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Navy Athletic Course Model For Schools; Make All-round Athletes of Naval Leaders

The graduation of a man from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis is a fair guarantee of his all-round development. For four years every move has been planned with an eye to his training. His class work and laboratory work his drilling and athletics, even his social activities have had an expert hand to guide them.

The system of physical training recently instituted by Commander W. A. Richardson is a plan for perfecting the midshipman physically. It raises athletics to the level of any other part of his course. A man may fail, and be dropped from the Academy because of slackness in athletics, just as in any of the classroom work.

He must study boxing, wrestling, swimming, fencing, and gymnastics. He must be able to demonstrate the various holds in wrestling, the leads and feints in boxing, thrust and guard positions in fencing, different swimming strokes, and be a pretty fair gymnast.

This is all in addition to any of the other sports in which he may be interested, such as baseball, football, tennis, lacrosse, hockey, etc. And the midshipman must be active in some form of athletics aside from his courses in gymnastic activities.

Such a comprehensive training has another purpose than the health and physical fitness of the men. To quote Mr. Richardson, "All officers are closely associated with their men for the first ten years of their career, and they find that their men are intensely interested in all forms and manner of athletics. Officers are constantly interrogated concerning sports, training for same, rules, uniforms, records, and so on. There is no better method by which an officer can acquire a correct understanding of his men than by leading them in athletics. Young men in particular hold in respect, officers of athletic attainments and knowledge. Leadership and efficiency are more readily obtained by an officer having these assets."

The regular examinations are based on the individuals' height. Each of forty-five different muscles is tested. The standard pull for each muscle is based on the study of over 2,000 midshipmen.

The training is graded for the three first years requirements are to be able to swim for five minutes, using Breast, Side and Back stroke. In the second year a speed of three minutes and thirty seconds is required for 120 yards, also diving and raising of an object from the bottom of the tank. In the third year a speed of four minutes and thirty seconds for 160 yards is required, using Breast, Side, Back and either Trudgeon or Crawl strokes for forty yards each, and also a demonstration of the proper way to rescue, carry and resuscitate a drowning man.

In boxing the midshipman becomes adept at chops, uppercuts, feints, and shifts. Foot work is developed with the resultant lightness of foot and speed in handling oneself.

Small sword, saber, cane and bayonet drill are all very thorough. The practical value of a training which enables a person to defend himself scientifically is of as great importance as the physical benefits derived from its practice.

Wrestling instructions teach the various holds, half-Nelson, Scissor, Hammer Lock, double bar hold, etc., and the guards and counters used to offset them.

In Gymnasium work the students must qualify for horizontal and parallel bar work, rope-climbing, etc., and be able to turn two cart wheels in succession.

In addition to the training in the various forms of athletics, each man must have a knowledge of the rules of all general sports, football, baseball, tennis, water polo, lacrosse, etc., and must be able to referee all games or contests.

This training has a very direct relation on his work with the men under him. It enables him to direct and actually command their respect. It is all in line with the idea that no officer need ever order a man to do anything which the officer is not fully capable of directing, and even doing himself.

The athletic record of the Naval Academy is a good one. With this new all-round training program we can undoubtedly look for some new records. A requirement of this course is familiarity with athletic records both Academy and national. The records of the Academy compare very favorably with some of the world's records. For example, the mark set in 1909 by Lee C. Carey for the 440 yard dash was 21-3.5 seconds. E. B. Curtis set a mark during the present year of 4 minutes 26 seconds for the mile, and J. P. Palton covered the 220 yard hurdles in 1911 in 25 seconds. Another record is the batting average made by D. A. Weaver of .547. This phenomenal figure probably tops all baseball records. Needless to say, this officer was impounded by the professionals to forsake the sea for the diamond, but without success.

The personnel of the Naval Academy is a thoroughly representative group of young Americans. At least two men from each Congressional District throughout the United States are in the Academy, besides Senatorial and Presidential appointees. Those appointments are strenuously contested throughout the country with the result that the men entering Annapolis are of a uniformly high average.

With such a field to work on, it is natural for us to expect our Naval Officers to be an entirely capable group of men, and to produce such men their physical as well as mental development is necessary.

No institution, however, has gone into this training as completely as the U. S. Naval Academy. "The results have already proven the advantage of the course-states Lt. Commander Richardson-but with the resumption of peace time conditions it is believed that the effects will prove more apparent and give us even more valuable pointers in the mass training of young men for a military career. In view of the probable adoption of a compulsory training bill such information will be extremely necessary to the formation of a well-balanced curriculum.

The Navy Department has provided two schools for preparing enlisted men for the Naval Academy; one at Annapolis and one at San Francisco. This gives the boys in the regular Navy the same chance to prepare for the Academy that appointees from civil life enjoy at the private preparatory schools, at their own expense. The course is for three school months. Congress provides 100 appointments a year for the enlisted force. This will probably be increased, due to the high type of students already passed through the Naval Academy from the enlisted men. Detailed information on all Navy schools can be obtained by any young man interested in the Navy, by writing to, or calling at the Navy Recruiting Station, Transportation, Bldg.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS



SEEK COOPERATION FOR U. S. CENSUS

Charles Stoffel, Census Supervisor of Second District of Illinois In Important Announcement

The Government is now preparing to take what is known as the Fourteenth Decennial Census, and for that purpose, test examinations have been held for enumerators to conduct the work of obtaining the information this Census requires.

The entire United States has been divided into districts, each of which has a supervisor to organize and carry forward this work. The Second District of Illinois comprises all the cities, towns, villages and farms in Cook county, outside of the city of Chicago. The district has been divided into 285 enumerator's districts, and the work will begin on January 2, 1920, and, it is expected, to be completed within two to four weeks. This will be the most comprehensive and important Census that the Government has yet undertaken. Everything alive on December 31, 1919, as well as every farm, animal and product, is to be named and recorded in the enumerators' schedule. Every home, every farm and every Charitable, Benevolent or Fraternal institution in the district will be called upon for this information down to the smallest detail. The names, ages, occupations, nativity, color, language spoken of each inhabitant must be obtained as well as the mother tongue of the father and mother, of the householder and his wife. In like manner, everything connected with, or pertaining to, the farm is called for in the agricultural schedules.

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LAKE VIEW HIGH DROPS 3 GAMES TO NEW TRIER

New Trier's basket tossers captured a triple-header from Lake View Friday evening and did it so nonchalantly one wondered whether they had been rehearsing the games for several weeks.

The feathers took the first sip from the candied cup of victory by winning 13-8. The game was continually in their favor Lake View never threatening seriously to do heavy scoring.

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NEW ORDINANCE GOVERNS WIRING IN RESIDENCES

An ordinance requiring at least two electric circuits in all homes in Wilmette of four or more rooms, was passed by the Village Board of Trustees this week at the regular Tuesday evening meeting of the Board.

DUST IS VERY DANGEROUS

All kinds of dust form dangers to human beings. Not only does dust exercise a direct harmful influence on the tissues of the organism, but it is the chief transporting agent of germs of infection and contagion.

Dust is composed of, infinitesimal particles of street mud and of refuse of every description which lies on the surface of the soil.

Bacteriologists say that these particles, when dry, are disseminated in the atmosphere, together with all the impurities and microbes which they may contain, and to which they serve as transporting agents.

Realty Publication Pays High Tribute to George W. Maher, Kenilworth Architect

George W. Maher of Kenilworth, who has designed many attractive and beautiful buildings on the north shore, and who was the architect of the Patten gymnasium of Northwestern University, is paid high tribute in the Realty World for his work in beautifying the north shore district. Probably no architect in this vicinity is better known than Mr. Maher.

The Realty World, which is edited by David Summers, who is also real estate editor of the Chicago Daily News, says:

"North shore suburbs are of the highest type and this applies to Evanston, Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka, Hubbard Woods, Glencoe, Ravinia Park, Highland Park, Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Each has distinctive charm and loyal residents who claim a superior environment in the village of their choice.

All of these beautiful residential suburbs were first small country towns with the single exception of Kenilworth. It alone was developed on a plan from its inspection. George W. Maher, prominent architect, was among the first purchasers of building sites from the original Kenilworth company that platted the land. Because he desired to live amid the most attractive surroundings, and because his ideas met with the ready endorsement of the late Joseph Sears, who was the man chiefly interested in the Kenilworth company, Mr. Maher devoted much time gratuitously to the embellishment of the streets and parks of the village.

"He designed and superintended the construction of the unique bridges over the picturesque ravine in Kenilworth, originated the design of the fountain at the entrance of the village and the artistic safety islands on Sheridan road. For none of these things did he receive direct payment and he feels fully recompensed today in the accomplished work with which he had so much to do. Glencoe, a

sister suburb, to the north, has just employed him to exercise his talent in beautifying that already handsome community.

"Kenilworth is highly restricted. Neither flats nor apartment houses are allowed on any building site. All houses are set back from forty to fifty feet from the tree-embowered streets insuring unobstructed views over beautiful lawns.

"The water supply from Lake Michigan is delivered through a system of high pressure filtration, making it absolutely safe for drinking purposes. All electric wires are in underground conduits. There are no finer school facilities, from kindergarten to high school, and other features that go to make Kenilworth an ideal home suburb are the superb bathing beach (1,100 ft. of lake front is reserved for all time for the use of residents), the golf links and tennis court and the gym and auditorium. Assembly hall, centered in a beautiful little park, belongs to the community, and is used for social affairs as well as public meetings. It is the home of 'The Neighbors', the woman's club of Kenilworth.

"Altogether there are about three hundred homes in the village and there are available building sites for perhaps half as many more. Many of these houses represent an investment of \$50,000 and more, and are justly considered among the show places of the north shore. While the vast majority of the houses represent a much more modest cost, all are attractive because of beautifully shaded grounds. Nearly every lot in Kenilworth has a 100-foot frontage and can never be divided.

"Without disparagement of other north shore suburbs, it is possible to assert that Kenilworth has no blemish or drawback of any kind or description, for the excellent reason that it was developed from the outset under the direct supervision of a highly qualified architect whose heart was in his work."

CARL SCHURZ MEETS NEW TRIER TOSSERS TONIGHT

This week's basketball victims will hail from the Carl Schurz High school. The heavy, light and bantam quintets will meet their respective teams on the Kenilworth floor and probably submit to the same dose handed to Lake View last Friday.

Jack and "Duke" have their proteges in leash until the required time when the Chicago visitors will attempt to stop them.

Next Tuesday will witness three more games. The lightweights will have the Kenilworth gym lads as their opponents, the heavyweights will battle the 1915 Suburban league champs (New Trier alumni) and the University of Illinois Alumni will contend with the Northwestern Alumni.

The following Tuesday the heavies will play against the pick of the Alumni, the lights will toss against Lewis Institute and the feathers will attempt to "steam-roller" the Kenilworth outfit.

Arrangements are being made to have Lane and Hyde Park send representative teams here for January 3.

KENILWORTH QUINTET WANTS GAMES

The Kenilworth gym basketball quintet is rounded into shape for some regular pastiming. The boys are prepared to meet any featherweight aggregations. For games call Stanley Wisdom, phone Kenilworth 811-R.

WANT BASKETBALL GAMES.

The Lightweight Basketball team of the Ouilmette Athletic club this week issued a challenge to all comers in that class, high school teams excepted. Information is to be had from A. M. Schaefer, Phone Wilmette 969-W.

EXHIBITION OF SWIMMING

New Trier's fair swimmers, one and all of whom are more graceful and skillful than ever Annette Kellerman, are practicing faithfully for a spring exhibition of swimming, and diving. Don't get excited, gentlemen, women only will be allowed to view their endeavors to put the above named marvel in B Class.

PREPARING EXHIBITION

The New Trier High school Chorus and Glee club will soon give an exhibition of their ability at a date to be announced later.

SWIMMING LEAGUE TO OPEN AT EVANSTON ON JAN. 23

Definite information on Suburban league swimming was obtained from Coach Jackson this week and we're more than willing to pass it on to all interested.

To begin with, the first league meet will take place at Evanston on Friday, January 23. Evanston is boasting a strong team this year, but it is not any more so than the New Trier champs. There is a vague possibility that Oak Park might enter for strong aggregation against New Trier on January 16 and verification of this rumor will be forthcoming soon.

But New Trier's swimming fans won't have to wait until the league opens, to see their boys in action as a preliminary meet with Sage and another with Harrison Tech are being arranged. The two coming rivals are also touting, stats of the tank and the meets will be worth while seeing.

PROMISING TRACK TEAM NEW TRIER'S PROSPECT

New Trier Track team men are enthusiastically training for the coming league meets. Here are some of the reasons for the confident situation:

Maxwell Joy—High and low hurdles, sprints, high jumps, broad jump, pole vault, 3 standing broad jumps.

Phil Joy—Low hurdles, high jump, broad jump, and pole vault.

Sutter—880 yards and mile.

Moore—Sprints, broad jump, and low hurdles.

Magill—880 yards and mile.

Drake—440 yards and sprints.

Smith—660 yards, sprints, relay.

Worthington—Sprints, hurdles, 660 yard and relay.

Flood—Sprints and 440 yards.

Robinson—Running events.

Howard—Mile.

Emrich—220 yard and relay.

Swan—440 yards and relay.

SCHOOL VACATION

New Trier's students are sad this week as they are undecided as to what they will do during their coming two-weeks' vacation. Said vacation begins Friday afternoon and will continue until Monday, January 5.

SKATING RINK

Plans are maturing with alacrity for a school skating rink and the skaters in the different classes can do all the fancy work they want to on the ice in the near future.

EVANSTON Y. M. C. A. TO HAVE ITS OWN MOVIES

The Evanston Y. M. C. A. of which many north shore boys are members, has installed a fireproof asbestos lined moving picture booth in the auditorium and last Saturday opened the season with motion pictures of William S Hart in "Branding Broadway," acknowledged by the producers to be the best production in which the popular star has ever appeared.

Motion pictures are to be shown for members of the "Y" throughout the winter, J. W. Bixby, general secretary, announced at the opening.

"Announcement will be made later of a big program which is being planned for New Year's day," continued Mr. Bixby. "The entertainment will run from 3 P. M. to 10 P. M. and there will be all kinds of attractions