

The Value of Physical Education



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The rapid growth of athletics with special emphasis on inter-scholastic competition has caused many to doubt the value of sports as a part of an educational program. Admitting that some evils exist, there is still sufficient justification for athletics as a part of the program of every school.

Leaders in education agree that every educational program should have the following principal objectives: to promote health; to develop character; to teach citizenship; to improve home life; to provide vocational training, and to encourage the proper use of leisure time.

Where athletics are well organized and properly controlled, the above objectives are, to a great extent, realized. Good health results from the vigorous exercise that is a part of all athletic games. The athletic field and gymnasium floor are good training grounds for character building, where such traits as self control and perseverance are developed. Good citizenship and contented home life are developed by games where consideration of others' rights and respect for authority are necessary. Experience gained in athletic competition is valuable in any occupation, for team work and self-sacrifice are just as necessary to success in one's vocation as they are in an inter-class or inter-school game. Finally, athletics are teaching an increasing number of people the profitable use of leisure time.

The athletic program at the Northwest School provides inter-school competition in two sports and inter-class activities for both boys and girls. With gymnasium and swimming classes required, the advantages of regular exercise are open to all. Such a program not only provides desirable recreation, but furnishes a definite contribution to the education of every student.

—R. J. CHRISTGAU.

Football Champions

For the second consecutive season, the Northwest School Aggies captured the State Agricultural School Conference championship as a result of impressive victories over the Grand Rapids and Morris Aggies. The complete record of the season's play includes four victories and two defeats, the latter being at the hands of college and University Freshmen teams.

The 1931 squad is considered the best balanced aggregation of ball carriers ever developed at the Northwest School. On both offense and defense, the entire team exhibited the drive that stopped their opponents and led to repeated touchdowns for the maroon and gold.

Faculty, students and friends of the school will long remember the 37 to 0 victory over Grand Rapids which featured our own Home Coming celebration, and the crushing 33 to 0 defeat administered to Morris on their own field as the closing game of the season.

Coach Christgau and Assistant Coach Ocock may well feel proud of the most successful football season in the history of our inter-school contests.