

THE TIMBER LINE

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Girls Basketball Practice Starts

The Girls Athletic association met Monday so that Helen Hieber, the president could appoint two committees, a letter committee and a point committee.

The members of the letter committee are: Elizabeth Campbell, chairman, Allie Simmons, Phoebe Greenman.

The members of the point committee are: Mildred Hawkins, chairman, Ruth Carmichael, Grace Condit.

Ida Mae Hawkins was appointed reporter for the association.

Many girls are expecting to report for the first basketball practice Tuesday evening.

Girls Athletics

(By Ellen Ek)

Girls athletics is a topic which has been discussed very much in the last few years. Boys athletics, which has been taught almost since the beginning of civilization, is taken almost as a matter of course but girls athletics has been opposed ever since the idea first originated.

Girls colleges took up the question of girls athletics at the last of the nineteenth century. They started girls basketball and tennis, experimenting at first to see if the girls

improved in their physical and mental health. It was found in every school that the girls who took part in athletics, whether basketball, tennis, swimming or other games, were stronger in nearly every way than those who did not do so.

After a few colleges had proved that girls athletics improved the mind and health of all who took part in it, other colleges took up the practice and then the high schools. Now there is scarcely a college or a high school in the United States which does not provide different forms of athletics for girls to take part in.

From the very first there have been people who say that girls should not participate in athletics because it injures the health. All doctors say that a human body must have exercise in order to be well and have energy. Many girls, especially those who live in cities, have no means of getting exercise unless they get it in school. Nearly all teachers agree that athletics improves and quickens the minds of the students, for in every kind of game they have to be alert and on the watch. Having formed the habit of being alert in the games the students will naturally have alert minds ready to grasp any new idea.

Legionnaires Address Student Body

(By Ethel Tousley)

M. E. Carkin and H. E. McGraw of the local American Legion post addressed the student body Thursday on the meaning of Armistice day as the beginning of peace after the perils and hardships of the great war. He said that no one but an ex-service man could realize how much Armistice day really means or the full significance of the many crosses marking the graves of the boys who bravely gave their lives in the World war.

"A person does not know what a pal is until he has stood on the front when the one standing next to him seems to be the only thing he has left in the world," stated Mr. Carkin.

The speaker also said that the American Legion is trying to make to make Armistice day an international holiday.

"Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, was a day of joy, when suspense and worry were set aside by the fact that the boys would soon return.

"The American patriots should honor and respect our flag," he declared.

The speaker said that work with the Legion and the Boy Scouts was a source of both pleasure and interest to him for the Legion's activities make democracy.

"The government would take care of the sick and wounded veterans of the war, but it should have a certain society to assist in this work. Of the 6,157 men who were buried in France, about 500 unknown soldiers were shipped home but this was an unnecessary hardship to work on the parents who did not even know whether the soldier was their boy or not and the graves of these boys are well cared for in France.

"In the World war we were allied more closely to France than ever before. France had helped us in wars so we helped her in this war. Some say France is "Bolshevik" but this is not true for even now France is paying off her national debt to the United States, and no where with more clean and courteous hospitality than in France.

"When the war was over the soldiers were given \$60 on which to return to their homes and upon reaching their homes the boys from Oregon, who had served more than two years received \$1 for each day they had served in this country and \$1.25 for each day overseas.

"Through the efforts of the Legion the Johnston and Reed bill was passed giving each war veteran, suffering from tuberculosis a salary of \$50 a month.

"The Legion also takes steps towards civic improvements for it has built a dance hall in this city with the idea that the revenue derived from it should be used for civic improvements. It has also done some work towards the establishment of the city park, and will in the near future own and operate an ambulance which will be used to rush the sick and injured of this city to a hospital in Portland and thus keep down suffering."

He closed his address by inviting the school to use the Legion as an organization or as individual members at any time.

People really believe that athletics help boys. Why shouldn't they believe that athletics helps girls too? Because it is quite a recent idea the custom not having been brought down from the Greeks and Romans, is no reason why it should be injurious. This age has found out many new things, and one of them is that athletics is as good

for girls as for boys.

Girls Hike Four Miles

Last Thursday November 10, The Girls Athletic Club and their coach, Mrs. Brewer, went on a 4-mile hike out the St. Helens road. The trip was made in exactly one hour, which is more than the speed necessary to win a point. The girls said it was a hard trip but they now have four points each towards a letter.—E. T.

SENIOR NEWS

(By Ralph Peck)

The seniors held a meeting Tuesday and have decided to issue an annual this year, provided the rest of the school wants one. The plan is to have a small publication composed mostly of pictures.

Ward Gooding was honor student from the senior class for the six weeks period. His name was omitted from the list last week by mistake.

There has been a great deal of illness in the class and several members were absent during the week.

The Women's Missionary society of the Evangelical church will have a supper and bazaar in the social hall of the church Saturday, November 26. The supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The menu is as follows: Roast pork and dressing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, salad, pie and coffee. The bazaar will start at 10 a.m., nothing will sell for more than \$1.00.—adv. 152*

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