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Norwalk, Ohio. February 21, 1923.

Mr. Graul, Chief of Police,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Chief:

We have started a playground association for the city of Norwalk. This is a community affair and not for any one sect, denomination or class.

The idea of the commission which has been formed is to organize and direct the affairs of the playgrounds, and to provide a certain amount of supervision during the vacation time, and also to take care of the necessary equipment, not only for the public playgrounds but for the different play grounds of the various schools situated in this city.

From your experience, I have no hesitation in suggesting that you are in favor of such a movement, and, more especially so as we do not intend to call on the taxpayers as such to contribute the necessary funds for our organization.

Chief Jennings of Toledo was here last week and spoke at the first meeting of the aforementioned playgrounds association. You doubtless are aware that Chief Jennings is very much interested in child-welfare work; and, he made the offer that the crack basket ball team of the Toledo police would be glad and pleased to come to Norwalk at any time to play off a game for the benefit of our association. It has occurred to several members of the executive committee that if the Cleveland police have a basket ball team, why not play the Cleveland police against the Toledo police, and stage the game in Norwalk, a neutral city, which is exactly half way between these two larger metropolises.

Chief Jennings very kindly offered to have the Toledo team come to Norwalk, and have them play a game, absolutely free of expense. Of course, we feel that we cannot exactly ask you to do this, although naturally it would help us out if you do so. But, we would be pleased if you could arrange this game, and just take out the pocket expenses which we knew would not be exorbitant.

I have looked up the dates on which our high school basket ball arena is at liberty, and find that as follows, March 13th or 14th, or the 20th or 21st, and would suggest either of the two Mondays, as this is a good night for this town. I am sending a copy of this letter to Chief Jennings, and would appreciate hearing from you in regard to the matter at an early date.

Yours very truly,

Chairman.