Sports Parade

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its usual reams of free newspaper space these days with carefully epseed amountements about the contract signings of its sars while a far more important game quietly goes its way without much recognition.

The game is little league baseball and it seems about time everybody jumped on the bandwagon and started pitching for the lids.

They need it. There is much head-shaking and moaning in these times about juvenile delinquency. All too little is done to combat it. The upshot is such frightening incidents as the recent basketball stabbings in Detroit. The little league program is a great weapon against delinquency as it teaches the truths of American sportsmanship and fair competition. Already it has done a terrific job.

As example, last season there were 2,826 leagues in 46 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Canads, the Canal Zone, the philipines and even in Korea. Making up these leagues were 11,837 teams — and a total of 178,000 youngsters between the ages of eight and 12.

GREAT FUTURE

These will be the great ball players of the future, the ones who will thrill the fans in Yankee Stadium or all the other big league ball parks. And already they are getting a taste of the thrills which await them as they play in the little league world series at season's end.

The little league works series at season's end.
The little league idea was conceived in 11939 by Carl
E. Stotz of Williamsport, Pa. Stotz had been one of those
youngsters who sat disconsolately on the sidelines because
he was too young and too small. One of the heartbroken
as a boy, he did something about it as a man by founding
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Actually it is regulation baseball with several exceptions, necessary so that the strength of young players will not be overtaxed. These exceptions include lighter equipment, fewer innings and smaller player fields.

The program is shepherded carefully from national headquarters at Williamsport. Batters and baserumners must wear protective helmets. There are strict rules governing how often a junior Walter Johnson may pitch so he won't hurt his arm. And insurance is made available at resonable premiums.

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The cost for a 60-box little league is estimated carefully at about \$1,000 for the first year and, aided by carry-over equipment, at about \$219 for both the second and third year. This totals about \$1,350 to keep boys off the streets for three years and to train and guide them in better Americanism. That figures out to less than \$8 a boy, a modest investment when all the returns are considered.

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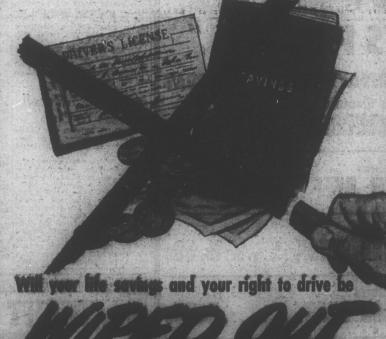
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