

"At about this point we felt that the children were ready to broaden their social experience. A party was planned for which they were to be hosts to about seventy children from a neighboring school. After a discussion of the elements of a successful party, they made a list of requisites for their own party:

1. Everyone must be courteous
2. All must be good hosts
3. No one refuses to dance when asked
4. Make as many new friends as possible
5. Don't be silly, etc.

"The experience proved very interesting and instructive. We could see that the children were headed in the direction we intended. Wholesome attitudes were being built up, particularly boy and girl attitudes, and children were gaining social experiences which would be of value to them later.

"Results could be felt outside the Physical Education period - an increased feeling of co-operation, respect for each other, as well as themselves, courtesy, ease in relationships, especially between boy and girl, and greater poise among a group of strangers."

-- Mrs. Rose Oxman

Realizing that the children were competent judges concerning the program we were trying out, we formulated a questionnaire and compiled the answers for our future use. The following are some of the questions and answers:

1. Did you have a good time at the party?

Yes - 58 boys, 45 girls

No - 5 boys, 11 girls

(63 boys, 56 girls at the party)

Reasons:

Yes - 42 - Like dancing
16 - Met new friends
28 - People polite and not silly
10 - All took part
5 - Liked lunch

No - 1 - Did not like to dance
5 - People too noisy
4 - Children not good sports

2. Would you like another party like the last one?

Yes - 52 boys, 42 girls

No - 9 boys, 13 girls

3. What part of the party did you like best?

88 - Dancing

18 - Lunch

1 - Music