

Many housing projects also bring their teen-age residents into hobby groups. Settlement houses have long understood the value of arts and crafts for all.

## Dramatics

Ever popular high school dramatics have multiplied into extensive out-of-school theatre activities in many communities. Often full-length and one-act plays are produced on regular schedules. Boys and girls act in them, build scenery, hunt props, and do the thousand and one things necessary to get a play before amateur footlights.

Settlement houses, housing projects, church groups and youth centers also find in dramatics a first rate creative activity. One metropolitan church presents two full-length plays a year and many one-act plays. Puppet shows furnish an interesting variation.

Dramatic coaches and directors can be found in most communities. Members of adult Little Theater groups, radio actors, production men, and the housewife who once taught dramatics, are all potential directors.

## THE MILWAUKEE PROGRAM

Among recreation programs worthy of study by communities embarking on experiments of their own is that of *Milwaukee, Wisconsin*, where a city-wide recreation program has been an integral part of community life for more than thirty years.

### *Organization*

Milwaukee's recreation is directed by the Department of Municipal Recreation and Adult Education, a division of the public schools. A State law places organization and financing in the hands of the School Board, which can request a lax levy of 8 mills on each dollar of city valuation. The money must be used exclusively for recreation.