



Red River Aggie

THE PURPOSE OF ATHLETICS



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Inter-school athletics is included as one of the activities at the Northwest School for two main purposes. The first is to provide a program of wholesome, enjoyable entertainment which every student has a right to expect. The second purpose is to give the members of the teams an opportunity to secure the benefits of competitive athletics.

Athletic games are an ideal form of entertainment because every one enjoys a contest between two teams, with the outcome depending upon the exercise of both physical and mental skill. Such a game becomes even more interesting when the opposing teams represent schools of agriculture, whose aims and ideals are similar to ours. Such interest also helps to build up a school spirit and an institutional loyalty that is difficult to develop any other way.

The student who takes part in the inter-school athletic contest receives a very practical training in those qualities which are highly essential to success in any career he may choose. He learns the value of self-denial, as membership in a school team implies a willingness on the part of each student to devote all his energy to this one activity. The constant practice necessary to become a proficient player certainly im-



Assistant Coach Ocock

presses on the student that no achievement is possible without hard work. And above all, when his efforts result in victory or defeat, surely he learns a lesson that can be applied to any success or failure that may be experienced later. Briefly, experience in athletic competition is a fine preparation for life.



Athletic Chairman
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Northwest School athletic teams are not especially outstanding when judged by the number of games won, but are to be commended for improvement made, for physical endurance displayed, and for their irreproachable conduct in either victory or defeat.

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