

climate and a beautiful stream to enjoy their summer vacations, and many people from the North enjoy this area for their winter vacations.

I would like to call your attention to the map. The orange dots on there indicate the various camps up and down the river. These are the yellow dots that I mentioned, and of those various camps up and down the river there are 11 of them that have been established by the churches of this country covering the entire range from the Jewish to the Catholic, and practically everything in between. Also there are 10 private camps.

Note when I say private camps those are the camps that take the boys and girls from the cities during the summer and give them 2 weeks, 4 weeks, or 6 weeks of camping experience and teaching them some of the beauties of nature. These camps are not modernistic buildings, they are of the type that are rustic, they blend into the natural beauty of the hills surrounding this beautiful Guadalupe River.

There are also two Boy Scout camps there, one of which was donated by Colonel Rickenbacker who was a World War ace, I believe World War I, he had a ranch there and gave it to the Boy Scouts.

Another one on Indian Creek, that camp alone last year accommodated over 8,000 boys during the summer of last year, where the group each week, and they came from all parts of the Nation—likewise they came from all parts of the Nation to the Rickenbacker Camp, Boy Scout camp.

In addition to that we have a YMCA camp that is used all summer long, and we have a crippled children's camp that was established by the Lions Club and they bring the crippled children from all over the country there for the summer vacation and for their camping and let them enjoy the beauties of nature. The Lions camp also in the wintertime is a school for the blind, and it is a school for all blind regardless of the age, and they have—you see them on the streets of Kerrville teaching them to walk with the cane, teaching them to be self-sufficient, and they are all races and creeds. There is no distinction between them.

And in addition we have an Art Foundation Camp there that in the summer teaches the various arts and puts on plays right on the river bank with the hills as a background for the outdoor stage.

This played to over 9,000 people alone last year, gave them pleasure of being able to enjoy the arts in a natural surrounding.

In addition to that in the desire of the local people to retain the beauty of the area and to provide for wildlife the State has established a wildlife management area on some six or eight sections of land up there that is well managed.

We have a State fish hatchery on one of these streams. We also have a city park, a county park, and a well-organized State park on this stream that people enjoy. They come there and they enjoy it. On top of that we have a State hospital, a Federal veterans hospital, and a private hospital in the immediate area along the stream so that people from all over the Nation, locally and all over the State, can come there to help regain their health.

The advantages of this area, we feel, have been so well developed by the local people that we want to continue to do so.

In addition to these public facilities I might mention that there are many homes that have been built up and down the reaches of this