

EXCERPTS FROM RECREATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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"At Belvedere Community House, there is one women's director, and one boy's director; the same applies to Santa Maria Welfare Center. I also have placed at the corner of Brooklyn and Ford Streets an experienced playground director of middle age, who has contacted to date 115 boys from the ages of 6 to 15. This worker gives each one of them a card to either the Soledad Club or to Miss Jackson. Miss Jackson reports that she has had an increase of approximately 40. For some time past we have had numerous complaints from the Sheriff's Office, and the merchants in this locality about the boys jumping on trucks, and causing other considerable damage, and this activity on the part of this worker has brought commendation from both the Sheriff's Office and the merchants.

Miss Stelzer and the Catholic Big Sisters are doing a wonderful work at San Basil's playground, bearing in mind that up until a few weeks ago they had no playground facilities whatsoever - until I installed horse-shoes, croquet, volley ball and hand ball.

At Santa Maria, Miss Burdick reports that her attendance is holding its usual number this year over and above the decrease last year - this being on account of new facilities being installed, comprising horse-shoes, and outside boxing arena, hand ball and soft ball games. On July 19th we had three boxing bouts of 5 rounds - 1 minute each, and our actual adult spectators numbered 475; this included the mothers and fathers of the Santa Maria Welfare District. I also assisted Miss Burdick in taking approximately 40 Mexican mothers to Hermosa Beach July 19th.

The Soledad Club, corner of Brooklyn and McDonnel Sts., attendance has been good; this playground is used mostly by men from 18 to 40 years of age, playing horseshoes and soft baseball, and am glad to say that most of this activity is from 6 P. M. to darkness. However, in the daytime, the children have the use of the playgrounds at the Brooklyn Avenue Public School with the exception of 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. when Soledad is used entirely by the girls' summer school of Soledad Catholic Church, numbering approximately 60 girls, ranging from 8 to 16 years of age. On account of crossing the street at this intersection, I have had an R. F. C. worker from Brooklyn and Ford conduct these girls across the street, both coming and going to playgrounds.

At Hollenbeck Y. M. C. A. the field worker has increased membership approximately 75 per day; this being on account of the Y. M. C. A. not being able heretofore to have a paid worker on the playgrounds.