

BACKGROUND OF LAWRENCE RECREATION MOVEMENT

The development of the recreation movement has been a patchwork affair in Lawrence, since the community as a unit has not only been slow to recognize the need for municipal planning but also apparently reluctant to make room for recreation expenditures in the budget. Several years ago, after persistent effort, a few of the councilmen succeeded in persuading the city council to earmark \$1000 of the park fund for recreation expenditures to make possible the development of lighted ball diamonds. This sum has never been changed, and its use is limited to the purchase of capital equipment or to the maintenance of equipment and facilities; there is no city fund which can be drawn upon to provide leadership and supervision, nor to purchase expendable equipment. The Liberty Memorial High School Band is allowed \$500 a year with which to purchase instruments not otherwise obtainable, music, etc.; in return, the band gives concerts in the early weeks of the summer, plays for parades and similar occasions. Summer Recreation Program for children of school age--

In the summer of 1940 the American Association of University Women gave \$400 to inaugurate such a program, and the Board of Education gave immediate and substantial cooperation. The Parent-Teachers Council became cosponsor in February, 1941, at which time the Recreation Council was formed. Any group interested in the program is entitled to send a representative to the one or more general meetings of the Council held each year. The administration of the Recreation Council is formally accomplished through an executive committee with the following personnel: Pres., Clifford Dean, superintendent of the city schools; Chairman of exec. comm., Mrs. F. T. Stockton, Dr. Bert Nash, Joie Stapleton, A. E. Woestemeyer, Mrs. Deal Six, Mrs. Ivan Rowe, Maude Ellsworth, Mrs. W. B. Sneegas, Mrs. D. Gagliardo, and the