

# 4 YEAR SURVEY OF SECTION IS MADE AVAILABLE

## Area Also Is First in Rum Shops.

Although the south side, composed of nineteen communities, ranks third in population among the five sections of the city, it has the greatest number of public libraries, of churches, of motion picture theaters, and of retail liquor establishments. The males outnumber the females 342,444 to 339,935 for a total of 682,379 in the area.

This information was disclosed last week with the distribution of the results of a four year survey of recreation by community districts in Chicago, sponsored by the Chicago recreation commission and Northwestern university. Directed by Howard L. Vierow, the survey was conducted with the cooperation of the WPA, the NYA, and the IERC. Much of the data had never been compiled previously.

### Meet This Week.

With the detailed material of the survey on all public, private, and commercial recreational facilities and programs at hand, leaders of neighborhood recreation committees will call meetings this week to study the situations in their respective districts.

These committees and local civic, service, and business organizations from each of the seventy-five communities in the city will discuss with authorities the play needs of their neighborhoods at the fifth annual city-wide recreation conference, Nov. 8, in the Hotel Sherman under auspices of the Chicago recreation commission.

Judge John P. McGoorty of the Superior court, a south side resident, will be the general chairman of the conference; August H. Fritzlaff, director of physical education for the board of education, will have charge of the morning and afternoon sessions, and V. K. Brown, director of recreation for the park district, will arrange the evening program. Nationally prominent speakers also will participate.

### Play Areas Listed.

Under the heading of public recreation the survey reveals that there are 99 schools and 18 supervised playgrounds with a total acreage of 43.09 and 78 gymnasiums on the south side under the jurisdiction of the board of education. The bureau of parks and playgrounds lists 105.47 acres of play space, 4 fieldhouses, and 2 beaches under its supervision. The park district facilities include 17 fieldhouses in the area, 2,174.57 acres of play space, and 6 beaches.

In public libraries the south side noses out the northwest side, 15 to 14. The southwest area ranks next with 11, and the north and west sections are tied with 8 each.

With 560 churches recorded, the south side far outstrips all the other areas, which list 372 southwest, 328 northwest, 304 west, and 209 north. Other data under the heading of private recreation for the south section discloses 389 auditoriums, a seating capacity of 167,381; 3 Y. W. C. A. units, 4 Y. M. C. A. units, and a membership of 6,785 in youth groups.

### 215 Billiard Halls.

Classified under commercial recreation are 215 billiard halls with 998 tables, 63 bowling places with 372 alleys, and 56 first class halls with 250,132 square feet of space.

Although the south and north sides rank third and fourth in population, they stand first and second in retail liquor establishments with 2,559 and 2,260, respectively. In the southwest area 2,045 liquor licenses have been issued; in the northwest section 1,700, and in the west, 1,433.

The south and north sides also rate one, two in the number of motion picture theaters with 97 and 83, respectively. Northwest has 60, west 59, and southwest 57. Seats in south area theaters total 100,535.

### Population by Areas.

Largest of the nineteen communities comprising the south side, on the basis of residents, is Grand boulevard, 26 times as great as Burnside, the smallest; yet Burnside has more outdoor supervised playground space.

The next four ranking neighborhoods according to population are South Shore, Woodlawn, Grand Crossing, and South Chicago.

The other thirteen communities in the area are the Near South Side, Armour Square, Douglas, Oakland, Kenwood, Washington Park, Hyde Park, Chatham, Avonlea Park, Calumet Heights, South Deering, East Side, and Hegewich.

Chairmen of south recreation committees cooperating with the commission are the Rev. Philip Lee, 2301 Wentworth avenue, Near South Side; Pekin; W. Ellis Stewart, 3501 South Park way, South Central; J. Gail Strader, 5415 Drexel avenue, Hyde Park; George Fleming, 4536 Drexel avenue, Kenwood-Oakland; Mrs. Paul I. Pierson, 6612 University avenue, Woodlawn; Stephen Ronskley, 7815 Exchange avenue, South Shore; Russell H. McBride, 8123 Kenwood avenue, Grand Crossing, and John Sheehan, 89th street and South Chicago avenue, South Chicago.



Judge John P. McGoorty.