Schools and Parks

School boards and park departments often undertake to organize after-school and vacation programs. An outstanding program, described in detail near the end of this booklet, has been developed by Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



There are many other examples: In Cleveland, Ohio, the Board of Education, through its community center department, has recreation projects going on at 21 schools. Teenagers go in for basketball, boxing, dramatics, tap dancing, music, craft work, model building and table games. Instruction is given in tennis, golf, bridge, personality development, millinery, and interior decoration.

The 100 play centers operated by the Chicago, Illinois, park district cater to wartime interests. Boys' clubs, called Junior Commandos, emphasize physical fitness. Craft classes make games and equipment for the Red Cross, hospitals, and servicemen. In the summer of 1943, 15,000 school children cultivated 14,000 victory gardens, each 95 feet square.

Public and Private Agencies

Recreation agencies, both public and private, have stepped up their services to youth, and, in many cases, developed new programs.

The city recreation council in Provo, Utah, sponsors a work-recreation program. Boys and girls help in the fruit orchards, and their work is balanced with sport and social life. The high school student council continues during the summer to plan dances and picnics.

In Morgantown, West Virginia, the Recreation Commis-