

should not be storming Robinson Gymnasium and waiting around where men dress and exercise. It gives them the wrong perspective. There is hardly an afternoon or evening that a large group of juveniles do not invade the gymnasium. For What? For a chance to play basketball. It has even been known that they break into the gymnasium to play. When the attendants and janitors run the small boys from one floor they go to the next. When they are run off the other one they move out but they are found in another part of the building. No one desires to be unfriendly or out of sympathy with these little fellows. They are not permitted in the Community Building where basketball goals are installed. They want a place to play. If the school buildings were opened the gymnasium in that school building would be their "home room", so to speak. It would be more than that. It would be their rendezvous. Instead of thinking of the drudgery of study, they would think of the joy of play and naturally grades would come up because they would associate the building with a place to play as well as a place to work. And play and work, measurably proportioned, is the prescription for you and for me - for your child and my child.

Thank you.

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