

side of an army of users of alcohol. I asked Alonzo Stagg, the former grand old man of the Midway, not long ago how he kept in such trim that he was coaching football four years after his retiring age of 70. One of the main things was that he had never indulged in any form of alcohol.

Allen: Thank you, gentlemen, but thus far we have been having youth look at alcohol during the whole discussion. Let us have a look at his play side. The love for play is natural, the love for drink is an acquired blight.

Chambers: Yes, Allen, but before we leave the first subject, let us summarize the effects of the drink habit. You can without fear of contradiction make a three point indictment, as follows:

I - Alcohol very greatly lessens the efficiency in the reaction time.

II - Alcohol greatly lessens the force of inhibition.

III - Alcohol lessens the accuracy of judgment. All transport planes have two pilots and two controls should one pilot fall ill. We have but one brain, one control and one pilot.

Allen: We will all agree that you have been most fair, Dr. Chambers. Dr. Naismith I am wondering if you think the boy considers this proposition from a moral or an efficiency standpoint.

Naismith: I am of the opinion that every boy wants to be a champion and he does not want to harm his body in any way. When a boy denies himself pastries and an oversupply of sweets to play on a team with a chance to win a championship, then you can bet that he is thinking of the efficiency angle. However he knows that he is doing the right thing when he is training and this raises his morale.

Chambers: Then you think that the boy is such a selfish individual that it gives him such joy to win and pain to lose, that he will train consistently so that he may be rewarded by winning the championship.

Allen: Exactly, Dr. Chambers. Athletics is a bridle that leads this fractious human broncho through the plastic years of his formative existence and stresses the inhibitions so necessary to his physical and moral growth. No real champion athlete ever celebrates a victory by becoming intoxicated. Many pseudo-Tarzans of the mezzanine dance floor endeavor to celebrate their team's victory in this manner, but the boys who played the game are tired and happy in their efforts, and generally find their fun from another angle. But just the same, the sport is blamed for the antics of this lunatic fringe who generally are unable to play the game or act decently.

Naismith: You don't mean to say, Dr. Allen, that all of the boys who play on athletic teams train as they should, do you?

Allen: I am glad that you brought that up. The Kansas State High School Athletic Association has a requirement in their by-laws that makes any athlete ineligible for athletic competition who uses tobacco. I know and you do, too, that many boys cheat on this score, but think of the thousands of high school boys in this state that do follow this rule.

Chambers--After all, your boy is in a pretty high grade group of boys with ideals, if they take their training as seriously as the high school association requires. I imagine many mothers would take a chance on a broken bone by her son if he went straight rather than to have a chance of a broken