

PC Tournament is Popular!

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The county basketball tournament is gaining in popularity year after year. There is a larger demand for admission when each classic is staged. It is indeed too bad that there is no place in Putnam County large enough to accommodate the spectators. If space permitted, probably two thousand would attend. As it is, many will not go on account of the crush which always occurs at this annual event. As the tournament is handled at the present time, there seems to be no way to prevent the inconveniences that exist. Maybe improvements could be made to the system but the existing conditions could not be remedied entirely.

But while we are on the subject of basketball probably for the last time this season, we wonder just what is to be gained by allowing such inconveniences, as experienced during the tournament last week, to exist.

Does the monetary remuneration pay? Does anyone greatly benefit except those in the town in which the tournament is held? The stipend divided among the schools is negligible. High school athletics should not be commercialized. Only enough money should be received from games or tournaments to take care of the actual expenses incurred. In fairness to the competing teams and those wishing to witness games, the seating capacity of the building in which games are held should not be over sold as has always been done. The actual seating capacity should be known and tickets divided among the schools of the county in proportion to high school enrollment and anticipated attendance. Eliminate single admission tickets and make seat season tickets transferable.