

Today we are tremendously interested in the athletic life of our young people. Today athletics is an integral part of school and college life. Athletic administrations are much criticized for over emphasis, commercialism and deception in some high places. On the other hand athletics is the halter that enables you to capture and lead this young American mustang of athletic endeavor to a greater usefulness during plastic years of growing and going places.

Thirty years and more ago athletics were not an integral part of school and college life. They were not even a step-child. School administrators would not recognize athletics as a part of school life. The pool hall proprietor and the sporting gentry of the town were the sponsors of the high school and college athletic teams. Well do I remember our high school athletic endeavors. The saloon keeper of the town was the manager and the bartender in this same saloon was our coach. The so-called respectable merchants and professional men of the town had no time to spend upon such aimless activity.