

CO-RECREATION IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

General Objective of Education:

A succession of experiences by which the learners grow in power and efficiency to participate in all the activities of a wholesome and satisfying life.

-- F. G. Bonser

Specific Objective of Social Dancing:

To develop socially well-adjusted boys and girls -

- a. By insuring the boy or girl an ease or poise in a social group.
- b. By instilling desirable attitudes towards the learning and use of good manners.
- c. By developing wholesome boy and girl relationships.

Immediate Problem:

To build up satisfying attitudes that are socially sound.

Procedure:

I have asked Mrs. Rose Oxman, the sixth grade teacher at the Monroe School, to give her techniques of presenting the program.

"My interest in Physical Co-education grew out of a demonstration program I saw last year at the Endion School.

"Interest of the children was aroused by my account of some dances in which I had taken part in the class conducted by the women Physical Education teachers, one of which was the Kentucky Round Dance. We had been studying about the Kentucky Mountaineers, and when the children expressed a desire to learn one of their dances, I took this opportunity to introduce what was to become social dancing.

"From this, we proceeded, with Miss Owens' help, to other dances: the "Four in a Boat," "Turn the Glasses Over," etc., where "choosing a partner" was not necessary, but wherein boys and girls participated. By this time, attitudes of courtesy and "fun for all" had been established to the point where children were considered ready for dances for which partners had to be chosen. The Schottische was the dance, and all the children willingly participated.