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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Writing in the February issue of the Journal of Health and Education, Colonel Preston B. Waterbury, points out that in the pre-war schools and colleges there was over emphasis on games and competitive sports between schools. This led to physical development of only a few individuals, neglect of many and practically no correction of defects. As to all around physical development of the individual there was practically none.

This condition which Waterbury noted almost 10 years ago has not changed during the decade. Today's schools, from grade school through college, place the emphasis on athletics at the competitive level. In the smaller schools such as Southern Oregon college and Ashland high school, and in many of the larger schools, the same athletically inclined group is the nucleus of the football, basketball and baseball team. The same men get the exercise throughout the year. The remainder of the student body get to sit on benches, huddle with co-eds and exercise their larynx.

True, there are intra-mural basketball and volleyball leagues, and particularly at SOC, during last winter, there has been a program, designed by Harold Bishop, which attempts to reach the group which in the past has been overlooked in athletic participation.

However, the majority of schools, particularly preparatory schools, seem to be getting further and further away from the fundamental principle of a physical education program. The greatest good for the greatest number is but an empty phrase. The physical education departments of the majority of high schools throughout the land are so busy trying to turn out winning teams that they overlook the physical needs of the majority of the students.

We have intra-class and intra-mural sports which reach all students," proponents of the present system will say, in attempting to make a case for their methods. That's true, but the intra-mural system today is usually but a farm system whereby the better players get the attention of the coaches and are taught the fundamentals of the various sports in order that they can be moved up into the varsity squad. The poorer players, those who lack coordination, those who need training and aid in physical activities, are overlooked and left on the bench to continue their physical degeneration.

What is the answer? What can be done?

We believe that less emphasis on team competition between schools and a greater emphasis on a physical culture program which would reach every student, and which could be adapted to his individual needs would be much more valuable than any type of intra-school competitive program.

The plan which has been developed by Colonel Waterbury could be utilized as a portion of this program. It does offer a foundation on which to build. We'd recommend further study of such programs to all educators.

NAVAL RESERVE

This one world needs a strong stabilizing factor in it to keep the balance of power between nations on the side of the just. That strong stabilizing factor is evidently going to be the United States of America.

The sun never sets on the British empire is a truism which today has a twin. The sun never sets on an American ship is another truism which is just beginning to take its place alongside Kipling's statement.

Today there are American ships in the five oceans and the 13 seas. Those ships are on varied missions, some are commercial cargo, a few are passenger, and several are American Navy.

Ships of the American Navy are a symbol of Democracy's promise to the peoples of the world. That promise is: A free world, A free people.

This week the New Naval Reserve is promoting memberships in the Reserve. Composed of American citizens, both veterans and non-veterans, the new Naval Reserve has two cardinal aims: First to help America keep her pledge of peace to the family of nations by developing and maintaining a source of trained personnel from which the Navy may draw if necessary in a national emergency. Second. . . . To provide its members with education and training in sciences, trades and skills which may be applied to civilian occupations as well as naval operations.

A strong reserve is essential to the peace of the world today. In order to back up the promise which America has made to the peoples of the world it is going to be necessary to carry a big stick, the members of the Naval Reserve are a part of that big stick. As they do their part, so do they aid in keeping American ships in the waters of the five oceans and the 13 seas, and thus they aid in maintaining peace in our time.

Style Show And Party End Drive

Members of the Junior Civic club have just completed a membership drive, captained by Mrs. William Reagan and Mrs. P. K. Williamson. Mrs. Reagan's squad enlisted the most new members, so Mrs. Williamson's group entertained them with a style show and card party Wednesday evening at the civic clubhouse.

Mrs. Williamson was general chairman of the affair, and Mrs. Coye Nidever was head of the style show, she was assisted by Mrs. Gratia Martin, Mrs. Bob Snider, and Dorothy Haynes. Mrs. Gordon Miller was chairman of the refreshment committee, Mrs. Ken Miller and Mrs. Mollie Neill assisted her. Mrs. Leah Stringer was in charge of the entertainment committee. Mrs. Maryann Myrick and Eldora Nelson helped her.

The style show was sponsored by Weitzel's Department store, and summer cottons were modeled by high school girls and smaller children. Included among the girls who modeled were: Louise Schilling, Elouise Morris, Marilyn Miller, Virginia Lutz, Shirley Weitzel, Isabel Williams, Janet Nidever, Nora Nininger, Jeanne Baisey, Verda Kay Miller, Linda Snider, and Sally Lane.

Following the style show refreshments were served, and this was followed by card playing.

May 23 and 24 to Be Poppie Day

Mrs. Emil Kroeger, chairman of the sale of poppies May 23 and 24 in Ashland, announces that volunteer groups of the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire girls of Ashland will assist the American Legion auxiliary in the sale of these poppies on these two days. These volunteers will serve as unpaid volunteers, and contributions made to them will go into the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of the American Legion and American Legion auxiliary.

Commander Phil Stansbury, of Ashland Post 14, has also asked that generous contributions be made for the welfare of disabled veterans, their families and the dependents of deceased veterans on Poppy Day.

Mrs. Nye, President of Women's Club

Mrs. R. F. Nye was elected president of the College Women's club of the Rogue River valley, May 10, in the fellowship room of the Methodist church in Ashland. Other officers elected include: Mrs. W. T. Frost, vice-president; Mrs. G. L. Linn, secretary; Mrs. Stanley Chirgwin, treasurer.

Mrs. Homer Bissell, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Davis at the piano sang several songs during the meeting. Mrs. Ralph Billings and Mrs. Frank Davis, were hostesses for the event.

Monuments and markers. See Burns Memorials. On the Plaza.

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MRS. MORLAN ENTERTAINS S.O.C. WIVES WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Freda Morlan entertained wives of faculty members of Southern Oregon college Wednesday, at her home in Medford. Mrs. Morlan's husband is business manager of SOC.

Guests included Mesdames Elmo Stevenson, Angus Bowmer, Eugene Bowman, Otto Widen, Marshall Woodell, Loren Messenger, Arthur Taylor, Glenn Matthews, Lloyd Pennington, Arthur Kreisman, Russell Elliott, Al Simpson, Hal Bishop, Roy McNeal, Anthony Karnes, Clifford Williams, and Wallace Sapp.

Lincoln School To Have Play Day

Pupils of Lincoln school will participate in their annual "Play Day", Friday, May 23, on the Lincoln school grounds. All parents, and anyone else who is interested are invited.

At 10:45 a.m. relays and sprints will begin for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. These races will last until 12 o'clock noon. Beginning 1:15 p.m. folk dancing, rhythm games, baseball and other games will be played until the end of the session at 3:30 a.m.

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Mrs. Winston Speaks To Medford Group

Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar at Southern Oregon college, and retiring state president of the American association of University women, spoke during a dinner branch at the Rogue Valley country club, Wednesday, May 21.

Mrs. Winston told of her recent trip to Dallas, Texas, for the national biennial convention of University women.

Mr. and Mrs. John Borden are visiting Mr. Borden's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Borden this week.

Miss Dorothy Underkofler spent the weekend in Portland.

Bruce Conducts Rites For Hosler

Dr. George Bruce conducted final rites for Harry H. Hosler, Saturday, May 17, at the Litwiler funeral chapel. Mr. Hosler died May 15 at his home on 335 High street. He was born August 2, 1875 in Woodland, California, and had spent the past fifty years in Ashland.

Mrs. Grace Hosler survives her husband, and a brother, Earl, also of Ashland survives.

There will be a short rehearsal of the United choirs, Thursday evening at 8:30, at the Methodist Church.

Dr. D. Mae Blomquist, Ashland and Mrs. Stella Dice, Santa Cruz, California, left Tuesday for Tacoma, Washington.

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