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Mr. Herbert E. Wiebe,
Director of Recreation,
Bethel College,
North Newton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Wiebe:

I can appreciate your dilemma since you have so few boys are at Bethel. I can hardly visualize your set up there. A recreation program needs to fit into a special situation, and since I am not acquainted with your set up it is very difficult for me to prescribe.

I believe that the dances are taboo at Bethel, but I am quite sure that the square dances would not be out of bounds at your place. If not, that would be one feature that you could promote. You could paint shuffleboard courts on your gymnasium floor and you could make that a co-recreation feature of entertainment. You could have badminton and work that in with some competitive co-recreation tournament.

All of your physical and social activities must be tied in, in such a way that they are not extraneous but an inherent part of your school activities.

By the way, if you do not want to use paint on the floor in marking the shuffleboard courts, you could take one-fourth of LePage's glue and three-fourths of show card shiting or show card color and paint the lines on the floor. Warm Water will erase all lines of this nature so that no one could object to your placing them temporarily there as long as they might be needed, and yet that would not deface the floor one bit.

I am not sure that "Introduction to Community Recreation", edited for the National Recreation Association by George D. Butler would help you. At least it would give you some fine ideas. Also, "The Curriculum in Health and Physical Education" by Leslie D. Irwin, published by the C. V. Mosby Company of St. Louis, might prove helpful.

I am sorry that you were not able to attend our Recreation Institute. We had a lady stenographer take down all the activities of this institute. The time consumed for this would run into a lot of money on the hourly basis. However, we desired to preserve the activities of the five-day institute. We have in typewritten form the entire material