

### THE PORTLAND COMMUNITY SERVICE—ITS PURPOSE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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gests plays for community productions and gives advice and help to amateur producers in casting, staging, etc. Community Service is vitally interested in the problem of Americanization; it believes that the best way to make good citizens is to provide opportunities for the foreign born to participate in the American neighborhood life. Consequently it fosters activities which give the foreign born the chance to mingle with each other and with the native born and to take a real part in the community life. Community Service is a member of the Americanization Council and carries out its citizenship work in cooperation with that organization. Portland Community Association also assists the colored people of Portland to solve their recreation problems. It sponsors two clubs for colored young people and assists colored groups in planning programs. The local office is quite completely equipped to act as a service bureau for the various community organizations in the city. It has complete mimeograph equipment and issues bulletins suggesting community activities. It has quite an extensive library of bulletins, pamphlets and books on all phases of community life. It owns a complete portable motion picture outfit which is loaned without charge to organizations desiring to use it. In cooperation with the National Motion Picture League, it maintains a complete file of reports on better pictures. Through the medium of this file

the office is able to advise whether the picture is suitable for children or community programs and also to suggest films for various programs. Community Service is now organizing a federation of community clubs of Multnomah county which will enable them to work together effectively and to receive more efficient service from the local office. While the greater portion of community service work is done in Portland, assistance is also given to nearly three dozen nearby communities as far as the time of the local staff permits. The officers of Portland Community Service are as follows:—William F. Woodward, president; Sanford Lowengart, treasurer. Members of the Board:—Dow V. Walker, Chas. F. Berg, W. H. Warren, J. P. Jaeger, Anne Mulheron, Mrs. Geo. L. Williams, Mrs. Geo. W. McMath, Judge Jacob Kanzler, B. F. Boynton. A paid staff consists of but two persons: John C. Henderson, executive secretary and Mrs. E. L. Brown, associate secretary. An office is maintained at 513 Oregon Building, telephone Broadway 7972. The efficiency of the local organization can best be judged from the fact that in 1922 it served 339,121 people at a cost of \$8,800 or only 2.6 cents per person. The reason why such tremendous results can be obtained at such small cost is because the service makes such extensive use of facilities which are otherwise unused, such as school gymnasiums and the like and because practically all of its recreational leadership is furnished by volunteers who receive no pay for their services. Community Service is then an energizing

and organizing service, which instead of building up a large overhead for institutional upkeep tries to solve the problem by helping communities to help themselves.

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