

O. W. I. FIGURES ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION

According to data recently made available by the U. S. Office of Education through the Office of War Information based on reports from 992 school systems of all sizes only half of the boys (50.1%) and less than half of the girls (46.7%) in the last two years of high school are now receiving organized instruction in physical education. This means that about 1,100,000 juniors and seniors in high school are not receiving instructions in physical fitness as reported by the Federal Security Agency.

Instruction in health education is being given to a smaller percentage of junior and senior boys and girls than in physical education. About 20 percent of these students were enrolled in these classes last year. Among reasons preventing greater increases in enrollment in physical fitness classes is the fact that many men teachers of physical education have gone into the armed forces and schools that wish to inaugurate physical fitness programs have often been unable to find trained personnel.

PREPARED CHALK FOR MARKING GYM FLOORS

Temporary marks made with chalk on gymnasium floors are often required for games and activities. A method of preparing chalk which will make such marks that will stay on the floor for a day or longer is described in the Journal of Health and Physical Education as follows:

"To a small amount of cold water add enough sugar to make a saturated solution. Saturation point is reached when after a vigorous shaking or stirring a small amount of sugar remains in the container. Soak a number of sticks of soft chalk in a solution consisting of one part of the sugar solution to three parts of water. When the sticks of chalk cease to give off bubbles, remove and drain. In a short time this chalk will be dried ready for use.

Lines made with this chalk will not rub off easily and may be removed with a wet cloth or mop. Sticks of chalk which have been prepared in this manner may be kept in good condition for an indefinite period by storage in an air-tight container such as a fruit jar. The solution in which the chalk is treated can also be kept for several months if placed in a tight container."

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THEY REPORT TO "COACH SMITH"

If the students at Centennial High School, Pueblo, Colorado, want to participate in athletics they will have to see a man named Smith. Ed Smith is head football coach, Fred Smith is head basket ball coach, James Smith is the freshman football coach, and Frank K. Smith is principal.

No—they're not the Smith Brothers, or even related.

GROWTH OF SIX-MAN FOOTBALL

According to figures released by the enterprising Maryland Six-Man Football Association, making weekly press releases of data on the game, Six-Man Football has already surpassed swimming, golf, boxing and wrestling as an interscholastic sport in American schools.

Originating in Nebraska in 1934 under the direction of Stephen Epler, the geographic expansion of Six-Man Football as an interscholastic sport has been extremely rapid. In 1935 the game was played in nine states; in 1936 in 17 states; in 1937 to 27 states and 1941 the game was being played in 45 states. By 1938 teams in Canada and Hawaii were playing the Six-Man game. The estimated number of intramural clubs and playground teams in 1941 was over 20,000.

Boys in high schools with enrollments too small to provide suitable 11-Man material and soldiers and sailors too busy to give the time necessary to perfect 11-Man plays are now enjoying the game.

LOVE AND FOOTBALL

A newspaper clipping which is over ten years old bobbed up the other day. It's about an interview with Fielding H. Yost, grand old man of football. In talking of the qualities that make a great team, Yost said: "And the greatest of these is love."

When asked if he could build a winning team on this Biblical principle, Yost replied that a great team cannot be built without the so-called heart qualities: "Love of pals," he said, "love of the game, love of the school the boys play for. Hate is a negative force while love is positive and makes for strength for the best fighting type of man, especially when it comes to fighting for the things in which he is interested. With it go courage, truth and faith, all positive forces."

L. B. ICELY GETS HELMS FOUNDATION AWARD

Mr. L. B. Icely, President of the Wilson Sporting Goods Company, and a member of the advisory committee of the President's National Committee for Physical Fitness was recently awarded the Helms Athletic Foundation Medal for his many noteworthy contributions to athletics. Mr. Paul H. Helms, well known West Coast sportsman and founder of the Foundation made the award and at the same time presented the company with a scroll given in recognition of "noteworthy services rendered in behalf of athletics through sponsorship of sports projects that led to the advancement of sport."

The Helms Athletic Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by Paul H. Helms of Los Angeles. Its aims are those of stimulating greater interest in athletics in community life to spend the precepts of good sportsmanship and fair play and to record the achievements of athletes and athletic teams in all sports.

The Foundation maintains one of the most complete sports libraries and periodically prepares and releases historical booklets on sports to newspapers, radio, schools and others without cost. The managing director of the Foundation is W. R. "Bill" Schroeder with offices at 401 W. N. Garland Building, Los Angeles, California.

Since 1936 dozens of trophies, hundreds of medals and thousands of certificates have been awarded to deserving athletes. A prep school Sports Hall of Fame was established and a Board of Athletics which serves to select All-Star Teams in Baseball, Football, Basketball, Track etc., annually.

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