

sion sponsors junior civilian defense programs on its playgrounds. In *Charleston, West Virginia*, a junior baseball school offers the attraction of a former big league player as coach.

The Youth Activities Division of the Council of Social Agencies in *Boston, Massachusetts*, together with the United Settlements of Greater Boston, has expanded summer play facilities. A series of evening events competes for teen-age favor with downtown commercial attractions; neighborhood block parties, open air movies, band concerts, and street dances fill the program. The City-Wide Boys and Girls Work Conference also holds meetings and dances which bring together young people from all sections of the city.

In *Casper, Wyoming*, the Coordinating Council opened a Campus Canteen. Boys and girls did much of the work, and raised money for equipment through benefit parties and donations.

Churches

The war has brought new problems to church leaders, and in the field of youth recreation these problems are being met in many communities by offering young people the kind of entertainment they want.

A *Hilton Village, Virginia*, minister converted his parish house into a community youth center modeled on the Stage Door Canteen.

Twenty *Washington, D. C.*, churches have organized a committee to provide summer recreation for young people, with each church responsible for one activity.

One hundred *Detroit, Michigan*, churches turned waste land and vacant lots into playgrounds; the plan succeeded so well that the same group is promoting it throughout the nation.

More than 5,000 New York City clergymen of all faiths are opening their churches to recreation for the city's million boys and girls.