

Permitting the Scouts in either once or twice a month seems to me ample under the conditions. We would not want them coming up earlier than the supervisors arrive.

We are not blaming the Boy Scouts for losses that have occurred in the gymnasium, but we are inaugurating a very strict patrol to cut down losses that have occurred previously. We have had some very unfortunate occurrences with some itinerant colored boys who study the schedule of the instructors and coaches here in the department, and wait until such time that the building is cleared of supervisors and then try to do their depredations while the building is vacant. I have noticed in previous winters the Scouts would be coming up here when I would be leaving after basketball practice. With gymnasium paraphernalia loose they would be swinging from the bars and other apparatus like any young, aggressive, wholesome boys would do. There was nothing wrong with the boys - it was the supervision either in permitting them to come too early or else the supervisor was away.

We are starting a new deal in regard to all these arrangements, and by starting over now is a good time to get everything straight. I assure you I am not blaming the Scouts for certain occurrences in Robinson Gymnasium. However, I do know that some of the so-called outstanding Scouts are drinking liquor very heavily and at certain high school functions they have been under the influence of liquor.

Again the Scouts, like the athletic people are being blamed for the fool fringe of the 2 or 10 per cent of the whole. The majority is all right, but the minority causes the trouble. The occurrences that I speak of regarding inebriacy are in regard to some of the Scouts this year.

Very sincerely yours,

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