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February 18, 1949

Hon. Louis P. Gagne
Mayor City of Lewiston
City Building
Lewiston, Maine

Dear Sir:

Let me recognize and commend your zealous work in helping promote a playground project on the old FWB site, Bates St. Your unselfish action in behalf of the children of Lewiston is a record of which you can always be very proud.

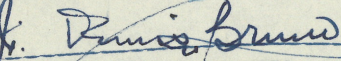
As the campaign draws to a close, it is evident that the Dionne Post VFW Special Youth Committee has been pledged more than enough votes to swing the matter in a conclusion favorable to the development of the Youth of our City.

During this campaign for the betterment of local youth, there has been a distressing note, indeed. It is the repeated refusal of prominent citizens and well-known organization to come out openly in behalf of underprivileged children. There is a fear in Lewiston of certain exponents of materialistic philosophy that, apparently, is responsible for the lack of many needed facilities in our municipality.

The courage you have displayed in office -- the sincerity with which you have tried to promote recreational and youth facilities, absolves you personally of any failure of the City to provide progress along these lines during your administration.

I am certain that all the children -- and true citizens -- would have benefited greatly if more energy and devotion had been placed in our "Little Mayor."

Thanking you for the kids



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Chairman Youth Committee Post 2299

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