

A FEW EXERPTS FROM REPORTS
OF 933 PLAYGROUND WORKERS.

" The Lincoln School playground is in the heart of a Mexican dettlement in San Gabriel, so most of the youngsters at this playground are Mexicans. They have appreciated the playground very much, after they found out by the solicitation of one of our directors that the playground was there for their service, and the aim was to provide supervised play during vacation for their children, to take them off the streets and away from uncontrolled gangs. The attendance is between one and two hundred each day, with about twice as many boys as girls. I consider this to be remarkable, because we have had so little equipment and material to give them to work with that I was afraid the kiddies would become disgusted, but each day they have come back just as energetic and very appreciative for the material and equipment we have had to offer."

" Organized mountain camp of 23 boys and secured the permission of each boy's parent for boy to make the trip. Made arrangements with local merchants and organizations for all supplies used at camp. I made a trip to camp, 7/28/33, to take additional fresh supplies. Made arrangements with manager of local theatre for Saturday morning show; contacting citizens interested in the boys' camp."

" It is difficult for people to go to unfamiliar places. "Bring a stranger" day each month to the playground and have groups of children show them around.-- A special feature to be emphasized in linking the home with the playground is the carrying by the children to the home definite ideas of home leisure-time activities. I would suggest "Home Club Night" once a week with suggested programs by the playground as a good start."

" Friday I talked so long and hard I almost lost my voice. We went first to Lynwood to Woodrow Wilson School and had about 60 children. At Downey High School, our next stop, we had about 95 to 100 children. From there we went to Bell, Corona School, for a group of 85 to 90. Next to Huntington Park telling stories to 70 children at Miles Park and to 40 children at Middleton School. At Liberty School at South Gate we had about 40 children, in a very interested group. They are carrying on their work in tents and doing very well. We stopped at Maywood late in the afternoon, but almost everyone had gone by then."

" As there are a number of Japanese and Mexican boys about 12 to 17 years of age in the neighborhood, I have talked to the leaders of each race. These fellows have started club activities and have promised to give me a list of names and addresses of their prospective members. Of course, I have made these same arrangements with the American boys."