Clubs, Individuals, Press, and Radio

Often the impetus for a community program comes from an unofficial source. In Spokane, Washington, the Active Club sponsored a center, called the Hi Nite Club, where youngsters now spend their leisure time.

The Rotary Youth Committee of Oneida, New York, surveyed teen-age recreation and recommended a center; they made it a community project by setting up a teen-age committee and inviting 20 other organizations to share in its building and operation.

A citizen of Buchanan, Michigan, stood for and won appointment to the school board in order to work for winter recreation activities, and went on the park commission to promote summer programs.

A Dayton, Ohio, couple, learning that 9,000 boys and girls between 15 and 17 had no organized recreation, helped the county establish a youth center.

A small group of citizens organized the Panther Club in Lufkin, Texas, and helped the town finance it for a year. Then they turned it over to the youngsters to operate, with adult supervision.

Newspaper and radio campaigns are also building the fires which start action. Many newspapers are campaigning for canteens instead of curfews, for positive instead of negative approaches to recreation for youth. And the young people of Raleigh, North Carolina, got their first recognition from the manager of a radio station. His interest was aroused by the letters he received from the local boys and girls, and he began a campaign which resulted in a program.