

Nearly three thousand Lawrence school children will be released from routine next Friday, and many little newcomers will be anxious to make friends with them and to share a happy summer. The Lawrence Recreation Council has planned a six weeks program of pleasure and profit for them all. Trained supervisors, university students who are majoring in physical education, have been employed to take charge of the elementary schoolgrounds during the late afternoon hours. They will be assisted by volunteers from Parent-Teacher membership, mothers who will serve without pay since they covet the program for the children. The Ministerial Alliance will offer a half hour of bible school instruction for all interested children from 2:30 to 3 p.m., then our supervisors will be responsible for the children until 5 p.m.

The morning activities have been planned for children of all ages and varied interests: free swimming instruction, Red Cross courses for the young home front soldiers, Miss Ellsworth's summer art school, and Miss Bushong's marionette studio. A reading program has been outlined in cooperation with the public library. This year we have an employment bureau, under the direction of Kenneth Franks of the high school teaching staff, which will contact employers for the boys and girls who want jobs during the summer months.

We realize that our program is rather a sober one for the children of junior and senior high school age. Many of these young people will be working, or they will be anxious for Red Cross courses or for participation in some similar war activity. Our committee, however, has held a joint meeting and many conferences with the mayor's committee on recreation and with "Phog" Allen; we are now cooperating with them in planning evening activities for this age group. Every effort has been made to eliminate duplication of expense and effort.

The Recreation Council is opening its program on June 8th with confidence that our limited funds will be increased by gifts from people who recognize the necessity of keeping our children's lives as happy and normal as possible. Such a provision is a vital part of our community war effort.

If you feel that you can contribute to the program, please send your check to Supt. Clifford Dean or Mrs. Frank T. Stockton. The committee realizes that you have many demands; we shall be very grateful for any sum.

Frank T. Stockton

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