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OF THE FIRST-CLASS CITIES OF KANSAS

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INTRODUCTION

Due to the constant changes of interest in our society there is always a need for additions and revisions in the existing recreational activities of the community. Factors to consider in selecting activities are: climate, population interests, socio-economics, local traditions, and amount of money available for the recreational program.

With the increasing growth in population of Manhattan, Kansas and the recent increase in budget of the Manhattan Recreation Commission, there is a great need for a study of new activities to be added to the present program. One way of accomplishing this task is to survey the recreational activities of cities which have characteristics similar to those of Manhattan. These characteristics are the factors previously listed.

The following report is a survey of the existing recreational activities conducted by the recreation commissions of the first-class cities of Kansas. It is hoped that the information gained in this survey will aid the Manhattan Recreation Commission in selecting new activities for its recreational programs.

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to form a guideline by which the Recreation Commissions of the first-class cities of Kansas can go by to build their programs. From this guideline, the deficiencies of each city's recreational program will be found.

A major part of this report is directed toward comparing Manhattan's recreational programs to these guidelines and helping Manhattan select new activities for their program.

Method of Study

In order to secure information for this study, a questionnaire was prepared with the help of Mr. Ray Wauthier, Associate Professor of Physical Education at Kansas State University, and Mr. Frank Anneberg, Superintendent of Recreation for the city of Manhattan.

The type of information requested in the questionnaire related to recreational activities conducted by the city's Recreation Commission.

Upon approval of the questionnaire by Mr. Wauthier and Mr. Anneberg, it was mailed to the Recreation Superintendents of the twelve first-class cities of Kansas that have a year-round recreational program. These cities were: Atchison, Coffeyville, Emporia, Hutchinson, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Parsons, Pittsburg, Salina, Topeka, and Wichita. The cities from which replies were received were: Atchison, Coffeyville, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Parsons, Pittsburg, and Wichita. Seventy-five percent of the questionnaires were returned.

For the convenience of each Superintendent, a return, self-addressed, stamped envelope was included with each questionnaire. A copy of the questionnaire and the letter sent to the Superintendents of Recreation is included in the Appendix of this report.

To form a guideline for these cities to base their programs on, an average of total activities offered and averages for the various categories of activities were determined by the information supplied by the questionnaire.

From these averages, the author feels that the deficiencies of the various cities' recreational programs can be determined.

In this study each first-class city will be compared to the averages previously described and their deficiencies shown. Special consideration will

be given to Manhattan in suggesting new activities for recreational programs.

All of the results of this report are taken from Table IA in the Appendix.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All of the information in this report refers to Table IA, which is located in the Appendix. Table IA has been compiled from the questionnaires received from eight first-class cities of Kansas. These cities are Parsons, Wichita, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Pittsburg, Coffeyville and Atchison.

The findings of this survey showed that the average number of activities conducted by the Recreation Commissions of the eight cities is 57. The averages of the categories of activities are: 8 Individual and Dual Games, 3 Gymnastics and Stunts, 6 Group and Team Games, 11 Sports, 6 Social, 2 Music, 9 Arts and Crafts, 4 Drama, 2 Dancing, 5 Nature, 1 Literary, and 1 Collecting activity.

The previous paragraph contains the guideline on which this report is based.

The cities concerned in this study will be discussed in the order of the number of activity offerings. Manhattan will be discussed more extensively later.

Parsons, which has the most activity offerings of the first-class cities of Kansas, has a total of 92 activities. These consist of: 11 Individual and Dual Games, 2 Gymnastics and Stunts Activities, 5 Group and Team Games, 16 Sports Activities, 9 Social Activities, 3 Music Activities, 14 Arts and Crafts Activities, 9 Drama Activities, 5 Dancing Activities, 11 Nature Activities, 3 Literary Activities, and 4 Collecting Activities.

Parsons is lacking in Gymnastics and Stunts, and Group and Team Games.

Wichita, which is second in the number of offerings, has a total of 91 activities, which consist of: 12 Individual and Dual Games, 6 Gymnastics and

Stunts Activities, 6 Group and Team Games, 13 Sports Activities, 8 Social Activities, 1 Music Activity, 24 Arts and Crafts Activities, 7 Drama Activities, 3 Dancing Activities, 8 Nature Activities, and 3 Literary Activities.

Wichita is lacking in Music and Collecting Activities.

Hutchinson, which is third in offerings, has a total of 82 activities which consist of: 12 Individual and Dual Games, 7 Gymnastics and Stunts Activities, 7 Group and Team Games, 15 Sports Activities, 9 Social Activities, 3 Music Activities, 15 Arts and Crafts Activities, 3 Drama Activities, 1 Dancing Activity, 8 Nature Activities, 1 Literary Activity, and 1 Collecting Activity.

Hutchinson is lacking in Drama and Dancing Activities.

Manhattan, which is fourth in the number of offerings, has a total of 64 activities. Manhattan will be discussed more extensively later in the report.

Lawrence rated fifth in the number of activity offerings with a total of 48. These consist of: 5 Individual and Dual Games, 4 Gymnastics and Stunts Activities, 5 Group and Team Games, 10 Sports Activities, 8 Social Activities, 1 Music Activity, 10 Arts and Crafts Activities, 2 Drama Activities, 1 Dancing Activity, 1 Nature Activity, and 1 Literary Activity.

Lawrence is lacking in Individual and Dual Games, Group and Team Games, Sports, Music, Drama, Dancing and Nature Activities.

Leavenworth, which is sixth in the number of offerings, has a total of 44 activities, which consist of: 3 Individual and Dual Games, 4 Gymnastics and Stunts, 6 Group and Team Games, 12 Sports, 5 Social, 6 Arts and Crafts, 4 Drama, 1 Dancing, and 3 Nature Activities.

Leavenworth is lacking in Individual and Dual Games, Group and Team

Games, Sports, Music, Drama, Dancing, Nature, Literary and Collecting Activities.

Pittsburg rates seventh in the number of activity offerings with a total of 40. These activities consist of: 4 Individual and Dual Games, 4 Group and Team Games, 11 Sports, 8 Social, 3 Music, 2 Arts and Crafts, 2 Drama, 2 Dancing, and 4 Nature Activities.

Pittsburg is lacking in Gymnastics and Stunts, Individual and Dual Games, Group and Team Games, Arts and Crafts, Drama, and Nature Activities.

Coffeyville rates eighth in the number of activity offerings with a total of 32. These consist of: 4 Individual and Dual Games, 1 Gymnastics and Stunts Activity, 6 Group and Team Games, 6 Sports Activities, 2 Social Activities, 3 Music Activities, 1 Arts and Crafts Activity, 5 Drama Activities, 2 Dancing Activities, and 2 Nature Activities.

Coffeyville is lacking in Individual and Dual Games, Gymnastics and Stunts, Sports, Social, Arts and Crafts, Nature, Literary, and Collecting Activities.

Atchison, which has the least number of activity offerings has a total of 25. These consist of: 10 Individual and Dual Games, 7 Group and Team Games, 5 Sports Activities, 1 Social Activity, and 2 Dancing Activities.

Atchison is lacking in activities concerning Gymnastics and Stunts, Sports, Social, Music, Arts and Crafts, Drama, Nature, Literary, and Collecting.

Table I consist of the cities in the study and how they rank with regard to each other in the order of total number of activities offered. The table will list the names of the cities, each city's population, and the total of activity offerings.

TABLE I
 Ranking of First-Class Cities
 According to Number of Activity Offerings

City	Population	Number of Offerings
1. Parsons	13,215	92
2. Wichita	282,381	91
3. Hutchinson	40,111	82
4. Manhattan	23,547	64
5. Lawrence	31,705	48
6. Leavenworth	26,866	44
7. Pittsburg	20,487	40
8. Coffeyville	17,462	32
9. Atchison	22,849	25

In most cases the city which has the highest population will in turn have more tax money to have more offerings of activities. Parsons is an exception.

Parsons, which has next to the least population, has the highest number of activities. This is probably due to the exceptional use of available funds and extensive use of volunteer help.

Wichita and Hutchinson, which rank first and second respectively in population, rank second and third respectively in the number of activities offered. These two cities follow the pattern of larger cities having more money to offer more activities to the community. These two cities are well

above the average of activities offered by the first-class cities of Kansas.

Manhattan ranks fourth in the number of activities offered. In a comparison of populations, Manhattan has a very adequate number of offerings.

Lawrence and Leavenworth, which rank third and fourth in population, rank fifth and sixth in the number of activities offered. Both of these cities are below the average of the number of activities offered by first-class cities. In the author's opinion, these two cities should find out why this situation exists.

Pittsburg, Coffeyville and Atchison rank seventh, eighth, and ninth respectively in number of activities offered. All three cities are well below the average of activities offered by the first-class cities. These cities have three of the four lowest populations of the cities in the study.

The remainder of the report will deal with Manhattan's recreational program offerings and it is hoped by the author that it will aid Manhattan in selecting new activities for their program.

Table II consists of the existing activities of the Manhattan Recreation Commission.

TABLE II

Existing Recreational Activities in Manhattan

Existing Activities	Existing Activities
<u>Individual and dual games and activities</u>	<u>Sports</u>
Badminton	Archery
Baton twirling	Bicycle riding
Billiards	Diving
Croquet	Lifesaving
Golf	Swimming
Handball	Synchronized swimming
Horseshoes	Track events
Indoor bowling	Weight lifting
Shuffleboard	<u>Social activities</u>
Table tennis	Banquets
Tennis	Basket suppers
<u>Gymnastics and stunts</u>	Card games
Slimnastics	Entertainment
Tumbling	Lodge and club meetings
<u>Group or team games</u>	Parties
Baseball	Masquerades
Basketball	Pot-luck suppers
Flag football	Table games
Softball	Treasure hunts
Volleyball	<u>Arts and crafts</u>
	Cake decorating

TABLE II (cont.)

Existing Activities	Existing Activities
Drawing	Pet shows
Fabric decoration	Pigeon clubs
Gift wrapping	<u>Literary, language, and related activities</u>
Leathercraft	Book clubs
Needlework	Creative writing
Painting	Public speaking
<u>Drama</u>	Storytelling
Carnivals	<u>Collecting</u>
Community theatres	Coins
Creative dramatics	
Fashion shows	
Musical comedies and dramas	
Storytelling	
Three-act plays	
Water pageants	
<u>Dancing</u>	
Ballet	
Interpretive	
Social	
Square	
<u>Nature and outing activities</u>	
Camping	
Dog obedience classes	

Manhattan has a total of 64 activities, consisting of: 11 Individual and Dual Games, 2 Gymnastics and Stunts, 5 Group and Team Games, 8 Sports, 10 Social, 7 Arts and Crafts, 8 Drama, 4 Dancing, 4 Nature, 4 Literary, and 1 Collecting activity.

By using the averages of the other first-class cities of Kansas, it is found that Manhattan is lacking in the category of Gymnastics and Stunts by 2 activities, Group and Team Games by 1 activity, Sports by 3 activities, Music by 2 activities, Arts and Crafts by 2 activities, and Nature by 1 activity.

Table III is a list of activities not available in Manhattan that exist in the eight first-class cities of Kansas which were surveyed.

TABLE III

Compilation of Recreational Activities Not Available in Manhattan

Activities	Activities
<u>Individual and dual games and activities</u>	Trampoline
Athletic contests	<u>Group and team games</u>
Jacks	Football
Marbles	Roller skate hockey
<u>Gymnastics and stunts</u>	Soccer
Apparatus work	Touch football
Bag punching	<u>Sports</u>
Calisthenics	Boating
Gymnastic marching	Boxing
Rope jumping	Canoeing
	Crew racing

TABLE III (cont.)

Activities	Activities
Jogging	<u>Music</u>
GoKart racing	Vocal groups instruction
Horseback riding	Instrumental groups instruction
Horsemanship	Musical concerts
Ice skating	<u>Arts and crafts</u>
Judo	Bead craft
Kite flying	Cabinetmaking
Model airplane flying	Carving-soap, wood, bone
Model boat sailing	Ceramics
Motorboating	Cookery
Motorcycling	Embroidery
Pistol shooting	Etching
Rifle shooting	Finger painting
Roller skating	Gift wrapping
Sailing	Home decoration
Skin and scuba diving	Jewel making
Water skiing	Knitting
Wrestling	Metal craft
<u>Social activities</u>	Mosaic crafts
Father-son dinners	Photography
Mother-daughter dinners	Plastic craft
Weiner roasts	Pottery

TABLE III (cont.)

Activities	Activities
Quilting	Gymnastic dancing
Rug making	Modern dance
Sculpture	Tap dance
Sewing	<u>Nature and outing activities</u>
Sketching	Astronomy
Visiting art museums	Caring for home and grounds
Weaving	Excursions or trips
Woodworking	Fishing
<u>Drama</u>	Flower arrangement
Doll fashion shows	Gardening
One-act plays	Hiking
Informal dramatizations	Hunting
Minstrel shows	Nature program
Pageants	Outdoor cooking
Pantomime	<u>Literature, language, and related activities</u>
Play production	Lectures
Play reading	Poetry groups
Puppetry	Verse-speaking choir
Scenery making	<u>Collecting</u>
Stage lighting	Antiques
Variety shows	Books
<u>Dancing</u>	Indian Arrowheads
	Stamps

Table III shows that there are 98 activities that the eight first-class cities have that are not presently in Manhattan's program. These 98 activities, when broken down into activity categories, consist of: 3 Individual and Dual Games, 6 Gymnastics and Stunts, 4 Group and Team Games, 22 Sports, 3 Social, 3 Music, 20 Arts and Crafts, 12 Drama, 3 Dancing, 10 Nature, 3 Literary, and 4 Collecting Activities.

Table IV shows what the favorite activities of the eight first-class cities are, how many cities use the activity, and if it is in Manhattan's program. A favorite is determined by at least four cities using the activity.

TABLE IV
Favorite Activities of Eight First-Class Cities

Activity	No. of Cities Using Activity	Manhattan
<u>Individual and Dual Games</u>		
Athletic tests	4	no
Badminton	4	yes
Baton twirling	7	yes
Golf	5	yes
Horseshoes	6	yes
Shuffleboard	5	yes
Table Tennis	5	yes
Tennis	8	yes
<u>Gymnastics and Stunts</u>		
Apparatus work	4	no

TABLE IV (cont.)

Activity	No. of Cities Using Activity	Manhattan
Calisthenics	4	no
Slimnastics	4	yes
Tumbling	5	yes
<u>Group or team games</u>		
Baseball	8	yes
Basketball	8	yes
Flag football	8	yes
Softball	8	yes
Volleyball	8	yes
<u>Sports</u>		
Archery	5	yes
Bicycle riding	5	yes
Canoeing	4	no
Diving	4	yes
Ice skating	4	no
Kite flying	4	no
Lifesaving	7	yes
Swimming	7	yes
Track events	8	yes
Weight lifting	4	yes
Wrestling	4	no
<u>Social activities</u>		
Banquets	5	yes

TABLE IV (cont.)

Activity	No. of Cities Using Activity	Manhattan
Basket suppers	5	yes
Card games	8	yes
Entertainment	5	yes
Parties	5	yes
Pot luck suppers	4	no
Table games	5	yes
Weiner roasts	4	no
<u>Music</u>		
Vocal Groups Instruction	5	no
Instrumental Groups Instruction	4	no
Musical concerts	5	no
<u>Arts and crafts</u>		
Ceramics	4	no
Drawing	6	yes
Painting	6	no
Sketching	4	no
<u>Drama</u>		
Community theatres	4	yes
<u>Dancing</u>		
Ballet	4	yes

TABLE IV (cont.)

Activity	No. of Cities Using Activity	Manhattan
<u>Nature and Outing Activities</u>		
Camping	5	yes
Excursions and trips	6	no
Fishing	5	no
Nature crafts	4	no
<u>Literary</u>		
No favorite activities		
<u>Collecting</u>		
No favorite activities		

Table IV lists the activities that are used the most by the eight cities that were in the study. The author feels that this table will be valuable in helping Manhattan select new activities.

As previously shown in this report according to the averages of the activities of the eight cities, Manhattan is deficient in Gymnastics and Stunts by two activities, Group and Team Games by one activity, Sports by three activities, Music by two activities, Arts and Crafts by two activities, and Nature by one activity.

Suggested activities to fill the deficiencies in these areas are: apparatus work and calisthenics for Gymnastics and Stunts; soccer for Group and Team Games; canoeing, kite flying, and wrestling for added Sports

activities; vocal groups instruction and musical concerts for added Music activities; painting and sketching for added Arts and Crafts activities; and nature crafts for an added Nature activity.

These suggestions were selected from the activities that are favorites of the other first-class cities but are not in Manhattan's program. Also, facilities and costs of the activities were taken into consideration in making the suggestions.

SUMMARY

The survey shows that the average total number of activities conducted by the Recreation Commissions of the first-class cities of Kansas is 57 activities. The cities which are above the average are Parsons, Wichita, Hutchinson and Manhattan. The cities which are below the average are Lawrence, Leavenworth, Coffeyville, Pittsburg and Atchison.

The guideline which has been developed in this report and which the first-class cities of Kansas can use to build their recreational programs consists of these averages of activity categories: 8 Individual and Dual Games, 3 Gymnastics and Stunts, 6 Group and Team Games, 11 Sports, 6 Social, 2 Music, 9 Arts and Crafts, 4 Drama, 2 Dancing, 5 Nature, 1 Literary, and 1 Collecting.

According to this program guideline, each city in the study was deficient in at least two categories of activities.

The results of the study reveal that Parsons, Wichita and Hutchinson have the most adequate recreational programs of the first-class cities. Manhattan's program is adequate; however, it is lacking in five categories of activities. The remaining five cities in the study, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Coffeyville, Pittsburg and Atchison, definitely have inadequate recreation programs.

The findings of this survey may not correspond with national norms; however, the author believes that the findings can be of help to these first-class cities of Kansas.

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APPENDIX

Bruce A. Boll
22 Waterway Rd.
Manhattan, Kansas 66502
October 3, 1971

Dear Sir:

At the present time I am a graduate student at Kansas State University working toward my Master of Science degree in Physical Education and Recreation.

As part of my requirements for completion of my degree I must conduct a study and write a report on it. I have chosen the following topic for my report, "A Survey of the Recreation Activities of First-Class Cities of Kansas."

In the following questionnaire I am seeking information concerning the activities of your recreational programs. I would also like information concerning the budget and number of participants of each activity.

I would greatly appreciate your cooperation in this study. Would you please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the stamped, self-addressed envelope as soon as possible. If you wish the results of the study, please indicate by your signature at the end of the questionnaire.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Boll

MASTER'S REPORT QUESTIONNAIRE

Activity	Check (x) if you have activity	Activity	Check (x) if you have activity
<u>Individual and dual games & activities</u>		Slimnastics	_____
Athletic tests	_____	Trampoline	_____
Badminton	_____	Tumbling	_____
Baton twirling	_____	<u>Group or team games</u>	
Billiards	_____	Baseball	_____
Croquet	_____	Basketball	_____
Curling	_____	Cricket	_____
Golf	_____	Flag football	_____
Handball	_____	Football	_____
Horseshoes	_____	Ice hockey	_____
Indoor bowling	_____	Lacrosse	_____
Jacks	_____	Roller skate hockey	_____
Marbles	_____	Soccer	_____
Shuffleboard	_____	Softball	_____
Table tennis	_____	Touch football	_____
Tennis	_____	Volleyball	_____
<u>Gymnastics and stunts</u>		Water polo	_____
Apparatus work	_____	<u>Sports</u>	
Bag punching	_____	Aquaplaning	_____
Calisthenics	_____	Archery	_____
Gymnastic marching	_____	Aviation	_____
Lariat throwing	_____	Bicycle riding	_____
Pyramid building	_____	Boating	_____
Rope jumping	_____	Bobsledding	_____

Boxing	_____	Roller skating	_____
Canoeing	_____	Sailing	_____
Crew racing	_____	Skiing	_____
Cross-country running	_____	Ski jumping	_____
Diving	_____	Skin and scuba diving	_____
Dogsledding	_____	Swimming	_____
Fencing	_____	Synchronized swimming	_____
Figure skating	_____	Tobogganing	_____
Fly casting	_____	Track events	_____
Glider soaring	_____	Trapshooting	_____
GoKart racing	_____	Water skiing	_____
Horseback riding	_____	Weight lifting	_____
Horsemanship	_____	Wrestling	_____
Hot-rod racing	_____	Yachting	_____
Ice boating	_____	<u>Social activities</u>	
Ice sailing	_____	Banquets	_____
Ice skating	_____	Barbecues	_____
Judo	_____	Basket suppers	_____
Kite flying	_____	Card games	_____
Lifesaving	_____	Clambakes	_____
Model airplane flying	_____	Entertainment	_____
Model boat sailing	_____	Father-son dinners	_____
Motorboating	_____	Lodge and club meetings	_____
Motorcycling	_____	Mother-daughter dinners	_____
Parachute jumping	_____	Parties	_____
Pistol shooting	_____	Masquerades	_____
Rifle shooting	_____	Pot-luck suppers	_____

Scavenger hunts	_____	Finger painting	_____
Table games	_____	Furniture refinishing	_____
Treasure hunts	_____	Gift wrapping	_____
Weiner roasts	_____	Home decoration	_____
<u>Music</u>		Jewel making	_____
Vocal groups instruction	_____	Knitting	_____
Instrumental groups instruction	_____	Leathercraft	_____
Musical concerts	_____	Metalcraft	_____
Musical contests	_____	Modeling	_____
<u>Arts and crafts</u>		Model aircraft construction	_____
Auto mechanics	_____	Mosaic crafts	_____
Basketry	_____	Needlework	_____
Beadcraft	_____	Painting	_____
Bookbinding	_____	Photography	_____
Cabinetmaking	_____	Plastic crafts	_____
Cake decorating	_____	Pottery	_____
Carving-soap, wood, <u>bone</u>	_____	Printing	_____
Cementcraft	_____	Quilting	_____
Ceramics	_____	Rugmaking	_____
Cookery	_____	Scrapbook making	_____
Drawing	_____	Sculpture	_____
Dyeing and coloring	_____	Sewing	_____
Embossing	_____	Sketching	_____
Embroidery	_____	Visiting art museums	_____
Etching	_____	Weaving	_____
Fabric decoration	_____	Woodworking	_____

<u>Drama</u>		Stage lighting	_____
Blackouts	_____	Story dramatization	_____
Carnivals	_____	Story plays	_____
Choral speech	_____	Storytelling	_____
Community theatres	_____	Three-act plays	_____
Creative dramatics	_____	Variety shows	_____
Doll fashion shows	_____	Vaudeville acts	_____
Dramatic stunts	_____	Water pageants	_____
Fairs	_____	Workshops	_____
Fashion shows	_____	<u>Dancing</u>	
Follies	_____	Acrobatic	_____
Impersonations	_____	Ballet	_____
Informal dramatizations	_____	Classic	_____
Masquerades	_____	Folk	_____
Minstrel shows	_____	Gymnastic	_____
Motion picture making	_____	Interpretive	_____
Musical comedies and dramas	_____	Modern	_____
One-act plays	_____	Social	_____
Pageants	_____	Square	_____
Pantomime	_____	Tap	_____
Play production	_____	<u>Nature and outing activities</u>	
Play readings	_____	Astronomy	_____
Play tournaments	_____	Bee culture	_____
Playwriting	_____	Bird walks and watching	_____
Puppetry	_____	Camping	_____
Scenery making	_____	Caring for home grounds	_____
		Caring for pets	_____

Dog obedience classes	_____	Reading	_____
Excursions or trips	_____	Reciting	_____
Fishing	_____	Riddles	_____
Flower arrangement	_____	Storytelling	_____
Fruit raising	_____	Study groups	_____
Gardening	_____	Verse-speaking choir	_____
Hiking	_____	Writing letters	_____
Hunting	_____	<u>Collecting</u>	
Making nature trails	_____	Antiques	_____
Nature crafts	_____	Autographs	_____
Nature hikes	_____	Books	_____
Nature museum projects	_____	Bottles	_____
Nature study, collection, and identification	_____	Butterflies	_____
Outdoor cooking	_____	China	_____
Pet shows	_____	Clocks	_____
Pigeon clubs	_____	Coins	_____
Plant-exchange days	_____	Fossils	_____
<u>Literary, Language & Related Activities</u>		Indian arrowheads	_____
Book clubs	_____	Match covers	_____
Creative writing	_____	Medals	_____
Debates	_____	Paintings	_____
Discussion clubs	_____	Post cards	_____
Forums	_____	Sea shells	_____
Lectures	_____	Ship models	_____
Poetry groups	_____	Stamps	_____
Public speaking	_____	Weapons	_____

TABLE IA

Existing Recreational Activities in Atchison, Coffeyville, Hutchinson,
Lawrence, Leavenworth, Parsons, Pittsburg, and Wichita

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Par.	Pitt.	Wich.
<u>Individual and dual games and activities</u>								
Athletic tests		X	X			X		X
Badminton	X		X			X		X
Baton twirling	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Billiards			X			X		X
Croquet	X		X			X		
Curling								
Golf		X	X			X	X	X
Handball	X		X			X		
Horseshoes	X		X	X	X	X		X
Indoor bowling		X					X	X
Jacks	X		X					X
Marbles	X							X

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Shuffleboard	x		x	x		x		x
Table tennis	x		x	x		x		x
Tennis	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<u>Gymnastics and stunts</u>								
Apparatus work			x	x	x			x
Bag punching			x	x				
Calisthenics		x	x		x			x
Gymnastic marching						x		
Lariat throwing								
Pyramid building								
Rope jumping			x					x
Slimnastics			x	x	x			x
Trampoline			x					x
Tumbling			x	x	x	x		x
<u>Group or team games</u>								
Baseball	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Basketball	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Cricket								
Flag football	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Football	x	x			x			
Ice hockey								
Lacrosse								
Roller skate hockey	x							
Soccer			x					x
Softball	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Touch football			x					
Volleyball	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Water polo								
<u>Sports</u>								
Aquaplaning								
Archery			x	x		x	x	x
Aviation								

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Bicycle riding		x	x	x		x		x
Boating			x		x			x
Bobsledding								
Boxing	x							
Canoeing					x	x	x	x
Crew racing					x			
Cross-country running								
Diving				x		x	x	x
Dogsledding								
Fencing								
Figure skating								
Fly casting								
Glider soaring								
GoKart racing					x			
Horseback riding						x	x	x

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Horsemanship						X		
Hot-rod racing								
Ice boating								
Ice sailing								
Ice skating	X		X	X			X	
Judo					X			X
Kite flying		X			X	X		X
Lifesaving		X		X	X	X	X	X
Model airplane flying			X					
Model boat sailing			X					
Motorboating						X		
Motorcycling						X		
Parachute jumping								
Pistol shooting						X	X	
Rifle shooting	X			X				

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Roller skating	x				x	x		
Sailing			x					
Skating			x	x	x			
Ski jumping								
Skin and scuba diving							x	
Swimming		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Synchronized swimming			x				x	
Tobogganing								
Track events	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Trapshooting								
Water skiing								
Weight lifting			x		x	x		x
Wrestling		x	x					x
Yachting								

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
<u>Social activities</u>								
Banquets			X	X	X	X	X	
Barbecues								
Basket suppers		X	X	X			X	X
Card games	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clambakes								
Entertainment			X	X		X	X	X
Father-son dinners					X			
Lodge and club meetings				X		X		
Mother-daughter dinners					X			
Parties			X	X		X	X	X
Masquerades						X	X	X
Pot-luck suppers			X	X			X	X
Scavenger hunts			X					
Table games			X	X	X	X		X

TABLE IA (cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Treasure hunts						x		
Weiner roasts			x			x	x	x
<u>Music</u>								
Vocal groups instruction		x	x			x	x	x
Instrumental groups instruction		x	x			x	x	
Musical concerts		x	x			x	x	
Musical contests								
<u>Arts and crafts</u>								
Auto mechanics								
Basketry								
Beadcraft								x
Bookbinding								
Cabinetmaking								x
Cake decorating			x					x
Carving-soap, wood, bone								x

TABLE IA (cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Cementcraft								
Ceramics	x				x	x		x
Cookery						x		x
Drawing	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Dyeing and coloring	x			x		x		
Embossing								
Embroidery								
Etching								
Fabric decoration								
Finger painting					x	x		x
Furniture refinishing	x							
Gift wrapping	x					x		x
Home decoration	x							x
Jewel making				x				x
Knitting	x					x		x
Leathercraft					x	x		x

TABLE IA (cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Metalcraft						x		x
Modeling								
Model aircraft construction								
Mosaic crafts								x
Needlework			x			x		
Painting		x	x	x		x	x	x
Photography						x		x
Plastic crafts					x			
Pottery			x					x
Printing								
Quilting							x	
Rugmaking							x	
Scrapbook making								
Sculpture			x					x
Sewing			x				x	x

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lavr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Sketching			x	x		x		x
Visiting art museums				x	x			
Weaving				x				x
Woodworking			x					x
<u>Drama</u>								
Blackouts								
Carnivals			x		x			
Choral speech								
Community theatres		x	x			x		
Creative dramatics			x	x				x
Doll fashion shows					x			
Dramatic stunts								x
Fairs								
Fashion shows					x			
Follies								
Impersonations								

TABLE IA (cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Informal dramatizations								x
Masquerades								
Minstrel shows								x
Motion picture making								
Musical comedies and dramas		x				x		
One-act plays						x		
Pageants								x
Pantomime					x			
Play production							x	
Play readings						x		
Play tournaments								
Playwriting								
Puppetry				x				x
Scenery making		x				x		
Stage lighting		x						x

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Story dramatization								x
Story plays								
Storytelling								x
Three-act plays		x				x		
Variety shows								x
Vaudeville acts								
Water pageants								
Workshops								
<u>Dancing</u>								
Acrobatic						x		
Ballet	x					x		x
Classic								
Folk								
Gymnastic					x			
Interpretive								x
Modern								x

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Arch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Social			x				x	x
Square						x		x
Tap	x	x				x		
<u>Nature and outing activities</u>								
Astronomy						x		
Bee culture								
Bird walks and watching								
Camping			x		x	x	x	x
Caring for home grounds			x					
Caring for pets								
Dog obedience classes						x	x	
Excursions or trips		x			x	x	x	x
Fishing			x		x	x	x	x
Flower arrangement			x			x		x

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Fruit raising								
Gardening						x		x
Hiking						x		
Hunting						x		x
Making nature trails								
Nature crafts			x	x		x		x
Nature hikes			x			x		
Nature museum projects								
Nature study, collection, and identification								
Outdoor cooking			x					x
Pet shows								
Pigeon clubs								
Plant exchange days								

TABLE IA (cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
<u>Literary, language, and related activities</u>								
Book clubs						x		
Creative writing								
Debates								
Discussion clubs								
Forums			x					
Lectures				x				x
Poetry groups								
Public speaking								
Reading						x		
Reciting								
Riddles								
Storytelling				x				x
Study groups						x		
Verse-speaking choir								x

TABLE IA(cont.)

Existing Activities	Atch.	Coff.	Hutch.	Lawr.	Leav.	Pars.	Pitt.	Wich.
Writing letters								
<u>Collecting</u>								
Antiques			x			x		
Autographs								
Books								
Bottles								
Butterflies								
China								
Clocks								
Coins								
Fossils								
Indian arrowheads								x
Match covers								
Medals								
Paintings								
Post cards								x

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The purpose of this report is to develop a guideline by which the first-class cities of Kansas can build their recreational programs. To accomplish this, a survey was taken of the existing recreational activities of the twelve first-class cities of Kansas that have a year-round, tax-supported, Recreation Program.

The reason for surveying only first-class cities is that Manhattan is a first-class city and it is hoped that the Manhattan Recreation Commission will benefit from this report in that it will aid them in selecting new activities for their programs.

A questionnaire was prepared which consisted of a list of all possible activities which the cities could have. Information wanted from the questionnaire was the activities that existed in that particular city.

The questionnaire was then sent to the Recreation Superintendents of the twelve first-class cities of Kansas, eight of whom replied. They represented the cities of Atchison, Coffeyville, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Parsons, Pittsburg, and Wichita.

From the replies of the eight first-class cities, averages were tallied for the total number of activities conducted by the eight cities and for the various categories of activities.

The averages were compared to each city's program in the survey and showed their program's deficiencies.

The survey showed that all of the cities in the survey were deficient in at least two activity categories. Parsons, Wichita and Hutchinson had the most adequate programs of the first-class cities in the survey. Manhattan has an adequate program and Lawrence, Leavenworth, Coffeyville, Pittsburg and Atchison have inadequate programs.

Manhattan was dealt with more extensively in the survey because of the author's interest in the Manhattan recreational program. Additional steps were taken in the study to enable the author to suggest new activities for the program.

It is the hope of the author that this survey will aid the first-class cities of Kansas in building their recreational programs.