

that they want it, and after making that decision, they must find the tools, financially and otherwise, to implement it locally. We do not believe, nor do you, I think, that a recreation program is something that can be superimposed from the outside. Recreation is the people's program - it must come from the people - it represents their desires and wishes - and they must put it into action.

Announcer: Is this something new in America?

Mrs. Livingston: My goodness, no! Public recreation started with the sand gardens in Boston in 1870. Last year, over 500 American communities supported year-round programs of community recreation, and spent some \$40,000,000 of tax funds, mainly for leadership. At the present time, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, recreation is regarded as a municipal responsibility, to be supported by tax funds, the same, for example, as public health service or the collection of garbage or the provision of good streets. Recreation for the mass of the people is good in itself, needs no such excuse as the eradication of juvenile delinquency that many of our well-meaning friends attempt to attach to it, and is a necessity of all the people in any American community. You people of Lawrence have one of the most splendid community buildings I have ever seen, with excellent volunteer help. I hope that you can soon have a program in operation seven days a week. I am happy to know about your summer recreation program for Lawrence children - for this summer - which includes plans for playgrounds, art studio, Red Cross swimming instruction, and teen-age activities.

Announcer: You are of the opinion, then, Mrs. Livingston, that Lawrence is on the right track?