

PLAYGROUND REPORT (cont)

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The general concensus of opinion of the leaders and the director was that the best place for Bible classes is not on the playgrounds, but in the churches. Aside from my own personal belief that such classes would mean much more in churches; the problem of supervision cannot be overlooked. There was insufficient coordination between the two groups; not willingly, but because of the lack of combined meetings of the leaders of both organizations.

If the bible classes continue to meet next year on the playgrounds, I suggest that:

1. The bible school teachers meet at a few general meetings, as well as the playground's staff meetings, in order that all may become better acquainted, understand more about the 'other group's' aims, etc. and clear all rules about conduct in the halls and on the grounds, etc.
2. That it is understood that but one person exercises authority in the building during the bible classes.

At two playgrounds I felt that the bible classes were running enrollment competition with the playground; which certainly did not foster cooperation. Also it is true, that for a young child the period of 2 to 5 o'clock is rather long to hold his attention.

SWIMMING CLASSES:-

Total Enrollment	- 104
Beginners	- 70
Intermediates	- 21
Advanced	- 3
Teen-Age	- 1 0

I think that the present swimming program is fine; and I do appreciate Miss Ruth Hoover's interest in enabling us to have such splendid Red Cross instruction. I heartily approve of the present schedule that divides the participants into classes according to their ability; and to arrange it so that each school swims twice a week.

I suggest that: The swimming blanks be handed out to children interested in the playground's swimming classes before school is out. (The last week of school) This would stagger the doctor's examinations better, and classes would be more full the first week the instruction started; as well as publicity on the swimming program at school would tend to bring more out for this activity. A few mothers told me that their child did not know about the swimming until after a few weeks of playground--then she (the mother) felt that it was too late for the child to start. (There were three swimming stories in the paper. But such is a typical example)

The two Red Cross instructors at the pool this summer did appreciate very much the help of a High school girl who was employed for the afternoon playgrounds. However, they suggested that two girls would be better.