

TEEN-AGE RECREATION CENTER

1. Name of organization or organizations sponsoring same.

Atchison Teen Town recreational center is the Teen Town Night Club. Every city organization has shown willingness to give any assistance needed.

2. Date of opening of center.

September 3, 1943. Period of preparation was from April 3 to Sept. 3, 1943.

3. Physical location of center in city.

In the basement of the Y.M.C.A. building at 4th & Com'l St., two blocks from the busiest corner in town.

4. Cost of furniture and fixtures.

\$800.00; includes booths, counters, nickelodian, electric cooler, pop corn machine, colored lights, and game equipment.

5. Cost of remodeling necessary.

\$250.00 for asphalt tile.

6. How was this expense met?

Members of the Teen Town organization committee put on a financial campaign with a prospect list and canvassing committee comparable to a Community Chest Campaign. Shares in Teen Town were sold to the citizens of the community who were willing to contribute to the proposition. The campaign was very successful.

7. The size of the building used.

70 by 30 feet space, includes cabaret, dance floor, pingpong room, checker and chess room, and concession counter.

8. Is the recreation center operated as a business, or is it chaperoned and no effort made to have it on a self-supporting basis?

The Teen Town night club is chaperoned by adults of the community. No attempt is made to make a profit, but Teen Town is self-supporting. Dues of 10¢ per month and nickelodian income of 5¢ for two records produces sufficient income for operation.

9. What arrangements are made for chaperons?

Adults of the community who contribute one night a month take care of this responsibility; Y.M.C.A. General Secretary and Women's Program Director assume full responsibility.

10. Is admittance a membership proposition?

Yes; 10¢ per month per member.