

Summit Historical Minute
Elwood Cornog, Cornog Field House
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With the resolution on windows coming up and department of community programs moving in, I thought I'd give a brief history of the namesake of the Cornog Field House, Elwood Cornog.

Elwood served as an infantryman in WWI, before becoming a coach at Summit High School. He was head coach of the football, basketball and baseball team for 30 year period between 1926 and 1956, He also served as athletic director, gym teacher and when the car came to suburbia, he taught driver education.

During the Depression, Elwood Cornog purchased clothing and coats for Hilltop students whose families were down on their luck. During World War II, Coach Cornog drilled students in infantry tactics, drawing upon his own doughboy experience. He also created the Suburban Conference, a really competitive high school conference that operated up until 1981.

Coach Cornog coached many, many successful teams and athletes over his 30-year career. His 1929 basketball team won an outright state championship, a feat that hasn't been repeated since in Summit.

A plaque was dedicated to his memory at the field house.

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