

sports going on simultaneously. Neighborhood dances and parties are held on week-ends.

The teen-age hangout is also part of the Milwaukee social center. Teen rooms and lounges are set aside for meetings, games and parties. There are 124 boys' clubs, 102 girls' clubs, 36 co-recreation clubs and many informal groups, all organized under an All-City club council. Scientific, dramatic, and debating groups cater to special interests.

Competition between clubs is keen, particularly during charter club week when each club elects its king and queen, and the all-city king and queen are chosen.

The Department of Recreation also sponsors the Municipal Children's Theater, an adult group producing plays for children, and the Milwaukee Civic Light Opera Company.

Readjustment for War

Though designed for peace-time, the Milwaukee program has stood up well under the demands of war. Many of its regular activities have been given a war service slant. Craft classes are devoted to making table games and other articles for servicemen. A Women's Auxiliary Service has been organized for high school girls' clubs, with physical fitness as the major objective. Centers are open from 3:30 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.

Many boys and girls are organizing into uniformed drill groups. For instance, 450 boys from 13 to 17 meet in social centers under the sponsorship of Marine veterans. The Victory Corps, which is part of the regular school system, as one of its many volunteer war activities sold \$744,000 worth of bonds in one drive.

The Department of Recreation interprets its responsibility broadly as education in the wise use of leisure. It has, like scores of other recreation departments, grasped certain fundamental principles: to begin where people are, to help them develop the interests and talents they have, to reach all the people, and to make the fullest possible use of the resources the community has.