

THE AMERICAN TURNERBUND

“Liberty, Education, and a Better World”



(Founded 1850)

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

National Executive

Committee

APRIL 1, 1933, to APRIL 1, 1934

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

STATISTICAL RESUME

Again we must report a large decrease in membership in the American Turnerbund for the past year. Our hopes, based on the passing of Prohibition, have not materialized. We can only hope that with the gradual improvement of industrial and commercial conditions matters may turn for the better in the near future.

The Turnerbund now consists of 20 Districts with 143 Societies, the same number of Districts and one Society less than last year.

The following Societies either disbanded, withdrew, or combined with other Societies:

Freiheit Turnverein

Troy Hill Turnverein

One new Society joined the Turnerbund:

D. F. C. Turn and Sport Society, Springfield, Ohio District

Illinois District

Pittsburgh District

The membership of the American Turnerbund and its various classes compare with the previous year as follows:

	1934	1933	Increase	Decrease
Members	20,732	23,147	....	3,512
Men's Classes (Actives)	3,907	3,946	....	39
Senior Men's Classes	2,756	2,678	78	....
Women's Classes	7,134	7,611	....	477
Junior Classes	2,328	2,358	....	30
Boys' Classes	4,361	4,472	....	111
Girls' Classes	5,842	5,862	....	20
Fencing Classes	270	267	3	....
Instructors	130	134	....	4
Ladies Auxiliaries	6,335	6,488	....	153
Junior Societies	887	1,024	....	137
Singers	1,138	1,092	46	....
Dramatic Sections	590	679	....	89
Members at Large	4	8	....	4
Value of Properties	\$7,787,986	\$8,293,690	....	\$505,704
Volumes in Libraries	4,001	37,985	2,016	....

114 Societies own their own hall, 29 do not.

15 Societies have Junior Societies, 4 less than last year.

368 Members died during the year.

251 have been members 50 years or more.

31 Societies have sick benefit branches.

9 Societies report Sinking Fund amounting to \$29,587.

157 Meetings for Mental Training were held during the year.

108 Lectures are reported.

34 Debates are reported.

89 Concerts by Singing Sections were given.

67 Dramatic Performances were given.

129 Societies report Physical Education in Public Schools.

25 Societies publish a Journal.

91 Societies are subscribers to the "Turnzeitung."

The following table shows the increase or decrease of membership in the various Districts:

	1934	1933	Increase	Decrease
New York	1,225	1,302	....	77
Indiana	1,102	1,075	27	....
New England	2,624	2,827	....	203
Illinois	1,458	1,682	....	224
St. Louis	1,495	1,484	11	....
Lake Erie	3,176	3,701	....	525
Western New York	1,588	1,870	....	282
Philadelphia	1,094	1,265	....	171
Wisconsin	481	542	....	61
Pittsburgh	1,379	1,665	....	286
New Jersey	1,349	1,499	....	150
Kansas-Missouri	167	183	....	16
Ohio	521	519	2	....
South Central	21	60	....	41
Minnesota	264	264	....	....
Upper Mississippi	1,511	1,795	....	....
Rocky Mountain	135	156	....	21
Pacific	455	489	....	34
North Pacific	218	267	....	49
Southern California	469	502	....	33
Net Loss	2,425			

With Turner Greetings:

William Voelker, Secretary

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The figures in this Annual Report speak for themselves. They show that we have not been doing our duty. That other organizations have made even worse showings is no excuse for us. Now that Prohibition is no longer a valid excuse, and industrial recovery is slowly making itself felt, we must revive the old Turner spirit, recruit new members, organize new societies, and face the future with courage and indomitable pride. Study this condensed report, and make up your mind that the next Convention shall see an upward swing that will be felt at the next Turnfest.

George Seibel

National President

ADDRESSES OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:

President (Bundessprecher):

George Seibel.....P. O. Box 383, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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William Voelker.....1812 Evans St., McKeesport, Pa.

Recording Secretary (Prot. Schriftwart):

Carl Erdlen 718 Warrington Ave., Mt. Oliver Sta., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Treasurer (Schatzmeister):

Henry J. Thier.....5800 Morrowfield Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Condensed Statistical Reports

SHOWING OF
ALL DISTRICTS

	Number of Members January 1, 1934	Men's Classes (Actives)	Senior Men's Classes (Business Men)	Women's Classes	Junior Classes (Youth)	Boys' Classes	Girls' Classes	Fencing Section
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 New York	1225	299	188	512	95	478	518	30
2 Indiana	1102	156	163	384	122	337	477	4
3 New England	2624	335	99	526	193	484	559	38
4 Illinois	1458	355	225	443	270	205	222	40
5 St. Louis	1495	462	267	855	149	437	484	6
6 Lake Erie	3176	319	909	907	424	469	601	43
7 Western New York	1588	239	172	569	130	243	327	12
8 Philadelphia	1094	261	53	242	271	155	256	10
9 Wisconsin	481	147	106	322	62	179	274	20
10 Pittsburgh	1379	223	30	288	120	268	480	...
11 New Jersey	1349	303	44	367	107	196	307	...
12 Kansas-Missouri	167	32	22	40	6	12	12	20
13 Ohio	521	178	85	333	111	134	220	6
14 South Central	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15 Minnesota	264	62	79	253	24	52	196	23
16 Upper Mississippi	1511	183	176	404	183	321	528	...
17 Rocky Mountain	135	36	...	85	...	39	...	...
18 Pacific	455	160	28	170	26	71	59	6
19 North Pacific	218	61	45	253	12	100	121	12
20 Southern California	469	96	65	181	23	81	67	...
Total, January 1, 1934 ...	20732	3907	2756	7134	2328	4361	5842	270
Total, January 1, 1933 ...	23157	3946	2678	7611	2358	4472	5862	267
Increase	...	...	78	...	...	...	...	3
Decrease	2425	39	...	477	30	111	20	...

The Normal College Of

The Normal College of the American Turnerbund was attended during the past year by 69 students. The total receipts were \$26,304.10, of which \$6,000 came from the Turnerbund, \$18,721 from tuition, and \$1,265 from donations. The total expenditures were \$24,447.10, of which 18,457.64 went for salaries and \$3,167.19 for rent etc...

Camp Brosius is valued at \$56,053.03 for property and \$12,867.02 for equipment.

The Normal College is now conducting the twenty-seventh course since its removal to Indianapolis.

The Normal College is affiliated with Indiana University, which enables the College students to acquire the University's degree. The College remains, however, an independent institution in every respect.

Of The Twenty Districts

	Instructors	Women's Auxiliary	Junior Section	Singing Section	Dramatic Section	Volumes in Library	Value of Buildings and grounds	Value of apparatus, furniture, library and other property	Total Value of property	Net value, deducting all liabilities	Members deceased during past year
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	8	251	28	55	10	2695	709 766	31 105	740 871	503 336	23
2	9	454	...	18	30	1938	345 000	24 000	369 000	355 000	6
3	23	1030	76	304	95	5815	486 527	79 222	565 749	442 349	72
4	12	672	206	31	40	4637	873 483	44 394	917 877	570 372	17
5	10	200	58	40	71	7193	382 000	21 000	403 000	276 500	27
6	6	351	270	242	136	2565	549 918	59 406	609 324	353 824	30
7	4	474	39	...	20	1300	288 180	74 786	362 966	221 872	30
8	4	280	200	20	...	674	802 181	24 879	827 060	313 986	24
9	5	293	...	23	...	430	182 484	36 356	218 840	210 640	11
10	11	195	...	65	52	425	452 000	57 957	509 957	442 157	31
11	7	280	10	...	12	1024	305 119	42 937	348 056	232 186	27
12	1	109	...	12	16	850	125 000	8 600	133 600	128 600	12
13	5	224	...	18	...	350	108 500	9 000	117 500	78 000	4
14	...	...	...	...	...	...	25 000	1 000	26 000	19 000	1
15	3	189	...	...	...	2350	65 000	4 400	69 400	63 400	...
16	9	884	...	54	63	3000	440 500	35 509	476 009	248 810	33
17	3	67	...	...	...	980	30 000	3 600	33 600	5 600	3
18	6	105	...	130	45	275	231 499	15 711	247 210	183 210	2
19	2	61	...	30	...	1300	218 945	13 726	232 671	150 297	5
20	2	210	...	91	...	2200	551 551	27 745	579 296	376 995	10
130	6335	887	1138	590	40001	7172	652	615 333	7787 986	5176 134	368
134	6488	1024	1092	679	37985	7637	938	655 752	8293 690	5777 030	...
...	...	...	46	...	2016	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	153	137	...	89	...	465	285	40 419	505 704	600 896	...

The American Turnerbund

The Board of Trustees of the Normal College consists of the following: President, George Vonnegut; Secretary, Dr. C. B. Sputh; Treasurer, Theo. Stempfel; Oscar H. Koster; Leo M. Rappaport, Karl H. Heckerich, Minneapolis; Carl H. Burkhardt, Buffalo; Dr. Rudolph Hofmeister, Otto Eckl; St. Louis; Grover W. Mueller, Philadelphia; W. K. Streit, Cincinnati; Emil Rath, President of the College and Dean of the Department of Theory and Practice of Physical Education; Dr. C. B. Sputh, Dean of the Department of Science and Hygiene.

The faculty consisting of thirty-four instructors, includes members of the teaching staff of the Indiana University and the Indianapolis high schools.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

From April 1, 1933, to March 31, 1934

April 1, 1933, Balance \$ 608.45

RECEIPTS

Per Capita Tax

New York District	533.00
Indiana District	537.50
St. Louis District	98.85
New England District	1,000.00
Wisconsin District	85.50
Illinois District	726.00
Philadelphia District	521.98
New Jersey District	669.50
Pittsburgh District	477.00
Kansas-Missouri District	172.50
Minnesota District	132.00
Upper Mississippi District	926.00
Pacific District	113.25
Lake Erie District	1,364.50
Ohio District	150.00
South Central District	15.50
North Pacific District	243.50
Southern California District	251.00
	8,017.58

Junior Turnfest	36.10
Members at Large	25.00
Diplomas	182.40
Buttons	60.35
Jahn Fund	100.00
Folders	115.50
Platform and Statutes	6.00
Interest	3.86
Electros	8.09
Posters	38.90
Application Blanks	32.85
Shields	78.50
Initiations	3.00
Address Books	2.00
Essays	3.00
	695.55
	9,321.58

EXPENDITURES

Normal College	3,000.00
Turnzeitung	610.00
Organization Work	900.00
Students Year Book	150.00
	4,660.00

Salaries	1,120.00
Technical Committee	300.00
Rent	727.50
Office Expense	262.06
Traveling Expense	341.30
Printing	388.00
Postage	203.38
	3,342.24

Jahn Fund	100.00
Supplies	26.95
Convention	250.00
Membership Cards	13.75
Books	7.50
Wreaths	486.74
Miscellaneous	66.18
	951.12
	8,953.36
	368.22
March 31, 1934, Balance	

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT, MARCH 31, 1934

1933 Operating Revenues	\$11,933.55
1933 Operating Expense	\$13,103.36
Lessing Co. Stock charged off	1,560.00
	14,663.36
Operating Deficit	\$ 2,729.81

TRIAL BALANCE MARCH 31, 1934

Cash	\$ 368.22
Unpaid Per Capita Tax	
New York District	373.00
St. Louis District	1,497.65
New England District	413.50
Wisconsin District	366.00
Illinois District	107.50
Philadelphia District	577.59
New Jersey District	500.00
Pittsburgh District	1,056.50
Kansas-Missouri District	26.00
Upper Mississippi District	627.50
Rocky Mountain District	1,284.50
Pacific District	238.25
Lake Erie District	1,693.50
Western New York District	935.00
Ohio District	453.50
North Pacific District	55.00
	10,204.99
	300.00
Organization Work	
Furniture, Fixtures	203.45
Unpaid Contributions and Salaries	
Normal College	3,000.00
Turnzeitung	950.00
Turnzeitung	6,526.66
Surplus	
	\$10,776.66
	\$10,776.66

SUPPLIES IN STOCK APRIL 1, 1934

History of American Turnerbund	\$234.60	
Platform and Statutes	45.42	
Pamphlets	50.75	
Emblems	284.67	
Electros	32.90	
Diplomas	917.77	
Posters	18.45	
Shields	656.70	
Gold Watch Charms	180.00	
Wreaths	671.50	
		\$3,092.76
Due for Supplies		153.55
		HENRY J. THIER, Treas.

JAHN EDUCATIONAL FUND

Cash in Bank	\$ 1,278.48	
Coupons in default	1,748.16	
Pledges receivable	2,301.88	
Bonds at par	45,400.00	
Camp Brosius Mortgage	6,500.00	
Books	450.60	
Awards	487.42	
Earnings		10,562.40
Total Subscriptions		47,604.14
	\$58,166.54	\$58,166.54

THE INSTRUCTORS' FUND

The Instructors' Fund of the American Turnerbund on April 1, 1934, amounts to \$10,545.36. This is the principal, from the earnings of which a number of deserving veteran teachers in our Turner Societies have received stipends when in need of assistance. Contributions from Turners and Societies, and especially from Instructors, for whose benefit the Fund was created, are earnestly requested. The funds are safely invested in high-class government bonds, and for the first time in the history of the Turnerbund our retired instructors have some provision which is not charity but justice.

Henry W. Luther, Chairman

Herman Eisele, Secretary