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My dear Dr. Allen

Heartiest welcome to the membership on the National Recreation Committee.

I assume that you've read the "Plan of Work" and other material sent you from the National Office. I want to call particular attention to the Parent-Teacher Manual and the Parent-Teacher Guidebook, Recreation Sections. Study also those on Art, Music, Reading, and Library Service. There are many detailed suggestions in them and excellent programs have been built through these.

If you possibly can do so, get the files of the former Chairman or the files in your state office on recreation and those of the state bulletin or magazine and note what is reported as having been done or suggestions made. As you do this, jot down questions on which you want further information from the National Chairman or in consultation with people in your own state.

Then you ought to have tools to work with. The enclosed bulletin suggests some invaluable aids. I have checked those which would be of particular help. If the Recreation Committee has an appropriation, you will find the Recreation Magazine and the bi-weekly Bulletin Service, both published by the National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City, indispensable. You'll get many requests for suggestions for games and diversions for Parent-Teacher meetings and home play. You will find the 20¢ pamphlet "Handbook for Recreation Leaders," published by the Department of Labor, U.S. Children's Bureau, Washington, D.C., as Publication 231, a lifesaver. Then get from your state office the programs on Art, Music, Rural Recreation, Dramatics, and Library Service.

Many chairmen have found an unofficial advisory committee tremendously helpful. I can give you a list of the local recreation people in your state. They and 4-H Clubs, Granges, Scout leaders, Camp Fire, Y leaders, teachers of art, crafts, music in the public schools, all make good timber on such a small committee.

After going over the material, I would choose one or more objectives toward which I would ask the associations to work during my term of office. General objectives which could well be followed by all associations such as: a recreation chairman or some definite person concerned with recreation locally; a recreation period (not an entertainment) at each Parent-Teacher