which is very popular with youngsters at Sewart Air Force Base in Tennessee.

Rules: Little League (except for the following):

1. Ball is placed on a batting tee by the umpire at home plate.
2. Pitcher takes his position on

mound the same distance away as Little League.

3. Ball is in play when the batter hits the ball beyond a twenty-five-foot radius from home plate in fair territory (to eliminate the bunt).

4. A ball that does not go twenty-five feet is a strike.

5. If the batter should miss the ball on the tee he is out and is charged with a strikeout.

6. Infielders, the pitcher, and catcher may field a ball within the twenty-five-foot radius, and if they do the ball is in play.

7. Fifteen players on a team and all play every inning.

8. Each player bats every inning, and the side is completed when every player has been at bat.

9. Put-outs do not count.

10. Base runners cannot leave the base until the ball is hit.

11. Infield fly rule is not followed.

12. Runs are scored as usual.

13. After the last batter has hit the ball and the ball is returned to the umpire, the teams will change positions.

14. All players are in the field with the extra players in the outfield.

15. If the teams do not have the same number of players, the team with the greater number of players bats around once per inning, and the team with the smaller number of players will bat an equal number of times as the opposing team, with the next batter due up after the inning is completed becoming the lead-off batter in the next inning.

16. When the last batter is out at first base, any runs scored on the play do not count.

17. After play has stopped and ball is being returned to the umpire, the runners cannot advance.

18. One coach will be allowed on the field to help direct his team, and he will stand in front of his dugout.

• For further adaptations, see "Bat-off-the-Tee," *Recreation*, May 1964; "5 Pitch Baseball," December 1964; "Lifesaving with a Realistic Touch," March 1964; "Slo-Break Basketball," September 1964; "The Snowshoe League," September 1964; "Changing Silhouettes in Sports," September and October 1963; "Giving Baseball Back to the Boys," May 1963; "Pot-Bellied Basketball," September 1963; "Slow-Pitch Boom," October 1963; "Wheel-chair Bowling," September 1963; and "Senior Adult Basketball," May 1962.



# MO-MAIDS IN THE SWIM

*University water ballerinas  
stage colorful aqua shows*

Grace Ann Voss

**T**HE AUDIENCE of college students, dressed comfortably in shorts and sneakers, leans over the retraining balcony railing to watch six girls in gold, sequin-studded swimming suits step to the side of the swimming pool. The "Golden Girls" pause momentarily to wait for their musical cue and then begin their performance. They live into water, quickly form two straight lines, and stroke rhythmically to the music. Up the pool they swim to break and form different floating patterns.

Supporting themselves on the surface of the water they form first a star and then a circle. As the music builds to its climax, the six mermaids splash their legs up above the water and disappear beneath the surface. The lights dim to signify the end of their performance.

These girls have just performed one of a series of acts in a college water-ballet show, "Mo-Maids in Water Color," staged by thirty members of the University of Missouri Swim Club. Proof of the current popularity of the sport, the "Mo-Maids" are representative of sixty-five per cent of colleges and high schools which offer synchronized swimming as part of their physical education program for women.

The actual term *synchronized swimming* was not introduced on a school campus, however. It was first coined at the 1934 Chicago World's Fair. As the sport increased its growth, the Amateur Athletic Union, in December 1940, amended its swimming rules to include synchronized swimming. The following year it published a list of degrees of difficulty for stunts in competition, thus

insuring continued interest in this form of water ballet.

The secret of its continued popularity is found in its creative possibilities. Whether it means a search for a creative theme as a base for a water show, or a chance to incorporate creative stunts in a swimming number, girls enjoy the challenge of blending their swimming skills with music to present an original performance.

Water-ballet teams choose a theme

and a presentation. Composing a group number, a solo, or a duet offers unlimited creative possibilities. Ever try to choreograph a musical number to include swimming strokes and stunts? It is not easy, but it is interesting and fun. The choreographer first must select music adaptable to the central theme. For instance, in the "Water Color" show, one duet chose a lively musical arrangement for their number, "Yeller Yokels." A trio chose a band march medley for their patriotic



*The term synchronized swimming was first coined at the 1934 Chicago World's Fair. Here, University of Missouri coeds show star pattern.*

several months before the opening date of a performance—preferably one which is original and adaptable to different kinds of music and costumes. Missouri's Mo-Maids select their theme in December for April's show. In past years they have chosen a newspaper theme, "Mo-Maids Make Headlines," and a collegiate theme, "Mo-Maids on Campus."

Creativity extends beyond title selec-

tion. "Tri-Color Salute." A soloist selected a delicate musical arrangement for her "Silver Sculptor" number. And so on. Variations are limited to the imagination of the participants.

Once the music is selected, the fun begins. Swim-club members congregate in any empty room which offers a record player and lots of room to move around and simulate swimming strokes and stunts. They must decide what

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stunts to perform and which strokes to swim and when to integrate the two. It is a formidable task, and it might sound like this:

"Let's put in a submarine here, where the music builds to a crescendo."

"No, I have trouble sculling back up to the surface on that stunt."

"Well, practice!"

The swimmer who confessed difficulty in doing a submarine will agree that different stunts are adaptable to different levels of skill. For instance, the beginning synchronized swimmer sticks

to simple sculling movements. To do this, she lies flat in the water and supports herself on the surface by finning the water with her hands. In this way, she propels herself forward or backward. This position is the starting point for other stunts of varying degrees of difficulty.

A swimmer who has developed her water-ballet skills can try a back dolphin, a graceful and popular stunt. Beginning in a back layout position (here we go again), the swimmer arches her back and sculls with sweeping arm

movements to rotate her body, in its arched position, down and around in a 360-degree turn until she returns to her starting position.

To perform a submarine, the swimmer assumes a ballet leg position (legs extended straight up above the water) and submerges her body and vertical legs, and then sculls back to the surface of the water. It is hard to perform since the upward motion must be swift and sure. While the body sinks easily the swimmer must exert as much energy to rise to the surface as an out-of-shape athlete straining to do pushups.

The value of proper choreography is apparent to experienced performers who do not incorporate stunts which they know will be difficult to perform. But that does not mean their problems are ended once they have worked out their number on paper. It still must be "put in the water," and this step is many times a source of confusion and dismay. Swimmers discover, to their chagrin, that the timing which worked so perfectly on land is not right in the water.

And so changes must be made, with each participant airing her views on how the number should be composed. Inevitably, the number survives the water test and the performers begin to practice their routines. Anytime the pool is available, the swimmers congregate, for the moment when all practice must end is fast approaching.

For the Mo-Maids this moment comes in early spring. Just as the harsh cold of winter gives way to soft spring showers, the long hours of practice give way to opening-night butterflies. Inevitably the audience arrives at the pool and settles comfortably. The lights dim and the locker room is a place of organized confusion. Nervously making last-minute costume adjustments, the girls line up for the first number. Anxiously they enter the pool and begin their number. Hesitant at first, they soon hear their familiar musical cues. Their strokes become uniform, their stunts precise. Once again, the audience is treated to a spectacle of swimming skills, rhythmic movements, and colorful patterns. Once again, it enjoys the graceful beauty it has come to expect from this group of synchronized swimmers performing well the sport they love. #

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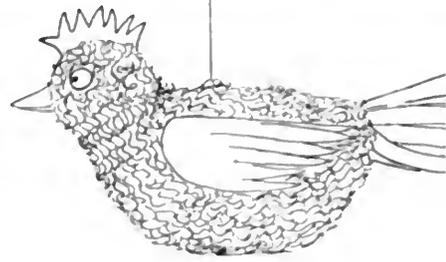
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# PIÑATAS FOR PARTIES



**I**N MEXICO, no party is a *real* party without a piñata, and especially at Christmas. Originally, the piñata was made of unglazed pottery, often in the shape of a bird or animal, gaily decorated, filled with goodies and miniature gifts. Blindfolded children would take turns trying to break the piñata with a long stick, while a grown-up would make it more exciting by raising and lowering the piñata as it hung from a tree or ceiling. When some lucky child broke it, the goodies would fall out and the children would dive for them, trying to get as many as possible for themselves.

Piñatas are such fun that their use has spread. Nowadays, piñatas made of paper or papier-mâché can be bought at Mexican and specialty shops; but why not make your own? Here are some directions and sketches. Notice how the piñata can be designed for any special holiday or event—Christmas, Thanksgiving, birthday, etcetera.

The piñatas suggested here all use large paper bags, supermarket type, as the base. They can be decorated with tissue paper, cotton, paints, crayons, cellophane—almost any thing that can be sewed, glued, or stapled to the paper. They will not hurt anyone when they break, so they are *much* safer than pottery ones.

1. Fill a sturdy paper bag of any desired size about half full of hard-shelled nuts, wrapped candy, gum, and miniature gifts and other goodies. (Use two bags, one inside the other, for an especially strong piñata.)
2. Tie off the goodies with a strong cord. Then tie the ends of the cord into a loop a foot or two above the piñata. It will hang from this loop eventually.
3. Stuff the upper part of the bag with wadded

newspaper, excelsior, cotton, or other filler, and tie off the top. Pad the bag to any desired shape by pasting or tying folded or rolled newspaper into position, stitching with a curved needle, if necessary, or using a strong glue or stapling.

4. Hang the piñata from the loop to see if it balances correctly. Notice that in the case of the chicken, turkey and fly the bags are on their sides. Adjust the cord if necessary.

In some designs, put the goodies in the middle, pad both ends, and use two cords.



5. Cover the padded bag with appropriate colored tissue paper, pasting into place.

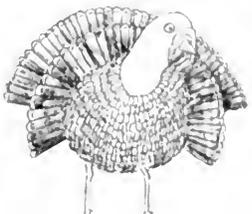
6. Cut long strips of tissue paper about three inches wide, fold lengthwise, and cut into fringe. These will make bird feathers.

7. Lay the piñata upsidedown and paste the tissue paper strips around and around, beginning at the bottom of the bag (uppermost) and working downward toward the top, with the fringe hanging down. When the paste has dried, turn the bird right side up, and the fringe will curl downward in a feathery effect.

8. In the case of the snowman, cover the bag with cotton, pasted on and reinforced with white thread. Use raisins for his features and buttons.

Each piñata calls for different finishing details, some of which are listed below:

1. Fly's wings: cellophane stretched over wire frames and "veined" with India ink.
2. Chicken feathers, beaks, snowman's hat: construction paper.
3. Turkey tail feathers: an arc of strong cardboard, painted with poster paint and stitched, glued or stapled into place.
4. Snowman's pipe: dime-store bubble pipe.
5. Fly's legs: wire wrapped



with thick yarn.

6. Owl's wings: cardboard covered with crepe paper.

The finished piñata should be suspended by attaching its loop of cord to a rope suspended from something high: a rafter, or tree perhaps, or a hook fastened into the ceiling. The master of ceremonies should be able to raise or lower the piñata as the blindfolded player swings his bat. A paper-bag piñata can be remarkably strong and can withstand many swats. Do not make it *too* strong, however, especially when the children are young. After all, the object is to break it!—BETTY LOIS ECKGREN, Los Angeles, California.

• Be sure the Birthday Child knows what will happen to the piñata. We remember an awful day when the B.C. was found in a corner, sobbing her heart out, because her beautiful cowboy piñata had been ruined! So was the birthday party!—Ed.



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## Roll Your Own!

**Y**OU CAN have a scrap-happy Christmas if you have saved those cardboard rolls from such household items as paper towels, aluminum foil, toilet tissue, et cetera, as well as the stronger mailing tubes. Nan Bracker of Houston suggests you decorate them with Christmas gift paper, colored cellophane tape, gay seals, and oddments and use them as seasonal gift boxes for cookies, scarves, candy, and many other items. Small-size tubes can be hung on the tree. Rows of them can be used for favors or decorations. These tubes can also be used as bodies for reindeer and other animals.

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**The Wild Cascades: Forgotten Parkland**, Harvey Manning. Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco 4. Pp. 128, illustrated. \$20.00.

THE ELEVENTH VOLUME in the Sierra Club's exhibit format series, *The Wild Cascades: Forgotten Parkland* by Harvey Manning, with lines from Theodore Roethke, has a foreword by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. Photographs are by Ansel Adams, Philip Hyde, David Simons, Bob and Ira Spring, Clyde Thomas, John Warth, and others. Illustrated by beautiful photographic plates, the book carries the reader into the last of our primeval landscapes: the Northern Cascades of Washington. But for its remoteness, this natural parkland would long ago have been one of our greatest national parks. The few who knew it found it without peer. As early as 1906, mountaineers who visited the area suggested that the North Cascades be placed in a national park. And in the 1930's a survey team for the National Park Service concluded that a national park in the Northern Cascades could "outrank in its scenic, recreational, and wildlife values any existing national park and any other possibility for such a park within the United States." Now in the 1960's another Park Service survey team has corroborated this judgment.

Earlier failures to respond to the judgments of those who knew the North Cascades and knew they should have been made secure within a national park left the region no worse than it had been. But the prospects for survival have now changed—drastically. This once remote region of tangled alps and deep-treed valleys is no longer remote. Bulldozers have pushed up the once hidden valleys to let the chainsaws clear the forests. The Forest Service, unable to resist the pressures of the loggers, has let the cutting climb to within less than a mile of hanging glaciers. The living matrix for this splendid parkland is being extinguished. And the land above timberline is not exempt from exploitation either. Helicopters are ferrying in mining parties who are staking vast areas in problematical claims. The Forest Service is not empowered to stop such mining in even the most priceless part of this parkland.

Surely legal protection commensurate with the grandeur of this area can be accorded. A law establishing a national park there can provide this protection. *The Wild Cascades* makes it

clear why this protection is needed, and why the nation must wait no longer.

**Mammals of the World**, Ernest P. Walker and Associates. Johns Hopkins Press, Baltimore, Maryland 21218. Two volumes, pp. 1500. Boxed set, \$25.00.

BOXED, beautifully printed and bound, this set consists of Volume I and Volume II of an encyclopedia. It contains a remarkable collection of facts which the publishers say is unequalled elsewhere. More than eighteen hundred photographs are used as detailed illustrations. Data for each genus include the vernacular name as well as the scientific ones. Odd facts, not generally known, about familiar, as well as unfamiliar, animals are now available to the nature lover.

Volume I carries an extensive bibliography, Volume II, an index; the end papers of both, convenient scales of measurement. (*There is also a Volume III, available separately for \$12.50 which we are told is a classified bibliography. We have not seen it.*) A comprehensive and up-to-date reference set, this is excellent for all nature libraries in whatever setting. high-school and college classes, camp groups, nature scientists, anyone with zoological interests, teachers and leaders of nature groups.—D.D.

**Dramatized Classics for Radio-Style Reading**, (Vol. 1), Lewy Olfsen. Plays, Inc., 8 Arlington Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts. Pp. 244. \$4.00.

THERE ARE often times and places when production of plays is not possible, but when a dramatization by reading can give great satisfaction to the group. This collection of twelve dramatizations is varied enough for any group. It includes several classics, such as *Oliver Twist*, *The Odyssey*, and *Canterbury Tales*. It also includes the chilling *Invisible Man* by H. G. Wells, *Sherlock Holmes and the Red-Headed League*, and other favorites. Used as training in reading and radio techniques or as a way to make literature "come alive," this royalty-free material has definite value.—V.M.

## IN BRIEF

DESIGNS FOR A FAMILY CHRISTMAS, *Ernestine Coffey and Dorothy Minton*. Hearthside Press, 381 Park Avenue

*South*, New York 10016. Pp. 160, illustrated. \$4.95. 1965. Christmas, to these authors, covers the entire period from Advent to Twelfth Night. Starting with the making of an Advent wreath for the family table and suggestions for daily ceremony, they describe and show how to make outdoor and indoor decorations. Included are door sways, Christmas cards, birds' Christmas tree ornaments, wreaths, miniature Christmas trees, recipes for food and drink, and ideas for New Year's Eve and Twelfth Night. The book really does not end, because it goes on into planning for next year's Christmas—how to store, collect, reuse, and enjoy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU (*revised edition*), compiled by *Wilhelmina Harper*. E. P. Dutton, 201 Park Avenue South, New York 10003. Pp. 254, illustrated. \$4.50. 1965. Many grown-ups will remember some of the Christmas stories that are well on their way to becoming classics, stories by Eric P. Kelly, Frank R. Stockton, Beatrix Potter, Ruth Sawyer, Elizabeth Coatsworth, and Selma Lagerlof. It is good to have them back in one book. It is good, too, to see that many of the author's other anthologies have been revised and republished. As an experienced librarian, she knows a good story when she hears it. Best of all, she passes it along for others to enjoy.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IN NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, *Douglas L. Gilbert*. Burgess Publishing Company, 426 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis 55415. Pp. 227, illustrated. \$4.50. The author is associate professor of wildlife management at Colorado State University. His book, based on his study for a doctorate at the University of Michigan, covers its field thoroughly and with pleasant informality. Although not a professional public relations person, Dr. Gilbert has studied the professional literature in the field. He has also done a good deal of fact finding about successful PR practice in the field covered by his book. He has prepared a useful handbook for executives and administrators as well as those whose specific responsibilities may be in the area of public relations. Although the examples deal with natural resources management, the information and advice are generally sound and useful. — *Ann New*, Special Assistant to the Executive Director, National Recreation and Park Association.

## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED

### CAMPING, NATURE

- Anyone Can Camp in Comfort**, James Ralph Johnson. David McKay, 119 W. 40th St., New York 10018. Pp. 154. \$3.50.
- Old Watcher's America**, The. Olin Sewall Pettigill, Jr., Editor. McGraw-Hill, 330 W. 42nd St., New York 10036. Pp. 441. \$7.50.
- Community Action for Outdoor Recreation and Conservation**. National Board of the YWCA, 500 Lexington Ave., New York 10022. Pp. 36. Paper, \$1.00.
- Treasure Hunt**, George O. Whitaker and Joan Meyers. Harcourt, Brace and World, 757 3rd Ave., New York 10017. Pp. 94. \$3.50.
- Getting Out of Outdoor Trouble**, W. K. Merrill. Stackpole Books, Cameron & Kelker Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. 17105. Pp. 95. \$2.95.
- It's Way, The**, Louis Darling. Wm. Morrow, 125 Park Ave. S., New York 10016. Pp. 96. \$6.50.
- Popper Family Camping**, George S. Wells. Stackpole Books, Cameron & Kelker Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. Pp. 96. \$2.95.
- Time in Your Pock**, Bradford Angier. Stackpole Books, Cameron & Kelker Sts., Harrisburg, Pa. 7105. Pp. 192. \$4.50.
- How to Build and Operate Private Family Campgrounds**, Bill Riviere. Kalmbach Publ., 1027 N. 10th St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53233. Pp. 49. \$2.00.
- How to Build Mobile Home Parks**, Fred Sporer. Trail-R-Club of America, P.O. Box 1376, Beverly Hills, Calif. Pp. 301. Paper, \$8.50.
- 11 Answers to Questions about Earth Science**, Richard M. Pearl. Grosset and Dunlap, 1107 Broadway, New York 10010. Pp. 327. Paper, \$2.95.

### CHURCH

- Work and Play**, Joyce Fischman. Union of Amer. Hebrew Congregations, 838 5th Ave., New York 10021. Pp. 78. Paper, \$1.25.
- Church Camp Counselor's Manual (Grades 4-6)**. Lutheran Church Press, 2900 Queen La., Philadelphia 19129. Pp. 56. Paper, \$1.00.
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- Life Portraits**, Betty Honeywell. Moody Press, 820 N. LaSalle St., Chicago. Pp. 127. Spiral bound, \$1.95.
- Selection and Development Camps—Conferences—Retreats**. United Church Press, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. Pp. 174. Spiral bound, \$12.50.
- Where Am I? Bible Places in Rhyme**, Mabel H. Lance. Moody Press, 820 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 60610. Pp. 31. \$3.50.

### CULINARY ARTS

- Book of Chinese Cookery, The**, Sonya Richmond. Sportsshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. Pp. 92. \$1.50.
- Book of the Table**, Dorothy Tompkins; **Hot and Cold Sweets**, Irene Hirst; **Cakes and Pastries**, Irene Hirst; and **Preserves**, Irene Hirst. Sportsshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. All p. 64. \$2.50 each.
- Book of Icing and Decorating**, Beryl Guertner. Sportsshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. Pp. 125. \$7.00.
- Encyclopedia of Wine**, Frank Schoonmaker. Hastings House, 151 E. 50th St., New York 10022. Pp. 410. \$6.95.
- Easy Slave Cookbook, The**, Robert Gerling and Alan Harper. Vantage Press, 120 W. 31st St., New York 10001. Pp. 91. \$2.50.
- Grand Beef Cook Book, The**, Lane Books, Menlo Park, Calif. Pp. 80. Paper, \$1.95.
- Memorable Hibachi**, Kathryn Popper. Simon and Schuster, 630 5th Ave., New York 10020. Pp. 1. \$4.95.

- Hors d'oeuvres and Salads; Poultry and Game; Continental Cookery; Fish Cookery**, all edited by Irene Hirst. Sportsshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N.Y. Each pp. 64. \$2.50 each.
- Instant Italian Cuisine**, Esther Riva Solomon. M. Evans Co., 216 E. 49th St., New York 10017. Pp. 246. \$4.95.
- Recipes from the Melting Pot**, Pam and Charles Nicolai. Lane Book Co., Menlo Park, Calif. Pp. 168. \$4.95.
- Secrets of Homemade Candy Making**, Dorothy Weuve. Golden Bell Press, 2400 Curtis St., Denver, Colo. 80205. Pp. 72. Spiral bound, \$2.95.
- Shellfish Cookbook, The**, Marian Tracy, Bobbs-Merrill, 3 W. 57th St., New York 10019. Pp. 210. \$3.95.

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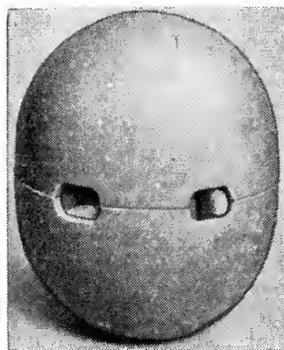
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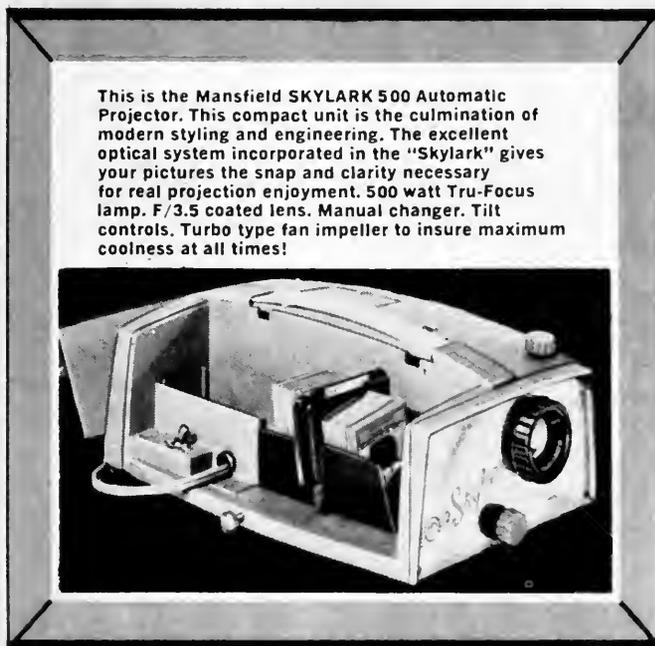
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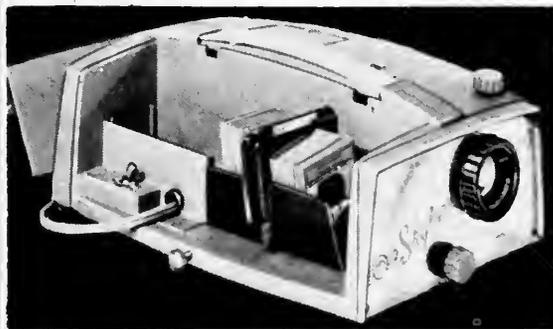
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### Special Awards

**D**R. Luther Gulick, chairman of the Institute of Public Administration, received NRA's special certificate of appreciation at the Association's annual luncheon. Dr. Gulick was only the fifth person so honored in NRA's sixty-year history. The citation read: "The Board of Trustees of the NRA records with appreciation the outstanding contribution of Luther H. Gulick toward strengthening union and mutual cooperation within the recreation and park movement in America."

ARS Fellow awards went to four professional recreators for "outstanding professional performance in the field of recreation." The four were Henry T. Swan, superintendent of recreation, Phoenix, Arizona; Peter J. Mayers, superintendent of recreation, New Rochelle, New York; Ralph C. Wilson, recreation specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D.C.; and Edward H. Thacker, recreation analyst, District of Columbia Recreation Department. ARS special citations, given to both professional and volunteer recreators, were awarded to Alice Whipple, retired former executive secretary, Polk County Council of Social Agencies, Des Moines, Iowa; Hans A. Thompson, recreation director, Seattle, Washington, Park Department; and Mrs. Beatrice Hill, president, Comeback, Inc., New York City.

### Comments Noted

**E**IGHTEEN different recreation and related subjects were discussed in morning and afternoon workshops and panel meetings. Comments on the meetings were noted in some few sessions, which carry ideas for planners of future Congresses. They were made mostly by chairmen or noted by recorders (you will note concern for leadership in many discussions). In the session on:

#### *What Education Should a Recreator Have?*

"There was an amazing degree of concern and understanding of the problems involved at this meeting . . . can't remember when so many people attended a session of this kind and stayed throughout."—EDITH BALL, *chairman*

#### *Student Session—The Challenge of Recreation*

Question to students: "What are you looking for as the most outstanding characteristic of your future boss?"

Answer: "Enthusiasm."

Word of advice to students in seeking a career in recreation: "Seek a good boss."—ELIZABETH ANN HANSON, *recorder*.

#### *Hospital Recreation Institute—Group Dynamics and Its Application to Recreation with the Ill and Disabled*

"More time could have been blocked for this area. . . There was so much discussion which was not discussed; the eagerness was there but the time wasn't."—LOUIS JOB, *summarizer*.

#### *Understanding the Nature of Activity*

"No adequate time for discussion of the two papers presented. . . Two papers in one and a half hours leaves inadequate time for discussion."—DR. EDWARD H. STOREY, *chairman*.

#### *Recruitment Crisis—Administrative and Line Supervision*

"Leadership is still the number one problem in the field of recreation and parks. There will be a need to fill thirty thousand vacancies in the field in the next decade . . ."—DR. CHARLES F. WECKWERTH, *recorder*.

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