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# HOME-COMING

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association met at the home of president Walter Eberhardt October 9 to make plans for the 1948 Home-Coming at Normal College. Secretary Lucille Spillman reports the following program for the three days of Thanksgiving weekend:

Thursday, November 25: Informal gettogether in the Athenaeum.

November 26 (Friday), forenoon: Movies for audio-visual aids.

Friday afternoon: Demonstration by College classes.

Friday evening: Alumni dinner and meeting followed by a dance.

November 27, forenoon: Panel discussion led by president Walter Eberhardt on "Selling the Program Beyond the School". This should be interesting as Bill Streit, Henry Schiget, Martha Gable and Andy Lascari have promised to take part.

Friday noon there will also be class reunion luncheons. It has been the custom at Normal College for classes to have reunions every fifth year after graduation. The classes which are to have reunions this year are those of 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938 and 1943. Further notice will be sent to all class members.

Delta Psi Kappa will have a dinner Saturday, November 27, 12:30 p. m., at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Reservations must be made not later than Friday noon.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanksgiving to many of my acquaintances, especially servicemen, is a time to write a note. A note to give thanks that they are still among the living. This manner of greeting and wishing each other well is indeed a splendid virtue. However, to be in a position to do this face to face, actually meet a friend that you haven't seen for years, is indeed more satisfying. You will be in a position to see your classmates of Normal College A. G. U., sit down in the Athenaeum to talk shop and even have a sociable drink if you attend Home-Coming this year. In addition to meeting friends, your Alumni officers have arranged an interesting program. In fact, the agenda this year should be of exceptional value to both school and Turner teachers. We like to feel that these professional programs are important-but the really important part of any program is the incidental information and the informal exchange of ideas which invariably result from such gatherings. Will you be there?

W. C. EBERHARDT,
President, Alumni Assn.

#### A FINE CONTRIBUTION

Curt Toll, for so many years treasurer of the Alumni Association, did not forget the Normal College in his will, but left \$500.00 for the scholarship fund. He never mentioned this to any one in the College—and now we can say only over his grave: Thank you, Curt.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

Physical Education Methods for Elementary Schools, by Elizabeth L. Sehon, Marian H. Anderson, Winifred W. Hodgins and Gladys R. Van Fossen. 485 pages with 96 figures. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. \$3.75.

The authors of this text are on the staff of Santa Barbara College of the University of California. In their introduction they state that the elementary teacher has a definite responsibility to accomplish in Physical Education. In the early years of the child, groundwork for neuromuscular skills and desirable attitudes must be established. Actual participation in graded and adapted activities must be provided.

The book is by far one of the most practical written. The authors actually have usable methods rather than pure philosophy. Most of the chapters deal with special methods used to teach the various activities. Class organization, use of pupil leaders, arrangement of teaching materials, hints on class control are also all taken up. In my opinion it is one of the best books on methods which has been published—Clara L. Hester.

Health Teaching in Schools: For Teachers in Elementary and Secondary Schools. By Ruth E. Grout, Associate Professor in the School of Public Health and the College of Education of the University of Minnesota. 320 pages with 18 figures. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. \$4.00.

This is an up-to-date reference book that may be used advantageously by both prospective teachers and teachers in the field.

In general, it is the summation of our school health teachings to date. The chapters are organized in such a manner that one may refer to a specific section in answer to the many health problems that confront a teacher from time to time. The book is well written and in-

cludes a brief summary and a list of selected readings at the end of each chapter. It includes also eighteen well chosen photographs, a useful appendix, and an inclusive index.—Paul C. Chappelle.

Laboratory Manual of Anatomy and Physiology, by Nellie D. Millard and Mary Jane Showers. 119 pages with 36 illustrations. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. \$1.00.

This new laboratory manual includes the study of living animals, dissection of fresh and preserved specimens, microscopic examination of living and prepared tissues, and investigation of physiological phenomena. It is divided into 30 lessons, and each lesson can be presented within the usual two-hour laboratory period. The authors have included an outline for the teacher that deals with the apparatus required for each lesson.—Paul C. Chappelle.

Physiology of Muscular Activity, by Edward C. Schneider, former Professor of Biology at Wesleyan University, and Peter V. Karpovich, Professor of Physiology at Springfield College. Third edition. 346 pages with 44 figures. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. \$3.75.

This book has been rewritten to adapt it primarily to the needs of students of Physical Education. The material has been somewhat reduced to fit the book into College programs. However, it still covers very thoroughly this subject so important for physical educators. Any teacher or student looking for the latest results of research in it will find them here.

The Principles of Physical Education, by Jesse Feiring Williams, former Professor of Physical Education at Columbia University. Fifth edition. 377 pages with 9 figures. W. B. Saunders Company, Phildelphia. \$3.50. Dr. Williams has somewhat re-written his well-known text which now goes into its fifth edition, indicating that it is largely used in teachers' colleges. Again one may say that it is a most useful book for the student of Physical Education.

#### THE NEW CLASS

Enrollment in the Normal College this year is 88, four less than started out last year. Forty-two are sophomores and 46 freshmen. Of the sophomores, 16 are women and 26 men, and of the freshmen, 22 are women and 24 men. The number of veterans is somewhat less than last year.

Courses are the same as last year and the faculty consists of the same teachers, except that Mr. Paul C. Chappelle has been added.

The Normal College scholarship fund as well as the American Turners have again awarded a number of scholarships to high ranking students, and the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners has granted a loan of \$200.00 to one Turner girl in the College.

### A. C. A. WORKSHOP

The American Camping Association held a workshop on camping legislation at Pokagon State Park, Angola, Ind., October 22-24. Over fifty national leaders in camping came from all parts of the United States to determine what legislation is necessary to raise the standards of organized camping.

For three days committees met and worked morning, noon and night. The final results will be published by A. C. A. after the reports are edited and compiled.

Mr. Reynold Carlson of Indiana University's Department of Recreation was director of the workshop. I. U. was also represented by Garrett Eppley and Clara Hester.

#### A NEW STAFF MEMBER

At the beginning of this school-year, Paul C. Chappelle joined the Normal College faculty. He was appointed by the Board of Trustees of Indiana University in spring and assisted already in the June camp.

Mr. Chappelle attended the College 1938-41 and then went into service in the Navy. After his return from the forces he completed his course at Bloomington and received the Master's degree in Education in June. He is teaching Hygiene and some practical courses this semester.

#### IN MEMORIAM

One of the fine old friends of Normal College died August 17: Dr. Robert Nohr. For many years he was a regular visitor at Home-Coming. In 1889 he enrolled in the Normal School then conducted temporarily in Indianapolis. After graduation, he taught in Dayton and studied medicine, receiving his M.D. in 1892. However, he remained true to his principal interest, Physical Education and taught for almost fifty years in Cincinnati high schools. Until the last, he was 83 years old at the time of his death, he continued to teach even after his retirement from the schools, and was recreation director in Cheviot. His son, Robert Nohr Jr., head of the Physical Education department in the University of Wisconsin, is also a Normal College graduate.

Another pioneer in the field of Physical Education, Otto Boettger, died in St. Louis last month. He was one of those Turnverein instructors who offered their services free in order to convince the school board of the need of physical training in the public schools. Later he introduced Physical Education in the Missouri School for the Blind and taught there until his retirement several years ago.

# ALUMNI BULLETIN

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#### CAMP BROSIUS

The 1948 season at Camp Brosius was the most successful since the camp was started in 1921. It surely was a lively place during the summer.

Students occupied the camp during the month of June, and there were 85 of them, 30 more than last year. Mrs. Hester was again in charge, assisted by Fred Martin and Paul C. Chappelle who has been appointed to the Normal College staff. Mr. Reynold Carlson of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation came for two weeks to give a course in Campcraft. The Red Cross sent

a representative again to conduct the course in Life Saving and Water Safety: Mr. Roy Kneip.

The children's camp enrolled 61 boys and girls for six weeks. Fred Martin was in charge again, assisted by the following counselors: Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Carolyn Kuebler, Rose Marie Singer, Carolyn Gorman, Marianne Noldan, Andrew Voisard, Walter Black, Norman Schulte and Harry Carstens, all but Mrs. Martin students of the Normal College. Two other students, Adeline Zawadzki and George Cross, were also employed during the summer. Eleanor Kinnevey was camp nurse. The two Drs. Sputh, father and son, again conducted daily clinics for the children.

Attendance in the hotel was greater than ever, and among the guests were many from Bloomington, members of the University's staff as well as others, mostly parents of children attending the camp. Alumni visiting the hotel were: Mrs. Clara L. Hester and Len, Dr. Carl B. Sputh and family, Katherine Zimmerman Green and Rudy, Ray and Connie Zimlich and children, Minnie Rose Snow, Miriam Danner, Esther Heiden, Bernard Brockmann and family, Robert Gocke and family. Mrs. Mabelle Schueler was hostess again and in charge of the dining room.

Many improvements were made and more are planned, among them the installation of separate showers for men and women in the camp, replacing shutters in the messhall and Ling hall with windows, etc.

#### MIND AND BODY WANTED

The University of South Carolina wants to secure a complete set of "Mind and Body." Alumni willing to part with their copies of the magazine should write to D. M. Simpson, Librarian, McKissick Memorial Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.

#### PERSONALS

# Appointments and Transfers

Eugene Hofmeister is now Director of Health and Physical Education for Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Buffalo school system. A testimonial dinner was given for him at the Montefiore Club with Carl Burkhardt principal speaker.

Several changes were made in the Buffalo schools this fall. Louis C. Montgomery who produced 17 champion track and field teams in the Buffalo high schools in 20 years, has accepted the position of assistant track and crosscountry coach at Cornell University. Ralph Duquin takes his place at Kensington high school. Henry Thaver has been transferred to Seneca high school, succeeding Oscar Schmidt who retired. Rudolph Heis has been added to the staff at Bennett highschool. William Hubbard has been promoted to the position of Assistant Principal at School No. 6. George Graf and Dorothy Diestel Roberts have been appointed as temporary teachers in the Physical Education department. Edna Shafer Eggleston has returned to teaching; her little girl is almost two years old.

Elsie Kuraner is now a Major in the Physical Therapy department of the Army and stationed at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver.

Melvin Oppliger has resigned from his position in the St. Louis Y. M. C. A. and accepted a position in the University City Schools under Helen Manley.

Louis Jurinich and Fred Plag also resigned from the Y. M. C. A., the former to conduct a youth activity program as executive secretary of the Optimists, and Plag to go into business; he manages an ice cream company.

William Gilson has been transferred from a high school to Wright College in Chicago. Two other Alumni in the Physical Education department of the College are Bernice Lorber Hayes and Virginia Fessler.

After teaching in Detroit schools for several years, Henry Dreyer is now head of Health Education in the public schools. He and his family moved into a new home recently.

Edward Stanley has accepted a position in the elementary schools in North Judson, Indiana.

Fred Bifano has resigned from Central Turners of Davenport to devote all his time to the public schools. Fred Jacobi is helping out the Turners temporarily.

# Weddings

The first marriage of a Normal College graduate this year was that of Norma Vey Wiley, May 30, to Lester C. Oppenlander; they live in Shelbyville.

Thomas Marshall and Estelle Ricigliano were married July 3 in Buffalo.

George Kuhn was also married during the summer, and so was Harvey Lecollier who chose a girl from the Turners in Pittsburgh.

Iris Sollinger's marriage to Steve Bjelich took place August 24; they live in Dalton City, Illinois.

Faye Skerker was married during the summer; her husband is a brother of Alumnus Louis Goldstein.

Another Buffalo Alumna, Celia Witczak, was married to Chas. M. Samul September 1.

Rosalind Bergman and Joe White were married September 4.

A student wedding took place during the camping course in June; Joyce Wicksell and Herbert Dixon.

Conna Harbin is now Mrs. Dale Kellams; they were married in May and live in Bedford, Ind.

The last wedding bells heard so far were those for Betty Venus who married John J. Bridge October 9 in Tonawanda.

#### Births

A boy arrived at the home of Frank Bowker in Hutchinson, Kansas, September 11.

Loretta Thierry (Mrs. Malcolm Hodges) presented her husband with a baby girl October 16.

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Hazel Gronemann worked in a hospital all summer.

Emil H. Rothe's wife and mother of Emil C., died August 1.

Minna Wasserman Braker has retired from the Chicago schools.

Ernest Klafs went to Missoula this summer to visit his son.

Helen Humphrey Scott is taking a sabbatical leave from the Chicago schools.

Carl Burkhardt and wife left Buffalo November 2 to spend the winter in Florida.

Sorry to hear of the death of George Jacquin's mother and also of Louis Goldstein's mother.

Lucille Spillman is the new secretary of the Women's Physical Education Club of St. Louis, a live organization.

We are glad to report that August Pritzlaff has recuperated from his recent illness which required hospitalization.

The American Turners elected Henry Kumpf of Buffalo a member of the National Physical Education committee.

After working another summer at the Boy Scout camp at Owassippi, Mich., the Pegels drove around Lake Michigan.

Charlotte Herringer Newman and husband have purchased a ranch-type home in Palos Park with 2½ acres of land.

An arm injury necessitated George Wallenta's confinement in an Iowa hospital; he has returned to his work in the Chicago schools.

Edna Goedde Swezey and family spent part of the summer at a ranch in the Tetons in Wyoming and also made a trip to New York.

The Malcolm Hodges (Mrs. Hodges was Loretta Thierry) are now living in

Detroit. He has given up teaching and is selling insurance.

Mildred Wagner Schoumacher with her husband and two boys drove to Quebec and down the East Coast; later they spent some time at St. Ignace.

Martha Hehrlein combined work with pleasure this summer by taking courses at the University of California while visiting her sister in Berkeley.

Ethel Emrich Clausen and family drove East and stayed at White Sulphur Springs, Vt., and also saw Williamsburg. Later they went to Ephraim, Wis.

Graduates of 1929 will recall the birth of May Belle, the "Normal College baby" of the Wallentas nineteen years ago; her engagement has now been announced.

It is interesting to note that of the five newly appointed elementary school administrators in St. Louis, four came from the Physical Education department.

Still getting around as usual during vacations: Lelia Gunther attending the Republican convention in Philadelphia one month and visiting in California the next.

Ruth Baecher conducted swimming lessons at Alleghany State Park in New York this summer; she handled five classes with an average of thirty in each class.

Gilbert De Buck is teaching in the Detroit public schools and an active member of Phi Epsilon Kappa. He also conducts dancing classes in his basement fixed up as a studio.

Margery Wood Stocker was honored by being elected to the Board of Directors of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Turners at the national convention in Lawrence, Mass.

Starting his third year as Physical Education teacher in the Detroit schools, Ralph Sigel has also been elected secretary of the Phi Epsilon Kappa alumni chapter. He completed the requirements for the Master degree at Wayne University during the summer.

Buffalo Alumni chapter of Phi Epsilon Kappa has elected the following officers: Sam Blumer, president; Matt Poeltl, vice president; Chester Lesniak, recording secretary; George Kuhn, financial secretary.

Friends and former students gave a testimonial dinner for Louis C. Montgomery September 28 at the Trap and Field Club in Buffalo. Lou Monty has resigned from the Buffalo schools to go to Cornell University.

High school football teams in Buffalo are coached by the following Alumni: Riverside, Bill McColgan; Technical, Al Haas; Seneca, Leslie Boehmer; Burgard, Russell Garcea; McKinley, Randolph Mineo; Bennett, Fred Braun.

Harry Warnken took his Detroit Turner team to the St. Louis Festival where they placed fourth. He now has the largest enrollment in the gymnasium, over 800. He also supervises swimming and dancing classes with a total enrollment of 1250, with a staff of three instructors and a swimming coach.

Meta and Margareth Greiner studied at the University of Colorado at Boulder this summer and visited Estes Park. Later they attended the convention of Phi Delta Pi which was held at Ithaca and of course met many Alumnae including Hazel Orr, Lucille Spillman, Betty Madden, Gret Nicke Hendricks, Agnes Pilger and Mildred Chacona.

Therese and Emil Pletz recently returned to Detroit from a six-week, 6,000-mile auto trip combining Turner business (Emil is national secretary of the American Turners) with pleasure. They participated in the national convention of the Turners at Lawrence, Mass., at the beginning of September, and their trip included stops in Florida, New Orleans, Tennessee and other places.

Although many Alumni do a good deal of traveling during vacations we believe Bobbie Larsen beat them all again. She flew from Connecticut to Brussels, then to London, Paris, saw all of Switzerland, Milan, went through Germany to Denmark, Sweden, Holland and back to Belgium. Due to headwinds and bumpy weather the return trip was made via Iceland and the passengers were thrilled to see the tip of Greenland and an enormous iceberg. On the way over, Bobbie saw the Atlantic only twice because of heavy clouds. She did some bicycling in Denmark and Sweden-in the rain. In Paris, everything was closed due to strikes. She found Amsterdam beautiful with its decorations for the coronation. but she left the day before the event. She had to sleep in a back-stage dressing room.

#### WHERE WE ARE LOCATED

Connie Zimlich took the membership file that Ray keeps as Alumni Association treasurer and checked it with a view of ascertaining just where the Alumni are located. She found them in 36 states besides the District of Columbia and Hawaii. The files contain 931 names; some 200 Alumni have disappeared and we do not have their addresses. It is interesting to see that New York beats even Indiana and Illinois in the number of Alumni located there.

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Alabama 1	Montana 4
Arizona 1	Nebraska 1
Arkansas 1	New Hampshire 3
California 32	New Jersey 25
Colorado 6	New Mexico 1
Connecticut 5	New York200
Delaware 1	Ohio103
Florida 6	Oklahoma 1
Idaho 1	Oregon 3
Illinois137	Pennsylvania 74
Indiana141	Rhode Island 1
Iowa 12	Tennessee 2
Kansas 1	Texas 3
Kentucky 10	Virginia 2
Louisiana 1	Washington 1
Maryland 5	Wisconsin 31
Massachusetts _ 21	Washington,
Michigan 23	D. C 5
Minnesota 13	Hawaii 1
Missouri 52	

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## N. C. PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN INDIANA P. E.

During the past few years increasing demands have been made upon Normal College for service to the State of Indiana. We are constantly being called upon to give demonstrations and to participate in clinics.

Last spring we went to six different centers at the request of the State Super-intendent of Instruction, Mr. Ben Watt. We gave demonstrations of activities which should be included in a well-balanced program of Physical Education. These demonstrations were given before regional meetings of high school principals and county superintendents.

Later in the spring we gave three more demonstrations before high school students at the request of principals.

On October 21 we travelled to Fort Wayne where we gave a demonstration for high school women teachers as part of the N. E. State Teachers Association convention. In all cases the demonstrations have been well received and seemed to stimulate interest in the activities.

We also participated in two clinics sponsored by the State Department of Health and Physical Education and the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The Alumni can readily see that the faculty are being busy trying to keep up with the regular work as well as the extra demands made upon us. But we can assure you that the State of Indiana knows that the Normal College exists.

#### DISCOBOLUS DISCONTINUED

The Discobolus, publication of the Cincinnati Department of Physical Education, is no more. Announcements concerning this department will in the future appear in an official publication for the entire schools of the city.

Friend Bill Streit has for years produced a very lively and interesting monthly and we are sorry to see it discontinued. It was always good for clippings to fill the Alumni Bulletin when short of copy. It contained not only notices for the members of his department, but many thought-provoking articles. We trust that Bill will find another outlet for his literary activities.

#### ALUMNI AT TURNFEST

During the national festival of the American Turners in St. Louis where the 100th anniversary of the Turner organizations was celebrated, Normal College Alumni attended a luncheon at Washington University.