Annual Report
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
Department of
PARKS
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Dear Sir:

The annual report of the Allegheny County Department of Parks is herewith submitted.

In reporting last year, attention was called to the fact that annual reports of this department in the past four years have shown a continual and rapid advance in park use with the demand for additional facilities each year topping the previous year by from twenty to thirty percent.

The year 1940 gave new evidence that North and South Parks have already realized the usefulness to the people for which those who planned them had hoped. Both parks are now used summer and winter with schedules of active recreation covering a variety of sports and pastimes which will be described in detail in that portion of this report which is devoted to recreation.

The program planned and completed for the year 1940 emphasized reforestration, erosion control, removal of construction and erosion scars through planting; the planting of food and refuge for birds and game, control of grove parking to safeguard trees and shrubbery, expansion of sportsmen's activities, including opening of the North Park Lake to fishing; curb of vandalism and destructive carelessness, park-wide program of public safety and protection, expansion of sanitary facilities, extension of water lines, paving of shelter house floors, and numerous other accomplishments designed to increase public enjoyment of the two parks apace with the ever increasing public usage.

Protective and preventive work began with the printing and distribution of revised rules setting forth penalties for vandalism. At the same time an educational campaign was begun in the newspapers and by radio to reduce destructive carelessness. A survey made during 1940 indicated that ninety-five percent of all park users are both appreciative and careful of the facilities placed at their disposal. The remaining five percent, however, includes the exponents of outright vandalism, the thoughtless and the careless. With the cooperation of the County Police, sportsmen's clubs, newspapers and the radio, as mentioned above, efforts were directed toward reduction of this latter percentage as far as possible.

Preservation and restoration of natural park beauty was the keynote of all activities. Undeniably the best method of preserving natural beauty is to "let it alone," a procedure which obviously is impossible in a park subjected to heavy and continuous public usage. Consequently our program was and is, therefore, to maintain, restore and, in rare instances, enhance the natural beauty.

The preserve the groves and woodlands under the usage to which they are subjected, it was first necessary to restrict the motorist who had been abusing the parking privileges by driving into the grove and thus, all too frequently, killing trees and shrubbery.

Full attention was given to the tent caterpillar and to other insects and pests which in epidemic proportions can so readily and quickly destroy established values in forests and park land.

While the same general maintenance program continued in force, improvements were considered and made as part of a planned long-range program of park development. This program has as its basic operating policy:

1. A long-range reforestration program to permit restoration of the natural forest cover which existed in the park areas before farming took place.
2. A program of planting and planned park treatment to permit development in accordance with sound park practice and to permit maintenance of attractive parks.
3. Development of a program of recreational use to provide an increased number of facilities with strict care not to mar the appearance of the parks nor convert them into "city" playgrounds.
4. Consideration of all proposals for additional facilities is on the basis of future operating and maintenance costs and the protection and development of the natural beauty of the parks.

Work done in 1940 in both parks is outlined in the pages which follow.

WORK COMPLETED IN NORTH PARK

1. Resurfacing of three tennis courts with 150 tons of new clay.
2. Construction of a caddy house opposite the new golf club house.
3. Cutting of 20 tons of hay from park property for park game.
4. Repairing and repainting of 71 row boats.
5. Oiling of unimproved roads with 11,175 gallons of road oil, to lay the dust.
6. Daylighting of the curve on the Pierce Mill Road at the northern entrance of the North Ridge Drive. This work comprised the excavating of 2,150 cubic yards of surplus earth and stone, 1,600 cubic yards of which was used as "fill" on the new Deerbrowse ball field while the remainder was used in a similar manner on the new golf course parking lot.
7. Planting of flowering nursery stock on building terraces and at road entrances to the park.
8. Preliminary survey of various sections on the North Ridge for a prospective shooting range.
9. Grinding and mixing of 15 tons of corn and oats for the buffalo and deer in the game preserve on the Guyton Hill area.
10. Cindering 15 miles of park roads during the winter months.

11. Repairing of 160 picnic tables, 20 benches and 35 grove signs.

12. Scraping and rolling with a five-ton roller, nine playing fields and 1,500 square feet of parking area on the North Ridge.

13. Cleaning of drains and ditches on 21 miles of park bridle trails.

14. Installation of three automatic fire alarm boxes at the administration building, lodge and golf club house.

15. Removing of 50 tons of surface stone from park groves.

16. Maintenance of 1,900 tools, including shovels, clay picks, pruning shears, hatchets, saws, scythe blades, chisels, etc., by the park forge shop.

17. Removing of three miles of stained log barriers on the Pierce Mill Road to make way for a metal mesh barrier which has been constructed along this route in accordance with state regulations

18. Construction of thirty 12" x 12" colored concrete flower pots, thirty-six concrete road barrier posts, fifty 3' concrete gutter sections for road drains and three 6' x 6' x 4" concrete bases for grove pumps.

19. Survey and completion of preliminary plans for the improvement of the Black Rock Trail, surfacing and the erection of traffic barriers.

20. Road improvements, relocation of 900 feet of the Deerbrowse Road passing the new ball field, construction of a crushed stone road bed on the driveway of the Custodian's residence, completion of 1,000 lineal feet of metal mesh barrier on the north end of the archery range as a safety precaution and repairing of 500 feet of barrier fencing on the North Ridge Drive.

21. Raking and hauling of approximately three tons of leaves from the park groves and playing fields to the golf course for use as fertilizer.

22. Gathering and burning of 300 tons of refuse from park groves.

23. Renewal of 500 feet of 2½" fire hose for general use.

24. Re-burying of 300 feet of 1½" gas line along the McKinney Road which had become exposed by reason of road improvements and soil erosion.

25. Renewal of oak flooring on the service group scale.

26. Elimination of meters and utility "demand charges" by the extension of the new 2300 volt county-owned power line from the golf course service buildings to the police headquarters requiring the installation of 15 telegraph poles.

27. Vacation Cabin; renovation of the old golf club house as a vacation cabin for girls was completed with the installation of new showers and drainage facilities, construction and installation of 30 new screen windows, and three doors and repairing of floors, eight doors, seven windows and roof. Campers, using this building by means of a special permit, brought their own sleeping cooking and eating utensils.

28. Children's Camp Shelter Improvements; construction of 90 screen windows for the three shelters, six screen doors, three cupboards, nine directional road signs and installation of three 32 feet high flag poles with concrete bases.

29. Girl Scout Cabin Improvements; cleaning of sanitary facilities including catch basins, swimming pool and reservoir from which one-half ton of sludge was removed and repairing of eight front porch screens and two window screens.

30. Swimming Pool Improvements; construction of five directional signs, one new table 2' 6" x 3' 0" x 4' 0" for the first aid room, repairing of 80 feet of gutter-conductor, five doors, ten locks, fourteen windows, cleaning of sediment from filter room basin and coagulation pit, installation of a guard railing on the bath house pavilion stairs, reinforcing of the main water line buried near the right-wing grandstand; construction of two 10-foot piers, two feet square on both ends of the line to prevent pipe-sagging and arrangement of 150 new evergreen plants on the sloping pool terrace.

31. Filtration Plant Improvements; completion of a modern laboratory for periodic examination of all park waters, construction of one work bench 2' 6" x 2' 10" x 5' 0" and cleaning of infiltration basin on Lake Marshall, removing approximately one ton of sludge and debris.

32. Grove Improvements; extension of water facilities into Pierce Mill Grove with 150 feet of ¾" pipe, extension of water into Rose Grove by the installation of 75 feet of ¾" pipe, grading and installing drainage system into Horseshoe Grove, improving three miles of clay roads at the Hemlocks and construction of 30 additional directional road signs and 200 stakes for the archery range.

33. Tennis Field House Improvements; construction of 10 screen windows, three screen doors, two benches, four shower room shields and completion of 1000 lineal feet of metal mesh barrier at strategic points along the tennis court road.

34. Golf Club House Improvements; installation of new door in the pro shop and construction of a work bench 6' x 3' x 2' 6", repairing of 14 damaged screen windows, nine doors, thirteen windows, five door locks, installation of three venetian blinds on the refreshment room windows, completion of two enlarged surfaced plots of parking area 640' x 60' and 630' x 100' on the right rear sides of the building, construction of 1400 lineal feet of metal mesh road barrier and completion of a flagstone pavement 6 feet wide by 316 feet long in front of the building.

35. Golf Course Improvements; smoothing over of a fairway extending from No. 18 to No. 15 greens for use as a ski track, filling-in and seeding of an unused road which extended from No. 1 to No. 3 greens, completion of new tee on No. 13 green and laying of 60 feet of 4" drain tile in sand traps.

36. Boat House Improvements; repairing of 65 feet of dock, 14 doors, 14 door locks, 16 directional signs, two tables, one bench, installation of electricity into the refreshment stand located at the building entrance and general landscaping around the boat house proper.

37. Administration Building Improvements; construction of storm door 4′ x 5′ x 7′ 6″, repairing of eight cupboard doors in the hospital room and renewal of 75 feet of 1″ gas line.

38. Hemlock Dance Hall Improvements; extension of water facilities by the installation of 75 feet of ¾″ galvanized pipe and repairing of front and rear porches, nine windows and two doors.

39. Parish Hill Dance Hall Improvements; repairing of 16 windows, two doors, seven window sash chains and repairing of pump water well, replacing of 10 feet of terra cotta pipe with iron pipe in order to remove the presence of surface water in the wall.

40. Rose Grove Dance Hall Improvements; repairing of nine windows, three doors, four locks and dance floor.

41. Lodge Improvements; refitting of seasoning girders on both floors of the building, repairing of 40 damaged screen doors and windows, eight tables, six benches, seven door locks, replacing of 100 feet of the new 1½″ linen hose in the fire cabinet and landscaping of an area of 1000 square feet at the base of the observation tower.

42. Employee's Dwelling Improvements; construction of a storm door 3′ x 4′ x 7′ on the office building, cleaning and lining with tile two spring reservoirs at the service group dwelling and installation of five porch extension awnings and repairing of six doors, four locks, two windows, porch floor and four damaged screen windows at Custodian's residence.

43. Service Group Building Improvements; completion of five brick chimneys, repairing of garage doors, construction of two coal bins 4′ x 4′ x 5′ and surfacing with crushed stone 3,000 square yards of parking area.

44. Police Headquarter Improvements; construction of four doors, repairing of 80 lineal feet of fencing, ten doors and four windows and dismantling of 800 feet of unused fence enclosure at the police barn.

45. Police Cabin Improvements; construction of a cesspool and the installation of 300 feet of 4″ drain tile at the service group cabin, extension of water facilities into Rose Grove Cabin by the installation of 75 feet of 1″ water line; cleaning and repairing sewer lines and septic tanks at the Ingomar Cabin; repairing of nine screen windows, two garage doors and two screen doors and the construction of four doors on the fire engine house.

46. Draft Horse Stable Improvements; construction of 18 single trees, nine double trees, fourteen tongues, 40 brake blocks and repairing of three feed boxes and seven wagons.

47. Marshall Lake Improvements; construction of an enclosed shelter on the island and provision of heat for the benefit of ice skaters.

The following improvements were made in cooperation with the:

WORKS PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

1. Deerbrowse Baseball Diamond; completion of a large regulation athletic field on the Henderson area near the swimming pool with seating accommodations for 2,500 people. This field will also provide facilities for softball, football, track and other games.

2. Completion of 35 rustic log shelters.

3. Concreting of 40 shelter floors including construction of curbing gutters and terracing or excavating of surplus earth where necessary.

4. Painting of buildings and facilities throughout the park including three miles of metal mesh road barrier, seven miles of bridle path barriers, 3,500 picnic tables, 500 refuse cans, 30 sanitary privies, 19 new log shelters, 2,500 bath house lockers, 200 bridle path directional signs, 71 row boats and 75 drinking water directional signs.

5. Quarrying of 75 tons of stone from park property for check dams.

6. Uprooting of dead or inferior park forest trees which had been rendered valueless of various agencies; lightning, repeated defoliation, fungus, borers and the raised water level of the lagoon. Salvaging of these trees provided 1,200 cords of firewood and over 5,000 board feet of rough-cut lumber.

7. Shading a wide range of desolate spots by planting screens and view trees on the golf course area using 300 lombardi poplar trees averaging 1″ caliper, 22′ to 25′ high with 5′ spread.

FORESTRY—LANDSCAPE REPORT

NORTH PARK

1. Clearing of wild grape vines from approximately 50 acres of deciduous forest to check the suppression of natural reproduction and mature trees.

2. Using of 4,000 gallons of lime Sulphur solution as a delayed dormant spray in old orchards and park groves.

3. Using of 15,600 gallons of arsenate of lead spray along all park roads and in accessible groves to combat tent caterpillar and other chewing insects. Also, miscellaneous care as required for sucking insects, scale insects, borers and leaf diseases.

4. Setting of 280 grove barrier posts and planting of 1,000 lineal feet of grove barrier, using salvaged posts and collected native shrubs, to prevent further damage to 35 park groves and grove accessories due to automobile traffic and to restrict parking to safe areas.

5. Planting of five (one-half acre plots) in secluded sections of the park to provide bird feed. The seed mixture used was provided by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

6. Removing of all dangerous, overhanging or view obstructing tree branches and shrubs along all park roads and trails as a traffic safety measure.

7. Pruning of all shrubs transplanted to the shore of the North Park Lagoon. Removing of all dry saplings and dry transplanted conifers along Lake Shore and park roads, pruned, restaked, removed suckers and mulched transplanted saplings as needed.

8. Preparing specifications for the plant material for the proposed Arboretum at North Park, which include 281 species of deciduous trees, 480 species of deciduous shrubs, 148 of coniferous evergreens and 69 species of broadleaf evergreens.

9. Planting, with park forces, and the W.P.A., the large island in North Park Lake for a Bird Sanctuary. This project involved locating the plant material, digging out, balling, hauling, ferrying and planting of the following trees, and shrubs from various places at North Park, including 21 Maples, 46 Hawthornes, 29 Sumacs, 10 Dogwoods, 13 Aspens, 36 Crabapples, 8 Cherries, 8 Plums, 14 Yellow Twig Dogwoods, 11 Alders, 32 Willows, and 4 Lilacs, 13 Mockoranges, 17 Nine Barks, 20 Red Twig Dogwoods, and about 250 low fruit bearing plants such as raspberries and blackberries.

10. Clearing ground for nature trail and waterfall in North Park. Large rocks were gathered from different places at North Park and hauled to the site of the waterfall. Some rocks were placed and the initial steps were taken to build the fall.

11. Planting of the Lake Shore, including, digging of the trees and shrubs from various places in the park, and hauling them to the proper areas. There were 30,334 pieces transplanted, consisting mostly of black elders, nine bark, hawthornes, crabapples, silver poplars, dogwoods, hazelnuts, elms and numerous other shrubs. In addition, 500 weeping willows were purchased by contract from the Freeland Nursery at a cost of $500.00 and planted at intervals around the lake shore.

12. Planting of various slopes on Babcock Boulevard, Walter Road and Pierce Mill Road. The planted material, bought under contract from the Freeland Nursery, cost $3,721.25 and consisted of 24,000 plants. The bank slopes all along Ingomar Road at North Park were graded, drained, where it was found necessary, and seeded with oats, buckwheat and rye, involving about 86,000 square feet.

13. Planting of 500 different varieties of water lilies and about 1,000 different kinds of bog plants in Lake Marshall.

The following improvements were made in cooperation with the:

WORKS PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

1. Planting of 9,000 conifer seedlings, white pine; scotch pine, white spruces, larch, hemlock and 500 locust, 100 black walnut seedling in North Park. Also, heedling-in and weeding of 100,000 conifer seedling.

2. Removing 383 trees that were dominant or co-dominant within the stand, principally oaks, hickories or silver maples. These trees were killed by various agencies—lightning, repeated defoliation, fungus, borers, and a few by the raised water level on the shores of the Lagoon. The majority of the 138 hickory trees removed were killed by borers. In this case, the trees were felled, the bark removed and burned to check the borer infestation. Sound logs of suitable size were cut for lumber at the Park Sawmill and the balance used for firewood to supply grove ovens.

WORK COMPLETED IN SOUTH PARK

1. Remodeling of Old Hough Homestead for New Police Barracks.
2. Remodeling of Totem Pole Inn.
3. Construction of new refreshment stand at Sully Grove.
4. Construction of new mess hall at Sully Grove.
5. Construction of new camp shelters at Sully Grove.
6. Construction of new camp shelter at Twin Hill Camp.
7. Construction of new hay and feed shed for Game Preserve.
8. Construction of shed over power saw at the Storage Yard.
9. Construction of eight new box stalls in hay shed for Round Barn.
10. Remodeling of Parcell Grove Shelter.
11. Construction of stone wall at old Police Headquarters.
12. Landscaping and beautifying of Sully Pool.
13. Installation of new cooler systems at Buffalo Inn and Golf Club House.
14. Construction of new fence at the Girl Scout Building.
15. Construction of new fence at the Flower Show grounds.
16. Remodeling of interior of Flower Show Building.
17. Replacing of roof on Silent Brook and Spreading Oak Dance Pavilions.
18. Construction of new horse jumps and fences for Horse Shows.
19. Remodeling of Riding Academy.
20. Erecting of additional facilities for children's playground at General Logan Grove.
21. Installation of new return system at Swimming Pool.
22. Improvement of drive and walk around Riding Academy and rear of Schoonmaker Hall.
23. Erecting of new shield for protection of windows at Golf Club House.
24. Asphalt surfacing of area between Museum Building and Agricultural Hall consisting of 1100 square yards.
25. Asphalt surfacing of area around Flower Show consisting of 2700 square yards.
26. Asphalt surfacing around the New Police Headquarters consisting of 1580 square yards.
27. Asphalt surfacing of parking lot rear of Buffalo Inn consisting of 1640 square yards.

28. Asphalt surfacing of area rear of East Grandstand consisting of 12,300 square yards.
29. Asphalt surfacing of parking lot in front of Buffalo Inn consisting of 2650 square yards.
30. Asphalt surfacing of drive from Police Headquarters to Fair Office consisting of 5400 square yards.

The following improvements were made in cooperation with the:

WORKS PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

1. French drains 1' 6" wide by 3' 0" long complete in place consisting of 13,360 lineal feet.
2. Clearing and grubbing underbrush in groves consisting of 109 acres.
3. Dry rubble slope walls consisting of 1634 cubic yards.
4. Construction of bridle trails complete—8' 0" wide consisting of 17,126 lineal feet.
5. Stone production from the Park Quarry in the amount of 2203 cubic yards.
6. Excavation and spoil removal—for trail drainage, consisting of 2620 cubic yards.
7. Exterior painting—lead and oil—two coats, consisting of 4928 squares.
8. Interior painting—walls and trim—lead and oil—two coats, consisting of 312 squares.
9. Aluminum paint—two coats, consisting of 130 squares.
10. Exterior stain—two coats, consisting of 330 squares.
11. Benches and bleachers—two coats, consisting of 1992 squares.
12. Enamel (refuse containers) consisting of 250 squares.
13. Hand excavation, grade and spoil removal (for shelter house floors), consisting of 1647 cubic yards.
14. Forms erected and stripped, consisting of 1980 lineal feet.
15. Cinders wheeled, spread, screened and tamped, consisting of 171½ tons.
16. Concrete, wheeled, poured, screeded (gutter shaped) and finished, consisting of 117 cubic yards.
17. Hand excavation, 50% spoil removal, consisting of 351 cubic yards.
18. Slag underdrainage, consisting of 25 tons.
19. Cement finish consisting of 4860 square feet.
20. Building of 15 log shelters.

21. Building and painting 735 standard picnic tables.
22. Constructing 13 combination ovens.
23. Constructing French drains 1' 5" deep at New Golf Course, consisting of 3561 square yards.
24. Placing 12" top soil layer, consisting of 2785 square yards.
25. Placing 2" Seed Layer, consisting of 568 square yards.
26. Salvaging top soil on No. 3 fairways, consisting of 4980 square yards.
27. Balancing cut and fill on No. 3 fairway, consisting of 720 cubic yards.
28. Plowing seed roll fairways, consisting of 6355 square yards.
29. Construction of sand traps including French drains (approx. 100x20x2), consisting of 10 sand traps.
30. Construction of three grass traps including French drains (approx. 100x20x2).
31. Transplanting of ten trees 4" average diameter.
32. Construction of three catch basins 30x33x60—1' walls.
33. Building of two stone walls.
34. Removing of existing seats, ledger boards and posts at the grandstands, consisting of 20,384 lineal feet.
35. Replacing of seats, etc., consisting of 21,798 lineal feet.
36. Placing of 6" T. C. pipe drain, consisting of 5322 lineal feet.
37. Placing 12" T. C. pipe feeders, consisting of 966 lineal feet.
38. Painting seats, ledger boards, and posts, consisting of 860 squares.
39. Regrading and laying new slag work between seats, consisting of 4150 square yards.
40. Raising stone slabs around swimming pool, consisting of 7,711 square feet.
41. Excavating, consisting of 172 cubic feet.
42. Removing fence, consisting of 175 lineal feet.
43. Hauling and storing stone, consisting of 8,350 square feet.
44. Removing white sand—hauling and storage, consisting of 150 cubic yards.
45. Hand excavating on McConkey Road, consisting of 4,520 cubic yards.
46. Berm dressing, consisting of 4,906 square yards.
47. Hand dress slopes, consisting of 3,110 square yards.

48. Placing 3-lb. Grouted 10" Telford gutter, consisting of 1,992 square yards.
49. Building 12" Riprap walls on slopes, consisting of 1,952 square yards.
50. Installing 6" C. I. Water Line, consisting of 234 lineal feet.
51. Installing of 4" C. I. Water Line, consisting of 1712 lineal feet.
52. Installing 2" W. I. Galv. Pipe Line consisting of 1600 lineal feet.
53. Installing 1" W. I. Galv. Pipe Line, consisting of 600 lineal feet.

FORESTRY—LANDSCAPE REPORT

SOUTH PARK

1. Open fields were planted using 860 saplings transplanted from other areas within the park. These trees were fertilized and staked.
2. The work included the removal of approximately 1400 dead trees. Sound logs, salvaged from felling these trees were cut into lumber for park use; the tops and other waste prepared for use in the park stoves.
3. Approximately 1800 stumps were removed from groves and other areas through the park.
4. The planting of an estimated 35,600 shrubs on various road banks in the park, required hand excavation of 4500 cubic yards of earth and the hand dressing of about 8000 square yards of berms and slopes.
5. It is estimated that about 2000 square yards of 10" Telford road gutter were laid in conjunction with the road-bank planting throughout the park.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL FREE FAIR

Allegheny County's Eighth Annual Free Fair continued. Although the 1940 Fair ran for only five days instead of the usual seven days, its attendance was gratifying and its program complete.

A total of 647,337 persons crowded into the Fairgrounds at South Park to visit the exhibits displayed by more than 1,000 firms and individuals and to watch the 796 events—an average of 159 contests a day—which combined to carry out the Committee's effort to have "something doing every minute" from 10:00 A. M. until 10:00 P. M.

The attractions at the Fair were as diversified as the industries and occupations to be found in Allegheny County. Highlight of the entertainment program was the minature "blitzkreig" and blackout over South Park, made possible through the cooperation of the Federal Government and the National Guard.

Unusual, too, at the Eighth Annual Fair, were the professional horse races which attracted more than 200 horsemen and their mounts from all over Pennsylvania. In addition to the many branches of agriculture, the

fields of home economics, athletics, music, fine arts, photography, horticulture and the theater were represented in the program.

Outstanding among the commercial exhibits were the Communications display of the Bell Telephone Company, the Television Show, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Exhibit, the Esso News Reporter's Broadcasts, displays of the Dairymen's Cooperative Council, the National Meat Packers, American Fruit Growers, the Press Sportsmen's League, the State Fisheries Commission, Jones & Laughlin, Duquesne Light Cooking School, Safety Town, and scores of others.

And the Fair was voted a success as can be seen by the attendance figures—647,337, despite two days of rain!

RECREATION IN THE COUNTY PARKS

The year 1940, witnessed a rejuvenation in all recreation activities throughout North and South Parks. Many groups throughout Allegheny County enjoyed picnics, family reunions, and get-togethers.

In spite of poor weather, the attendance was high in all activities. "Learn-to-play" features were continued this year in many of the park sports. Winter sports activities were extremely popular because of the continuous days of ice and snow. Recreational activities sponsored by the Department of Parks included:

WATER SPORTS

At the North, South, and Sully Pool hundreds were taught to swim during the summer months by the County American Red Cross Lifeguards. Many classes were also held for business men and women during the early evening, and for the first time, life saving classes were held for boys and girls at the pools.

Water polo games were held and two Water Pageants were given at North and South Park pools. Three huge swimming meets enabled thousands of spectators to watch performances of the champion A. A. U. swimmers of Allegheny County.

Special Novice swimming events were held in conjunction with these meets to stimulate competition among the younger boys and girls of the county.

BOATING

At North Park Lake, the Pittsburgh Regatta Association supervised the championship motor regatta sponsored by the County Board of Commissioners. The races attracted the nation's outstanding drivers, and were witnessed by two hundred thousand people. Amateur and professionals competed for the prizes.

Many canoes and kayaks were stored at the boat house for the summer months by private individuals. For the first time, lifeguards were detailed to patrol the lake activities, because of fishing. Sailing was also popular and promises to attract many next summer.

The Sea Scouts of Allegheny County held their rowing championships at the lake, using the County boats. Seventy-one boats comprise the North Park Fleet.

FISHING

e year also witnessed the inauguration of fishing at North Park l _ Thousands of fishermen, young and old, were present at the open- i eremonies on June 30, when fishing was made official by Chairman J. . Kane. Throughout the summer months the banks of the lake were by fishermen trying their luck. Many fished from boats rented at at house. Park fishing rules were printed and distributed.

GOLFING

At the North and South Park 18-hole golf courses, a great deal of a y was held during the year. Besides the regularly scheduled golf champ ionships, quite a number of private groups held tournaments.

The United States Public Links Elimination Tournament was held with Sam Musico winning the championship. Mr. Musico was also the winner of the County Parks Title.

For the first time, the County Parks Department sponsored indoor "Le n-to-play golf" classes during the winter months at South Park, attracting many men and women from all sections of Allegheny County to the Museum Building, where instructions were given free by North and South Park golf professionals. During the spring months, outdoor "Learn-to-play golf" classes were held for men and women. They were extremely popular.

Interscholastic competitions were held and Pitt, Tech, and Duquesne students used the courses for some of their matches. A caddy tournament was held between the two parks and the County trophy was won by North Park caddies. At both parks, father and son tournaments and a junior competition were held.

"Learn-to-play golf" class for junior boys and girls was also held during June, in order to encourage young golfers. The new system of first-come first-serve at both parks was highly successful this year. A public links golf service to arrange matches between players of equal ability was also inaugurated. Also for the first time, a special match was also held between golfers representing County Parks, and one of the private golf clubs.

TENNIS

Tennis activities at both parks were greatly increased this year with the presentation of many exhibition matches and tournaments. Attracting a great number of entries, the novice tennis tournament was again held at South Park, and at North Park for the first time.

The Pittsburgh Tennis Association cooperated in scheduling matches for the parks. For the first time, North and South Park had men and women's tennis teams representing County Parks in City matches, the Allegheny County Hard Court Championships, National Park Tennis Championship qualifying matches, Municipal Park Tennis matches, College Intercollegiate meets, and WPIAL High School championships. Private organization events were held during the season. Because of a severe cloud burst, many of the courts at South Park were ruined for summer play and an otherwise successful season was spoiled.

A new system of lower tennis rates during July was established and many additional tennis permits were sold.

BASEBALL

Both parks witnessed increased activities in baseball during the year. Baseball leagues held games at the North Park Lodge ball field and at Edgebrook field at South Park. These games brought thousands of spectators in the parks. Many teams used the park facilities for practice games. The new ball field at North Park was completed and will be available for use during 1941. Already applications have been filed for its use.

SOFTBALL

Two of the most popular games played throughout the parks are softball and mushball. The many play fields throughout the parks are used for these games by picnic groups, Church groups, organizations, and softball leagues have regularly scheduled weekly games.

This past year a great attraction at South Park was the regular Sunday game played by a girls' championship softball team at Edgebrook Field.

The Ancient Order Hibernians in conjunction with the County Parks sponsored a softball league at the South Park Fair Grounds with three games scheduled each week. Eight teams representing various communities in Allegheny County participated in these games, witnessed by thousands.

FOOTBALL

South Park again attracted the major portion of football activities. High School teams and amateur football teams held regular games at the park fields. These games attracted many spectators and park visitors. Many practice games were also held by various groups including the Duquesne University Team. Indoor football practice sessions were also held in Schoonmaker Hall, and under the lights at Edgebrook Field.

SOCCER

Attracting the largest group of spectators to the parks during the fall and winter months, the soccer football games continued to grow in popularity. Teams from the Keystone League, the West Penn Football Association, and other amateur clubs held games throughout the season. National Amateur Cup Games were held at Edgebrook Field; games were played regardless of the weather every Sunday afternoon.

ARCHERY

One of the fastest growing sports sponsored by the County Parks is archery. The North Park Archery Range is considered to be one of the best in the country.

This past year in addition to the "Learn-to-play archery" campaign a special "Archery on Parade" day was held for high school boys and girls. For the first time permits were sold for the use of the Archery range, and this method of operation proved highly satisfactory as a means of control on the archery range. Many tournaments were held and new records established.

Many of the archers holding permits are outstanding among the leaders in archery competition in the United States. Competitions were also held for the growing number of Junior Archers now using these facilities. Special Holiday Archery exhibitions were given by members of the Pittsburgh Archery Club. Monthly tournaments are held throughout the season. Two new shelters and ovens were constructed for the Archers. During the winter, indoor Archery activities were held at South Park Schoonmaker Hall for the first time.

TRACK AND FIELD

The County Parks sponsored three Allegheny Mountain Association Amateur Athletic Union Track and Field Championships at South Park during the year. Eleven A. A. U. championship events were held on Labor Day, attracting the outstanding track and field men and women in this area. Decoration Day and the Fourth of July were also marked by track and field events. South Park was the scene of the Allegheny County Schools track and field championships for Junior-Senior High Schools and Elementary Schools.

Teams from Connellsville and Rankin won championship trophies during the year. Forty-two track and field events were held by the County.

BICYCLING

Bicycling activities continued to increase in popularity at the parks. Besides the regular use of park roads for bicycling by park visitors, two special events were held at the South Park race track. The A. A. U. tryout bicycle races were held at the South Park oval, and the Pittsburgh Wheelmen held their Western Pennsylvania Bicycle elimination races for local champions. Bicycle racks have been placed at many locations for bicycle parking.

WINTER SPORTS

With over thirty days of ice skating and skiing during the past year facilities at the South Park pool, and Lake Marshall at North Park were taxed to their utmost. For the first time in many years, skiing and tobogganing were encouraged at the South Park Sunny Slope area where a small skiing hut was erected with facilities for skiiers.

At the South Park swimming pool thousands of skaters enjoyed the ice sport. North Park golf course was the scene of much skiing activity and Lake Marshall was crowded almost every night with skaters up until midnight, skating under the lights. Many park visitors took advantage of the heavy snow fall and sleigh parties were also popular throughout the winter. During the 1940-41 season two Ice Skating carnivals were planned for Lake Marshall North Park with twenty events scheduled.

HORSE SHOWS

Under the supervision of South Park Matinee Club, a horse show was held at Schoonmaker Hall to raise funds, again, for under-privileged children, who use the summer camps at the county parks. Horse shows were also held during the holidays and at the County Fair. The past year running races were held for the first time on the South Park track for cash

prizes and met with great approval from spectators. Harness races also were very exciting and popular. Fancy western and trick riding exhibitions were given at Schoonmaker Hall each Saturday during the Spring months.

BADMINTON

Throughout both parks the popularity of badminton is continually growing. Almost all picnic groups come prepared with badminton sets. At the South Park badminton courts, schedules were arranged for various groups during early evening hours. One group used the courts regularly each week on certain nights.

HORSESHOE PITCHING

Because of the practice of renting horseshoes from the tennis courts, during the past year, there was a great deal of activity at the Corrigan Drive horseshoe courts. Events were scheduled on the holidays and during the County Fair; an Inter-county horseshoe pitching tournament between Allegheny and Beaver Counties; a novice horseshoe pitching tournament and an open tournament were held for the many groups in the Allegheny County area.

At the County Fair a contest was held for the farmers with a greater entry than in the past. Throughout both parks, the many horseshoe courts are used by picnickers.

CAMPS

The year 1940, witnessed an over-flow of applications for camping at North and South Parks. Everyone of the six camps was taken before the season opened, and more than one thousand under-privileged children from every section of the county participated in the program. Because of great demands for additional facilities, the Parks Director permitted the use of the old golf club house at North Park for camping.

Most of the camps were screened this year, making the mess halls more sanitary. Camps are used for under-privileged children for a week at a time, under the supervision of various institutions, community centers, and churches. Twenty babies and their nurses from the Lawrenceville Neighborhood House also camped out at the North Park Boy Scout Cabin for one week.

The Girl Scouts of America again used to capacity the facilities at both parks, while the Boy Scouts had continuous camping throughout the summer at North Park. A great deal of overnight camping was held at both County Parks this year with much success.

Some of the organizations using the facilities were: Soho Community House, Rankin Christian Center, Munhall Neighborhood House, Knights of St. George Cadets, and Girl's Auxiliaries, Bureau of Recreation Centers, Catholic Daughters of America, Irene Kaufmann Settlement, Y.M.C.A.'s, and many others. Free swimming, boating, and tennis privileges were extended to all of the children.

VACATION WEEKS

"Vacation Week" planned programs were again prepared by the County Parks Department for those people who were unable to go away

for their vacations. These program schedules are available at the City Office. Each program contains a daily schedule of activities, so that the park vacationers can get the most out of the park facilities during the regulation park hours. The response during the past year was excellent.

SOCIAL RECREATION

Throughout the year, eight recreation centers, four in each park, provide year-round use for dances, parties, and entertainment. These recreation buildings are booked months ahead of time. For the first time, a deposit fee was required for the use of the Lodge buildings in both parks, to be returned if building was left in good condition. This proved very successful. Because of the great demand for indoor facilities the Fair Ground buildings were used throughout the year by large picnic groups Concession buildings are also used for gatherings during the winter months.

PICNICKING

New picnic shelters have been built in both parks, many of them with cement floors. Thousands of permits were issued for the use of picnic shelters and groves.

During the past year each grove was checked, named, located, and mapped accurately with the assistance of the County Planning Division. Shelters, benches, tables, outdoor ovens, swings, see-saws, slides, sand boxes, playing fields, pure water, parking facilities, and fire wood, were furnished at quite a number of picnic areas.

At North Park, picnickers by the thousands visited the Observation and Look-Out Towers.

BRIDLE TRAILS

The Bridle Trails throughout the North and South Parks were used quite extensively this year. The South Park new trails were completed, and riders made immediate use of them. The Corrigan Drive Trail is the most popular, attracting riders from the stables surrounding South Park.

SPECIAL EVENTS

At both North and South Parks special events were held during the year. Besides the regularly scheduled Memorial Day, July Fourth, and Labor Day programs attracting thousands to the parks, there were scout jamborees, a motor boat regatta, push mobile contest, golf tournaments, tennis exhibitions, swimming meets, newsboys' programs, bicycle races, high school plays presented at Museum Building, archery events, kite flying, water polo, hiking, W.P.A. art project exhibits, flower show exhibit, rabbit and cavy shows, and old-fashioned and modern dancing sponsored by the parks. Elaborate fire-work displays were presented at both parks on the Fourth of July. At North Park the display was held above the boat house, while the display at South Park was held at the Fairgrounds.

HORSEBACK RIDING CLASSES

A new feature at South Park was the development of horseback riding classes throughout the winter months at Schoonmaker Hall, attracting

many persons from all parts of the county. Free instructions were given, and classes were held every evening during the week.

Over three thousand riders were recorded. The building was in use every day during the week and was very popular with both beginners and experienced drivers. A minimum fee of ten cents a rider was established.

A new feature scheduled at the parks was the cross-country horseback riding hikes at South Park during the spring and summer. Many persons participated in these cross-country rides, from South Park to Large, Pa., and throughout the park trails.

YOUTH HOSTEL

The Youth Hostel at South Park, sanctioned by the Board of County Commissioners, witnessed its first year of operation. Bikers from Allegheny County and from many states made the Hostel their Pittsburgh stopping place. House parents supervise the hostel in conjunction with the Youth Hostel committee. The Youth Hostel Building was also used by campers and scouts for over-night stays. Thirty-two bunks, showers, kitchen facilities, and playroom were available for use. Members of the committee contributed articles to improve the hostel. Arrangements to encourage week-end hosteling during the winter months were completed.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

With the cooperation of the N. Y. A. and W. P. A. silk screen posters announcing the various events sponsored by the County Parks were contributed throughout the parks and buildings in the city.

W. P. A. provided recreational leaders for many picnics and an instructor at the swimming pool. The County Parks also assisted in planning programs and events for many groups in the park. Many sports events were held under the sanction of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Efforts were made to encourage art groups and artists to use the park facilities for painting and drawing, and facilities were made available for the storing of their art supplies at the park. In cooperation with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, all permits for use of camping facilities at the park were handled with great efficiency.

The transportation companies, both railways and the buses, cooperated by placing posters of park activities on their vehicles. In cooperation with department and sporting goods stores throughout the county, "learn-to-swim" application blanks and other blanks for various events were distributed.

Mimeographed pamphlets on races, relays and games, and water sports were distributed during the summer months by the County Parks.

New, up-to-date North and South Park maps were also printed for distribution to park visitors. Throughout the year many city gatherings and meetings were attended by park officials to inform various groups as to the park activities. Students of high schools were assisted in preparing theses on the County Parks. Arrangements were made by the Parks Office for groups to visit the Stone Manse at South Park. Many underprivileged groups were extended free swimming privileges at the park pool. The game preserves at both parks also attracted many visitors.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

At South Park the children's playground, improved and developed by the N. Y. A., has turned into a haver of play activities for young children. A tots' library was established especially for use during the County Fair, and a permanent small stage for children's entertainments was constructed with a seating capacity of 1,000.

A small Administration Building, and a covered water fountain were also constructed. A fish pond was built and all play equipment was furnished. The picnic shelters in this area were cemented.

The children's playground attracts many visitors who park their cars at the adjacent area so that their children may use the playground.

NORTH PARK ARCHERY RANGE

Outdoor Season Saturday, May 4th to and including Saturday, October 19th. Indoor at Schoonmaker Hall, South Park, November 1st, 1940, to April 1st, 1941.

Daily 7:00 A. M. until 9:00 P. M. including Sundays and Holidays.

Season Permit $1.00.

General Admission 10c.

RECEIPTS

280 Paid Admissions	@ $ .10	$28.00
24 Season Permits	@ 1.00	24.00
TOTAL		$52.00

Total Receipts, including $59.00 City Office Permit Sales, Archery $111.00
Total Attendance, Archery 1,484

NORTH PARK BOATING

Season Saturday, May 11th to and including Sunday, September 29th.

Daily 12:00 Noon until 9:00 P. M., excepting Sundays and Holidays 10:00 A. M. until 9:00 P. M.

1 Boathouse, modernly equipped. Total 71 Rowboats available for use.

Rowboat rental @ 25c per half hour, no more than 5 passengers to a boat.

Total number of boats rented 7,180.

Total Receipts..... $1,795.00 Total Attendance..... 15,998

NORTH PARK CANOE STORAGE

Season same as boating, Saturday, May 11th to and including Sunday, September 29th.

$10.00 per season per canoe, storage in boathouse.

Total Canoes Stored..... 9 Total Receipts..... $90.00

North Park Golf

Season Friday, May 3rd to and including Thursday, November 28th.

Daily 7:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M., every day including Sundays and Holidays.

18-hole course, new golf club house, modernly equipped.

Week Days, 75c per round of 18 holes. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays $1.00.

$20.00 Unlimited Permit, good at both parks every day of the season.

$12.00 Limited Permit, good at both parks every day of the season with the exception of Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

$5.00 Junior Permit, 18 years or under, good at both parks every day of the season with the exception of Saturdays after 12:00 Noon, Sundays and Holidays before 4:00 P. M.

$5.00 Locker Permit, good only at one park.

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North Park Golf Receipts

11,553	Green Fees, Daily	@ $ .75	$ 8,664.75
10,013	Green Fees, Sat., Sun. and Holidays	@ 1.00	10,013.00
258	Unlimited Permits	@ 20.00	5,160.00
209	Limited Permits	@ 12.00	2,508.00
66	Junior Permits	@ 5.00	330.00
50	Locker Permits	@ 5.00	250.00
873	Daily Lockers	@ .15	130.95
2,865	Towels	@ .10	286.50
	Total North Park Golf Receipts		$27,343.20

South Park Golf Receipts

11,193	Green Fees, Daily	@ $ .75	$ 8,394.75
8,653	Green Fees, Sat., Sun. and Holidays	@ 1.00	8,653.00
330	Unlimited Permits	@ 20.00	6,600.00
298	Limited Permits	@ 12.00	3,576.00
112	Junior Permits	@ 5.00	560.00
83	Locker Permits	@ 5.00	415.00
1,017	Daily Lockers	@ .15	152.55
4,825	Towels	@ .10	482.50
3	Sanitary Knapkins	@ .05	.15
	Total South Park Golf Receipts		$28,833.95

North Park Green Fee Rounds Played	21,566
North Park Permit Rounds Played	33,682
Total North Park Rounds Played	55.248
South Park Green Fee Rounds Played	19,846
South Park Permit Rounds Played	38,730
Total South Park Rounds Played	58,576
Total Green Fee Rounds Played, both parks	41,412
Total Permit Rounds Played, both parks	72,412
Total Rounds Played, both parks	113,824
tal Receipts, including $4,540.00 City Office Permit Sales, GOLF	$60,717.15

North Park Swimming Pool	South Park Swimming Pool (Corrigan Drive)
Season Thursday, Memorial Day, May 30th to and including Monday, Labor Day, September 2nd.	
Daily 12:00 Noon until 9:00 P. M., exception Sundays and Holidays 10:00 A. M. until 9:00 P. M.	
Modernly equipped with bathing facilities and children's wading pool.	Modernly equipped with bathing facilities and children's wading pool.
15c General Admission Children under 12 free	15c General Admission Children under 12 free

North Park Swimming Pool Receipts

131,268	Paid Admissions	@ 15c	$19,690.20
1,033	Valuable Tags	@ 10c	103.30
479	Valuable Envelopes	@ 10c	47.90
125	Sanitary Knapkins	@ 5c	6.25
	Total North Park Pool Receipts		$19,847.65

South Park Swimming Pool (Corrigan Drive) Receipts

85,035	Paid Admissions	@ 15c	$12,755.25
1,646	Valuable Tags	@ 10c	164.60
746	Valuable Envelopes	@ 10c	74.60
87	Sanitary Knapkins	@ 5c	4.35
	Total South Park Pool Receipts		$12,998.80

South Park Pool Attendance	157,174
Sully Pool Attendance	30,710
Total South Park Pool Attendance	187,884
Total North Park Pool Attendance	231,974
Total Swimming Pool Attendance, both parks	419,858
Total Swimming Pool Receipts, both parks	$32,846.45

North Park Tennis	South Park Tennis
Season Saturday, May 11th to and including Sunday, September 29th, every day including Sundays and Holidays. October 1st to and including October 20th, Saturdays and Sundays only.	
Daily 7:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. every day including Sundays and Holidays	
1 Field House, modernly equipped.	1 Field House, modernly equipped
15 Courts—9 clay, 6 all weather.	20 Courts—14 clay, 6 all weather.
Season Permit $2.50, after July 10th $1.50, good at both parks.	Season Permit $2.50, after July 10t $1.50, good at both parks.
10c per hour per person Children under 12 free (3 courts)	10c per hour per person Children under 12 free (3 courts)

North Park Tennis Receipts

11,803	Paid Admissions	@ $ .10	$1,180.30
34	Season Permits	@ 2.50	85.00
27	Season Permits	@ 1.50	40.50
56	Daily Lockers	@ .10	5.60
169	Towels	@ .10	16.90
25	Sanitary Knapkins	@ .05	1.25
	Total North Park Tennis Receipts		$1,329.55

South Park Tennis Receipts

15,953	Paid Admissions	@ $ .10	$1,595.30
50	Season Permits	@ 2.50	125.00
20	Season Permits	@ 1.50	30.00
111	Daily Lockers	@ .10	11.10
298	Towels	@ .10	29.80
	Total South Park Tennis Receipts		$1,791.20

Total Tennis Receipts, including $35.50 City Office Permit Sales	$3,156.25
Total North Park Tennis Attendance	11,898
Total South Park Tennis Attendance	21,117
Total Tennis Attendance, both parks	33,015

North Park Miscellaneous		South Park Miscellaneous	
Tennis Tournament	$ 84.00	Youth Hostel	$ 19.5
Damages, Enclosed Bldgs.	36.65	Horseback Riding	83.3
		Rental Horseshoes	22.0
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	$120.65	8th Fair Photo Contest	10.7
		Damages, Enclosed Bldgs.	16.8
		Total Miscellaneous Receipts	$152.4

Total Miscellaneous Receipts, both parks $273.0

North Park Concessions (5% Gross Sales)

Bathing Suit	$ 44.91
Refreshments	1,455.79
Total Concession Receipts	$1,500.70

South Park Concessions (5% Gross Sales)

Golf, Refreshments	$ 591.04
Sully Pool, Refreshments	150.65
Spreading Oak, Refreshments	43.15
Bathing Suit	32.57
Tennis and Swimming Pool, Refreshments	662.68
Lockers, Swimming Pool	353.72
Buffalo Inn, Refreshm'ts	2,358.43
Total Concession Receipts	$4,192.24

Total Concession Receipts, both parks..... $5,692.94

North Park Picnic Permits

Season year-round, permits issued upon personal application only, no charge.

Permits for groves with open type shelters issued for every day with the exception of Sundays and Holidays. Permits for enclosed buildings issued for every day of the season including Sundays and Holidays, groups of 100 or more persons only.

$10.00 deposit required for the use of the South or North Park Lodge.

Total Number of Groves..	132
Enclosed Buildings	4
Total Number of Permits Issued	3,429
Attendance	307,664

South Park Picnic Permits

Total Number of Groves..	109
Enclosed Buildings	4
Total Number of Permits Issued	2,712
Attendance	344,349

Total Number of Permits Issued, both parks..... 6,141

Total Attendance (picnic permits only), both parks..... 652,013

Golf, Locker, Tennis and Archery Permits Sold

	South Park	North Park	City Office	Totals
Golf: Unlimited ($20.00).....	330	258	163	751
Limited ($12.00).....	298	209	90	597
Junior ($5.00).....	112	66	33	211
Locker ($5.00).....	83	50	7	140
Total Golf Permits Sold.....	823	583	293	1,699
Total Tennis Permits ($2.50).	50	34	13	97
Total Tennis Permits ($1.50).	20	27	2	49
Total Archery Permits ($1.00)	..	24	59	83
Total Number of Permits Sold	893	668	367	1,928

Total Revenue Derived from Park Activities

	South Park	North Park	City Office (permit sales)	
Archery	$	$ 52.00	$ 59.00	$
Boating	.....	1,795.00	.....	
Canoe Storage	.....	90.00	.....	
Golf	28,833.95	27,343.20	4,540.00	
Swimming Pools	12,998.00	19,847.65	.....	
Tennis	1,791.20	1,329.55	35.50	
Miscellaneous	152.40	120.65	.....	
Total Recreation Receipts	$43,776.35	$50,578.05	$ 4,634.50	$
Concessions	4,192.24	1,500.70	.....	
Total Revenue, 1940	$47,968.59	$52,078.75	$ 4,634.50	$10

ATTENDANCE

	South Park	North Park	
Archery	.....	1,484	
Boating	.....	15,998	
Golf	58,576	55,248	
Swimming Pools	187,884	231,974	
Tennis	21,117	11,898	
Camping (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Hostel, Children's Camps)..	2,198	2,906	
Picnic Groups (permits).....	344,349	307,664	6
*Picnic Groups (Sundays & Holidays)	500,000	500,000	1,0
*Fishing	.....	50,000	
*Tennis Championship Tournaments.	5,000	5,000	
*Special Events (bicycle race, instruction classes swimming, golf, badminton, horseshoe pitching, baseball, softball, tennis, archery, etc.)	100,000	20,000	1
*Eighth Annual County Free Fair....	700,000	.....	7
*Football (amateur-high school).....	40,000	.....	
*Bicycling	20,000	20,000	4
*Soccer Football	150,000	.....	15
*Archery Tournaments (outdoor and indoor)	1,000	25,000	2
*Winter Sports	20,000	15,000	3
*Motorboat Regatta	.....	175,000	17

*Track and Field Meets	150,000	.....	150,000
*Boxing Exhibitions	75,000	.....	75,000
*Horseback Riding (indoor and outdoor)	15,000	6,000	21,000
*Swimming Meets (exhibitions)	10,000	15,000	25,000
*Dancing Pavilion	3,000	40,000	43,000
Total Attendance	2,403,124	1,498,172	3,901,296

*Estimated

The County Parks are being operated and developed in accordance with the original intent which was to provide large rural recreational areas. The present program will protect them from the ravages of improper design and construction which mars, disfigures and defeats the purpose of a park. The protection of the natural beauty is primary, and all other phases are essentially secondary.

Yours very truly,

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Allegheny County Department of Parks

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