

Deer River Finds Answer to Sports Program Finances

DEER RIVER, Minn. (AP)—Communities having trouble financing summer youth recreation and sports programs might take a page from the Deer River book.

"Sports Unlimited," organized by a group of local citizens, including merchants, an editor, a telephone operator, a barber and a policeman, stages an annual Wild Rice Festival each fall to foot the bill for the recreation and sports activities.

The festival has a kangaroo court, stands and concessions as money-making ventures. The festivals have netted from \$800 to \$1,600.

The money has been used to make athletic grounds, to ready a beach at Deer Lake, help construct a winter recreation center with ski hill and slide, toboggan slides, warming house, and other items.

The 1952 festival is Aug. 23-24.