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Miss Mattie Broussard
Recreation Director
State Colony and Training School
Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear Miss Broussard:

We received your request for information concerning our recreational program. Our school department handles such activities. In the past we have had a special teacher for physical education, but due to the transfer of our brighter group of boys and girls to the State Public School at Owatonna, Minnesota, we no longer have such a teacher. However, the educational staff continued to have charge of movies twice a month, and dances which are scheduled for adults as well as for the school children.

Usually at Christmas time a short operetta is given for all those who can attend. Santa Clause and carol singers visit all the buildings. During the summer picnics are held for each group on the campus at which games and contests are played.

The playground equipment consists of swings and low slides. Some of the swings are rather small with a cross bar in front so that a low grade child may be lifted into the swing and be protected from falling. The older boys have a baseball diamond where they can play wither kittenball or regular baseball. The teachers also take out their classes in good weather for walks around the campus and into the woods at flower picking time.

For further information concerning physical education classes, we would suggest that you write to the State Public School. The superintendent is:

Mr. M.R. Vevie, Superintendent
State Public School
Owatonna, Minnesota

Very truly yours,

E.J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent

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