

Texarkana, straddling the Arkansas-Texas border, called a meeting of representative high school students, who were unanimous in their desire for a teen-age center.

In *Concord, Massachusetts*, where the league of Women Voters initiated a youth canteen, questionnaires were sent to high school students. Returns showed which activities and hours youngsters preferred and the locations most accessible to them.

The PTA of *Alameda County, California*, conducted a useful survey to find out the population of the area, the number and ages of children; number of children employed; number of children left unsupervised day or evening; the facilities available; and specific wants of the boys and girls.

Facilities

Surveys should explore existing facilities and find out whether new ones are needed. They should ask—and answer—such questions as:

Are community centers used to capacity?

Are parks and playgrounds open at needed hours?

Are programs accessible and attractive?

They should look for facilities that are not being fully used, such as schools, municipal buildings, churches, clubs, libraries, museums, swimming pools, and commercial recreation centers. Even empty stores, auto showrooms, white elephant houses, and vacant fields offer possibilities. Federal Recreation Buildings can be put at the service of young people when not in use by military personnel or war workers.

