

Ottawa Civil Servants Achieve Pattern For Organized Mass Recreation



Social dancing is one feature of recreational association's activities. Membership already numbers over 12,000, who contribute 25 cents monthly to "RA" fund.



Three major bowling alleys are engaged exclusively for Recreational Association members on Sundays. Bowling leagues for both sexes are in full swing.



Chateau pool lifeguard Alan Egan chats with "RA" swimmer Pegi Mooney. Swimming program of Association necessitated engaging three Ottawa pools.



Members of Radio Acting group watch efforts of one member with concentrated attention. This is one of forty different activities already launched by R.A.



In single file, skiers of RA ski school under the direction of Dr. Kurt Haas, former Olympic skier, head for practise slopes at Fairy Lake, near city.

This and other activities have proven boon to young people from all parts of Canada who came to Ottawa for war jobs, found city very lonely in free hours.



Under direction of professional dancer, Elizabeth Johnstone, RA Dance Classes provided something new in field, with courses ranging from ballet to ball-

room. Lack of space restricted classes to 300 members, although nearly 1,000 signed for course. Here ballet group is shown under teacher's arabesque position.



Philately, the science of stamp-collecting, is organized under the direction of William Krumm (left), who has collected stamps since he was ten years old. With him are E. Werner, (centre) and W. G. Olmsted.



Baby minding service enables parents to spend evenings out together. Here Violet Toole, whose husband is in army, minds baby of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edmonds.



Professional organization of activities has been important factor in success of RA. (L. to R.) Fred Stoate, Ed Parker and Thora Sugrue came to RA as experienced professionals in their field, form nucleus of paid staff.

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