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Where does your boy play?

The Parents in this Neighborhood, like the parents in any other community, try to solve vast number of civic affairs. Probably, the most important of them are the problems dealing with the general welfare of their children. Thus, they ask themselves: What shall our boy do during the long summer vacation? They know from years of experience that every boy seeks some kind of play activity, yet, it is difficult for them to determine in just what activity their sons should participate. They, too, have to decide upon his play companions. Yes, in every neighborhood most any boy can find friends of his own age or playmates with whom he associated at school. It, too, is possible to organize a group of his friends into a club who are interested in the general sports, which are played on public playgrounds, but the group after they do get together find they are quite handicapped when it comes to find a well-supervised playground on which they could play, as well as to get sufficient amount of necessary equipment. It certainly is not difficult to find unsupervised playgrounds or empty lots where all types of boys congregate; where profane language exists in full measure; where boys have to mix entirely out of their age class with older boys, who entirely dominate their youth's initiative; where minors sometimes mingle with some older men whose conduct and character are most disorderly and questionable. So, parents, it is a real problem, especially when you try to bring up your boy properly in a decent environment. This problem of boys work has been thoroughly surveyed and investigated in our neighborhood by the officials of the NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS CLUB where the boys are properly supervised in all their play activity; where they are furnished with complete equipment for almost every sport in which boys like to participate, and where a real educational and recreational program is under way and sponsored throughout the year. Such a program as the NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS CLUB furnish is possible because our sponsor, Mr. Robert Buehler, has made it possible. This CLUB too-well realizes the inactive sportsmanlike program which exists on un-supervised school grounds and empty play lots. They, too, know that boys can pick a Star "Soft-ball" Team and contest other teams who play on similar

playgrounds but generally result in gambling as the prime interest. The BOYS CLUB question this procedure as a progressive way to train youths as good citizens. Furthermore, soft-ball leagues ---- last only a short season. And then the boys who segregate themselves from a good well supervised club find themselves without anything else to do again. As soon as such a boy is idle, you will find he will get into a lot of undesirable mischief. Being that the N. B. C. does have a full program throughout the year, they are in a position to understand the need of better activities for the boys in this Neighborhood. The Club's chief aim: "FOR BETTER MEN", is far most in our minds, therefore, the officials of the Club are always glad to have the parents come to the Club House and talk Boys Club problems with them.