

February 1, 1940.

Miss Mary K. Lattner,
c/o Y.W.C.A.,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mary K.:

Your letter regarding information on community recreation should have been answered a long time since. Nevertheless, I will take this opportunity to try to give you the information you wish.

If you have available there (I wouldn't buy it) a copy of Jay B. Nash's "Administration of Recreation and Playgrounds", he mentions several instances of recreation being administered through cooperative groups such as you mentioned, particularly in Houston, Texas. Generally these groups need some sponsoring existing organization, such as the Y.W.C.A., Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and so on, and then in cooperation civic bodies and the city government are able to get a cooperative recreation program started.

I would also advise you to write to the National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and get a list of their pamphlets and publications. They usually charge a small fee for them. Some of them, I am sure, will be very helpful to you.

Also, in the last couple of years the Works Progress Administration Division of Professional and Service Projects, Washington, D. C., have been getting out a series of mimeographed booklets on various phases of recreation, and it seems to me that you would be able to get a considerable amount of information from the one on "Report of College Conference on Training Recreational Leaders". Why don't you write to Dr. Edward C. Lindeman, Director of Recreational Division of the Works Progress Administration, and ask him for any available mimeographed material that he has on the recreational program.

If I haven't answered your questions satisfactorily I would be pleased to do so without so much delay. We have just completed finals and I just got my grades in the campus mailbox. So I am off for the day.

With kindest personal regards from the family and from the department, I am

Sincerely yours,

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