

property at this time it still suffers, of course, from a lack of funds to develop the properties. Development will have to wait until after the war. In the meantime, the Park Board should prepare detailed programs for the full use of these parks when money shall be available. Clyburn is temporarily housing neglected and dependent children; there could be no better step than this pending final post-war plans.

Our Park System Is Growing Again

Announcement of the plans to transfer thirty-seven pieces of property, owned by various municipal agencies, to the city park system, marks another step in a revival of property acquisitions by the Board of Park Commissioners. Such activities all but came to an end ten years ago when the gross-receipts tax against the United Railways (now the Baltimore Transit Company) was cut drastically; the proceeds of this levy are dedicated to park purposes.

The first major step to expand park holdings after the tax cut came in July, 1940, when the Leakin bequest was employed for purchasing the 240-acre Dead Run Valley section of the Hutton estate, Crimea. This was followed, in September of last year, by the acquisition of Clyburn, the 180-acre Cotten estate in the Jones' Falls Valley. The recent opening of **Lake Roland** for fishing and boating brought that area into use for recreation, but not as a Park Board property; it is being operated by the Municipal Department of Recreation.

None of the thirty-seven properties now slated for transfer are comparable to the tracts listed above; but some few, despite their smallness, have special, rare importance. An instance is the Arundel Boat Club, which can be readily added to Broening Park and so extend that highly valuable water-front area. Another is the property on both sides of the north end of the Hanover street bridge. Here is a tract with a 1,000-foot frontage on the Patapsco river which could be used for a club and mooring center for modest little boats.

There are also the section of the Gwynn's Falls Valley, south of Dickeyville, and the sections of the Jones' Falls Valley, adjoining the Baltimore Country Club golf course and north of Belvedere avenue. These fit perfectly into the city policy calling for the development of our stream valleys into beauty spots and recreation centers.

While the city is acquiring more park