

Finally there is the effect of the higher goal on the playing facilities of the different organizations which participate in the sport. There are still many localities where adequate playing facilities are not available. Many teams play on courts with exceptionally low ceilings so that the raising of the goals would mean discarding of such facilities. It is a most difficult problem to determine the extent to which this factor would affect the different localities. The following information was obtained from state supervisors of physical education in sixteen different states and gives a fair cross section of opinion on conditions for the United States. The information received from these different states has been summed up under the following three heads:

1. The majority of the letters indicate that the supervisors are absolutely against any change in the height of the basket. They see no need for such a change in the rules and from the standpoint of the high school teams they think that the plan is highly impractical. Viewed from the standpoint of the present facilities of the high school throughout the country, they feel that such a change would be impossible in the majority of cases of high school gymnasias.
2. There were some who felt that the change in the height of the basket might be an advantage to college teams but a very decided disadvantage and an impractical procedure on the part of high school teams and the teams of even lower grades. Therefore, these individuals suggested a graded system of heights for the goal to conform to the group involved. This height would range from eight feet in the case of the elementary school player to twelve feet for the college team.