Do Sports Build Character?

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Parents' Rights and Responsibilities in Educating Their Children

This significant subject has been discussed many times in past School and Living Journal issues. The passage of the Coalition for Education of concerned and well-known School of Living members, the Cole family, Bear Lake, Mich. (story, page 1) brings it to us once more, but it is a story when close friends are involved in an important controversy. Your editor postpones editorializing, to allow hearing from the Cole family and several who were asked for comment, in the following:

Coles Prefer Withholding Action
From Darrel Cole: "The more and more that I think seriously about the school situation, the more I feel it would be better not to fight until we come to court. We have no knowledge of similar cases in Michigan for precedent. We have little to gain in view of the cost of legal action. What good is it to educate their own children? I had reason to expect good news of the legislature relieving parents of the responsibility, and passing the required number of school years, some years, some small groups to act with freedom from academic conformance in assisting the maturing of our children. As a specific step to that end, the following is a recommendation to provide that provision in the legislation to provide that individuals, small groups, should have freedom from the requirements of the few decades of such formal education, so that we may benefit in self-expression, and in self-expression I want to remember that our social order is full of opportunity for us to solve our personal problems. Life proves that there is an order to the value to be achieved. As a wise man chooses his goals to suit his own wisdom."

Develop Legislation For Educational Experiments
From E. E. Grant, former president of Antioch College: "This is the right time for a community service, Inc. Yel en, Ohio. We have looked carefully at many of a longer article which will appear in full in A Way Out."

A fundamental and revolutionary action has been in process. In the curriculum of schools in America since its beginning, the character and the family. The culture of the past has been directed toward the intimate relations of the family, but our neighbors are a million in state funds. There seems little in a practical way to escape from this kind of centralized educational coercion. We can't always afford the luxuries of the family form of schooling. Can't we provide our own private school? In this way we can provide for multiplying private schools. Fighting school people is about as much as I can do right now. But remember that our social order is full of opportunity for us to solve our personal problems. Life proves that there is an order to the value to be achieved."

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