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Last Monday

By Chas. Jackson

At the sound of the gong **President Sheldon** opened the meeting by requesting the Rotarians to sing America, after which **Msgr. Farrell** gave the invocation. After the luncheon **Bill Smith** introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests.

A show of hands was requested to see who were in favor of Daylight Saving time and who were against it, and while no count was taken, it appeared to be about a 50-50 proposition. A request was made that as a matter of courtesy to the Attendance Committee, all Rotarians wear their buttons every meeting. Announcement was made that the Dewey dinner was postponed until Friday evening. **Carl Fisher** and **Bob Camp-**

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bell, Jr. were requested to stand. Carl has been absent several meetings on account of illness, and Bob was away on his honeymoon.

Gang singing was led by **Harry Stanley**, with **Herbert Jones** at the piano. After singing a few songs, all those present who had attended K. U. were requested to stand and sing their college song and give the college yell in honor of the speaker of the day, **Dr. Forrest Allen**, coach from the University of Kansas.

Verne Brooks introduced **Dr. Forrest C. Allen**, who gave us a wonderful talk, a report of which is given elsewhere in this publication.

The Fighting Heart

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with good things to eat. So help me God."

Dr. Allen told us of the beginnings of education through play, and while there is much severe and authoritative criticism of too much playing in school today, even the famous article of **Ann L. Crockett** in the March 16 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* commented favorably to this extent—said she, "I sometimes think that the only contact with adult standards of accomplishment, the only real hard work done by my high school boys, is on the football field—a field not yet invaded by "progressive" methods. Football coaches want results. Perhaps that is why none of them have yet taught line plunging in swing time, or adapted Bingo to signal practice." In other words, the athletic departments, at least, believe in competition, the raising of effort to meet obstacles, and the development of the strenuous life.

Dr. Allen quoted **Dr. James Naismith**, inventor of the great game of basketball, who said he had heard the best men in education saying basketball would really teach the child. **Allen** said that the gyms of the nation today are a monument to **Naismith**.

Physical training, stated **Phog**, keeps boys straight and today's schools do handle the job. **Henry Ford** once said, "By and large, the human race will play." So is it not much better that they should learn to play right, under competent instruction?

The speaker remarked that, unfortunately, we do not as yet have anything for the girls, comparable in an athletic way, to what we have for the boys. Then he touched on a subject which a weak man would have skipped. That was the smoking of young girls in our schools. He stated that more girls smoke

than boys. The boys have learned, he said, to say no a thousand times to temptation in order to say yes to victory once. **Dr. Allen** remarked that **Glen Cunningham** could be in receipt of \$100,000, if only he would keep quiet about the deleterious effects of cigarettes on young people. Which calls to mind the thought that it is easy to make big money, if you don't care how you do it, provided you are really smart. **Allen** told how **Pop Warner** turned down some nice money along this line. Refusing to take money, even though legally all right, when one knows it will hurt others if done, is the real test of quality in a man and the best form of charity toward others. Taking a thousand dollars one should not, and then giving \$50 to charity, is not charity—turning down the thousand dollars is the charity. Turning down easy money is not easy, but that kind of attitude is what makes a Rotarian.

Dr. Allen touched on other phases of athletics, and cited the *Englishman's* view, that a gentleman should play one game well. He said that golf takes some of the "meanness out of a man," but leaves enough for useful purposes.

Phog said there is no substitute for struggle. The fighting heart wins, he believes, and who is there to deny that? **Allen** touched on the sinister side of athletics, saying there is more money gambled on football and basketball than on the races. This results in absurd impressions at times, the weight of money tending to obscure the vision of those who think people bet big money just for the dear old Alma Mater.

The talk closed on time, a refreshing half hour, heartening indeed to those who think the world is going in the wrong direction.

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