

TO THE FRIENDS OF DR. CARL B. SPUTH, SR.

We thought you would be interested in this Memorial Bulletin. Particularly we call your attention to the inside back cover.

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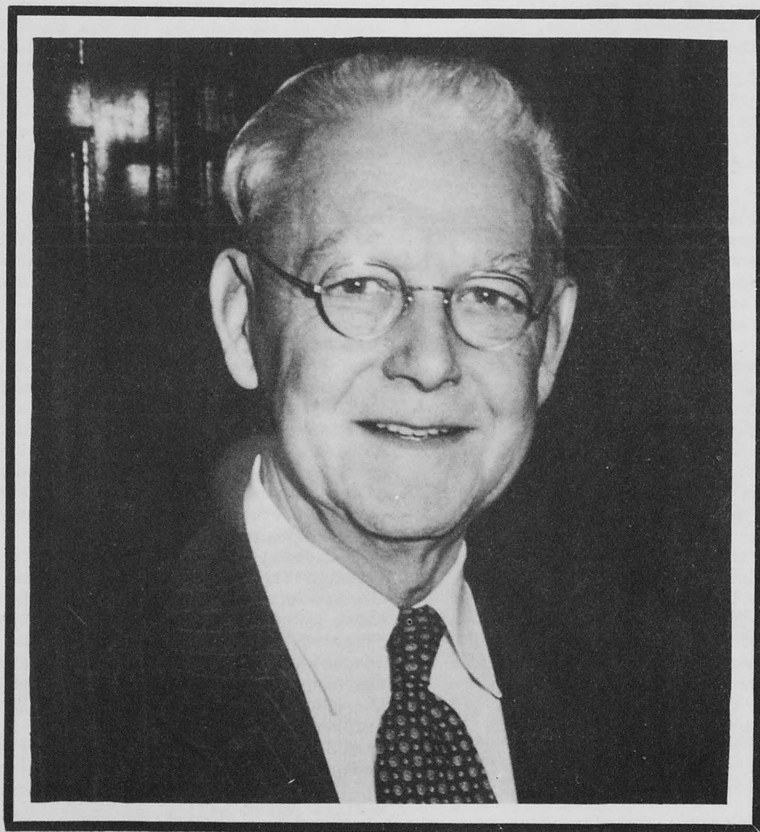
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THIS ISSUE OF THE ALUMNI BULLETIN IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF DR. CARL BROSIUS SPUTH

FROM DR. HERMAN B WELLS
PRESIDENT, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Dr. Sputh has contributed immeasurably to his profession and to education, especially in the furtherance of the special ideals of health education with which he had so long been associated. His service to the Normal College, Camp Brosius, and the University will long be remembered.

FROM JOHN M. STOCKER, ALUMNI PRESIDENT

We have lost a friend.

It is impossible to eliminate the personal element in realizing this fact. Although Dr. Sputh and I were separated by many miles our paths crossed many times in the past thirty years. During my college days our association developed from teacher and counselor to friend and brother. As an adult, I progressively realized the respect and admiration given to Dr. Sputh in our association with the National movement of the American Turners. Our contacts at such places as Camp Brosius, conferences with the National Executive Committee and National Committee on Physical Education, National Conventions and Trunfests all added to the status of Dr. Sputh in my humble opinion. His interest in and loyalty to the Normal College never wavered. His interest in the student always was one of helpfulness.

The influence Dr. Sputh had on others of his wide association will remain for many years--as long as there are those left who knew him, respected and admired him and loved him.

FROM CLARA LEDIG HESTER

The Normal College and Camp Brosius have lost one of their most loyal friends. Through all the years after his graduation from our school, Dr. Sputh had no greater interest than our school and our camp.

As a member of the Board of Trustees he worked tirelessly to further the interests of our school. It was through his efforts together with other members of the Board that we became a division of Indiana University. This was one of the greatest steps ever taken in the history of our school. Without these farsighted arrangements, our school probably would not be in existence today.

For years he devoted himself to Camp Brosius. From 1925 until 1955, Dr. Sputh and his family spent every summer vacation at Brosius. There, under Dr. Sputh's leadership, much of the good will and the fine genial spirit of the Camp was developed. However, Doctor was not satisfied just to rest, for he gave his services as Camp Physician. Every morning, with his little black bag in his hand, he walked to the infirmary where he treated any child or counselor who needed it. He was at our call, any hour of the day or night. His love for our camp children endeared him to all of the campers and staff. Parents of some of our campers have written us to say how much he will be missed.

I feel, too, that I have lost a good personal friend. The evenings spent with the Spuths in their home and at Camp are among my happiest memories. The games of "Eights", the hilarious fun whenever someone was stuck with a handful of cards, the singing of the German folk songs and the genial spirit which pervaded the Sputh household will always be with me. I shall never forget them, or the man who created them, together with his beloved wife, Elsa.

The years to come will prove his stature for he will stand among those few whose influence has shaped and molded the destiny of the Normal College. For all he has done, we are grateful.

FROM DR. W. W. PATTY, DEAN
SCHOOL OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION
AND RECREATION

The passing of Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Sr. brings a sense of loss to many people. Few men have made such a respected and loved place for themselves in two of the important professions and in the community. He attained high rank in the profession of physical education before preparing for a medical career. His high standing in the medical profession is unquestioned. During the busy years of these two important professional careers he found time to give of himself liberally to leadership activities in civic affairs.

Those who have been associated with the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union may regret his untimely death most keenly. He was one of the ablest of its graduates. He was one of its greatest friends and staunchest supporters. He was one of the instructors and for a time served as president of The College in order to help its program. He was one of those most active in promoting a merger of the College with Indiana University when that seemed wise.

Dr. Sputh contributed able leadership and financial support to many community-betterment activities. Of the many, probably two were appreciated most by our alumni. He helped to develop the Phi Epsilon Kappa physical education fraternity. He served for many years as president of the Athenaeum Turners. Such unselfish services should never be forgotten.

While his death was unexpected and at a time when many more years of enjoyment of life might be expected, Dr. Sputh's life was a full and rich one. Possessed of a fine family he enjoyed life as few are permitted to do. Possessed of superior ability he achieved as few can. Possessed of a basic interest in the welfare of society, he contributed much to his community, to his two professions, and to his many friends.

While saddened by his death, let us concentrate on remembering his enjoyment of life, his many achievements, and the important fact that the world is better because he was here.

FROM LEO S. RAPPOPORT

Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Sr., was one of my oldest and closest friends. I knew him from approximately the time he was born, and always followed his career with great interest. He is deserving of the greatest credit for his accomplishments. Even after he became a practicing physician, he never lost his interest in Turnerism and especially in our Normal College.

Aside from his integrity and sincerity, as well as steadfastness of purpose, he is to be commended for his affection for his family. He was a most attentive husband, father and grandfather, and no sacrifice for his family was too great for him.

In short, he was a most noble character.

FROM WALTER C. EBERHARDT

May I express in this brief tribute to Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Sr. the love and devotion of all who knew him well. With his passing we are all aware of a great loss, the loss of a friend, teacher and devoted servant to our profession. Let us not express with his passing only a sense of personal bereavement, but to continue to think of the aspects of his life that came under our personal observation. Let us, his students and friends, express our gratitude that such a life has been lived among us and in our time. A life that has contributed much to each of us. May we, each in our own way, thank the Creator for having been permitted to share in Dr. Sputh's life.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Any biographical sketch which is confined to dates, places and deeds must of necessity fail to recreate the true personality of the individual. Such traits as the willingness to give freely of hours and hours of time, the concern, the worry, the never ending thought and effort, the sparkle, the love of entertaining, the refusing to admit that anything was impossible----these and many more characteristics are vital to the portrait of a man like Dr. Sputh. However, to enable you to see clearly his many accomplishments, this factual history is included.

Dr. Sputh was born on October 4, 1884 in Indianapolis. He had two brothers who were dead and three sisters living at the time of his death. In 1887 he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where his father taught in the schools. In 1891 he moved to Chicago where he attended the public schools. From boyhood on he participated in athletics and gymnastics. He studied the violin, cornet and drums during this period. In 1903 he won the Midwestern All Round Athletic Championship of the American Turners in Moline, Ill. He was graduated from the Normal College in 1904 and the following year was appointed Supervisor of Physical Education and Athletics in the public schools in Leadville, Colo., and at the same time taught in the Leadville Turners. In 1906 he was appointed Director of Physical Education in the Indianapolis Turners and that summer he attended Harvard University Summer School. In 1907 he entered Butler University as a Pre-Medic student. The following year he was appointed Director of Physical Education at Butler University. In 1908 he served as an instructor of Aesthetic dancing, boxing, wrestling and athletics at the Normal College. He became a member of Phi Chi medical fraternity in 1909. In 1910 he organized and directed the first playground in Indianapolis. On Nov. 20, 1912, he was married to Elsa Ulrich.

They had a daughter, Charlotte, and a son, Carl.

In 1912 he was graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine and began to practice medicine. That same year he was elected President of the American Physical Educators. In 1913 he wrote the first Ritual of Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity. Dr. Sputh organized the School of Physical Education at State Teachers College, La Crosse Wisconsin and served as Director from 1913 to 1916. In 1916 he was appointed national Chairman of the Physical Education and Athletic Committee of the American Turners. In that same year he took a post graduate course in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat at the Chicago Ear and Throat Hospital. The following year he was appointed Clinical Instructor in the Department of Ear, Nose and Throat at the School of Medicine of Indiana University. At this time he limited his practice exclusively to the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. In 1920 Dr. Sputh was elected Grand President of Phi Epsilon Kappa and served in that capacity until 1936. It was also in 1920 that he assumed the presidency of the Athenaeum Turners and held that office for 34 years. He was appointed Dean of the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene of the Normal College in 1922 and also was appointed as a member of the Board of Governors of the Indiana-Kentucky branch of the A.A.U. In 1924 Dr. Sputh was appointed Associate Professor of Ophthalmology in the Indiana University School of Medicine. From 1929-1931 he served as Director of the Summer School of the Normal College at Elkhart Lake. Dr. Sputh was appointed by the U.S. Government for Employees, a position he held at the time of his death. In 1931 he was elected President of the Indiana District of the American Turners.

It was at this time that the text, "Physiology of Exercise" by F.A. Schmidt and W. Kohlrausch was translated by Dr. Sputh, assisted by Emil Rath and Leopold Zwarg.

In 1934 Dr. Sputh became President of the Normal College and served until 1941 at which time he became President Emeritus. He was Chairman of the National Convention of the American Turners held at Elkhart Lake, Wis., in 1935. In 1937 he was elected as a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons and in 1939 was elected to membership in the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

In addition to the above, Dr. Sputh was a member of, and served on various committees of:

Sigma Chi, Phi Chi, Kiwanis Club, Hillcrest Country Club, Masonic Lodge, Elks, Indianapolis Medical Society, Indiana State Medical Society, Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, American Medical Association, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. Dr. Sputh was on the staff of the Methodist, St. Vincent's and City Hospitals in Indianapolis. His name appeared in Who's Who among Physicians and Surgeons in 1938 and in Who's Who, 1939.

TO HIS FAMILY

The Normal College Alumni Association and the Normal College students and staff wish to extend sincerest sympathy to the family of Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Sr.

It is hoped that these pages will reveal the universal admiration shared by his many, many friends.

FROM W. K. STREIT

For many long and happy years, the name of Carl Brosius Sputh was practically synonymous with the Normal College of Indiana University, Camp Brosius at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, the Athenaeum Turners and Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity. His passing leaves a tremendous void in each of these institutions. No words can do full justice to our appreciation of the man nor express our grief over the loss of one who strove so successfully in behalf of the Turners and the College.

Dr. Sputh was a master teacher and physician, a leader of men, an earnest and sincere Turner, a devoted husband and father, and a faithful friend; and yet all of these noble offices and the activities related to them were woven together to form the seamless fabric of his personality.

No clauder is needed to announce the periods of his birth and demise. We valued him for the life he lived within the span of these dates. It is sufficient for us, his colleagues, to realize that he lived and moved among us and that we were made better by reason of these contacts.

He had hosts of friends because he was a friend. Our testimony is that he lived worthily, he loved deeply, he cherished truth and he gave freely of himself.

"Man's destiny is a great one because the essence of it is tragic. All that he builds crumbles; all that he embodies turns to dust, all that he loves most, he must one day leave behind him. That which alone endures on earth is the spirit in which he understands and meets his fate. This he passes on to his children and his comrades; only a breath indeed, but the breath of life. Death comes to all; but death comes best to those who are ready to die, so that Man may live."

FROM THERESE PLETZ

We have lost a friend!

From the earliest days at the Normal College, as timid uninformed freshmen, through those happy and busy years spent in acquiring the knowledge that makes confident and well informed seniors and graduates; from the very humble beginning as teachers to the successful leadership as directors, Dr. Carl B. Sputh, generous, kindhearted, with a ready smile, eyes twinkling, warm hand-clasp, willing to encourage, advise and assist, was there as a friend to all.

His contributions in the field of Physical Education as an instructor, lecturer and advisor made him many more friends who will always hold his views in high esteem.

As a Turner, he was a friend to thousands. Besides promoting the ideals of the Normal College, Camp Brosius and later Indiana University, Dr. Sputh was untiring in his efforts to further the cause of the American Turners and devoted much time serving on and heading many of the committees on local, district and national levels. He was well known and highly respected throughout the Turner movement.

Professionally, he was highly successful as a doctor and as a sympathetic and understanding friend by all of his patients. He was on call at all hours and yet unhesitatingly gave freely and unselfishly of his valuable skill and time to hundreds of students at Indianapolis and Elkhart Lake. How many campers, alumni and hotel guests at Elkhart were treated by those skillful hands that asked no favors in return?

Socially, he was a happy friend, a generous host—ever ready to entertain with his fine ability to lead a group in song. The many parties and Kommerces that reached the ultimate in true "Gemuthlichkeit" will never be forgotten.

Dr. Sputh will be greatly missed by all of us, but his memory will remain forever to inspire still others to be kind, generous and a friend to man.

The following poem, written by Dr. Sputh, was included in his last president's message to Phi Epsilon Kappa in 1936. It reveals his sensitivity and great depth of feeling.

'Tis hard to say goodbye to you

Fraternity of my heart

To you who in my life till now

Has played so great a part.

With you I've spent so many years

And in those years so gay

You've given more to all my life

Than I can ever say.

You've given many friends to me

So many happy days

For later years you've done your best

In oh! so many ways.

The day of parting

Is not goodbye to me

For you will live forever

Within my memory.

IN MEMORY OF DR. CARL B. SPUTH

We wish to announce the establishment of the CARL B. SPUTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The members of the Normal College Staff, wishing to do something in honor of Dr. Sputh, called his office for information. Esther Armfield, his faithful assistant for many years, expressed the belief that he had no greater interest than the welfare of the Normal College and its students. She suggested that a scholarship fund be established in his name. This idea was accepted immediately and within a short time other friends asked to be allowed to make contributions.

The details of the administration of the scholarship fund will be handled by a committee consisting of Clara Hester

and Fred Martin of the Normal College Staff, Ray Zimlich, Treasurer of the Normal College Alumni Association, and George Heighway, Executive Secretary of the Indiana University Foundation.

Knowing that Dr. Sputh has many friends throughout the United States who undoubtedly will want to do something in memory of a man who did so much for so many people and organizations, we would like to give them an opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile project. It will help worthy young people to obtain education in a profession so dear to Dr. Sputh's heart.

Details about the Scholarship will be reported in the next issue of the Bulletin. It is hoped that the first one will be awarded next fall.

I (We) would like to make a donation to the Carl B. Sputh Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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