

## AN ATTITUDE AND A REALITY IN COMMUNITY RECREATION

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Someone has said there are seven stages to man: first, he sees the world; second, he wants it; third, he starts out to get it; fourth, he would be satisfied with one-third of it; fifth, he further modifies his desires; sixth, he would be satisfied with a space two feet by seven; and seventh, he gets it.

May we discuss the first three stages of childhood and youth, because never before has there been need for greater effort on the part of parents and older people to be understanding with reference to the problems of youth than today. Our first job should be to try in particular to make sure that boy meets girls in the right sort of atmosphere. Recreation and recreational leaders have a vital part to play in winning the war and winning the peace. There is need in these war times that our homes and our municipal recreation centers should have a vital spiritual influence even though the word religion be not mentioned.

For many years the emphasis has been upon rights under our system of government. Now we may well have in our recreation centers an emphasis on responsibilities, even though we try to see that such responsibilities are carried lightly and joyously. Neighborhood service is in itself an important form of recreation. Never before has there been greater need that all churches, all neighborhood groups, all recreation centers should work together in cooperation.