

RADIO PROGRAM

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR HEALTH SERIES

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"Foils and Foibles"

Announcer This program tonight is concerned with the sport of Fencing. We shall hear an advanced class in fencing practicing the technique under the direction of Mr. Jim Raport, the instructor. We come in on the classroom as Mr. Raport is calling the class roll.

Raport Please answer to your name. Tom Orr (answer); Miss Doris Johnson -- Miss Nellie Hurtgen -- Kalman Oravetz -- William Griswold -- Miss Dorothy Houston -- Otis Perkins -- William Belt -- Brody Shroff --. Now today we are going to have a short discussion after we do some fencing. First, let us have every one pair off with a partner. All of you should be wearing masks to protect your face from possible injury. Now, take your on guard position. All right - Fence!

(Clash of blades)

Oravetz Mr. Raport, is my position correct?

Raport Well, be sure, Oravetz, that the heels of your feet are about 12 to 18 inches apart and that the right foot is pointing in the direction of the intended step. Both knees should be bent. The whole position should insure good balance. Miss Hurtgen, you aren't taking a straight lunge. Remember, the tip of your foil must touch on the body between the waist and neck in order to secure a good touch. Tom Orr, why do you hold your left leg bent so much more than the right leg?

Orr I believe it is a little easier for me to maintain my balance this way. Then I find that if I keep my left leg 'cocked' like some people cock the trigger of a gun to shoot quickly that I can lunge much quicker.

Raport That's a good idea, Tom.

Shroff Mr. Raport, what seems to be wrong with my attack?

Raport Now, Brody, you're still lax about your posture. Always keep in mind that your actual body posture in fencing, as in every other thing you do, reflects your mental posture. A lackadaisical fencing form usually means a slipshod fencer. So please watch yourself, Shroff.

Perkins Belt, you lunge at me and let me try to parry that lunge.

Belt All right, Perkins, here goes.

Raport Hold up, everyone. Put your foils down and take off your face protection. I'd like to spend the remainder of the time on a general discussion of fencing. Let's hear from the ladies first. Miss Hurtgen why are you taking fencing?