

Teacher Association, the churches, service clubs, housing authorities, employers, labor organizations, commercial recreation interests, as well as youth leaders from all sections of the community should be invited to join. The County Commissioner or other county representative may be included when the needs of youth outside the city boundaries must be considered. This is especially important when war industries and military areas outside the city affect the picture.

The *Alameda County, California*, defense council organized a Youth Committee for Recreation and made plans for the entire county. Local Committees were named in each of the towns and unincorporated villages, and subcommittees of boys and girls work with them.

Many large cities find county lines more useful than city dividing lines. *Los Angeles and Los Angeles County, Detroit and Wayne County, Chicago and Cook County*, for instance, plan on a county-wide basis.

## The Neighborhood Committee

In large communities the neighborhood committee has proved the best means of developing local programs close to home, of spreading recreation opportunities as widely as possible, and of capitalizing on neighborhood spirit. On a smaller scale, the neighborhood committee parallels its parent, the Youth Recreation Committee, and collaborates with it in tapping neighborhood resources and planning year-round activities.

*Denver, Colorado*, decentralized its projects by dividing the metropolitan area into 42 neighborhood districts, each with its own committee, which, in turn, is represented on the City Youth Council.

In other communities, the neighborhood committee is organized by a club, school or PTA, and represents all groups