

Certainly we believe that on the field of friendly athletic strife and combat opportunities for courage, unselfishness and the sense of belonging are developed. We believe further that there is a transference from the activities of the athletic field to the activities of business and professional life. Teamwork, cooperation and loyalties are developed which help in later years.

After every great war in America we have had a revival of athletic sports and games. During the Civil War when we had huge concentrations of men they learned to play One Old Cat which developed into our present game of baseball. Many men were out of work after the war and during the depression professional baseball was born. Young men who could not procure jobs on the farms and in the factories turned their talents to baseball. So we could rightfully say that the Civil War formed the foundation for our professional game of baseball in America.

In World War One the same huge concentration of men in Army camps turned their leisure time to sports and games. The overseas legions of Americans came back and there was not enough employment for all of the veterans, so again professional sports received an emphatic impetus. Baseball was revived and enlarged. A new professional sport was developed, that of professional football. Professional football is definitely established, and World War One was the incubator.

And now we are in World War Two. At the end of this war sports prophets are seeing the interests of professional baseball spread to all corners of the world. A world's championship now will be truly a world's championship because nations will compete with nations for the world's championship. Heretofore the world's championships, so called, have been a national championship between the American League and the National League. Professional football, doubtless, will be so magnified and