

## Report of the Athletic Committee - 1940

### Spring Sports

#### Skiing.

Last winter the bus, or beachwagon, went to skiing areas where the best conditions prevailed. If there weren't enough people signed up for the bus, arrangements were made to have them go in private cars. This was done by offering  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents a mile to the owners of the cars.

Several races were attended and an effort should be made to see that they attended next year.

Efforts are being made to try to procure season tickets for the use of both tows at Woodford. As yet this has not been carried through.

#### Tennis

It was suggested by Mr. Chapman that the college have indoor tennis, before the college courts were ready for use. Mr. Harding, the new tennis pro, was anxious to get started so the North Bennington High School Gym' was rented at one dollar per hour, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This plan did not succeed and it is suggested that it not be tried again next year.

Tennis lessons began at the college, under Mr. Harding, on May 7. The tennis tournament was never completed, due to the rainy season.

Golf.

Mr. Whyte, of the Mt. Anthont Country Club, was again appointed golf pro. Lessons started Monday, May 6. They were given for approximately 6 weeks, Monday through Thursday, from three until six o'clock, each lesson  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr.

In September, 1940, Dr. Leigh suggested that Mr. Whyte come and give some lessons. The Athletic Committee decided to have him teach two weeks then, and three and  $\frac{1}{2}$  weeks next spring. The lessons began Monday, Sept. 30.

Baseball

Unorganized baseball was played on the green, and seemed to be very popular. The Athletic Committee bought 2 new balls.

Fall Sports.Hockey.

Miss Suzanne Cross was appointed hockey coach this year. She was excellent, and very popular.

Sign-up sheets were placed on the bulletin board and it was found that the most desirable days to play were Tues., Wed., and Thurs. afternoons from 2:30 until 4:00. Hockey began Sept. 17.

Oct. 9, North Bennington High School came to the college for some

coaching and a practise game. It was good for them and even better for us.

Oct. 17, North Bennington came again. This time for a game, first and second teams. The college won both games, 6-0 and 5-0 , respectively.

Oct. 28 Putney school came to Bennington and the college won 2-1.

Nov. 5 Skidmore College came with two teams. Bennington's first team lost 2-1, and the second team was a tie, 0-0.

Teas were served in Bingham House after all the games and they are always enjoyed by all.

#### Suggestions:

That hockey be made compulsory for all those who sign at the beginning of the year.

That more games be played with outside schools.

#### Riding.

As the stables at Overlea burned down last spring, Mr. Durkee reestablished himself at Percy's Corner, Bennington. The horses and tack are better than last year. Mr. Durkee Provides free transportation both to and from the college at any time. He had a telephone installed so that the girls could call him when they wished. The riding was better this year than last.

#### Minor Sports.

##### Ping Pong.

There are now two ping pong tables in the Recreation Barn.



Suggestions:

There should be more ping pong tournaments.

*Paper chase on horseback*

Fencing.

Fencing takes place Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after-  
noons at the Recreation Barn. An average of ten signed up  
for these afternoons.

This is an outline of the work done by the Athletic Committee  
of the Recreation Council during the past year. All the small  
details which would be of no interest to the general community  
are in the Athletic Notebook which will be passed on to the  
new council.