

Study Children's Sports Programs

In the last two years an interesting controversy has arisen over the growth of midget sports in the United States. By midget sports, we mean all organized sports for youngsters twelve years of age or under.

In 1950, the National Recreation Association Congress set up a committee from the recreation field to formulate principles of guidance to be followed by community recreation leaders.

This committee of twenty-three members met the next year and, in 1952, the committee released a number of conclusions and suggested principles concerning highly organized competitive sports for youngsters twelve and under. The committee found that sports for those under twelve years of age should not be "highly organized, competitive athletics." The committee considers any athletic activity which involves a considerable amount of leisure time, of the youngsters, spent in formalized practice, which encourages large-scale attendance by adults, which involves a selection of winners on state, regional or national schedules, highly organized.

Thus intra-mural competition in football, basketball, tennis or other sport is not considered highly organized. The committee felt that the failure of many midget sports programs, in the highly competitive field, was that they did not provide every boy with a chance to compete to the best of his ability, even though he was not one of the best players in his particular community.

The committee also felt that the fundamental goal in all midget recreational programs should be the development of the qualities of good citizenship, and the satisfaction of basic human needs, such as acceptance, adventure and recognition, and also happiness.

CHANGE IN FOE

The Bear Grass-Windsor basketball game scheduled for Windsor Tuesday night was not played and Bear Grass is to meet Oak City at Bear Grass tomorrow (Friday) at 7:00 o'clock, it has been announced.

Originally Tarboro was to have played at Bear Grass on Friday night.

Jamesville Boys Defeat Oak City

Jamesville High School's Red Terrors defeated the Oak City boys Tuesday night, 62 to 29 after leading all the way. Jamesville was ahead 17-3 at the quarter, 27 to 4 at the half and 44-18 at the close of the third period.

Scoring for Jamesville were: Bobby Rogers 11, Ronnie Modlin 19, Bobby Hardison 18, Ken Modlin (second string junior) 11, Garland Hardison 1. Douglas Gardner, a first stringer, was out of the game. Bobby Hardison and Bobby Rogers did good defensive work. Scoring for Oak City were Edmondson 3, High 5, Manning 2, Ramsey 0, Purvis 9, Henson 5, and Leggett 4. Bobby Hardison fouled out during the last few minutes of play.

Jamesville plays Williamston in Jamesville tomorrow (Friday). Further, the committee feels that competitive athletics should be only a part of the total community recreation program, which should include activities like outdoor living, games, music, drama and the arts and crafts. This field is too often neglected in favor of some highly organized and highly competitive midget sport. It also suggests that equal funds be allowed for the recreation opportunities of girls, compared with those of the boys.

Fewer Men Than Women In Nation At Present Time

Balance Between The Two Predicted By The Demographers

A lot of words have been said on the subject since the 1950 census reported that for the first time in America's history there are now more women than men in the country.

People don't like the idea—particularly people who are women. Girls have been forging ahead on various fronts the past few decades, but constituting the majority of the population doesn't happen to be one of their goals. This is one field in which they prefer to be backward—for obviously sound reasons.

But no matter how you look at it, such statistics are intriguing.

It would appear that the reason women outnumber men is not because there are originally more women than men but because they outlive men.

Anyway, the demographers are not alarmed. And they should know. They are the professional nose-counters. They measure the movements and quality of populations. Even though there is currently an excess of women over men, they do not consider this a pronounced trend.

They believe that in the normal course of events something will happen.

Oak City's girls edged the ladies from Jamesville 36-30. Scoring for Jamesville were Nell Hardison 8, Peggy Gardner 4, Ann Styons 6, Jean Stevenson 2, Betty Lou Griffin 17. Carter and Reason were defensive leaders. For Oak City, Peggy Lilley 22, Shirley Bryant 6, and Shirley Leggett 10.

very close to a balance will be maintained.

They keep going back to the fascinating fact, which nobody thus far has offered to explain, that every country which has maintained reliable vital statistics over any period of time reports there are more boy babies born than girl babies. The ratio is sometimes as high as 105 boys to every 100 girls.

This is emphasized in the United States by the fact that in the age group of 10 years and under boys considerably outnumber girls.

Up to age 45 single men still outnumber single women. In a 1951 survey of the marital status of the population 14 years and over, there was a margin of about 650,000 single males over single females.

In fact—now hear this, girls—single men continue to outnumber single women, but to a lesser degree, from 45 years of age and up.

The excess of women over men enters the picture in the category of the widowed and divorced. In this area women strikingly outnumber men.

These are given as possible reasons: Husbands are usually older than their wives and statistically less likely to survive them.

Age for age men have higher mortality rates than women; older men are more likely to remarry than older women; the more hazardous occupations are carried on by men; and fatalities resulting from childbirth are vastly diminished.

Keeping women "down on the farm" is apparently harder than keeping men there. In rural and farm areas single women are scarce as hen's teeth.

Apparently the girls flock to the cities and they favor the ones 10,000 and over in population. It is practically a rule that in towns and cities under that figure there are more men than women. In cities over that figure women outnumber men.

Between 1870 and 1910, when America experienced the greatest influx of immigrants, the majority were men. Since quotas became effective in the 1920's, experts have counted immigrants as being a negligible factor in the male-female population ratio.

It is interesting to note, however, that the thousands of war brides immigrating since 1946 have upset the traditional preponderance of male over female immigrants.

The Bureau of the Census isn't in the business of playing Cupid. It maintains a record of the ratio of men to women in every city but has no breakdown showing indicating areas of dense concentration.

Coal to supply electricity generation at the new Jopps, Ill., plant of the Atomic Energy Commission will be unloaded at the rate of 800 tons per hour.

Many Homes Past 30 Years Of Age

Houses grow old a lot faster than people.

As a man passes the age of 30, the insurance people say, he can reasonably expect to reach 71. But a 30-year-old house—and there are 298,000 beyond that age in North Carolina alone, according to the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association—can be downright decrepit.

If it doesn't suffer from hardening of the plumbing or sclerosis of the heating system, GAMA says, it's more than likely a victim of culinary thrombosis or laundry let-down.

"Assuming an old house remains structurally sound, its dollar value and livability depend on proper facilities for ventila-

tion, for light and heat, for food preparation and preservation, and for personal and household hygiene," the trade group explains. "This makes home modernization, like preventive medicine for humans, a worthy investment. In fact, with a large group of North Carolina's 792,000 non-farm dwellings now past the 30-year mark, modernization becomes a prerequisite to the continued health and well-being of thousands of 'Tar Hee' families."

GAMA reports that while progress has been made throughout the nation in modernization of existing homes, investment in this field still lags behind the outlay for new construction. In postwar North Carolina, as in the rest of the country, expenditures for maintenance and repairs of non-farm homes have averaged about 30 percent of the value of new residential construction, compared with a ratio of well over 50

Farm Profits Hit New Low Since Korean War

The farmers' share of consumer spending for food has dropped to the lowest point since the beginning of the Korean war, according to the Agriculture Department. Farm prices declined three percent in December, ending the year 12 percent under the level of a year ago, or at the lowest level in more than two years. The farmer-producer's share of the food dollar has slipped to an average of 46 cents, compared with 49 cents a year ago and 50 cents for the 1951 average.

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