

SUGGESTIONS FOR A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

ON THE PLAYGROUND

It is very important and necessary that the children be provided for and well taken care of on the playground. However, they should not monopolize the equipment and play space which is more suitable for adults. Many times this summer adults have remarked that they would like to play a game of shuffleboard or badminton or croquet but they "hated to run the children off."

The nights when the children were amused on the band platform with the program of singing, and folk dancing, there were more fathers and mothers in attendance and it was also possible for these adults to use the play equipment. If there could be a well worked-out program of low-organized games for the younger children every evening for an hour or so, the children would be amused and the adults who came with these children would have a chance to play and enjoy themselves also.

Someone in the community recreation class could plan and carry out such a program. Such games as dodge ball, end ball, stealing sticks, long base, last couple out, prisoner's base, three deep, tag games and many others could be used, as well as many different kinds of relay races. Rope jumping, a hop scotch tournament, marbles, stunts and other activities could be introduced. Certain shuffleboard courts and croquet areas could be reserved especially for the children, which they could take turns using. Such a program could be carried out at the east end of the quadrangle. A few additional lights could be installed here, and benches placed for the fond parents who want to watch.

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