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- * This mentions Bulletin #6 (Recreational Puppetry) and includes letters from people who had ordered it, so it must have been published several years prior.
- * This progress report does not mention DSM as Puppetry Supervisor, but only mentions her as giving a presentation during the conference (June 16-17) in the New Ulm Section.
- ? * See p. 5 re: "In most instances, the project can provide for only a single non-religious person, and that individual usually is required for the position of County Superintendent of Recreation." (also see p. 1 of my notes from Hendrickson article.)
 ⇒ Do it possible that professional people such as DSM were supervised by religious people that know nothing about arts / recreation? This must have created bureaucracy (or were they more hands-off) and confusion.
- * Planning conference held March 30-April 1, 1936 to which "WPA County + State Supervisors

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1936
Summary

Staffs, leaders from the various
municipal recreation systems and directors
of interested social and educational
institutions: Also "a diversified exhibit
of art and handicraft items" - in this
? where DSM came in or did New Uln
have had as a main function?

Recreation Survey, Saint Paul, Minn., 1934

* No puppet plays given at St. Paul Public Library as of 1934. - at least it was not mentioned.

MINNESOTA RECREATION

SUMMARY REPORT
WORKS PROGRESS ADM

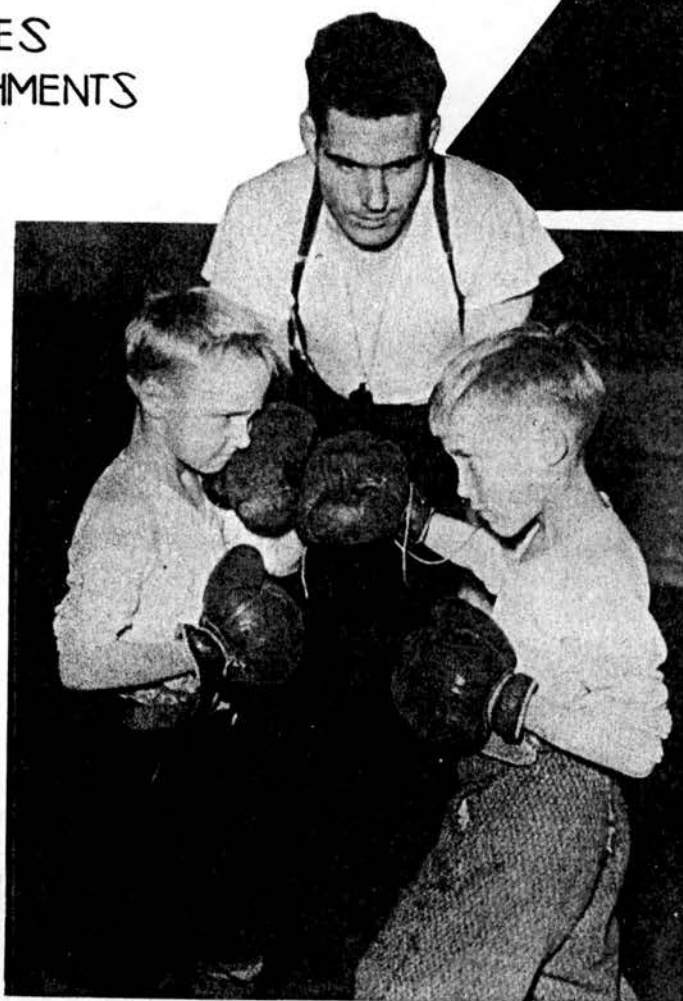
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UNDERPRIVILEGED
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COUNTY
PROGRESS
REPORTS



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SUMMARY REPORT, SEPTEMBER 1, 1936.

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MINNESOTA WPA RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- Central Staff -

George K. Tuttle - - - - -	State Recreation Director
T.A. Blank - - - - -	Assistant State Director
Evelyn Stapf - - - - -	Supervisor, Women's Activities

RECREATION SUPERINTENDENTS

DISTRICT 1

Range Area (St. Louis Co)	Carl Strand	Junior High School, Eveleth
Rural St. Louis County	Earl Hobe	Court House, Virginia
City of Duluth	Arthur Peterson	Board of Education Bldg. Duluth
Carlton County	F.W. Trumbull	Court House, Carlton
Koochiching County	Bernard Sanborn	International Falls
Lake County	Dan Minahan	Two Harbors

DISTRICT 2

Aitkin County	Alfred Howe	Court House, Aitkin
Cass County	Arvid Magelessen	Walker
Crow Wing	Marvin Nutting	Brainerd
Kanabec	Mrs. Leota Christiansen	Ogilvie
Mille Lacs	W.H. Turner	Milaca
Pine	Durward Anderson	Pine City

DISTRICT 3

Ramsey County	Roy Nelson	Court House, St. Paul
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DISTRICT 4

Dakota	Constance Walbridge	Hastings
Freeborn	H.H. Chesterman	Albert Lea
Mower	Leota Kelly	Austin
Olmsted	Henry Lecy	Rochester
Rice	William Manahan	Faribault
Waseca	Mabel Dooley	Janesville
Washington	Leonel Dick	Stillwater
Winona	William Hargesheimer	Winona

DISTRICT 5

Hennepin	John Ryan	1035 Metropolitan Bank Bldg. Mpls.
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DISTRICT 6

City of Columbia Heights	Gust Lindberg	3834 Van Buren St. N.E. Col. Hts.
Kandiyohi	Myrtle V. Carlson	Willmar
Meeker	Harriet Harman	Litchfield
Stearns	James Mitchell	St. Cloud
Wright	Frank Thompson	Buffalo
Renville	Harold Nelson	Olivia

DISTRICT 7

Becker	Myrle McKnight	Detroit Lakes
Kittson	Erling Holdahl	Hallock
Lake of the Woods	Mrs. Muriel Smith	Baudette
Marshall	Arthur Wold	Warren
Norman-Clay	H.E. Hanson	Ada
Otter Tail	Lloyd T. Ranstad	Fergus Falls
Pennington	Mrs. Verna Purcell	Thief River Falls
Polk	Donald Johnson	Crookston

DISTRICT 8

Big Stone	E.R. Murphy	Graceville
Chippewa	Helen Himley	Montevideo
Douglas	A.A. Mayer	Alexandria
Kac qui Parle	Albert Hoijello	Madison
Stevens	Walter Haskins	Morris
Yellow Medicine	Eugene McGee	Canby

DISTRICT 9

Blue Earth	Louise Wood	Mankato
Brown	Lillian Eyrich	New Ulm
Redwood	Clark Sponaugle	Redwood Falls

FOREWARD

"Leisure is that part of life that is not occupied in gainful employment or in personal service".

During the earlier years of this country's development there was no necessity for a community to plan its leisure so that "all citizens might live resourcefully, completely, advantageously and joyously." The industrial progress of the last decade, coupled with the economic depression of the last few years, has created an involuntary leisure class. Whatever the future may bring, it is becoming increasingly clear that even when normal conditions return, men and women will have more leisure time than in the past.

The modern community, taking cognizance of this fact, is being required to accept certain responsibilities with respect to leisure time. These responsibilities may be listed as: (a) forming of local recreation committee or council; (b) providing adequate facilities for recreation; (c) employing trained recreation leaders; and (d) organizing programs of activities designed to meet the leisure-time needs of all age groups during all seasons of the year.

INTENSIVE PROGRAM

The Recreation Program now being conducted by the WPA is a continuation of a similar program started and sustained by preceding federal emergency administrations. From time to time, efforts have been made by these various agencies to establish some type of recreation program in almost every county in the State. At the present time, however, the program is more intensive than extensive. Existing eligibility regulations permit the employment of only certified relief persons with an exemption of 10 percent for supervisory purposes. Consequently, we are enabled to develop a program only in such communities that have people of that calibre on their welfare lists. The program in these sections, which embrace a little more than 50 percent of Minnesota, is quite generally more comprehensive than formerly. Many of the persons assigned to the current projects have been doing this type of work for the past three years. The experience and training they have received is steadily enhancing and enriching their programs.

The state office of the WPA Recreation Department is one of the operating units of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects. Its primary functions are: to supervise state WPA recreation programs as to quality; to assist in the training of persons employed as recreation leaders; to provide rules of procedure, general principles of operation, program suggestions, and other guidance.

BROAD FUNCTIONS

The general function of the present recreation movement under WPA is a bit different than those sponsored by ERA and CWA. Formerly, the recreation projects and the program of the Adult Education Department were the only divisions concerned with such general types of activity as dramatics, handicraft, music and art. This is not the case in the present program. It is one of the policies of the WPA to offer the eligible and able-bodied men or women a job that is compatible with his or her abilities, talents, training and experience. Consequently, the professional teacher, artist, musician, actor or writer is offered opportunities through the Federal Art projects, the WPA Adult Education Department or, in some instances, special projects under the Women's and Professional Division. The Recreation projects, as they now exist, provide employment for persons either by training, experience or natural aptitude.

PROGRAM CONTENT

The program content is identical to the activities that were offered previously. Athletics of many types play an important part. The mental, physical and social results obtained from such activity are of great value, not only to each participant, but to society as a whole. In addition to highly organized and athletic games, the department makes a special feature of low organized group games, and instructions are given to all workers to enable them to carry on activities in this line. A great advantage of the low organized games lies in that most of them may be played with little or no equipment, and they may be engaged in by persons of both sexes and all ages. Frequently, in the rural areas, it is found well-nigh impossible to bring together enough individuals of similar age and ability to form a team for any of the high organized games; but it is possible to obtain as good results in social activities and physical development through the low organized group games. All the workers in the recreation projects are given instructions in the handling of these low organized games and are provided with materials and suggestions.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

With the advent of summer and school vacation periods, the emphasis is placed on high organized games, playground work and summer sports. In connection with the latter, strenuous efforts are made to obtain a sufficient number of workers from the relief rolls to provide beach patrols. Many suitable persons are found whose duty is to see that the beaches are kept in safe condition and also to control the unruly element that sometimes frequents the bathing beaches.

Dramatics, music and art and handicraft work all make their appearance in the more diversified recreation programs. The recreation leaders are encouraged to recognize these interests and, wherever possible, it is developed to a considerable extent. We are enclosing a list of some of the recreation activities most commonly found in the program:

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES: Track and field athletics, baseball, softball, football, touch football, soccer, boxing, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, handball, tennis, golf, swimming, bowling, camping, winter sports, archery, batball, indoor baseball, horseshoe, pitching, hockey, games of low organization, tumbling and pyramids, folk dancing, tap dancing.

* DRAMATICS: Story telling, pantomime, dramatic stunts, puppets, minstrel shows, vaudeville and home talent shows, plays, pageants, play reading, scenery and makeup.

MUSIC: Choral groups, orchestras and bands; harmonica, ukulele, guitar, accordion, mandolin, and banjo clubs; string ensemble; piano; violin; and folk songs.

HANDICRAFTS: Wood work, metal work, textiles, leather, jewelry, sewing, knitting, needlework, rug making, patchwork and basketry.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES: Hobby, radio, model airplane, and photography clubs; nature study; festivals and historical pageants.

COMMUNITIES ENTHUSIASTIC

Gradually the citizenry of the area being served by this project are becoming better acquainted with organized playground and community center procedures that have been developed in the municipal and endowed agencies in the larger cities. Steadily their financial, material and facility accommodation contributions are

mounting. It is no longer necessary for representatives of the state office to "sell" recreation projects to the local authorities. Instead, they must advise and coordinate the efforts of these officials so that their project can advance soundly and become a distinct service to the community. One of the first statements penned by a former state recreation director has been used many times in describing the objectives of our program. Although it may be threadbare from use, it still is true that "the policy of the department was from the very beginning not to force any standard program on any community, but rather to give assistance to each community in carrying out whatever program that community felt would best meet its own need". It goes on to describe the local committees which are still serving, and what these responsibilities should be: - "On every occasion committees were selected and advised to arrange a program which would take care of the recreational needs of all classes and all ages and to make it as wide in scope as possible". The chairman of these committees is in most instances a public official, usually the city mayor, school superintendent of the city, county, or the county agricultural agent.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Most of the projects now operating are set up on a county basis. The projects are county-wide in scope and are intended to provide for all communities, urban and rural, that wish to cooperate. In most instances, the project can provide for only a single non-relief person, and that individual usually is required for the position of county superintendent of recreation. It is the responsibility of this official to organize communities in such a manner as to insure public interest in leisure time programs by (1) discovering the needs of local groups; (2) enlisting support and collaboration of local citizens, civic bodies and private organizations; (3) forming local recreation councils or committees who will act in an advisory capacity in connection with recreation leaders assigned to their locality.

Libraries in Puppetry Case
A feature of this program is the freedom with which communities are enabled to select the organization or agency through which to function. In some localities, the school system is the usual medium; in others, county agents and agricultural workers assume the responsibility; while in still others, city officials and municipal directors of recreation promote and sustain the program. Different communities have different types of social activities and different agencies through which they function most readily. Any program which can legitimately operate through a popular agency has a better chance to succeed than if an attempt is made to force it on a community through some standard organization.

The needs and desires of the participants are the only true guides to be considered in the development of any recreation program. No matter how excellent the leader's intentions may be, real enjoyment and cultural advancement - the core of a recreation and leisure time program - will be lost if coercive measures are utilized.

MINNESOTA PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR RECREATION

The Minnesota Planning Conference for Recreation was held March 30, 31, and April 1. It was one of the most comprehensive institutes of its kind held recently in the Twin Cities. Facilities were provided by the St. Paul YMCA. Besides the WPA County and State supervisory staffs, leaders from the various municipal recreation systems and directors of interested social and educational institutions were present.

Sessions were conducted informally, permitting much discussion from the floor. A diversified exhibit of art and handicraft items proved interesting. It emphasized elevation of art and craft standards in the recreation program.

To augment the program, a tour was conducted to the evening program of the St. Paul Community centers and playgrounds. An evening concert was presented by the St. Paul Civic Orchestra, a unit of the Federal Music Project.

Following is a copy of the program:

Monday

General Registration - 9:00 A.M.

First Session

Morning 10:00 - 12:30

Chairman - George K. Tuttle
WPA State Recreation Director
St. Paul, Minnesota

Community Singing - Led by A.S. Bossart
Assistant Supervisor
Federal Music Project
St. Paul, Minnesota

Address of Welcome - Victor Christgau
WPA Administrator
St. Paul, Minnesota

Women and Recreation - Mrs. Alma Kerr
WPA State Director of
Women's and Professional Projects
St. Paul, Minnesota

PHILOSOPHY AND INTERPRETATION OF LEISURE

A Statement of the Leisure Problem in the Light of Technological Advancement

R.W. Murchie
Professor of Rural Sociology
University of Minnesota

First Session, con't.

The Whole Community and a Balanced Program of Leisure Activities

Howard L. White, Assistant Director
Community Organization for Leisure
Washington, D. C.

Second Session

LEADERSHIP TRAINING TECHNIQUES

Afternoon 1:30 - 4:00

That Constitutes a Recreation Leader

Ernest Johnson
Superintendent of Recreation
St. Paul, Minnesota

What is a Sound Arts and Craft Program for a Recreation Department

Mrs. Alice Dietz
Superintendent of Playgrounds
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Informal Dramatics

Miss Gweth Beedon
Director of Dramatics
St. Paul Municipal Recreation Department

T. A. Blank
WPA Assistant State Recreation Director
St. Paul, Minnesota

Third Session

Evening 7:00 - 8:30

Tour for Out-of-town Visitors

Fourth Session

Tuesday

Morning 9:00 - 12:30

Chairman - George K. Tuttle

LEADERSHIP TRAINING TECHNIQUE

Community Singing - Led by A. S. Bossart

Miss Evelyn Stapf
WPA Recreation Department
St. Paul, Minnesota

Importance of Lay Groups in Recreation

Karl Raymond, Director of Recreation
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Afternoon Session: Wednesday, April 1 - 1:30 P.M.

PANEL DISCUSSION - "A Permanent Recreation Program in Minnesota"

Chairman: Pierce Atwater, Executive Secretary,
St. Paul Community Chest, St. Paul, Minn.

Members of Panel

R. W. Marchie	Professor of Rural Sociology University of Minnesota
T. A. Erickson	State 4H Club Leader St. Paul, Minnesota
Dean Holm	Executive Secretary Minnesota State Planning Board St. Paul, Minnesota
George Selke	President, St. Cloud Teachers College St. Cloud, Minnesota
Howard L. White	Assistant Director Community Organization for Leisure Washington, D. C.
Miss Gratia Countryman	Minneapolis Librarian Minneapolis, Minnesota
Earl Hunting	City-wide Boys' Work Director Y.M.C.A., St. Paul, Minnesota
Harold Lathrop	Director, Minnesota State Parks St. Paul, Minnesota
Edward Currie	Director, Pillsbury Settlement House Minneapolis, Minnesota
Donald Alexander	Regional Officer, Region Six National Park Service Omaha, Nebraska
Lyle Churchill	District County Agent Leader St. Paul, Minnesota
Miss Ezetta Winter Robb	Supervisor of Women's and Professional Projects for Minnesota WPA District 1 Duluth, Minnesota
Miss Belle Meade	Lecturer in Sociology University of Minnesota

TRAINING METHODS

Recreation is a live, moving profession. It progresses from day to day. It varies to comply with the desires and interests of the participants. To keep in step with such progress, we have developed two types of mediums: (1) the short institute, (2) timely issuance of pertinent bulletins. The first was conducted in a series of seven two-day conferences at convenient points in the outlying portions of the State. Individual county superintendents of recreation and the project employees were called in. Comprehensive training sessions were conducted by the State supervisory staff and specialists loaned by the National Youth Administration and the Federal Music Project. At the present time, the Institutes are dealing only with the rural areas. The projects in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth have specialists assigned to their projects.

The first series of institutes dealt with general subjects. Future ones will be more specialized.

(Typical Program)

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE

March 16, 17.

Monday - 16.

General Session

Introduction

Mr. George K. Tuttle, presiding

Mr. H.C. Theopold, District 4, WPA Director

Miss Elinor Tilford, District 4, Division Women's and Professional Projects.

Mr. Robert Hoeft, District 4, Assistant WPA Director

Mr. J.M. Brewer, District 4, NYA Director

Mr. Thomas Mabon, District 4, Adult Education Division

First Session

Pageants and Festivals - Mr. T.A. Blank, Ass't. Director of Recreation

Noon

Second Session

Recreation for Women - Miss Evelyn Stapf, Director, Women's Activities

Third Session

Athletic Training - Mr. Donald Cherp, NYA Recreation Supervisor

Fourth Session

Social Recreation - Mr. T.A. Blank

Dinner

Fifth Session

Progressive Party - Mr. T.A. Blank

- Entertainment -

Tuesday - 17.

Sixth Session

Organized Athletics - Mr. Donald Cherp

Seventh Session

Recreational Music - Mr. A.S. Bossart, Area Supervisor
Federal Music Project

Eighth Session

Folk Music, Crafts and Customs - Miss Evelyn Stapf

Noon

Ninth Session

Playground Procedure - Mr. Paul Schmidt, Athletic Supervisor
Rochester Public Schools

Tenth Session

Art and Handicraft - Miss Evelyn Stapf

Eleventh Session

Recreational Dramatics - Mr. T.A. Blank

An interesting exhibit of art and handicraft materials was displayed.

MORRIS INSTITUTE

March 23, 24.

With the exception of a talk on Conservation by a representative of the West Central School of Agriculture, the program was similar to the above.

DETROIT LAKE INSTITUTE

May 4, 5.

This institute varied somewhat from the others. At the first session, divisional officers discussed the mechanical phases of their offices as they affected the recreation projects. Messrs, Kovarik, Thorson and Rushfeldt spoke. Miss Mertens, District Women's and Professional Director, presided.

Timely contributions on conservation were made by Mr. Benshoff, local editor. Mr. Henderson, School Superintendent of Ottertail County discussed recreation and Miss Bennion, assistant to Miss Mertens, "Camping and Camp Cookeries." The district recreation projects supplied an exhibit. Each superintendent gave an oral progress report.

ST. CLOUD INSTITUTE

May 6, 7.

Fine contributions by local people augmented the regular program. President Selke of the St. Cloud Teachers College gave an inspirational talk. Mr. Brainerd talked on "Organized Athletics" and conducted a demonstration physical education class. Mr. Crose, local playground director, explained the St. Cloud program.

BRainerd INSTITUTE

May 18, 19.

The regular program was augmented by additional features contributed by Mr. Davis of the Brainerd Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Shearer, District Women's and Professional Director, Mr. Grafelman of the Adult Education and Mr. Metzroth of the NYA.

The Adult Education classes directed by Irving Ballon, presented Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" in the evening.

NEW ULM INSTITUTE

June 16, 17.

This institute was more specialized because leaders in this territory have been associated longer with recreation. Mrs. Carpenter, District Women's and Professional Director, was actively interested, and contributed much to the meeting. Mr. Larson of the NYA and his district people attended. Members of the New Ulm Advisory Committee took an active part. Mrs. Meader of the Women's and Professional Division, conducted sessions on puppetry. A demonstration group directed by Miss Wood of Mankato, presented several puppet plays. Mrs. Carpenter arranged a banquet and luncheon during the Institute.

MORRIS INSTITUTE

(Second Session)

June 23, 24.

This institute duplicated the one at New Ulm. Mr. Claire Plank of the University of Minnesota, was added to the staff. He conducted several splendid sessions on Social Recreation.

RECREATION BULLETINS

The second major training medium used by this department has been quite successful. For several years, members of the State Office, have been writing and compiling these bulletins. Each time reprints are necessary, the material is revised and brought up to date. Thus, the material is constantly useful. At the present time, there are eight bulletins in the series, dealing with various technical phases of the program.

These bulletins are not intended for public distribution. They should be considered as "tools" for WPA Recreation personnel. The county superintendents keep several sets handy and place them at the disposal of the workers. Following are brief resumes of the bulletins issued to date:

BULLETIN 1 - PLAY APPARATUS AND COURT DIAGRAMS

In some rural areas, because of cost or lack of fundamental knowledge, play apparatus and courts of various activities are neglected.

In this bulletin, drawings with specifications and notes are given for construction of such apparatus and facilities. The apparatus is safe, easily constructed and fairly reasonable in cost. Coupled with the court and play area diagrams, they afford an opportunity for all-around play activities.

BULLETIN 2 - WINTER AND SPRING ACTIVITIES

Bulletin No. 2 was written to aid Recreational Superintendents and Supervisors in planning their winter and spring program of activities. From speed skating, which is growing in popularity, to the intricacies of rope jumping. Many helpful suggestions and rules are given.

BULLETIN NO. 3 - ORGANIZED ATHLETICS

The success of the athletic phase of a Recreation Program depends, to a very great extent, upon the organization and administration of the competition involved. The selection of the proper method of organizing a schedule will determine, in many cases, the future of the activity to be considered.

Supervisors are confronted with the problem of keeping as many players and teams competing as time and facilities will permit, and of maintaining the rivalry that should exist until the end of the tournament or season. In the selection of a tournament plan, consideration must be given primarily to time, amount of facilities, the estimated number of competitors to be entered as competing.

These, and other points which must be given serious thought in conducting a good organized athletic program, are discussed thoroughly in this bulletin.

BULLETIN NO. 4 - CRAFT SUGGESTIONS FOR RECREATION

It is the aim of this bulletin to offer suggestions to people interested in handicraft work. Techniques are not dealt with to any great extent. The bulletin is for the average child or adult, not those talented in the fine techniques of arts and handicraft. The ideas suggested can be executed with inexpensive, discarded or waste material.

BULLETIN NO. 5 - RECREATIONAL DRAMATICS

In Recreational Dramatics, we are concerned not merely with the actor who appears in the play, but with every person who has anything to offer toward the success of the enterprise. In professional theatricals, the actors are the only persons publicized. That is not true in our dramatic "new deal". The property boy, the stagehand, the wardrobe mistress and all the rest come in for their rightful share of the laurels.

The Recreation Department, through this bulletin, wishes to afford every interested individual an opportunity for actual participation, no matter how limited his abilities. Our objective is to show the aims and satisfactions that dramatics offer.

BULLETIN NO. 6 - RECREATIONAL PUPPETRY

Puppetry, a very old form of the drama, has fascinated all age groups for generations. It is proving very popular today. This bulletin gives patterns and instructions for making puppets and a puppet theatre, as well as a few manuscripts of puppet plays.

BULLETIN NO. 7 - EARLY AMERICAN AND FOLK DANCES

Minnesota has many nationality groups. Each group has much to contribute to the culture of the State. There is a great interest in their customs, their folk songs, literature, costumes, handicraft and dances. Because of this interest, and because folk dancing offers such a splendid form of recreation, this bulletin presents representative dances of several nations.

BULLETIN NO. 8 - PLAYGROUND BULLETIN

The material presented in this bulletin is intended as a specific approach to community leadership. It embodies procedure in the various phases of playground recreation for persons of a youthful age as well as for all children. There are suggestions for leadership and organization which will fit every age group.

ENDORSEMENTS

Following are excerpts of correspondence concerning the Minnesota Recreation Bulletins:

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1936.

"We are in receipt of your bulletins Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. These bulletins appear to be very intelligently and practically conceived, and they should prove of distinction in improving the recreation and leisure time program. We are very pleased to see the high quality of workmanship and care with which these have been mimeographed and edited. There is a great need of making material available to recreation leaders not only instructive but also attractive."

(Signed) Howard L. White, Ass't. Director
Community Organization for Leisure
Washington, D.C.

MASSACHUSETTS

April 25, 1936.

"I wish to thank you for the Recreation Manuals which you sent to me, and which contain valuable material. It will have a place in my reference file, I assure you. I should like to have parts of this material re-mimeographed, if possible, and beg your permission to do so. From time to time, I might wish to use excerpts from the manuals, and it would help me exceedingly."

(Signed) George W. Grader
State Director of Recreation WPA
Boston, Massachusetts.

ILLINOIS

May 7, 1936.

"Your bulletin on Recreational Dramatics came to my desk while I was absent from the city. When I tell you that it is the finest compilation on the subject that I have read, I say so in all earnestness, and with the double assurance of two dramatic critics here in Chicago. I am wondering if you would give us permission to reproduce the bulletin for our Illinois people, giving credit, of course, to you and your department."

(Signed) Thomas Rickman, Jr.
Ass't. State Director of Recreation
Works Progress Administration
Chicago, Illinois.

WEST VIRGINIA

April 27, 1936.

"I want to thank you very much for the bulletins you have been sending me and want you to know that they have been very interesting. I am particularly interested in the one on Recreational Dramatics and would like permission to mimeograph this bulletin for use in our State." (Signed) David D. Hicks

Recreation Director, WPA

TENNESSEE

June 30, 1936.

"We have recently received from West Virginia your pamphlet on "Recreational Dramatics". This pamphlet is so well prepared that we should like to ask permission to have it re-mimeographed for distribution to our Recreational Leaders in Tennessee. We shall appreciate this very much.

(Signed) Elizabeth D. Coppedge
Women's and Professional Projects
Nashville, Tennessee

OHIO

August 8, 1936.

"I would appreciate very much the receipt of predecessors to your Recreation Bulletin No. 8, entitled "Playground Bulletin", also an additional copy of Bulletin No. 8. I am asking also the privilege of reprinting sections of material contained in your bulletins. You have done a splendid thing in presenting this manual."

(Signed) Noel H. Petree
State Supervisor of Recreation WPA
Columbus, Ohio

RECREATION CAMPS FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

The Minnesota WPA Recreation projects are operating two camps for under-privileged children. A camp for 200 boys is located at the Minnesota River near Shakopee. A girl's camp, with accommodations for 100, is in the United States Recreation Area, a National Park in Pine County. The campers are children from 10 to 14 years of age.

SPONSORSHIP

The camps are made possible by the joint sponsorship of WPA and the Minnesota State Relief Agency. The WPA provides the camp personnel. The relief agency provides food and facilities through its social service and work camp departments.

FACILITIES

Facilities and equipment of two former work camps, Nos. 4 and 5, on Scott County Highway #13, near Shakopee, were utilized for the boy's camp. The new United States Recreation Camp on the St. Croix River in Pine County was used for the girls. No rent was required for either camps. The facilities in Scott County were donated by the S.R.A. The regular fee was waived by the National Park Service. The cooking, sanitary and miscellaneous equipment necessary for the girl's camp also was furnished by the S.R.A.

PERSONNEL

The Recreation Department of the WPA submitted a regular project for each camp. Camp directors and head counselors are non-relief, and selected and endorsed by the Minnesota Campers' Association. The project provides a counselor for every eight campers and camp cooks, bakers, nurses, truck drivers, maintenance men, etc. These workers are certified relief persons. Mr. Walter Rock of St. Paul, and Miss Margaret Fletcher of Minneapolis, are the directors.

SELECTION OF CAMPERS

The children were selected by the relief agencies in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, from relief homes. Medical examinations were given each child and histories entered on a card sent to the camp directors. The last session at the boy's camp will permit boy campers from all three cities to come to the camp. The city agencies will pay \$2.00 a week for each boy and transportation to and from the camp.

TRANSPORTATION

The welfare agency in the city that sent the children assumed the responsibility of transportation. The Minneapolis and St. Paul people chartered special busses. Duluth children were sent by rail in special coaches.

DIETETICS

Special menus were planned by the home economic experts of the SRA and WPA. The food was prepared by skilled cooks, and every effort was made to build up the physique of the campers.

SURPLUS COMMODITIES

Frequently the regular camp menu is supplemented with fruit and groceries from the Surplus Commodities Division. Surplus cloth is also supplied and made into pajamas, shorts and other articles by the sewing project of the WPA. These items are given to the children.

SPORTS

A diversified program of athletics, handicraft and nature study is developed in each camp. Swimming plays an important part. The girls have a special beach at St. Croix. The boys are transported each day to Spring Lake by special bus.

OBJECTIVES

It is realized that the opportunities offered to approximately 1100 youngsters this season are not entirely adequate in a State that has many times that number of relief families. It is, however, a step toward offering some type of outdoor recreation to thousands of young and old, relief cases and moderately self-sufficient, who otherwise could not possibly attend any camp. Both areas now being utilized are admirably adapted for camping needs and have been developed by both National and State officials with this objective in view. The experience gained in the preliminary camps of 1936 may serve as a guide to the development of a system vastly more comprehensive in the years to come.

VOLUNTARY RECREATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

<u>Locality</u>	<u>No. on Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Aitkin Co.	6	Charles Beyreuther	Aitkin		
Anoka Co.	12	Mrs. C. Johnson	Columbia Hts.	Housewife	P.T.A.
Becker Co.	4	Paul Johnson	Callaway	Mayor	City Council
Callaway	4	Paul Johnson	Callaway	Mayor	City Council
White Earth	4	Clyde Flinn	White Earth	Indian Agent	
Detroit Lakes	2	Dan Nelson	Detroit Lakes	Secy. Civic. Comm.	
Big Stone Co.	12	W.J. Kennelly	Graceville	Village Mayor	
Blue Earth Co.	10	R.E. Wilson	Mankato	YMCA Sec'y.	Bd. of Health
Brown Co.	11	Mrs. A.B. Gislason	New Ulm	Housewife	Club Member
Carlton Co.	12	Geo. W. Chambers	Carlton	Co. Agent	4-H Club
Cass Co.					
Pine River	3	Otto Haack	Pine River	Supt. Schools	Civic Leader
Hackensack	3	Ray Cummings	Hackensack	Supt. Schools	
Cass Lake	3	H.H. Richmond	Cass Lake	Lumberman	School Board
Federal Dam	3	Russell Lego	Federal Dam	Merchant	Bus. Men Club
Chippewa Co.	3	Luella Watson	Montevideo	Supt. Schools	
Clearwater Co.	13	Howard Balk	Bagley	County Agt.	4-H Leader
Crow Wing Co.					
Brainerd	13	Virgil Escher	Brainerd		
Nisswa	3	John Stensrud	Nisswa	Lumber Co.	Comm. Club
Pequot	3	Wm. Hasbrock	Pequot	Baker	Comm. Club
Douglas Co.	5	F.C. Ellertson	Alexandria	Supt. Schools	Am. Legion
Dakota Co.	6	A.B. Smeby	South St. Paul		
Freeborn Co.	6	Judge Meighen	Albert Lea	Attorney	
Hennepin Co.					
Minneapolis	13	Thomas E. Latimer	Minneapolis	Mayor	
Rural Hennepin	2	C.R. Reed	Minneapolis	Supt. Schools	
County	5	R.E. Scott	Minneapolis	Supt. Schools (Rural)	
	4	Elmer Bardwell	Excelsior	Undertaker	Mayor
	3	E. Johnson	Wayzata	City Clerk	Am. Legion
	35	Frank Whitney	Hopkins	Attorney	
	3	Harry Haskins	Hopkins	Clerk	Camp Dir.
	4	Wendell Freed	Excelsior	High School Prin.	
	6	Walter Erickson	Richfield	Farmer	
	6	F.S. Workman	Excelsior		
Kandiyohi Co.	5	A.M. Wisness	Willmar	Supt. Schools	Kiwanis Club
Kittson Co.	3	C.W. Bouvette	Hallock	Editor	Mayor
LacquiParle Co.	5	G.W. Remington	Madison	Supt. Schools	
Lake Co.	4	Torstien Griniger	Two Harbors	County Agent	
Lake of Woods	10	Mrs. C.E. Lindholm	Baudette	Supt. Schools	Child Welfare
Marshall Co.	6	E.N. Weltzin	Warren	Supt. Schools	
Meeker Co.	4	Alfred Anderson	Litchfield	Chemical Co.	Mayor
Meeker Co.	3	J.P. Arndt	Watkins	Lumber Yards	Fire Dept.
Mower Co.	4	W.O. O'Berg	Austin	Pres. Bank	
Norman Co.	9	F.F. Zimmerman	Ada	Store Manager	Com. Club
Norman Co.	3	C.A. Smeby	Halstad	Gas Station	" "
Ottertail Co.					
Fergus Falls	9	W.L. Burnap	Fergus Falls	Power Co.	Am. Legion
" "	11	John Henderson	" "	Co. Supt. Schools	Scouts
Pennington Co.	3	Mrs. B.O. Norby	Thief River Falls	Housewife	P.T.A.

Voluntary Recreation Committee Chairmen con't.

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<u>Polk Co.</u>					
Crookston	2	Rufus Christgau	Crookston	Athletic Dir.	
Fertile	5	O. Hanson	Fertile	Banker	
E. Grand Forks	2	Albert Rand	E. Grand Forks	City Clerk	
McIntosh	1	Dr. Olson	McIntosh	M.D.	
<u>Ramsey Co.</u>					
Hallie Q. Brown House	10	Dr. V. D. Turner	St. Paul		
St. Anthony Fk.	4	H. Peterson	St. Paul		
Aldine Play- grounds	7	E. J. Fox	St. Paul	Office Ex.	
St. Clair Playground	3	Mrs. J. Rykel	St. Paul		
Midway Heights	10	Wm. Thayer	St. Paul	Recreation Dir.	
Roschill	4	H. G. Kenaston	Como Station	Clerk	P.T.A.
New Brighton	4	Albert Bona	New Brighton	Mayor	Comm. Club
Bellaire Community	4	Mr. Benner	Bellaire		
Community Playground	5	Mr. Bisnow	St. Paul		
Community Playground	6	Mrs. I. Green	St. Paul	Housewife	P.T.A. Pres.
Community Playground	9	John Beck	St. Paul	Foreman R.R. Shops	City Playgr.
Rice-Lawson	7	Mrs. T. P. Keller	St. Paul	Housewife	P.T.A. Pres.
No. St. Paul Playground	7	A. N. Jankoski	Village Hall	Village Clerk	No. St. Paul Club
Community	10	Joe Bambusch	St. Paul		
Arlington Fk.	8	Henry G. Iverson	St. Paul		
Belvidere Playground	10	Lynn Balloon	St. Paul		
Association	9	M. E. Boxlund	St. Paul	School Principal	
White Bear	10	Harry Owen	St. Paul		
West St. Paul	9	Mrs. Geo. Kappers	St. Paul	Housewife	Altar Society
Margaret Playgrounds	3	C. D. Clippell	Redwood Falls	Supt. Schools	
Redwood County	6	C. J. Hunt	Faribault	Faribault News	Rotary Club
Rice County	5	C. J. Hunt	Faribault	Faribault News	Rotary Club
<u>Faribault.</u>					
<u>Roseau County</u>					
Warroad	4	Milt Fish	Warroad	Tel. Supt.	Fire Chief
Ross	5	Ralph Zuberbier	Ross	Farmer	Church Comm.
Strathcona	4	Nick Kalland	Strathcona	Merchant	
Roosevelt	5	Edward Grill	Roosevelt	Dealer	Fres. Rink Comm.
Greenbush	4	A. W. Clay	Greenbush	Pharmacist	
<u>St. Louis Co.</u>					
Aurora	3	Dr. C. E. Hagie	Aurora	Supt. Schools	
Gilbert	5	L. L. Hagie	Gilbert	Supt. Schools	
Biwabik	4	Philip Fjelsted	Biwabik	Supt. Schools	
Virginia	5	Oscar Tamto	Virginia	Mayor	
Ely	3	Stanley Adkins	Ely	Supt. Schools	
Chisholm	3	Dewey Dahl	Chisholm		

Voluntary Recreation Committee Chairmen con't.

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<u>St. Louis Co.</u>					
Hibbing	3	Jess Porteous	Hibbing	Recreation Dir.	
Eveleth	9	R. S. Fike	Eveleth	M P & L	Comm. Club
Arrowhead Dist.	16	Wayne Kakela	Eveleth	Recreation Dir.	
Duluth	6	W. S. Sorenson	Duluth	Merchant	Masonic Lodge
West Duluth	5	W. S. Sorenson	Duluth	Merchant	Masonic Lodge
Central Area	4	Edward Hanson	Duluth	Sheriff	Masonic Lodge
Ironton	3	Mrs. Curtis Johnson	Ironton	Housewife	
Duluth	7	Miss Myrtle Larson	Duluth	City Rec. Dept.	
<u>Stearns County</u>					
St. Joseph	2	Herman Schomer	St. Joseph	Prop. Cafe	Village Council
Melrose	3	Frank Schmidt	Melrose	Merchant	Village Council
Cold Springs	3	Elmer Anderson	St. Cloud	Mgr. Pickle Co.	
St. Cloud	3	G. W. Frederick	St. Cloud	Biology Inst.	State Conserva.
Belgrade	3	Oscar Quisberg	Belgrade	WFA timekeeper	Am. Legion
Sauk Center	3	Rev. Munson	Sauk Center	Methodist Minister	
Albany	3	H. W. Buarly	Albany	Supt. Schools	F.T.A.
Richmond	3	Joseph Vogt	Richmond	Merchant	Mayor
Paynesville	3	C. C. Tolman	Paynesville	Teacher	
Broton	3	C. D. Nelson	Broton	Pharmacist	Mayor
St. Cloud	3	O. J. Jerde	St. Cloud	Instructor Teacher's College	
Stevens County	10	L. G. Mustain	Morris	Supt. Schools	
Waseca County	5	D. M. Coughlin	Waseca	Editor	
Washington Co.	5	H. Robertson	Stillwater		
Winona County	5	Len Galligan	Winona	State Teachers College	
<u>Yellow Medicine County</u>					
Canby	4	Jas. Thiessen	Canby	Cafe Prop.	Secy. Co. Fair Bd.
Granite Falls	5	Edwin Dibblech	Granite Falls		



BROOM BALL ~~~ ST. PAUL



VOLLEY BALL GROUP ~~~ MINNEAPOLIS

COUNTY PROGRESS REPORTS

AITKIN COUNTY

The Recreation Program assisted with the program for entertainment at the American Legion Carnival at the Aitkin Armory February 20, 21 and 22.

The WPA Drum and Bugle Corps entered the contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their Encampment at Detroit Lake on June 28, 29 and 30, winning first prize for the State.

The WPA Drum and Bugle Corps marched in the parade for Aitkin Day at Nicollet Park, Minneapolis.

A men's and girls' soft-ball tournament was held Sunday, August 9th.

Our Hill Billy Band has entertained for many activities throughout the county. Public agencies have cooperated in these activities.

Organized athletics are most successful in our program. Music ranks second. Classes are held throughout the county wherever the people ask for them.

Workers on our program have built skating rinks, horseshoe courts, ball diamonds and tennis courts.

During the intermediate period between basketball and softball seasons, a great many specimens of art and handicraft were made. Many are now on exhibit in St. Paul.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
ANOKA COUNTY

Basketball, diamondball, swimming, skating, handicraft and music are the popular activities in Anoka county. Interesting competition was developed in the handicraft activity. This stimulated the program by developing new interests.

The "Little Symphony Orchestra" has a membership of about 40 persons. A new recreation park of 30 some acres is being constructed by WPA within the community.

BECKER COUNTY

In Becker county, special emphasis has been placed on improving recreational facilities. The swimming beach at White Earth was improved and two bath houses, a diving board, and benches were constructed. At this point, and at several others throughout the county, courts of various kinds have been established and playground equipment has been made.

The Recreational program is well-balanced in the four major fields of athletics, handicraft, music and dramatics.

Interest in pageantry was stimulated by a beautiful performance at White Earth, giving the history of the village.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Blue Earth County Recreation program has tried to link its effort as nearly as possible to existing local agencies working in recreation in an attempt to afford the county a more extensive and unified recreational setup. In the organization of most county-wide activities, we have been forced to act as sole sponsors, as there is a dearth of existing agencies with such a scope through which to work. The most successful type of program centers around organized athletics. A county-wide horse-shoe tournament was received with much enthusiasm. Tournaments have been played in basketball, kittenball and volleyball. Two swimming meets have been held.

The women of the county take an active part in organized activities. Basketball, softball and paddle badminton leagues were established. The women and girls had a tennis tournament.

A senior and junior chorus have been formed. The junior and senior brass band affords opportunities to those with any ability in this field.

Handicraft classes are held for women. Three combined social and hobby classes are popular.

The Y.M.C.A. furnished necessary funds for purchase of materials for a puppet stage. Eight plays have been developed; these have been presented on more than fifty occasions. Private showings have been given in the homes of invalids, at the hospitals and the old people's home.

The athletic field at Lake Crystal is in constant demand. Because of the interest aroused in community recreation through SERA and WPA recreational activities, the Lake Crystal American Legion was able to raise \$600.00 which was used in the construction of a lighted ball park. The WPA furnished the labor on the ball park.

Much recreational equipment has been made by the workers. At the present time, WPA Workers throughout the county are operating nine softball diamonds, two baseball diamonds, ten horseshoe courts and fifteen tennis courts. The individuals availing themselves of these facilities run into two or three thousand each week.

BROWN COUNTY

Puppet classes have proved popular in Brown county. Several performances have been presented.

The recreation group has served as a kind of entertainment bureau in assisting different organizations, when so requested.

Toboggan Day was held to celebrate the completion of a slide. Various races and snow-molding contests were staged. The children enjoyed the Marble and Kite Tournaments held in the early spring. The county baseball league included teams for villages and rural districts.

The boys and girls in Springfield have been very interested in the handicraft work. The articles made in the carpentry room were placed on display.

The playground activities were coordinated around a special program each week. The setup included Music Week, Mothers' and Dads' Week, Handicraft Week, Circus Week, Patriotic Week and Dramatic Week, etc. There was much inter-playground competition in organized games.

BROWN COUNTY, con't.

Nearly 200 children participated in the production of our "Children's Revue". The workers constructed a large cuckoo clock, from which all players made their entrances.

A Union Church School is quite a feature of the community. WPA is in charge of the recreation period, handicraft, music and dramatics.

CASS COUNTY

WPA workers assist in the Recreational phase of the 4-H Club program.

Cass county needed considerable equipment before a recreational program could become very extensive and varied. Communities were persuaded to contribute funds towards adequate facilities. Cass County now has improved ball diamonds, tennis courts, diving boards and many other pieces of needed equipment. As a result, the recreation program has been expanded a great deal and includes many high organized and many low organized games, music and other activities suitable for all seasons of the year.

They were also asked to assist with the Knights Templar Convention and the American Legion Convention.

Boxing clubs, sewing and social clubs and various other organizations have been made possible by the recreation program.

With the cooperation of the NYA and various civic organizations, a great deal has been done to improve facilities. Skating rinks, warming houses, tennis and horseshoe courts, ball diamonds and swimming facilities have been made available to the communities.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Kittenball teams have been organized throughout Chippewa County. A kittenball diamond has been constructed in the park at Montevideo.

A permanent swimming pool is under construction.

Winter activities includes classes in tumbling, calisthenics, dancing, volleyball, basketball and boxing.

CROW WING COUNTY

The Crow Wing County Recreational Program has abounded in tournaments and festivals. Basketball, marbles, diamond ball, and 4-H club diamondball are the activities for which tournaments have been held. The Y.M.C.A. and other organizations have been greatly interested in these tournaments and have been generous in their assistance.

The WPA Recreational workers have been active in festivals and pageants. They conducted all of the events for the Paul Bunyan Winter carnival. They held two recreation festivals in Brainerd, giving a revue of their various activities. During the Paul Bunyan Exposition, recreation workers assisted in decorative work, contests and athletic events.

DAKOTA COUNTY

The Dakota County recreational workers have assisted with the Dakota County Picnic, Rural Field Day, Dakota County 4-H Picnic, Dakota County 4-H Achievement Day, Twin City Milk Producers Picnic, West St. Paul P.T.A. Picnic, South St. Paul P.T.A. Picnic, West St. Paul Commercial Club Picnic, Mendota Community gatherings, South St. Paul Official Baseball Day, Randolph High School Tour in St. Paul, and Minneapolis 4-H Senior Club Leaders' Meetings, Rural School Picnics and Kiwanis Club Rally. All of these organizations have made contributions to the recreation program through granting play rooms, gymnasiums and playgrounds, and donating money for the purchase of equipment.

Recreation workers have organized baseball, kittenball and volleyball leagues. A tennis tournament has attracted much attention. Over 80 people throughout the county have taken advantage of swimming instructions made available by WPA Recreation workers, through the cooperation of local agencies.

Each week a "Special Events" program is given. Races, stunts and contests make up the program. Through all of the recreation work, the outstanding feature has been the cooperation of the County Superintendents of Schools, the County Agent and many other people and organizations.

Handicraft, art, tap dancing, puppetry, hobby clubs, music, dramatics and many other activities give Dakota county a well-balanced recreation program.

FREEBORN COUNTY

Music has found a prominent place in the Freeborn County Recreational program. One important accomplishment has been the re-organization of the Civic Orchestra. A permanent business organization has been formed, and the group has been very active. A library of band and orchestra music, owned by the local Elks Lodge, but which had not been used for some time, has been repaired, classified and catalogued so that several hundred band and orchestra scores are available to musical organizations of the county. Good bands and choruses have been trained at various points in the county. "Hill Billy" orchestras, violin and piano duets and Drum and Bugle Corps add zest to the program.

Supervision of playgrounds, organization of athletics, tap dancing, tennis tournaments, the addition of many new courts and a splendid course in manual arts open many recreational opportunities to people in Freeborn County.

HENNEPIN COUNTY

Board of Education

Minneapolis

This recreation project was officially approved December 18, 1935. Actual work began January 6, 1936. Since that time, more than 400,000 persons, men, women and children have participated in the activities.

The Board of Education, through its Physical Education Department, cooperated by providing gymnasiums, auditoriums, class rooms, playgrounds, light, heat and janitor service as its share of the expenses for the project.

As soon as a suitable staff was selected, a training school was held. The following intensive courses were given:

- Organizing Adult Physical Education Classes
- Control and Discipline of Groups
- Principles Involved in Building a "Day's Order".
- Elementary Marching Tactics

Gymnastic Nomenclature
Methods and Principles of Teaching Calisthenics
Commands and Use of the Voice
A Typical "Day's Order".
Practice Teaching, "Day's Order".
Elementary Tumbling
Fundamentals of Volleyball
How to Coach Volleyball
Low Organized Games - Practice Teaching
Basketball Fundamentals and Coaching
Tap and Social Dancing, Fundamentals, Rhythm, etc.
Folk and National Dances
Practice Teaching and written and Oral Tests

Practice teaching and written and oral tests were required in all subjects.

Our program of activities included gymnasium classes for children and adults, tap and social dancing classes, dramatics, basketball, volleyball, boxing, wrestling, and the usual playground activities.

In the gymnasium classes for men and women, a graded "day's order" (learned and memorized by the instructors) was taught. A typical "day's order" consisting of marching, calisthenics, low organized games and basketball or volleyball. In many of the women's classes, tap dancing preceded the regular "day's order".

Forty-seven women's gymnasium classes were conducted by a staff of 8 women instructors and 72 men's gymnasium classes by a staff of 18 men. These classes met only once each week, which made the total attendance quite remarkable. The attendance in some of the women's classes has been so large that in order to accomodate them all, the class had to be divided.

As far as possible, we have followed the type of program outlined by the regular physical education staff, thereby maintaining the continuity and sequence of an established physical education program.

The dancing has been one of the most popular activities promoted. More than 10,223 adults and 41,143 children have participated in this one activity. The remarkable factor here is that many of our instructors did not know how to tap dance and had to be taught before they, in turn, could teach!

Eight pianists furnished music for the women's gymnasium classes and the tap and social dancing classes.

Boxing was introduced into seven high schools and wrestling into two schools. Three boxing and one wrestling teacher gave instructions to 7205 boys.

Another important phase of our project has been the work of our four dramatic teachers. The attendance record shows that 22,965 children and 3,512 adults have participated in the dramatic classes. Students have demonstrated their talent over a local radio station. Full credit was given WPA for its splendid contribution in making possible this opportunity for the training of our children. Mothers' groups, P.T.A. and the adult classes have presented plays, coached and directed by our instructors.

Instruction in social or ballroom dancing has been carried on in several of our schools. We have been limited in this particular field, due to a lack of competent instructors. However, 9,293 adults and 4,650 children have attended classes.

At the end of the school year, 29 school play areas were opened and are now in operation. The present personnel consists of 46 relief and 5 non-relief instructors. In addition, there are 49 NYA assistants.

Supervised play areas help decrease juvenile delinquency and crime. Physical skills, coordination, strength, endurance and many other related values are taught on the playground. Of far greater values are the fundamental social values -- the respect for authority, the rights of others, honesty, cooperation, tolerance, unselfishness, and learning to play and to live together. Crime and delinquency will be minimized when fundamental objectives are understood by our instructors and by our public.

In addition to teaching the technique and skills of an activity, we have endeavored, through our weekly training class, to teach our instructors some of the underlying principles involved in the field of recreation.

HENNEPIN COUNTY

Minneapolis

Board of Park Commissioners

The spirit of helpfulness and friendly feeling that exists between the Recreation Department of the Board of Park Commissioners of Minneapolis and the WPA is most outstanding. Without this spirit of cooperation, the program as now being conducted, would not have the general acceptance through the public that it now enjoys.

It is a pleasure to enter the various park centers and see the people of all ages really enjoying their leisure time in a helpful, joyous way, and forgetting some of their toils and hardships.

During the winter months, there were in operation 42 regulated skating rinks. There were 22 lighted hockey rinks, five without lights and six smaller rinks in the smaller parks in the city, making a total of 33 regulated rinks. Using these facilities, we were able to establish from the 12th to the 31st of December, 300 hockey teams, consisting of nine players to a team, in the various classifications: Midget, Intermediate, Junior and Senior. We also organized various speed skating clubs throughout the park system. In addition, classes were conducted in arts and craft, dramatic group work, hobby clubs, etc.

During January, there were 500 teams in hockey. Recreation workers also conducted a Winter Sports Week. During this week, speed skating, snow modeling and skiing activities reached their culmination. The project opened with a large parade, and was climaxed by a dog derby.

In February, a group of dramatic people was added to the staff. These people were of real value to the program. The dramatic program has been excellent. In four months the groups presented productions at least four times a week to audiences averaging 1500 persons. Four workers supervise the making of puppet theatres.

In addition to the regular spring and summer activities, the recreational leaders held a kite tournament, and later, an Indian Pow Wow. One special feature was a doll contest. Later, there was the boat regatta and a swimming meet.

During July, the annual Bike Races were held a very special feature of the month was a pageant which attracted nearly 50,000 persons the two evenings it was staged.

RURAL HENNEPIN COUNTY

Rural Hennepin County has enjoyed a most successful recreation program. A staff of 50 leaders and 40 attendants were able to serve an attendance in six and one half months of nearly a half million persons, while more than 120,000 looked on. These leaders were assisted by 50 NYA youths, whose work they supervised.

"Be Ready to Save a Life" was the slogan of the WPA Lifesaving Institute at Crystal Lake beach, Robbinsdale. Hundreds were taught how to swim and how to rescue swimmers in distress. A total of 364 students passed American Red Cross Lifesaving tests.

WPA recreation workers planned and directed the recreation of some 350 4-H Club boys and girls from four counties at an annual three-day encampment at Medicine Lake. Practical training was given in handicraft, music, nature-study, athletics and progressive games.

A Historical pageant, "Nations of the North", was given June 30, at Mission Grove, Medicine Lake, with great success. It was sponsored by the Westphal Post of the American Legion and the Robbinsdale Business Men's Association. The story traced the history of Hennepin county and the production was made colorful by its natural setting and the presence of French, Irish, Dutch, Swedish, Bohemian, Norwegian and Ukranian "immigrants", doing native folk dances, and "Sioux Indians" in full dress.

Boxing has proved popular. The Rural Hennepin County Citizens Club, assisted by WPA, sponsored a Fourth of July amateur boxing meet at Bass Lake. The proceeds - \$2500 - to erect a new recreation center at Plymouth.

WPA assisted in arranging a Playground Benefit at Fairwood Park, August 14, 15 and 16. Recognition of WPA assistance was given in the printed program. It stated: "During the past year, we have been fortunate in securing WPA assistance, and the mark left by the recreation leaders and workers is a factor that cannot be passed unnoticed. The work of this group has been largely responsible for the big improvement this past year. To these workers and leaders goes the thought that in later years when the park reaches the stage of completion, we of the Park will remember that you, too, helped us attain success".

Many recreational facilities have been added to county parks and playgrounds. Where there were 12 ball fields yesterday, there are 74 today. The same ratio applies to horseshoe and tennis courts, play and picnic grounds, ice rinks, gymnasium and other recreational facilities.

No one heard of using a special room in a rural school for recreation purposes until a planned, supervised play program was started under ERA. Today there are 57 such rooms being used in rural Hennepin county.

"The Dawn of a New Understanding" was the title of a three-act play and style revue written for the Sewing Project by Edward Porter of the Recreation Project. It was presented June 13 in Robbinsdale and June 14 at St. Louis Park, to 1400 spectators. The play showed what WPA has meant to thousands of families. Mr. Floyd Dell, a member of the Washington publicity staff, took the play with him and intends to have it produced by theatrical units and other WPA groups.

During the period of urgent need for pheasant feeding our 55 NYA youths were transferred so they might establish some 50 feeding stations in the county. Working under the supervision of sportsmen and WPA recreation leaders, they assisted in the distribution of four tons of feed.



DRAMA GROUP \ \ \ MINNEAPOLIS



TAP DANCING \ \ \ ROCHESTER

KANABEC COUNTY

So far much of our recreational work has been with 4-H Clubs, in order to get the organization done while interest was high.

The first month's work was visiting schools and organizing clubs. There are 59 schools in our county. Fifty were visited before the end of the school term.

Nineteen 4-H Clubs have been organized and started. A total of 350 members are enrolled - children between the age of 10 and 20 years.

Following is the attendance at 107 meetings:

Boys' attendance-----	546
Girls' attendance-----	1315
Mens' attendance-----	283
Womers'attendance-----	475
Total - - - - -	2038

KITTSOON COUNTY

Kittson county began its recreation project under WPA January 26, 1936. The laborers on the project went to work at developing or maintaining such recreation facilities as skating rinks, ski slides and town halls. With this help the supervisors were able to begin an active program of winter sports. As soon as the weather permitted, the project developed softball and baseball diamonds, swimming pools, tennis courts and horseshoe courts. We have been active in the maintaining end of six skating rinks, nine ball diamonds, four swimming pools, two tennis courts, four official horseshoe courts and two parks.

At the present our activities include women's and men's softball leagues, junior baseball, swimming instruction, Boy Scouts, handicraft and sewing clubs and conservation clubs. A tennis and horseshoe tournament are about to be held.

Appreciation of the program is shown by the cooperation and support of the American Legion, City Governments and the schools throughout the county.

LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

Lake of the Woods county has been very ready to accept the opportunities of the Recreation program.

Baudette had no city playground until this spring. The town set aside a city block to be made into a Municipal playground. The Chamber of Commerce donated \$100 for the construction of tennis courts.

Boys and girls of the community were offered, for the first time, the opportunity of participating in organized activities. Games in basketball were supervised at Baudette for youths from the rural communities. A basketball tournament was held between the towns along the Northern border. A girls' Round-Robin five-team diamond ball tournament received much interest. The program assisted the community in many activities. New games were taught in rural schools and on the city playgrounds. Programs for community clubs were arranged.

Outdoor activities, including camping, are popular. The girls are eager to take part in nature hikes.

Playground equipment has been constructed for several communities within the county. Fences and ball fields have been repaired.

MARSHALL COUNTY

Marshall County baseball and diamond ball leagues have been organized. Athletic fields were constructed.

Play supervision was scheduled regularly in four different towns. Twenty-five children are members of the Rhythm bands which are organized in four different locations within the county.

MEEKER COUNTY

One of the most popular activities in the Meeker county recreation program is archery. Women employed during the day find in this sport the relaxation they need. WPA workers make the equipment. It is hoped that more archery classes may be formed throughout the county, so tournaments may be held.

Another interesting feature of the Meeker county program is a "Community Sing", held each week in conjunction with the City band. Enthusiastic audiences welcome this activity.

Steps are now being taken to ascertain the recreational needs of the county through the University survey. When the statistics are compiled, more public tennis courts and the use of the Community Hall for a recreation center will be requested.

MOWER COUNTY

Mower county recreation workers have been fortunate in having Shaw gymnasium as a central place for activities. From October to May, this gymnasium is open to all Austin boys between the ages of 7 and 21. Volleyball, basketball, ping pong, wrestling and boxing are offered. WPA workers assisted at this gymnasium and with clubs during social hours and games at picnics. They were invited by the county Superintendent of Schools to conduct all activities at Township Play Days. At schools they supervised play hours at noon and recess. Assistance was given on all parks and playgrounds. The American Legion, the City Mower's Club, the City Parks, and other groups wished leagues of various kinds, and WPA Supervisors assisted in the organization and coaching. A City tennis tournament will be held soon. A two weeks' swimming and life-saving school, conducted by the Red Cross, was aided materially by WPA workers.

Considerable interest has been aroused in handicraft. The city councils have given space in the Municipal Buildings. Approximately 225 girls and 75 boys are enrolled.

Girls' choruses, music and play contests, style reviews, hobby clubs, puppetry and many other activities aid in balancing the program.

NORMAN AND CLAY COUNTIES

In Norman county, Play Days were inaugurated in the rural schools through the assistance of WPA recreation. Approximately 800 children took part. Two Soft Ball leagues in Norman county finished their schedule with a county tournament that was attended by the largest crowd ever to witness such an event in the county.

Handicraft has proved the most successful program in Clay county. This work has been done through the cooperation of the high schools in the respective towns. Classes are also conducted for adults. Hawley Lake has been constructed under WPA Construction Project. Swimming instruction has been given by two qualified persons.

OLMSTED COUNTY

During the winter months, a ski tournament was one of the most interesting events in Olmsted county. A ski scaffold was erected at the State Hospital at Rochester through the cooperation of Mr. Smith, the Superintendent. Skiing lessons were given by a member of the hospital staff.

At each of the seven grade schools, the WPA Recreation Department was in charge of the skating rinks and of various activities.

Mr. Compton, Superintendent of Rochester Parks, turned over the recreation of all Rochester Parks to WPA for the summer months. A definite schedule for all games, and a plan for tournaments have been worked out by the WPA superintendent of recreation. Such games as croquet, softball, tennis, sandbox modeling and running games have been held at all times. A twelve-league schedule in diamondball has created much interest.

At the city swimming pool at Rochester, three life guards were supplied by WPA recreation. Children have been given swimming and life-saving lessons.

A very competent 4-H Club leader has been employed on the recreation program. An active county-wide program has been carried on. Several 4-H members gave an hour's program over the Rochester radio station.

A group of Boy Scouts from Stewartville was taken to White Water State Park at St. Charles for a week's camping trip. A WPA recreation supervisor took charge of the camp. Hikes, fishing, story telling and games and drives for Scout merits were some of the activities enjoyed.

A Geology course has been given to Boy Scouts and others of Rochester. A very fine collection has been gathered, and each species was named at the Rochester Junior College.

OTTERTAIL COUNTY

Organized activities arouse considerable interest in Ottertail county. Mid-get baseball teams, 11 of which have been organized in the county, have received much favorable comment.

As Ottertail is the county of lakes, swimming is a popular sport during the summer season. Swimming meets have been held.

Tournaments in kittenball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoe, skating and tennis have received much enthusiasm. During the summer season, baseball and tennis are the popular activities. In the winter months, baseball and volleyball sustain the most interest.

Six athletic fields have been constructed at different locations within the county. The recreation program has been of definite assistance to permanent existing agencies within the county. Assistance has been given to 4-H Clubs in preparing for and conducting field days. The school districts appreciated assistance given them toward making their field days a success.

PENNINGTON COUNTY

Puppetry has been the outstanding recreational activity in Pennington County. Many characters have been made, so that several different programs may be presented. The woodwork class made a portable stage. Presentations have been given before 21 rural schools and for many Community Club groups.

Pennington County, con't.

Amateur hour is held once a week at a community park. These programs have been well attended and have aroused considerable interest.

Local groups request our assistance for many of their activities. A community club sponsored an Indian Pageant, "The Early Life of the Indians". WPA workers constructed the Indian village and assisted with the program.

Many persons have availed themselves of our swimming instructions.

PINE COUNTY

Organization for a Recreation Program in Pine County was begun July 27 with the appointment of the County Recreation Superintendent.

Units of this program were established at Pine City, Hinckley, Sandstone, Willow River and Brook Park. Local Advisory Councils were formed and a tentative program for reconditioning playgrounds, tennis courts, swimming beaches and parks was planned.

Co-operation and assistance has been promised by the local School Boards, Town Boards, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, School Superintendents and many individuals.

On August 10, two unskilled workers were assigned to each unit. They are carrying out our tentative improvement program, and are building up a larger recreational attendance.

The need for a Recreational Program is self-evident when you see the rundown condition of the playgrounds and the lack of equipment. The boys and girls can be seen roaming around Main Street or down by the river trying to find something that might interest them.

Our most successful activity is swimming, because it is a natural sport and requires little equipment.

Our playgrounds are being improved and adequate equipment is promised. Volunteer semi-skilled workers are joining the ranks. We are looking forward to a varied and adequate recreational program for the future.

POLK COUNTY

The recreation program in Polk County has been constructed to include every type of activity of any interest to the people concerned.

Since the start of the program, WPA workers have organized and supervised the following recreational activities in their proper season:

WINTER

Hockey leagues-inter & intra city
Amateur shows
Pageants
Woodworking
Sewing
Boxing and wrestling schools
Basketball Leagues
Volleyball leagues
Bowling
Skiing clubs
Hiking

SUMMER

Diamondball--girls and boys
Outdoor Volleyball
Handicraft classes
Water carnivals
Track meets-Field days
Horseshoe tournaments
Amateur shows
Plays
Holiday sport programs
Golf schools and tournaments
Tennis tournaments

RAMSEY COUNTY

Project #237 for recreational leadership, City of St. Paul and Rural Ramsey county, was put in operation October 7, 1935. Additional funds under project 1850 were made available April 23, 1936. At the present time, approximately 250 people are employed in leadership work. The program has been carried on in co-operation with the Department of Playgrounds and the Department of Education, social settlement houses in the City of St. Paul, and various school districts and community organizations in rural Ramsey county.

During the fall of 1935, our program included leadership of highly organized athletics, games of low organization, formation of hobby clubs, informal instruction in arts and crafts and dancing. With the beginning of the winter season, skating and hockey occupied the spotlight. As many as 90,000 persons participated in a two-week period.

An intra-mural sports program, conducted in co-operation with the physical education department of the public schools, proved very successful after school hours. This gave the children an opportunity to put into practice skills taught them in their regular physical education classes.

Funds to open 14 school gymnasiums during the evening hours were furnished by the St. Paul Community Chest. This provided an opportunity for employed groups to participate in basketball, volleyball and other gymnasium activities.

During the spring season, in addition to the general playground program, rehearsals were carried on in preparation for the presentation of a large city-wide pageant. The theme was taken from the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. The pageant was presented June 17, 18 and 19, with approximately 1500 children from all the play areas taking part.

In addition to centers operated during the winter months, our summer program included supervised recreation at six additional municipal playground areas and at 25 public school areas. School areas never had leadership during the summer months before. Attendance has been large and a diversified program of athletic games, story hours, sand play and craft work has been carried on.

The distribution of milk to under-nourished children, sponsored by the Nutrition Department of the public school system, has been continued during the summer months with persons employed on the recreational project.

Cooperative effort for the greater use of facilities owned by agencies in the downtown areas was secured and a swimming pool program at the YMCA and KC pools has been carried on. Hundreds of children are being taught to swim and are given life-saving and first-aid tests. Life guards have been furnished at five recognized public swimming beaches in the county, and at the new municipal pool constructed by WPA in Highland Park.

The project for the repair and construction of playground apparatus and equipment has been supervised by persons on the recreation project. Swings, slides and teeters have been built and repaired; game boards, tables, benches and miscellaneous items have been constructed. The sewing project of St. Paul made tennis nets and baseball and softball bases.

A brief resume of labor work accomplished since the beginning of WPA would include five miles of rock-retaining walls being built around school and municipal playground areas, resulting in enlarged areas in most cases; 48 tennis courts of the rock dust type have been constructed; municipal swimming pool; 33 school playground areas resurfaced; a new zoo building is under construction at Como Park;

Ramsey County, con't.

Monkey Island has been rebuilt; and miles of new walks and foot paths and other landscaping work accomplished in the Como Park area. New bath house with a dock and diving tower has been constructed at the Phalen Bathing Beach. Yardage on three municipal golf courses has been increased; the construction of new hazards new greens and landscaping; an arboretum and picnic grounds constructed in Como Park; foot paths, fire places, council ring fire places, walls, roads and landscaping work at the Hidden Falls area. One new community center building has also been completed.

A Recreation Leaders Training Institute sponsored by the various social agencies in the city of St. Paul was conducted for a period of six weeks, one evening each week. Supervisors on our project conducted many of the classes and approximately 60 of our leaders took the entire course.

During the month of March, 1936, the National Recreation Association conducted an institute for group leadership for a period of four weeks, five hours a day, five days per week. Eighty-five of the Recreational Leaders took this course. A thirty-day institute was conducted by supervisors on our project for NYA employees. Other one and two-day institutes have been held at the beginning of each season.

REDWOOD COUNTY

Organized activities, such as softball for both men and women, tennis, horse-shoe, and baseball have been very popular in Redwood county. Three local and one county-wide tennis tournaments have received much enthusiasm. Eight tennis courts which have not been used for several years have been remade and repaired. One new tennis court has been constructed.

WPA assisted the Red Cross in conducting a swimming and life saving school for a ten-day period. Average attendance per day was 50 juniors and 20 seniors.

One worker organized and led two junior and one senior bands. They give three concerts a week.

RENVILLE COUNTY

The Recreation program for Renville county began July 20, 1936. The Booster Club of Olivia was very enthusiastic in its cooperation. The School Board gave the use of the school grounds, gymnasium, swimming pool and all the necessary equipment for the activities.

Sewing classes were an important part of the program from the beginning. Golf classes were organized and met two days a week on the municipal course. Kittenball teams and various other athletics have been organized. Arts and crafts classes are progressing rapidly.

There is much enthusiasm throughout the county regarding the recreation program. The School Boards, Village Councils, Booster Club, the Renville County Fair Board, the Kiwanis Club and the PTA, back it. Hundreds of adults and children are taking part in the program.

RICE COUNTY

The P.T.A. of Faribault has been very much interested in puppetry, tap dancing and handicraft work. These classes have had a very prominent part in the recreation program of Rice county. Puppet shows and demonstrations have been given throughout the county, and many tap dancing entertainments have been given. Leather craft and batik work have been emphasized on the craft program.

Rice County, con't.

One-hundred-twenty pupils have the advantage of violin and piano lessons taught by a WPA recreational supervisor.

Ball leagues and tennis tournaments hold the usual popular attention. The hobby club of the county has organized a Bicycle Safety Club, sponsored by the Senior Chamber of Commerce and organized in cooperation with the school.

These activities, as well as skating progressive games, pet and doll parades, weekly amateur contests and Easter egg hunts, have so absorbed the interest of the children and young people of the county that municipal authorities have expressed their appreciation and have stated that the streets of Faribault are free from children and traffic accidents.

STEARNS COUNTY

Basketball is the most popular organized winter activity in Stearns County. Each town in the county supported at least one team. League schedules were played and a county tournament was held.

Diamond ball is the most popular of any organized summer sport. Every town has three or four teams. Local tournaments were held. New diamonds have been constructed. St. Cloud built a lighted field.

During the swimming season, life guards were on duty at six beaches in the county. A regular Swimming and Life-saving course as prescribed by the Red Cross was taught. As a result, over 75 persons have passed life-saving examinations. On each of the St. Cloud Playgrounds, a section of the ground was set off for the little tots. Crafts, the sand box, various games, both quiet and active, were among some of the interests for the smaller children. Story telling and amateur programs were developed. The NYA took complete supervision for this activity.

Recreational fields have been constructed in five different locations of the county. Four tennis courts have been made. 100 percent cooperation was obtained from school boards and town boards.

WASECA COUNTY

In Waseca county, the Recreation Department of the WPA has cooperated actively with the Farm Bureau and 4-H Club, with School authorities and with various departments of the city desiring recreational supervision.

Recreational supervisors coached one-act plays for a county contest, made arrangements to present the plays and assembled musical numbers entered in these contests. The WPA workers have attended 4H Club meetings, have taken part in the program and have assisted with the social activities.

To assist county and city school superintendents, workers have taken charge of two Rural County Play Days, in which 79 schools took part. Recreational workers have taken charge of the play periods each day in the city parks and supervised play for pre-school and school children five days each week during the summer. Throughout the county, baseball and kittenball leagues have been organized. Arrangements are being made for a tennis tournament. Supervisors assisted the Red Cross in promoting a series of splendid swimming and life-saving demonstration. Other activities, such as hobby clubs, tap dancing, handicraft, "Amateur Nights" give to Waseca county a well-balanced recreational program.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

School authorities in Washington county have been very generous in their co-operation with the WPA Recreation Program. They have given the use of gymnasiums for indoor activities, and have provided facilities to conduct activities at playgrounds. Field days were held at Forest Lake, Stillwater and St. Paul Park. Students from the entire county were invited to participate. WPA recreational workers were in full charge of arranging events, deciding the winners and distributing the prizes donated by the local merchants.

KOOCHIC AND COUNTY

The recreational workers have been instrumental in promoting several new tennis courts, horseshoe courts, ball leagues, hobby clubs and various other activities. Swimming classes are popular. The workers offered three classes daily for five weeks. They taught approximately 175 children. These pupils passed a comprehensive examination and were presented with a Red Cross swimming pin.

WINONA COUNTY

Consolidated schools, Associated Creameries, Farm Bureaus and business men's groups throughout the county are among the organizations which credit the WPA Recreational Leaders with much of the success of their annual picnics and programs. Recreational workers had charge of the program of activities at the 4H Club encampment at Winona. Swimming meets, ball leagues, tennis tournaments, hockey, hiking parties, tap dancing and handicraft are some of the activities made available to the community during the past year.

The music program in Winona county has been very successful. Many pupils have taken advantage of the classes, including over 90 rural boys and girls.

The Recreation Superintendent keeps a scrapbook record of various activities and sends it to the District office each month. The Superintendent has received many encouraging letters of appreciation, and requests for a continuance of the work.

WRIGHT COUNTY

Recreation is a new activity within Wright county. After some effort, 100 percent cooperation was obtained from permanent county agencies, including the school boards and town boards.

A water-front program has received much attention during the summer months. Supervision has been maintained on many beaches. Much equipment has been built. More persons than ever before have taken advantage of the activity.

Diamond ball has become a very popular sport. Girls' and boys' leagues have been organized within the county. Many activities are planned for the fall. Dramatics and music are two activities the need for which is evident in the county.

CARLTON COUNTY

The program is operating in eighteen different localities within Carlton County.

Considerable construction and repairing has been done on many playground and athletic fields. Equipment such as swings, merry-go-round, chinning bars and horse shoe courts have been constructed.

Much interest has been shown in softball. Leagues have been organized in basketball, kittenball, baseball and hockey.

Tap dancing classes have been extremely popular in certain villages and towns. This instruction has been offered only to the children

Carlton County has the makings of several very good 4H Club drum and bugle corps. The orchestra and band groups, although composed of persons who have had very little previous training, are now able to give a creditable performance.

KOOCHICHING COUNTY

The activities in Koochiching County are developed within seven communities. The program in each town varies according to the major interest of the specific locality.

Enthusiasm in soft ball and volleyball is general throughout the county. Tournaments and league competitions have been very successful in all parts of the county.

Tennis courts, volleyball, and diamond ball fields in two different locations of the county have been improved. The rural centers and small towns are particularly anxious to participate in any musical activity.

LAKE COUNTY

Since the inception of the WPA program in Lake County, more recreational activities have been offered the community than ever before.

Basketball, softball and baseball leagues have created wide-spread interest within the community. This league furnished entertainment to a large number of spectators.

The amateur program held at Two Harbors received much enthusiasm from the entire county. Talent became evident as a result of the activity.

Community picnics have served to entertain and furnish enjoyment for people that otherwise would not be reached by the benefit of our program.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Duluth

The WPA Recreational activities have been of much assistance in Duluth by supplementing the existing program. Under WPA, three recreation buildings and fields are nearing completion. These centers will provide more adequate facilities in overcoming the physical handicaps now present in the administration of a well-balanced program.

All activities are carried on in conjunction with the City Recreation Department.

Leagues were formed in ice hockey, basketball, softball, baseball, horse-shoe, volleyball, and field hockey.

The Winter Sport Days aroused an increased interest in outdoor activities. A typical program consisted of both competitive and non-competitive activities including ice hockey, broomball, fancy skating, sled parades, comedy acts, races, etc.

"Special Days" were planned under the playground activities. By planning these programs, participants were afforded the opportunity of developing their initiative. Dramatic activities became very popular. Programs such as Stunt Night, Mother and Dad's Day, and Community Nights aroused much enthusiasm throughout the communities.

RURAL ST. LOUIS COUNTY

The extension department of the St. Louis Rural schools, the South St. Louis County Club, and the WPA Recreation projects have cooperated in an effort to give to the people of Rural St. Louis County a wide variety of recreational activities.

The WPA Recreational Department has assisted in directing the program at the St. Louis County Fair at Proctor, Minnesota. The program included contests in horseshoe, badminton, volleyball, and track. Men, women, and children participated in these activities. Entertainment of a dramatic phase was featured for the evening program at the County Fair.

A Library for "plays" has been organized. This will prove of great benefit to the field of dramatics. Approximately five hundred volumes of plays are now available to the County. New plays are being added to the play library constantly. The library is located in the office of the county agent.

"What is ahead for Rural America?" was the topic of discussion at the Public Speaking Contest. The minimum number of words were set at nine hundred and the maximum at twelve hundred. This contest received much enthusiasm from the women of the rural areas.

With the aid of WPA workers, twenty-five winter sports centers were constructed at rural schoolhouses during the past winter season. These facilities were used by the school children during their physical education period, recess, and noon hour periods. On Saturdays, Sundays, and during the evening, the adults of the communities availed themselves of the centers to participate in the winter sports. Approximately thirty school and community winter frolic celebrations were conducted at these centers.

Hockey teams were organized, skating contests held, queen coronation ceremonies conducted, and various competitions held in tobogganing, skiing, broomball, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing. Much interest and enthusiasm was evident at the County-wide Winter Sports Day which closed the winter activities.

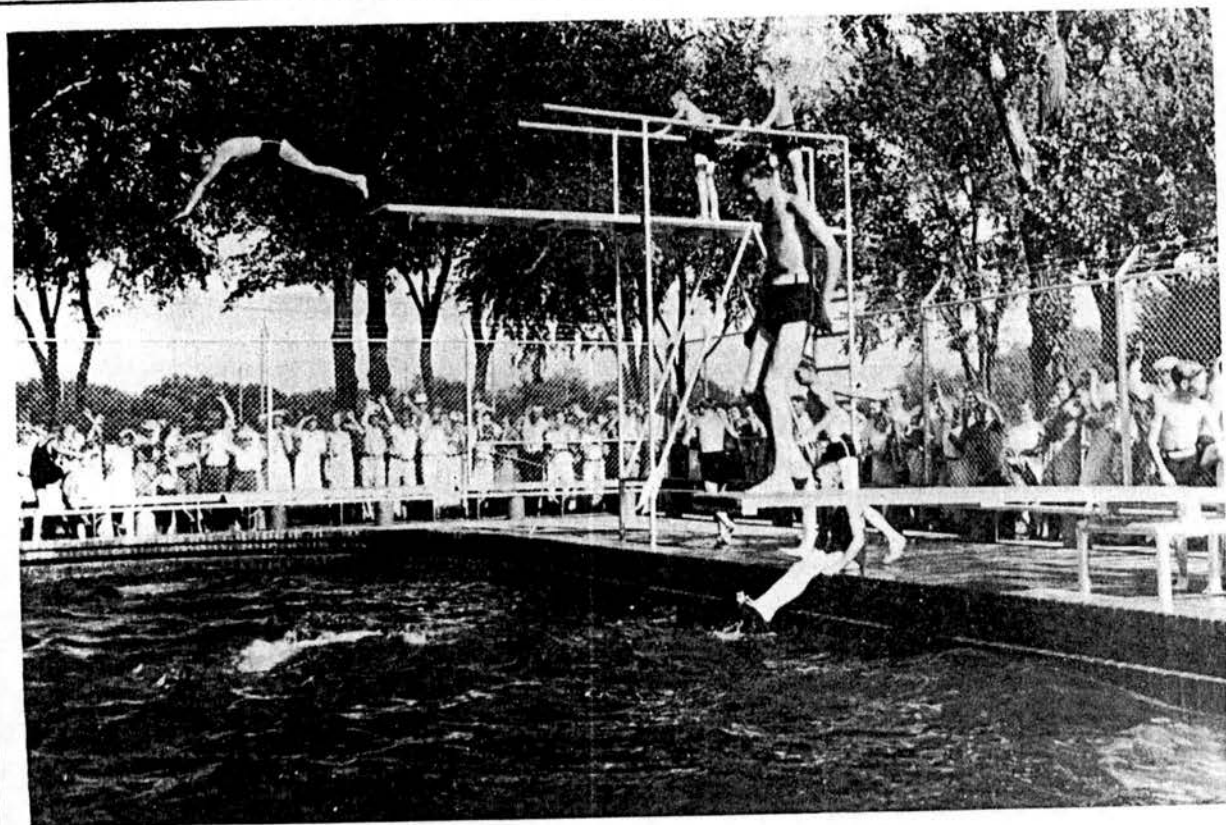
Handicraft activities were popular throughout the entire county. Inexpensive articles which proved to be useful in the homes have been made.

IRON RANGE

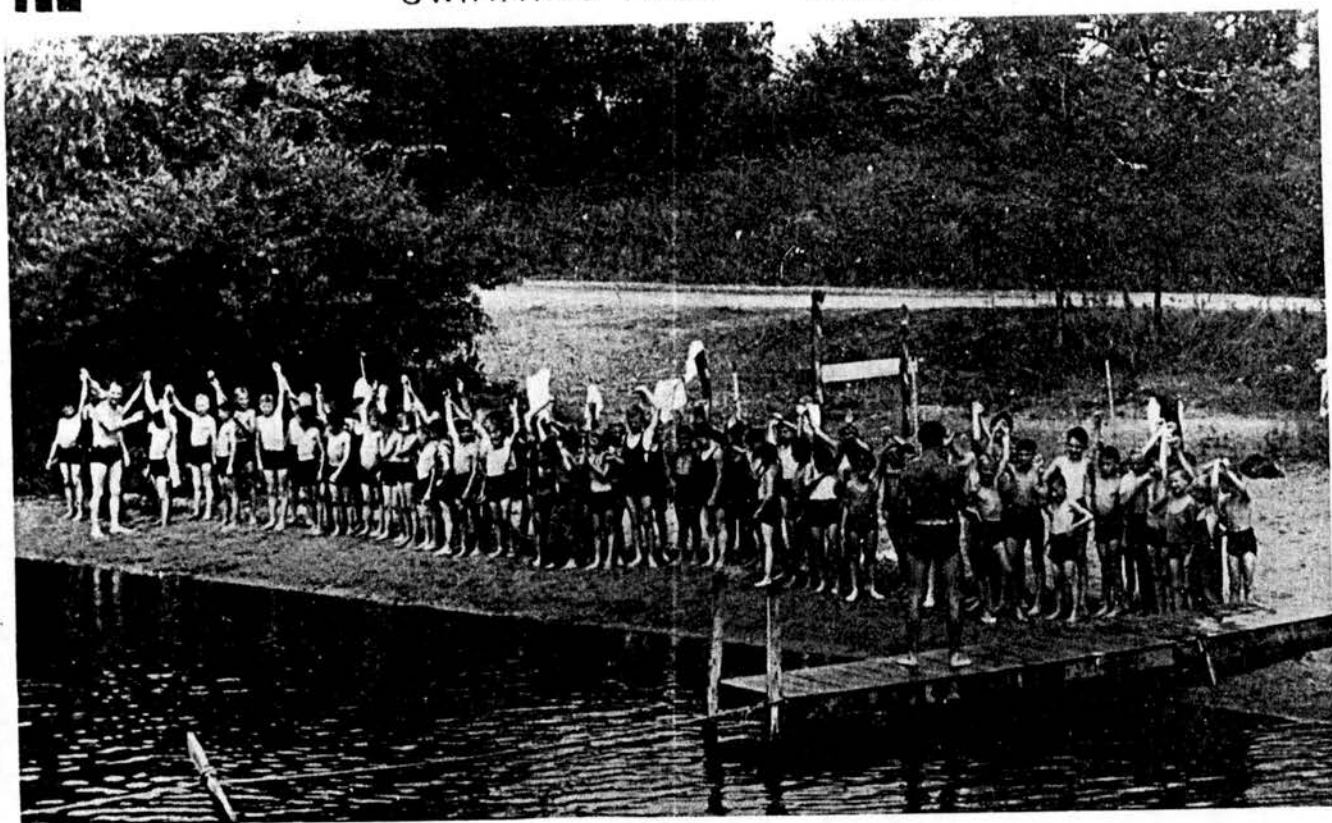
A full diverse recreational program is in operation on the Iron Range. Leagues have been organized in hockey, basketball, volleyball, baseball, and diamond ball.

Through the cooperation of the local Recreational councils and the WPA, it was possible to operate more playgrounds than ever before. The playground dramatic program has received considerable support. The special clubs or groups which were organized assisted in maintaining an interest in the playground. A well-rounded craft program is in operation in most localities.

Several Teeny Teeny bands which have been organized have proved to be very popular. The WPA orchestra in Gilbert plays for many public affairs.



SWIMMING POOL ~~~ SPRINGFIELD



SWIMMING AT BOYS CAMP NEAR SHAKOPEE

SUMMARY OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

February 1936-----July 1936.

	February	March	April	May	June	July
Recreation Workers (Non-Relief)	70	101	99	109	104	104
Recreation Workers (Relief)	1260	1036	1120	1170	1171	1091
Volunteer Workers	83	127	165	231	169	126
NYA Workers	94	188	164	209	268	316
Laborers		234	249	237	229	192
TOTAL --	1507	1686	1797	1956	1941	1829

PARTICIPANTS

	February	March	April	May	June	July
<u>ATHLETICS</u>						
Boys	50,104	98,192	119,447	299,131	351,928	238,924
Girls	9,068	21,822	26,638	106,321	131,894	98,312
Men	18,743	41,615	40,629	294,088	147,378	124,626
Women	4,624	12,140	9,060	24,898	32,478	24,910
	82,539	173,769	195,774	724,438	663,678	486,772

GALES

Boys	29,873	71,770	64,284	81,340	128,282	130,762
Girls	12,348	33,742	34,438	71,670	117,679	109,514
Men	7,456	14,582	20,956	23,366	14,079	13,928
Women	4,476	4,819	5,510	5,569	6,996	8,060
	54,153	124,913	125,188	181,945	267,036	262,264

ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Boys	5,742	33,259	33,523	27,339	36,934	39,054
Girls	5,598	30,133	32,266	31,599	41,941	47,838
Men	763	3,346	3,184	2,631	1,826	1,456
Women	1,752	8,108	7,689	6,283	3,437	3,310
	13,855	74,846	76,662	67,852	84,138	101,658

DRAMATICS AND MUSIC

Boys	6,330	19,143	18,717	20,111	26,456	22,862
Girls	10,155	28,179	25,740	33,794	36,936	33,456
Men	1,541	7,157	6,425	7,359	8,777	5,038
Women	2,019	7,642	6,436	8,789	8,055	3,368
	20,045	62,121	57,318	70,053	80,224	64,724

HOBBY CLUBS

Boys	4,189	17,037	19,989	12,471	13,327	7,498
Girls	2,183	8,779	8,823	10,748	8,803	9,706
Men	1,182	4,083	5,843	2,987	3,661	1,488
Women	800	2,902	4,068	3,765	4,016	2,202
	8,354	32,801	38,723	29,971	29,807	20,894

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Boys	365,760	80,015	12,520	17,592	60,371	209,578
Girls	62,905	57,532	7,120	8,457	46,121	163,252
Men	32,022	25,027	4,708	3,634	24,722	107,272
Women	19,364	19,710	2,629	2,436	11,541	87,680
	480,051	182,284	26,977	32,119	142,755	567,782

MISCELLANEOUS

Boys	17,016	20,351	17,582	17,399	34,377	34,012
Girls	17,639	19,720	28,862	24,035	33,122	25,058
Men	7,882	11,395	8,050	10,832	13,218	8,206
Women	7,403	6,384	5,541	21,737	9,279	6,530
	49,940	57,850	60,035	74,053	89,996	73,806

GRAND TOTAL - - 708,937 708,584 580,677 1,180,431 1,357,634 1,578,960

TOTAL SPECTATORS - - 246,050 475,398 211,904 469,146 729,478 835,608

LEADERSHIP IN ACTIVITIES

Below are two lists of major recreational activities being carried on under this program. Opposite each activity is indicated the number of leaders.

GROUP 1

Leaders devoting full time to one activity.

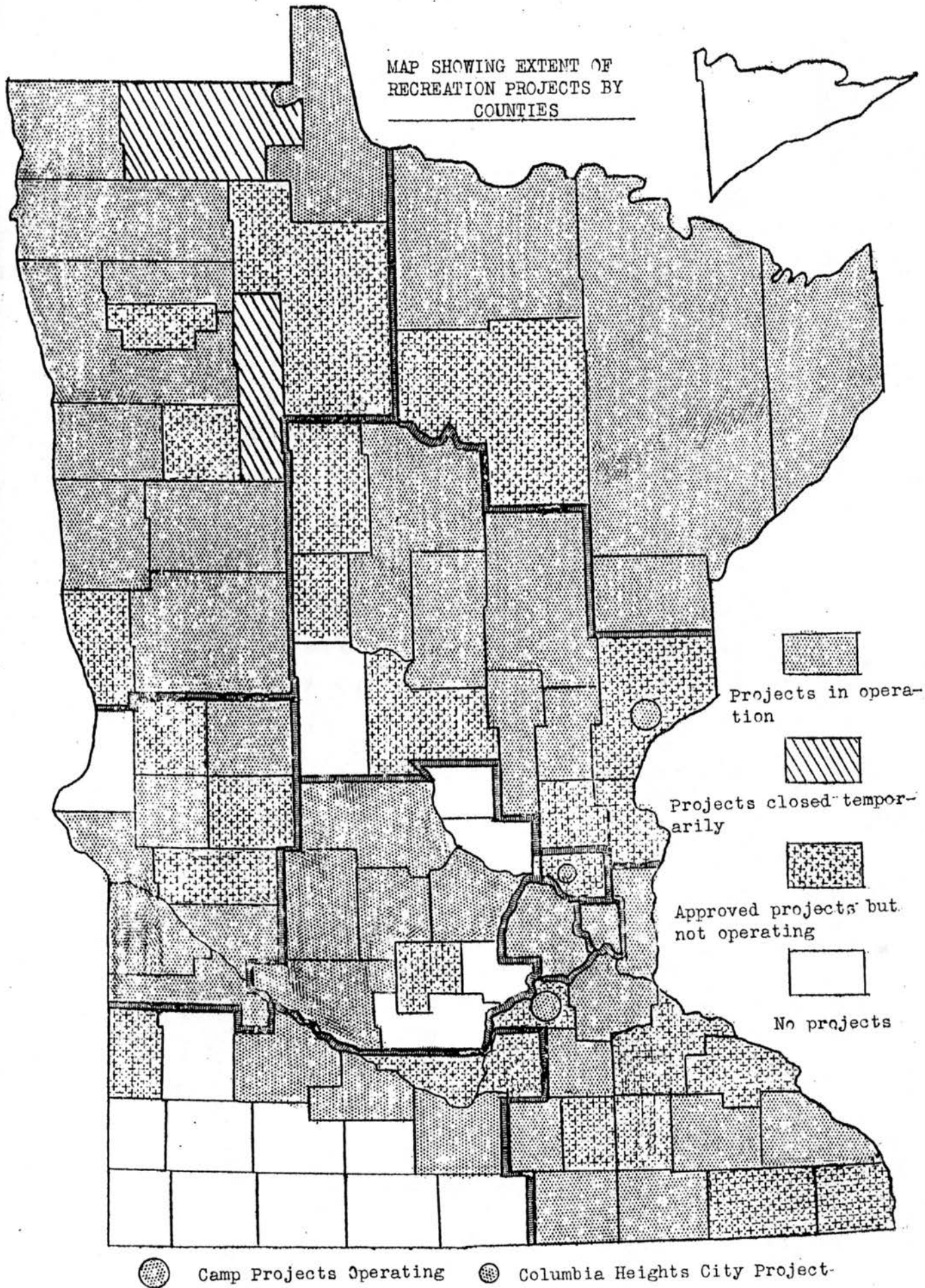
Physical Activities (with exception of swimming)	40
Swimming (Life Guards and Instructors)	17
Music	29
Dancing	6
Handicraft	16
Drama	20

GROUP 2

Leaders devoting their time to more than one activity. One leader may be included in the numbers opposite the various activities several times depending upon the number of activities the individual is engaged in directing.

General Playground Work	451
Physical Activities (with exception of swimming)	216
Swimming (Life Guards and Instructors)	52
Music	59
Dancing	16
Handicraft	63
Drama	34
Hobby	17

MAP SHOWING EXTENT OF
RECREATION PROJECTS BY
COUNTIES



COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE WPA RECREATION PROGRAM

Ada	Dassel	Jacobson	Palo	Virginia
Adolph	Dawson	Jancosville	Parkers Prairie	Waasa
Aitkin	Deer Creek	Karstad	Parksville	Walker
Alberta	Deerwood	Kelsoy	Payne	Watkins
Alborn	Detroit Lakes	Kennedy	Pelican Rapids	Walnut Grove
Albert Lea	Dilworth	Kettle River	Pequot	Warren
Alango	Donaldson	Kinney	Perham	Warroad
Alexandria	Donnelly	Knife River	Perley	Waseca
Argyle	Duluth	Lake Crystal	Petrell	Wegdahl
Arnold	E. Grand Forks	Lamberton	Pike	Wells
Aurora	Echo	Larsmont	Pillager	White Earth
Austin	Eden Valley	Lawler	Pine Hill	White Iron
Backus	Elcor	Leader	Pine River	Williams
Balkan	Elizabeth	Lengby	Pitt	Winona
Bancroft	Elmer	Leonidas	Ponsford	Wood Lake
Barnesville	Ely	Little Swan	Princeton	Woodland
Barnum	Embarrass	Litchfield	Proctor	Wright
Bassett	Emmons	London	Rabbit Lake	
Battle Lake	Erhard	Longville	Redwood Falls	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY LIST</u>
Baudette	Ersline	Lynwood	Remer	Avon
Bayport	Eshquagama	Madison	Revere	Buffalo
Beardsley	Eveleth	Mahtowa	Rice Lake	Clearwater
Bear River	Farm Island	Makinon	Riverton	Cokato
Bellingham	Farmington	Malmo	Rochester	Delano
Beltrami	Federal Dam	Mankato	Rosberg	Holdingford
Big Bend	Fergus Falls	Maple Hill	St. Charles	Howard Lake
Biwabik	Fern	Maple Island	St. Hilaire	Melrose
Boyd	Fertile	Marietta	St. Louis	Monticello
Boy River	Forenton	Markham	St. Paul	Paynesville
Brainerd	Floodwood	Maynard	St. Vincent	Richmond
Britt	Forbes	McGrath	Salo's Corner	Roscoe
Brook Park	Forest Lake	McGregor	Sanborn	St. Joseph
Brookston	Foreston	McKinley	Sandy	Sauk Center
Brown	Fosston	Meadowlands	Shaw	Waverly
Calloway	Freeborn	Midway	Shelley	
Canby	French River	Milaca	Sido Lake	
Canyon	Gilbert	Milroy	Sleepy Eye	
Carlton	Gneson	Mirbat	Sandan	
Carp	Goodridge	Montevideo	Sparta	
Cass Lake	Graceton	Moorhead	Spooner	
Cedar Valley	Graceville	Moose Lake	Springfield	
Cherry	Granite Falls	Morris	Stephen	
Chisholm	Grand Lake	Mountain Iron	Stewartville	
Chokio	Greaney	Munger	Stevanson	
Clara City	Hackensack	Myrtle	Stillwater	
Clarkfield	Hallock	Nemadji	Strandquist	
Clarks Grove	Halma	New Richland	Sturgeon Lake	
Clinton	Hanska	New Ulm	Swatara	
Clitherall	Hartland	New York Mills	Tamarack	
Cloquet	Halstad	Nopeming	Tanner's Lake	
Cook	Hastings	Normanna	Thief River Falls	
Cotton	Hawley	Nisswa	Thor	
Crookston	Hayward	Odessa	Toivola	
Cromwell	Hendrum	Onamia	Tower	
Crosby	Hill City	Ortonville	Two Harbors	
Culver	Hollendale	Osage	Ulen	
Dam Lake	Idington	Osakis	Van Buren	
Darwin	Iron	Palisade	Vermillion	