

our public schools teachers who will take the entire class out over the week-end into the country and teach them as only efficient headmasters can - camping, hiking and nature study. The Boy Scouts organization is doing a wonderful job, but less than five per cent of our boys are touched by this program.

I had a very interesting experience with my son, Bob. A few years ago we were playing golf at the Lawrence Country Club. The wind was pretty strong across the course and before the shot was made Bob said, as he picked up some grass and tossed it into the air, "From which direction is the wind?" Naturally the grass blew in the direction that gave him the information he desired for the drive. Before he tossed the grass into the air, I said, "From the southeast." And he said, "Which is southeast?" Shocking, I would say, to think that a boy who could earn a Phi Beta Kappa key was never taught in the public school the four points of the compass. Then I tried it on two of my other children who were graduates of the University and found that they did not know directions. So shocked was I at the lack of elemental knowledge that I thought I would try it on my basketball team. I said to a group before scrimmage, "Take the east goal." And several of the varsity basketball players looked at me and said, "Which is the east goal?" Certainly our schools have failed to teach some of the most vital and elemental things that our youth should possess.

A very excellent illustration of the need for physical fitness is exemplified by the officers of our U. S. Naval Unit here on Mount Oread. The entire staff of our naval officer personnel exercises every morning here in Robinson Gymnasium at 11 o'clock. It is not optional with them, but is required by the government. Our government recognizes the emphatic need of these officers to retain their physical vigor and alertness and these orders are enforced to the letter. If we had the same requirement for our teachers that Uncle Sam has for his fighting men, we would have buoyant, personable, healthy and aggressive teachers in our public schools. Crime and truancy would be reduced because these