

slender budget to provide all of the headquarters facilities, telephones, supplies and mimeographing.

The staff of the Probation Department, under the active leadership of Kenyon Scudder, Karl Holton and Kenneth Beam, backed by the powerful Coordinating Councils, were driving in on the problem from another approach. Their efforts in the field were directed toward home contacts in delinquency infested areas, reaching the pre-delinquents as well as the delinquents, counseling with parents, suggesting remedial action and bolstering home morale. This program absorbed several hundred workers who were designated as delinquency prevention workers (D. P.) to distinguish them from the playground workers (P. G.), since the requirements and approach of each group were essentially different.

Importance was attached at the outset to keeping accurate reports, records and statistics on the progress of the work. This was fortunate as the entire nation became interested in the experiment. Federal officials in Washington eagerly awaited the weekly and monthly progress reports. The National Recreation Association was helpfully alert and intensely interested. All subsequent nation-wide developments under succeeding State and Federal agencies were based on the organization methods and systems conceived in the Los Angeles County work of 1933. The reporting, record keeping and statistical section, ^{was} ~~was~~ under the supervision of C. E. Triggs, E. D. Golden, Charles Brander and M. T. Felso.

The necessity for a training program was also considered of major importance at the beginning. Practically all of the workers were totally devoid of actual training and experience in, or knowledge of, a well rounded recreation program for all ages. There was interest, enthusiasm and innate ability. These were potent elements to work with but they needed guidance, instruction and development from the ground up. So a system of weekly recreation training institutes covering the entire county was organized and conducted by Marion E. Miller, a recreation executive of ten years' experience who had specialized in institutes and activities organization in Pennsylvania. She carried on ten weekly sessions at centrally located schools, with an average enrollment of 800 workers, continuing this work until March, 1934, when she was appointed by Mr. Reid as administrator of the project. A manual of year-round recreation ac-