

Basketball Is Most Popular High School Sport in State

Swimming Would Rank First If Cost Were Low

Basketball has established itself as the most popular game in the physical education program of Pennsylvania's schools, Dr. Francis E. Haas, superintendent of public instruction, states.

"Both from the standpoint of student-participation and spectator interest, basketball is far in the lead among games in the organized health program of the school system," he adds.

"Considering the field of organized sports in its role as part of the whole physical education program and the total student participation in all schools, football holds second place while baseball comes third and track fourth.

"Wrestling is gaining a tremendous following and probably can be classed as fifth in interest among the boys. Gymnastics, an excellent form of physical training, comes about sixth place in interest and participation. In some areas, hockey is popular with the girls.

"Basketball has the greatest number of active player parties and this is our principal interest. The general public is aware of this interest in terms of varsity teams, but physical education teachers see the day-by-

day student participation in terms of inter-class games and inter-group games within the individual schools themselves and, naturally, there is where they find the greatest good for the greatest number."

Dr. Haas' comments are made on the basis of a study by Dr. Elma H. Nelson, chief of health and physical education in the Bureau of Instruction, Dr. Nelson says:

"Basketball is not only a fine sport for health but has the virtue that almost any school can support it as a major sport. The equipment and cost of operation of a football team still are too much for a great many of our schools. We generally find that high schools in communities of less than 5,000 population are not apt to have football teams for the season. But they can and do have basketball teams.

"It is interesting to note that soccer is becoming increasingly popular and in many areas has attained varsity status. We expect to see a great deal more soccer playing in the future.

"Swimming, which is the finest individual sport for all-around health and body building, would probably go right up to first place if it were not for the cost of facilities. Swimming pools, indoor or outdoor, are a consider-

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Bender Electric Co. Official Returns From Washer Meet

B. A. Bender, Carrolltown Frigidaire dealer, who recently returned from a special district meeting in Pittsburgh, announced this week that a new electric home laundry line is being introduced by Frigidaire Division of General Motors.

The complete line, which includes fully automatic clothes washer, ironer, and an automatic electric dryer, will be shown at his store just as soon as initial display stocks arrive.

Mr. Bender emphasized that the new washer features an entirely new washing principle known as "Live-Water" action. A radically new "Pulsator" creates an up-and-down washing motion—330 times each minute—causing water to penetrate and wash clothes without harming the most delicate fabric.

The new machine washes clothes thoroughly without previous soaking; rinses them twice; spins them damp-dry, and cleans itself—all automatically and in less than 30 minutes. Setting of only a single dial is necessary. The washing and rinsing operations can be started at any time. No bolting to the floor is required. It is finished in porcelain, inside and out. The motor and mechanism is sealed and self-oiling.

Simplicity of operation keynotes the new Frigidaire electric ironer. It is equipped with an exclusive new foot control, which affords the operator use of both hands in ironing. "Open-roll" drive allows both ends open to admit large articles. The ironer roll, thirty inches long, has resilient padding to protect buttons. An automatic pressure control is included along with the special switch for high or low speed operation.

Frigidaire's new dryer is also completely automatic. A wash-load of clothing can be dried completely in 20 or 30 minutes or damp dried for ironing in only 15 to 25 minutes. Electric heating units, fan circulated hot air, and a revolving clothes tumbler affords a fast-drying operation.

Phillies Sign Curt Simmons

Curt Simmons, "All-American Boy of 1945," from Egypt, Pa., has signed a contract with the Philadelphia Phillies. The Phils will send him to Washington, Delaware, in the Interstate League.

Simmons became eligible to sign a major league contract on June 6 when he graduated from Whitehall High School. He received offers from 9 major league clubs and decided on the Phils.

"It wasn't only the money, but the manner in which Bob Carpenter and Herb Pennock treated me and my family that made me decide on their organization," Curt says.

Pennock, Phillies' general manager, says the club was sold on the 18-year-old Simmons when he struck out 11 of the major leaguers in an exhibition game several weeks ago in an exhibition game which ended in a 4-4 tie.

New Parochial School Planned at Ebensburg

A two-fold program was outlined last week at an organization meeting of the Parents Association of Holy Name Parochial School at Ebensburg. About 60 parents and friends of the children attended a session at the K. of H. Home.

Immediate aim of the new unit is to secure additional classrooms. The main goal of the program, however, is the construction of a new school building.

Number of New State Laws Affect Safety in Coal Mines

Regulations for Dusting, Gas Are More Stringent

With mine disasters focusing attention on safety regulations, the 1947 State Legislature passed a number of laws designed to provide better protection for men at work in the coal mines of this state. The State Bureau of Mines says the new laws will "tend to improve safety in the mines."

Regulations for dusting, mapping, testing for explosive gas, inspections and the use of electrical equipment were made more stringent. Small mines employing two to five persons were brought under state jurisdiction for the first time.

In bills affecting other phases of mining, the Legislature provided additional protection for consumers by making failure to give a weighmaster's certificate with coal sales an automatic violation of the short weight law.

Bills benefiting mine operators would appropriate \$98,000 to the Pennsylvania State College for research to discover new uses for coal and extend until Apr. 1, 1949, the deadline for installation of flame-resistant trailing cables.

Measures affecting the bituminous coal fields included:

- Provisions for inspections every three instead of every four months as previously.
- Require mine foremen to take men out of the mines if the ventilating fan is stopped for 30 minutes in gaseous and 60 minutes in non-gaseous workings and permit them to order evacuation if they think it advisable when ventilation systems are interrupted for shorter periods.
- Require that dust be made 65 percent, instead of the previous 55 percent incombustible.
- Prohibit the use of electric locomotives operated by trolley wire in any mine section for two years after gas is discovered, except in case when the area in which the locomotive is operated is free of combustible gas.
- Prohibit use of any open type electric machine in a mine considered gaseous.
- Operators of mines declared as gaseous in the future may have six months in which to discontinue use of prohibited equipment and the mines secretary may give them an additional six months' extension.
- Pan mining of coal within 50 feet of an abandoned working until dangerous accumulations of water are drained and set up detailed specifications for determining the "safe thickness" of barrier pillars.

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Cuts Hand With Scythe

Michael Pallone, 35, of Spangler was given dispensary treatment at the Miners' Hospital at 9:30 o'clock last Thursday evening for a deep laceration of his left hand sustained while he was cutting grass with a scythe.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

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From the Medical Societies Of Cambria County and The State of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania had 3,171 forest fires last year. They burned over 47,930 acres of land. The financial loss was \$118,149.

Last year, according to the State Department of Forests and Waters, a "good year" with fewer than the average number of fires. Forest fires do more damage than most to the eye.

There is a mass destruction of wildlife. Tree-living animals, quail and most birds during nesting season are doomed by forest fires.

Deer and other large game usually can escape, but often they are caught in gullies where they have taken refuge.

Nine out of ten forest fires are due to man's carelessness. A camper fails to properly extinguish his camp fire, a cigarette is flipped out of an automobile window and falls into dry brush, a vacationer empties the ashes of his pipe on the dry grass or leaves.

No camp fire should be built near the brush—but in a wide clearing.

When breaking camp, the fire should be entirely and carefully extinguished.

To extinguish it, the embers should be spread out and water poured on them.

As this does not always extinguish the embers, dirt should be scraped over the ashes to keep the wind from blowing them into dry brush.

Fire wardens are on the alert during the dry season to watch for forest fires and thus save much waste.

The job of preventing forest fires is largely up to campers and hikers—for it is their carelessness that causes most of them.

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