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The Question: Last Summer President Eisenhower Appointed A Council On Youth Fitness. Since Then, Has Anything In Your Area Been Done About This? (asked At The Recent American Newspaper Publishers Association Convention)

Jimmy Jemail

STERLING E. GRAHAM

[Cleveland](#)

President

[Plain Dealer](#)

No. Not a thing. I can't even recall [Shane MacCarthy](#), the roving ambassador for this council, coming to [Cleveland](#). However, I don't think our area needs any particular stress on sports and outdoor living. We have a well-rounded sports program for our school children.

WILLIAM W. KNIGHT

[Portland, Ore.](#)

President and publisher

[Oregon Journal](#)

Not that I know of. However, the kids today are doing much better in athletics than we did. Sure, there's a delinquency problem, but it only takes a dozen kids to raise hell. I don't want to discourage this council, but I don't go for the theory that our kids are soft.

TOM SHEARMAN

[Lake Charles, La.](#)

Publisher

American Press

No, but there is a tremendous interest in track down South. I don't know what has caused it other than [Bobby Morrow](#). Our football teams are better, generally, and interest is very high. But none of this is due to the work of the President's council on physical fitness.

JOHN H. COSTELLO

Lowell, Mass.

President and publisher

Lowell Sun

Nothing that can be attributed to this council. In **Lowell** we are doing the job ourselves. It was going on before the national publicity, and it's getting better. The work of the President's council has had no impact so far, but it's a great idea and needed in many sections.

CLYDE E. (RED) MOFFITT

Ft. Collins, Colo.

Publisher

Coloradoan

No, but it isn't needed in our section. In **Colorado**, we have the smallest percentage of physical rejections in the U.S. People live outdoors and their recreation has to be hunting, fishing, hiking and skating, in addition to the formal sports in our schools and colleges.

HENRY A. SATTERWHITE

Bradford, Pa.

Publisher

Bradford Era

Nothing as a direct result of the **Washington** get-together. However, we have a lot of sports activity in our area, including hunting and archery and a sportsmanship club with 2,000 members. There are areas in the country that need stimulation of sports, but not ours.

JOHN W. BLOOMER

Portsmouth, Va.

Former publisher

Portsmouth Times

Nothing. I attribute it, basically, to the lack of primary interest as far as the Administration is concerned. I think Ike is sincere, but basic things start at the bottom and go up, never from the top down. We must start on an elementary level and interest the students.

RALPH W. (DUKE) MILLARD

Fresno, Calif.

Business manager

Fresno Bee

My 14-year-old son was already working on weights two years ago. He has turned our garage into a gym where he and six kids work out three nights a week. The equipment was paid for by money they earned. I think there could be a project like this in every block.

HUGH WAGNON

Pocatello, Idaho

Publisher

Idaho State Journal

No, but we do have a playground program of our own. Of course, the President's council had no appropriation, only influence, but this

influence hasn't been exercised. I'm not sure an appropriation would help. I think children around 15 and 16 need jobs in addition to play.

J. L. STACKHOUSE

Easton, Pa.

President and publisher

Express

I have heard the poor condition of our youth lamented at scores of conferences and remedies suggested, but the only action I've seen is at two small colleges which expanded their programs to include lacrosse, wrestling and track. The programs in area high schools remain unaltered.

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