

# SPORT SHOTS

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

## Installment 3. "Sportsmanship — Whose Responsibility?"

### THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICIALS

Well trained and competent officials are as important to the success of an athletic program as capable coaches. Their influence on crowd and players is of great importance.

#### An official should:

1. Remember that his responsibility is first to the players of the game.
2. Play the role of a judicious judge in as insignificant a manner as possible.
3. Know the rules thoroughly and give intelligent interpretations to the players if asked.
4. Handle the game with confidence and poise.
5. Control the game from start to finish.
6. Make his first appearance friendly, interested, and cooperative.
7. Greet the rival coaches as a part of his first duty when appearing before the spectators.
8. Be cooperative to the fullest extent possible with his fellow officials.
9. Maintain a courteous relationship with scorers and timers.
10. Make courteous explanations and interpretations when needed or asked by the captain.
11. Station himself away from coaches or partial spectators at time outs or delays in the games when he is not working.
12. Withdraw from the area of the playing court or field at half time.
13. Exercise diligence in preventing crowds.
14. Exhibit a sense of humor which is particularly helpful when criticism is directed against him.
15. Actively participate in any organization that tries to assure the highest type of officiating for all.

#### An official should not:

1. Over-officiate to the extent of taking the game from the players.

2. Play for the lime-light at the expense of efficiency.
3. Openly acknowledge or react to actions or remarks by spectators.
4. Assume the bearing or manner of a policeman.
5. Exhibit emotion toward players in enforcing the rules.
6. Humiliate a player for violation or mistake.
7. Try to even up a previous mistake.
8. Allow personal bickering to continue between opposing players.
9. Answer spectator remarks or accusations.
10. Discuss or argue personally with a player, coach, or spectator in anger or in a heated manner.

### THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STUDENTS

Students are the most important factors in school sportsmanship. Their habits and reactions quite largely determine its quality. The better schools are those in which there is a consciousness on the part of the students to share equal responsibility with the faculty, alumni, and community for establishing and maintaining good school practices and traditions.

The following suggestions will serve as a guide for the student so that he will know what he should or should not do to carry out his responsibility at athletic contests.

#### The individual student should:

1. Consider his athletic opponents and officials as guests and should treat them as such.
2. Respect the rights of students from the opposing school.
3. Respect the authority and judgment of the coach.
4. Respect the property of the school and the authority of school officials.
5. Cheer both teams as they come on the field of play.
6. Cheer and cheer good plays by either team.
7. Cheer an injured player when he is removed from the game.
8. Support his cheerleaders wholeheartedly.
9. Accept the officials' decisions as final.
10. Show self-control at all times during and after the game.
11. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
12. Consider it his privilege and duty to encourage every one (players and spectators alike) to live up to the spirit of the rules of fair play and sportsmanship.
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The individual student should not:

1. Boo or razz officials or players at any time.
2. Applaud errors by opponents or penalties inflicted upon them.
3. Yell while opponent is shooting a free throw.
4. Yell while the opposing cheerleaders are leading cheers.
5. Yell for or demand a substitution or withdrawal by the coach.
6. Use profane language at any time during the game.
7. Be obnoxious to his fellow spectators nor exhibit rowdiness in any form.
8. Throw things on the field or playing court.
9. Argue or develop the "sore-head" attitude.
10. Place bets on the outcome of the game.
11. Molest the referees after the game.
12. Criticize his players or coach for losing the game.
13. Boast in victory nor alibi in defeat.

The individual student should abide by the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

#### NEXT WEEK

"The Responsibility of the Team Captain"



**LOOKING AHEAD**

by GEORGE S. BENSON  
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#### What Witch Hunt?

"No Communist, no matter how many votes he should secure in a national election, could, even if he would, become President of the present government. When a Communist heads the government of the United States—and that day will come just as surely as the sun rises—the government will not be a capitalist government but a Soviet government, and behind this government will stand the Red army to enforce the dictatorship of the proletariat."

Please read the above quotation again. Could an American have said that? Or does it sound like a message from Moscow? Indeed, everything in that statement is un-American. It was written by William Z. Foster, head of the Communist Party in the United States. This statement is reprinted in large type on the back of a pamphlet prepared and distributed by a Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives. This is the Committee that is accused of "witch-hunting."

#### Sworn Statement

Nor is the Congress guilty of distributing the sayings of Communists as propaganda for the Soviets. The publication which carries Mr. Foster's sworn statement is very much anti-Communist. The booklet is called: "100 Things You Should Know About Communism in the U. S. A." It is one of a series of five publications "on the Communist conspiracy and its influence in this country as a whole, on religion, on education, on labor and on our government."

By giving Mr. Foster a prominent position on the back cover of this booklet, our Congress hoped to show Americans that native Communists really condemn themselves whenever they open their mouths. In the quotation, there is revealed Communism's greatest appeal: the lust for power, and the urge to dominate others that some people have. There is revealed also its greatest weakness, for people everywhere do not like to be dominated by force. People like to be free.

#### Light and Facts

The Congressional Committee to which I refer is the Committee on Un-American Activities. If you have ever listened to the palaver of Communists or the "fellow travelers" (Communist sympathizers), the chances are you have heard this Committee of Congress strongly criticized. Like the committee says, the right answers given in the booklet, by using the facts, must certainly infuriate the Communists. It is true also that many of these right answers will shock the average citizen who has not studied the "ism" closely.

It is not my purpose to apologize for the Committee on Un-American Activities. No apologies are needed. It has done a great service to the American people in a time when light and facts are needed to clear up so much confusion. If the Committee has made minor mistakes in the course of its work, it has at the same time done a glorious job in reselling our people on the American way of life. It has opened the dark secrets of Communist conspirators.

#### Hired Men

The Communist policy is to break down existing nations any way they can, and in the confusion to seize control. They will promise every kind of "better life," but they have never been known to deliver it. As an American I am thankful for the work the Committee has done. I say with the Committee: "You know what the United States is like today. If you want it exactly the opposite, you should turn Communist. But before you do, remember you will lose your independence, your property, and your freedom of mind."

Broiler chick placements in the Chatham area during the week ended December 1 totaled 204,000, as compared with 113,000 during the corresponding week in 1947.

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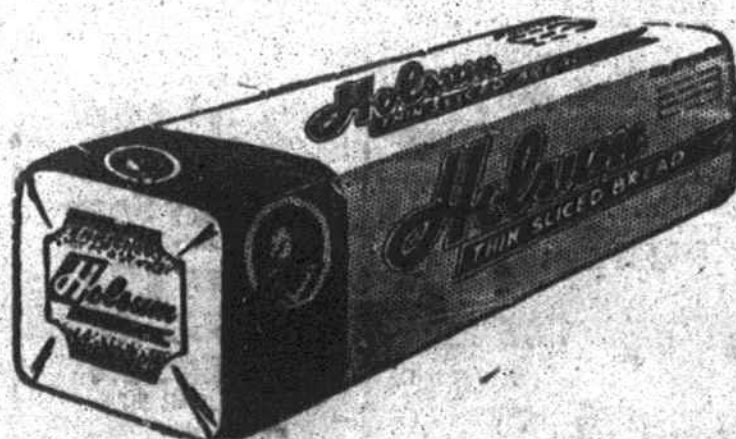
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Starting Saturday, January 1st, and continuing  
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