

R. F. C. ceased to function as far as relief employment was concerned on November 24, 1933, and three days later, November 27, the project was operating, without interruption, under the C. W. A. The designation was changed from R. F. C. #821 to C. W. A. #8288. The operation of the project continued under the entire jurisdiction of James K. Reid and the staff of the County Recreation Department.

The change brought the opportunity of increased service and activity for it was now possible to replace the rotation method by the continuous employment of workers. The personnel quota having been raised to approximately 1000 persons, additional workers were selected and the entire staff continued under intensive training in methods of organizing and conducting recreational and delinquency prevention activities.

The increased quota of workers came as a tangible recognition of the achievements of the project. Under the C. W. A. the workers were not only employed on a full time basis of 30 hours per week, but also their pay was raised from 40¢ to 50¢ per hour.

These advances occasioned a fresh impetus to the work throughout the county. Many of the smaller communities which had been holding back from a complete participation in the program due to the former lack of continuity in the services of the workers, now embraced the program whole-heartedly. Recreation appropriations were made in communities which hitherto had made none. Departments were established and workers employed. There was recognition of recreation as a function of local government. As a result the work surged ahead under the sponsorship of the C. W. A. to new heights of accomplishments during the months of December, 1933, and January, February and March of 1934.

With the closing of the C. W. A. program the latter part of March, universal regret was voiced from official and private sources that this splendid work would be terminated. They did not reckon, however, with a situation unique in social service annals, for such was the momentum of the work that in many communities the work was carried on by enthusiastic workers without expectation of financial reward. Parents and children who had been given the privilege of recreational activities seemed to sense its priceless advantages and large numbers continued to participate. Sponsors, who had caught the vision of the service, also did everything in their power to keep the work going.