

"Last week we sent down to Wrigley Ball Park 150 boys between the ages of 10 and 18 as guests of the local ball park management! This feature is to be extended to us for the remainder of the local baseball season. Last Tuesday 250 boys and girls of the Southeast district were taken to the ball park under the supervision of our local play directors, and transported through the courtesy of local merchants.

Local service clubs are cooperating excellently with the delinquency prevention and recreation program, and have agreed to sponsor many groups of boys and girls in localities where there are no definite character-building agencies to take care of their problems. As an example - the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and local Masonic Clubs in South Gate, where the delinquency problem is particularly acute, are sponsoring four groups of what might be called, practically, pre-delinquent types. One of these organizations, through material that we have furnished them have individually made over 1,000 calls and contacts in their neighborhood, calling the "DP" and recreation program to their attention."

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"One of the outstanding pieces of work, I believe, that has been accomplished in this district, during the past month, is in connection with the four gangs of pre-delinquent boys who were reported in my report of last week. I am very happy to report that a large percentage of these boys have been contacted by one of our delinquency prevention workers in the southeast district, Mr. Ben Houghkirk, and organized into two distinct boys clubs, which are being sponsored by the American Legion of South Gate and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Six other organizations have pledged their unstinted support to the founding and continuance of other boys clubs as they may be needed.

A new program has been started in the play area of South Gate and Huntington Park in the form of children's choruses and, through the children in the play area, we hope before long to be able to build up community "sings" in the various communities of the Southeast District, as an adult evening activity.

We have been able to open up additional facilities in several of the play areas for special handcraft work which would have an appeal to older boys. This has been done in the form of making useful pieces of furniture for the home. During the past week, over 100 pieces of furniture have been made by these older boys in six areas."

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