

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF A SPECIALIST
IN PROGRAM PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS.
MARION E. MILLER

PROGRAM AND WORKER TRAINING SERVICE REQUIRED:

In order to render effective service to the 35 communities in which new playgrounds were established during the Summer, as well as to those where the playground work was in experimental stage, it was necessary to secure the services of a worker of considerable experience in activity programs, playground administration and the training of workers. We were able to secure for this work the services of ^{Marion E. Miller} a woman of 10 years experience as associate superintendent of ~~another~~ county recreation system *in Pennsylvania.*

INSTITUTES HELD AND PROGRAMS PLANNED:

(July 10 - Sept 10, 1933)

During the period covered by this report she held 123 conferences with local executives, exclusive of group conferences with committees and ~~some~~ playground workers. Weekly training institutes and conferences with workers were conducted under her supervision in 33 communities for the purpose of planning and developing suitable playground activities and for training R. F. C. workers in the fundamentals of playground work.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Specific programs were initiated, followed up and carried through on the playgrounds of 33 separate communities. These programs included many kinds of practical and no-cost handcraft activities for girls and boys of various ages, music in many playground adaptations, story-telling of many kinds, folk dancing, game leading, pageantry and dramatics, organized athletic sports and team-games for girls and boys, club activities for girls and boys and exhibitions.

SPECTACULAR MASS EVENTS:

Spectacular events were organized and staged in 24 communities to focus local interest on the playgrounds. Thousands of children and adults participated in these activities among which were Baby Parades, Juvenile Circuses and Fairs, Mardi Gras, Pet Shows, Lantern Fetes, Home Talent Shows and various mass competitive activities.

STORY TELLERS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS CHOSEN:

This worker selected from our R.F.C. applicants four young women for story-telling and arranged their itineraries to cover all of the playgrounds in the small communities. These story tellers, costumed as gypsies, were very popular, were awaited eagerly and welcomed enthusiastically by thousands of children who were ever pleading for more and more stories. Several other specialists were also selected and itineraries arranged to assist in other phases of the program.