

Certain Type Of 'Exercise' Draws Criticism

To the Editor: I was interested to note in your paper recently a little item concerning a "unique method of handling disciplinary problems" in study hall at our high school. I had been told of the absolute amazement with which "50 push-ups" in study hall was viewed by a distinguished educational visitor from a foreign country who happened in at the proper moment to view this phenomenon. Even after

an explanation, she seemed completely bewildered, as well she might. It is also interesting to note that this same teacher has had the boys on the losing alley ball team run "rickets" through the winning team. FOR THOSE unfortunates on this particular form of punishment, it consists of each boy on the losing team crawling on his hands and knees through the double line of 30 or 40 boys on the winning team while each of the winners has the delightful privilege of swatting the loser soundly on his posterior. Thirty or forty swats administered with the full strength of young manhood is quite a number of swats, not to mention the elbow floor burns from being shoved ahead by the force of the swats.

Total this up after several days of being unfortunate enough to be on the losing team and you know what you have. One boy who after several days of this delightful little game ran "rickets" in a tiring position, was rebuked by the teacher for refusing to repeat in a kneeling position. IT'S A PITY that the wonderful opportunity which sports and athletic games afford for the teaching of "love of the game" and good sportsmanship should be so wasted. But it's nice to have a wonderful physical structure, isn't it, even if our children are failing to receive the advantages of citizenship training in some classes? A PARENT.

Named Vice-President Of Michigan Society For Mental Health

Mrs. Henry S. Booth, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, was elected one of the vice-presidents of the Michigan Society for Mental Health at the annual meeting of the society's board recently in Detroit. Stephen S. Nabet, Fremont, was elected president of the agency which is supported by the United Fund. Ray R. Eppert, Detroit, again will be chairman of the executive committee. At the meeting, the board discussed pending legislation on a children's psychiatric hospital, and state legislation for more adult and child guidance clinics to serve new areas in the state. Preliminary plans for the society's annual conference March 18 and 19 were reviewed.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY— MRS. WILLIAM H. BURLINGAME, 700 S. Glenhurst: "Recently I visited Boston and thought that the town had charm. I discovered upon investigation that they had planted maples like we have in downtown Birmingham to soften the impact of city congestion. Their maples are a lot older than ours and looked mighty fine."

Have You Met . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bass, 958 Pleasant avenue, who moved from Detroit on Nov. 27. Bass is Oldsmobile Zone Service Manager for General Motors. Mrs. Bass is affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta.

December 17, 1953. THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC Page 7 WE HEARD IT SAID BY— COLIN H. JOHN, 711 Sullfield: "Each week when I get my Birmingham Eccentric, I first read it over the front page, then immediately turn and read all the classified ads. Boy, they're out of this world!"

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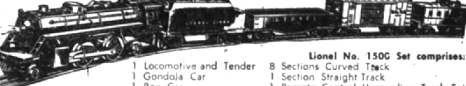
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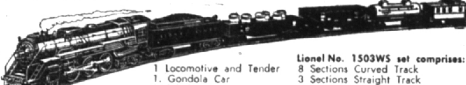


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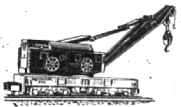
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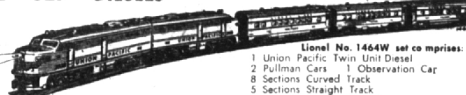
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