

President Edwards address Cont'd.

There is still plenty of room for improvement in the game and in our methods of teaching and administering it. A look backwards gives us many reasons to be proud and satisfied; a look into the future shows that the job is never-ending.

A situation was concisely and emphatically expressed by a backwoods Ozark mountaineer. In his little village, far from railroad and trunk highways, the national and state governments aided in the construction of a school and a church. At the start of this building campaign the old residents resented these influences which disturbed a mode of living with which they were content. Some months after the buildings were finished and activities had been organized, a social worker was delegated to investigate the projects. At the close of an extensive report which listed many details, he summarized the influences of the school and the church in the words of one of the formerly critical natives. Said this old moss-back;

"Wahl, we found out that we ain't what we oughta be; we ain't what we wanta be; we ain't what we're gonna be; but thank God we ain't what we was."

While we have no such feeling with regard to our past, we certainly can join this old fellow in his opinions as to the present and the future.

Our program during the next two days is divided roughly along three lines. First, we expect to devote some time on an analysis of any defects in the game itself as shown by the experience of the season just closed; second, we must consider features of administration of contests which will aid us to increase our value and effectiveness as coaches and officials; third, there are some problems to be solved which deal primarily with this organization and the services it may perform.

N E W S

George Edwards is making arrangements for the display of sporting goods at our next convention.

Howard Johnson, one of our members who coached basketball for several years at La Crosse Teachers College, La Crosse, Wisconsin, died late last spring from a rare blood disease.