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## NO HOME-COMING THIS YEAR

With great reluctance, the Normal College announces that Home-Coming will not be celebrated this year.

For twenty-five years Home-Coming has always been a joyous and interesting event at Normal College. Attendance has varied between 125 and 250, the latter record having been attained when a special program to honor former President Emil Rath was arranged.

We are in a war that taxes all resources of our country. Our president has asked us to refrain from unnecessary travel, and a good many other restrictions have been, or will shortly be, enforced.

Still, the faculty of the College were quite willing to arrange for Home-Coming if the Alumni demanded it and if fair attendance would be assured. To get the reactions of the Alumni, letters were sent to about 200 members in the middle west who have attended quite regularly and a post card was included asking them to signify whether they favor holding Home-Coming this year and whether they would attend.

Only 92 cards, less than one-half, have been returned, indicating lack of interest. Of the 92 Alumni who expressed their opinion, 35 favor Home-Coming and 57 are opposed, but only 26 promise to attend (if possible, they add) while 66 said they will not come. Peculiarly, many expressed themselves in favor of Home-Coming but said that they will not attend while others who opposed holding it wrote that they are willing to attend if it should be arranged.

While a few especially in Cincinnati and Chicago, very decidedly demand that

Home-Coming be not omitted, adding that if once dropped it will be difficult to reinstate, many others just as decidedly oppose it with the arguments that all non-essential travel should be avoided at this time; that gasoline rationing will go into effect before Thanksgiving thus making automobile travel impossible, and that an additional burden would be thrown on the railroads which will be taxed to the limit at that time with transportation of armed forces. The three non-resident Alumni Association officers side with those opposed to holding Home-Coming this year. Alumni president Gladys Larsen of Chicago writes:

"I discussed the question with Alumni at a meeting held today (October 17). Most of them felt that we should consider the wishes of our president and not use the railroads any more than necessary. As gas rationing precedes Home-Coming, driving will be eliminated. Some said that they would not attend if they can not drive. I think the letter and post card pleased the Alumni as it put the decision up to them. We all hate to discontinue Home-Coming; it is an event we all look forward to. But under the circumstances I feel that it should be omitted for the duration. Should we have the hoped-for peace before that date we could have a real Thanksgiving and Home-Coming in 1943."

An attendance of 26 (and we are sure that not all of those will actually come) seems too small to warrant holding Home-Coming this year. Let us all buy an extra bond with the money we would have spent, and let us all promise to do our best in helping to win this war and an early peace.

### THE COLLEGE IN WARTIME

The College is carrying on. The staff and students are showing a fine spirit during these difficult times. All of us realize what a strange period we are experiencing throughout the Nation, but few who are not actually in college appreciate the uncertainties confronting faculty and students. One cannot be sure from day to day whether one or more faculty members or students may be called to war service before the class meets again. The students deserve much credit for concentrating upon their college work as well as they do, and the faculty are putting forth every effort to prepare teachers for physical fitness in the thorough way for which the College has always been noted.

#### Officers' Reserve Program Helps

One factor that is helping to keep men students in school is the fact that Indiana University is approved by military authorities for all types of reserve officers' training. Students who are accepted are deferred from active service until completion of their degrees providing their college work is of high quality. The Normal College men are able to fit into the Navy and Marine programs.

In spite of the fine physical development of our men students, some are rejected from enlistment in the officers' reserve program because of technicalities, such as color-blindness, etc. One has recently been rejected because he has "two molars on one side of his lower jaw and one on the other side missing and one molar erupted cross-wise." Another has been rejected because of a "25% mal-acclusion" of teeth. Professor Emil Rinsch, acting dean of men, is collaborating with Dr. Frank Horack of the Indiana Office of Military Information in looking after the interests of our men students in securing every advantage possible for enlistment in officers' reserve training plans.

### Instruction As Usual

Instruction and training of teachers for Turner organizations and schools is continuing under the same philosophies and with the same emphasis as before the merger with Indiana University. Alumni who read the catalogue and find titles of some courses and amounts of credit changed might think that the new administration is changing the character of the Normal College of the Gymnastic Union programs of teacher-training. This is not the case.

In order to conform to the standards and credit arrangements of Indiana University it was necessary to group the former activity training courses under titles used on the Bloomington Campus where we have approximately two hundred major students in the Physical Welfare Training Department. This has been done without any material change in character or amount of activity training.

During the freshman and sophomore years the students in Indianapolis receive almost exactly the same activity training formerly received in three years. This has been made possible by postponing ten semester hours of instruction in Physiology and six semester hours in major sports techniques (for men) until the students go to the Bloomington Campus where superior facilities for such instruction are available.

#### Faculty Changes

Professor Rudolph Schreiber resigned from the faculty in August in order to accept a commission as Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Navy. I am sure that the best wishes of all of us follow him into the service.

We feel that we have been particularly fortunate in making arrangements for carrying on his professional work. Through the cooperation of Dr. Carl B. Sputh, President of the Athenaeum Turners and the board of directors, we have

employed Mr. Fred Martin for approximately half-time. Mr. Martin has been Turner instructor at the Athenaeum for the past five years. Many of the alumni will be gratified to know that former President Emil Rath, Director of Physical Education in the Indianapolis public schools, has accepted part-time employment on our staff. He will teach poly-rhythmics and free exercises and will cooperate with Mrs. Hester in the elementary practice teaching program in the public schools.

Other part-time instructors added this year are Kenneth Walker, a supervisor of physical education in Indianapolis, and Henry Lohse of the Indianapolis public schools. Both of these men are graduates of the Normal College and of Indiana University.

Carl B. Sputh, Jr., M. D., is relieving Dr. Carl B. Sputh, Sr., of the major responsibilities of teaching the first aid course. Dr. Sputh, Sr., has such an increased professional load at the Indiana University hospitals and in his private practice during this war emergency that he requested this change. He is continuing in an advisory capacity.

Dr. Karl Bookwalter of the staff at Bloomington has assumed the responsibility for editing the Physical Educator formerly carried by Prof. Schreiber. Mr. Otto Ryser, a recent graduate from Normal College and Indiana University is the newly appointed varsity coach of the Indiana University Gymnastic team. Mr. Ryser has been helping with the "physical fitness program" at the University while doing some graduate study.

### Effect of War

The immediate effect upon the college of war conditions have been trying, but not yet serious. The combination of the selective service requirements, voluntary enlistments, and unusually attractive work opportunities in industry have

reduced enrollments naturally expected. Only thirteen of the sixteen seniors expected are on the Bloomington campus. Only thirteen of the twenty-one juniors expected at Bloomington are continuing study this year. Only eleven of last year's "small but mighty" freshman class returned this fall.

A pleasing increase in number of entering freshman students at the college occurred in September, 1942. There are eleven women and twelve men in the new class. They seem to be of excellent quality and are making a splendid start.

Fortunately the enrollment of Indiana University as a whole this fall exceeded expectations. The University has approximately 6,000 full-time resident students in attendance this semester in addition to 1,400 Yeomen and "Waves" that are being trained for war service by the University at Bloomington.

Thus far the administration of the University has given surprisingly firm support to the perpetuation of the Normal College as an autonomous school of the University. Naturally the low enrollment at Indianapolis makes for very high per student cost of instruction. It is hoped that a continuous increase in the number of enrollments in the freshman classes from year to year will justify the continuance of the College at Indianapolis and at Camp Brosius as an autonomous school of the University carrying on the desirable traditions and philosophies of the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union. Our emphasis of training is being much appreciated now in connection with the National Physical Fitness Program.

If we can "weather" the storms of the present emergency successfully, we should look forward to prosperous times following the close of the war. Continued active support and cooperation of alumni will help. In the meantime we "carry on."

—Willard W. Patty, Director.

## PERSONALS

## Appointments and Transfers

Ruth Adams, '42, elementary and high school, Lebanon, Ind.

Geraldine Krueger, '42, West High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

Agnes Pilger, '42, High School, Oakfield, N. Y.

Edna Judson resigned her position in Lebanon and is now in Broad Ripple High School, Indianapolis.

Helen L. Young, formerly in Eaton, Ohio, is now in the Dayton, Ohio, schools.

Marie Hanss is now teaching Physical Education in the St. Louis Teachers' College.

Edward Hall of the Chicago schools has taken over the classes of the Swiss Turners for the duration; George Walenta and Carl Klafs also teach in Turner societies "on the side"; Klafs is now at Senn High School.

Eugene Nowak of Schurz High School has been appointed as member of the Board of Control of athletics in Chicago.

Norma Flachslund has resigned from her position in the Syracuse schools and joined WAAC.

Frances Raaflaub received appointment in the Syracuse schools.

Irene Schreiber is in Northampton, Mass., as ensign in the WAVES.

## Weddings

Charlotte Herringer became Mrs. C. Newman August 12 in Estes Park, Colo.

Edward Stanley (Wisniewski) was married September 1, in El Paso, Texas, to Miss Florence Shea. Stanley is in the cavalry at Fort Bliss. The "at home" is Lansing, Mich.

Clara Schneider is now Mrs. Grant Christian; her husband is in the Army. The wedding took place August 23.

Dorothy Van Aller became Mrs. Robert Hettler May 28 in Syracuse.

Just learned that Lucille Schudel has been married since June 24, 1939. She is now Mrs. Russell McPheeters. Her hus-

band is in the Army and she works in the draft board office in Sullivan, Indiana.

The engagement of Vonda Browne to Private Charles Hailey of Chico, Cal., has been announced. Miss Browne is now in U. S. O. service in Newton Falls, Ohio, and will go to California this month for the wedding.

## Births

September 11, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Hermann in Belleville, Ill.

May 26, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Klafs in Chicago.

July 16, a daughter to Lt. and Mrs. Frank Bowker.

August 24, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. O'Donnell in Springfield, Mass.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Horschke in Chicago.

Mrs. Irma Klafs Matzer presented her husband with a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. (Dorothy Holoubek) Adolph Winter announced the arrival of a son, September 16.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warnken in July.

The Barret Diehls announce the arrival of a boy in Miami Beach September 11.

A boy also arrived for Roy and Marie Seyferth. Roy is stationed at Fort Warren, Wyo.

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We regret to report that Helen Schmitz Pritzlaff's mother died October 12.

Dr. Rudolph Hofmeister has been chosen president of the St. Louis Board of Education.

Louise Quast, '16, from whom we had not heard for many years, is doing some war work in New York City.

Dr. Fred Hall, supervisor in the Chicago schools, is doing a lot of Red Cross work and teaching First Aid classes.

A Normal College graduate of 1937, George W. Moatz received the Master of

Education degree from Penn State College in May.

Our "Billy" Stecher, who will soon reach the 85th milestone, complains of decrease of endurance in all types of physical exercise!

August Pritzlaff's vacation this summer hit a snag when he reached Washington where Uncle Sam put him to work until schools opened.

While attending the University of Iowa during the summer Ruth Ann Frasier spent a pleasant week-end visiting the Leo J. Doerings in Rock Island.

Margaret and Meta Greiner drove to the Phi Delt camp at Medford, N. J., this summer where Martha Gable was in charge. They also came twice to Camp Brosius.

Cleveland High School in St. Louis is now staffed almost 100% by Normal College graduates; the staff includes Lelia Guenther, Martha Hehrlein, Vera Ulbricht, Roland Neumann and Ralph Ballin.

Walter Silberhorn writes that the station at San Diego is fine and that he likes his work of training recruits. He has started classes in gymnastics on two evenings a week and they are much appreciated.

Paul Krimmel has organized physical fitness classes in the Syracuse schools for in and out of school youth of the ages of 16 to 21, after school hours. All members of his department are teaching such classes without remuneration.

The War Recreation Congress was held in Cincinnati the last week in September. Two army and two navy men stated that the high schools must help train the boys. The high school must include calisthenics, apparatus and all combative sports such as boxing.

Among the "heavy" contributors to the scrap metal piles was Catherine Wolf who donated all her cups and medals which she had won in many a year of tennis competition. Catherine lives in Elkhart, Ind., but teaches in a South Bend high school.

Dr. Armin Stecher like most all physicians, had to take on much work besides his practice such as a weekly tuberculosis clinic, a nurses' course, lectures before groups of laymen, examination of athletic teams as well as of school children in several Philadelphia schools.

Ruth Ann Frasier is program chairman of the Missouri State Physical Education Association. An all-day meeting is planned to be held in conjunction with the State Teachers Convention December 2-5. This is the first time in the history of the Association that so full a program is offered.

"It may be of interest to you that I received my appointment in the Cleveland schools because of my Normal College background. Normal is very well thought of in the physical welfare department. It made me happy to know this and to see the admiration of Normal College work."—Geraldine Krueger.

Quite a good number of women graduates of Normal College are helping in war work. Dorothy Padden Webb is teaching ordnance inspection at the Illinois Institution of Technology. Grace McLeish McConnell enjoyed canteen work during a visit in her home town, Evansville, where Doris Kirk was also doing defense work this summer. Evalyn Giffin is teaching First Aid in East Chicago. Martha Schneider has a new class in Louisville, in Morse Code. Marie Clark we hear has taken up flying.

Cincinnati has been chosen as one of the nine centers by the government for the Physical Fitness Institute. Delegates from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia will attend. These will go back to take the message to their state institute meetings. Each teacher in the country will be exposed to the new curriculum that the Education Department in Washington feels is necessary for the war effort. This meeting will be held at Walnut Hills High School November 12-14. There will be demonstrations in the gym, swimming pool and athletic field.



## ALUMNI IN SERVICE

Captain Louis J. Koster, for several years stationed at Scott Field in the Army Air Corps service, is now at Madison, Wis.

Lieutenant Rudolph R. Schreiber, for ten years a member of the Normal College staff, received his commission in August, spent a month at Chapel Hill, N. C., in training, and is now stationed in Chicago in the Navy recruiting service.

Four Normal College Alumni who entered the services last year have received commissions and are now lieutenants: Frank Bowker at the Medical Supply depot in Ogden, Utah; Harry Warnken in the Army Air Corps at Sheppards Field, Texas; Frederick Plag at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and Frank Bild at Fort Warren, Wyo.

Walter Silberhorn and James Regenfuss are both teaching Physical Education in the Naval Training Station at San Diego, Cal.

Ralph Sigel is also teaching Physical Education at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

Wilbur Moline is at the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, and Thomas Gouchnour at the station in Norfolk, Va.

Lt. John Dalton is at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Edward Schalk is in the Officers' Training School in Fort McClellan, Ala.

George Lombart entered the Army in September.

Wilbur Waddington, who was one of the counselors in the children's camp at Brosius, had to leave a week before camp closed to enter the Army.

Glenn Tillett has also entered the Army and is in the Air Corps.

Barret Diehl, Chester Lesniak and Joseph Goldenberg are in the officers' school in Miami. Francis Prendergast is also stationed there.

Harold Riess is now stationed in Stillwater, Okla.

## CONVENTION IN APRIL

Plans are now in the making for the annual convention of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to be held in Cincinnati, April 13-16, 1943. Dr. J. B. Nash, President, met with the national convention committee on October 1 and 2, selected the Hotel Gibson as headquarters, and laid the framework for the conference in April which promises to be highly significant and of great value to all members of the profession.

All-America is now geared to one purpose—win the war. This means work—hard, long hours. It means sacrifice of accustomed comfort. Professional leaders and teachers of health, physical education, and recreation have much to contribute toward winning the war. Our relation to the war effort will occupy an important place on the convention program.

"Victory through Fitness" interpreted to mean strength of mind, strength of body, and strength of spirit, will be the convention theme. High representatives of the armed forces, of the educational field, and from the diplomatic service will be in Cincinnati to give us first-hand information on developments and to make suggestions for future planning.

The Midwest Physical Education Association under the guidance of District President Ben Miller will meet jointly with the national association. One responsibility already assigned to the Midwest is the general conduct of the second day of the convention, Pan-American Day, April 14. An effort will be made to bring representatives of the Pan-American Republics to participate in our program. Central and South American color will be in evidence at the banquet. Arrangements are being made to send the program by short wave to our American neighbors.

Cincinnati teachers have agreed to underwrite the publication of Convention proceedings. The Ohio Physical and

Health Education Association will arrange and guide small group consultations. Local and state members of Parent-Teacher Associations will be invited to a general session which will be broadcast to the fathers and mothers of America. A moonlight excursion on the beautiful Ohio has been scheduled.

The choice of Cincinnati for the meeting place is especially suitable. Half the nation's population can reach Cincinnati overnight. It is near the center of population of the country, thus cutting down the trip for most delegates. It is very close to many of the cities carrying on war industries. Cincinnati itself is said to produce more than 60 per cent of the machine tools of the country.

Cincinnati, the city of seven hills, has a rich historical background, a heritage of interest in cultural development, a clean, efficient municipal government and a splendid school system.

Many midwesterners remember the excellent meeting held in Cincinnati in 1937. It produced numerous innovations in convention planning. These will be utilized and improved upon at the national meeting.

This will be a working convention with a fighting theme. Plan now to attend.—W. K. Streit, Convention Manager.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### Freshmen

On September 26, 1942, a class of 23 Freshmen enrolled at the Normal College. After a thorough physical and medical examination at the Robert Long Hospital, the Freshmen assumed the routine of college life. The first class meeting was called on October 13th by our sponsor, Mr. Rinsch, and the following officers were elected: Leon Schmidt, President; Mary Beth Schafer, Vice President; Clem Grabner, Treasurer; and Pearl Argeson, Secretary.

Our class wishes to express to the Sophomores our sincere thanks and

appreciation for the two social affairs; the Freshmen Picnic and the Freshmen Dance which they gave in our honor.—Pearl Argeson.

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### Delta Psi Kappa

This year saw school opening without the presence of one of Delta Psi Kappa's members. Jerry Racicot wrote and expressed her regret that she no longer could take an active part in our meetings. Although she isn't going to be with us, she wishes to keep all affiliations that she can with the sorority. We all miss Jerry and wish her loads of luck. She is now attending college in California.

On October 23rd we celebrated our Founder's Day. The chaplain, Betty Venus, had charge of the ceremony and the president assisted. Before the ceremony a luncheon, which gave the actives and alumni a chance to get acquainted, was served at the Athenaeum.

We are looking forward to a very successful year and hope to maintain the standards of Delta Psi Kappa.—June Bosworth.

## IN MEMORIAM

At the age of 71 years, Oscar Fager died in St. Louis September 6. He was a graduate of the class of 1899. After several years as instructor in Turner societies he accepted a position in the St. Louis schools and taught in Beaumont High School until a year ago.

Mrs. Lois (Widner) Hoelscher was a member of the 1917 class. For about twenty years she taught in the Indianapolis schools. She died May 10 after a long illness.

Collapsing at his desk in a Chicago newspaper office, Harold Hartung died July 30 of heart trouble at the age of 35 years. He attended Normal College for one year, 1924-25.

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## WE ARE LEARNING

The physical education and athletic sections of the Indiana State Teacher's Association had two very fine speakers during a recent session of the State Teacher's Association Convention. Both of the speeches were very timely and aimed particularly to make coaches and physical education teachers realize that one of the most dire needs of the United States is Physical Fitness. Both speakers are well known in the field and have many times spoken before various national groups. Dr. C. H. McCloy, of Iowa State University, made some very pertinent statements that bear repetition. In the first place, he said that there were four qualities that are absolutely necessary for the recruits to the armed forces.

These were: strength, muscular endurance, respiratory endurance, and agility. Of course those of us who have been brought up in the Normal College know that this is nothing new but it is rather refreshing to know that more of the leaders are beginning to agree with the objectives that we have always set up as the primary ones.

Another important point that Dr. McCloy made was the fact that the only method that could be used to develop strength and endurance was to stimulate the organism to its limit. In fact he even made the statement that an "over load" of activity was necessary. He said, "We can achieve Physical Fitness in a short time if the activity is poured on." To me it means the end of a physical education program made up of ping-pong, archery and shuffle board, etc.

The second speaker was Director Frank S. Lloyd, Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services, Washington, D. C. He also made no effort to "soft soap" his audience. In fact, he aimed to hit and hit hard. He made several very important statements. He said, "Men are needed for the armed forces that are better than the best football team." He also said, "Physical Fitness is no longer something we might do, but instead is something to be done all the time by all the people." He mentioned the number of days that were lost through absences by defense workers and tried to demonstrate what a serious problem physical fitness is, and since it is a serious problem, we need a serious program. This can only be done by making all sorts of facilities available to all of the people. It means daily participation by all school children as well as adults. He said that we could not wait until every person had had a medical examination, and felt that we had been worrying too much about trivialities, worrying too much whether or not Johnny got a scratch in physical education. He also intimated that he was in favor of pouring it on, to make our nation tough and able to cope



with the tremendous task which lies before us. As he said, "Though the war will not be over within a year, it will undoubtedly be won or lost within the next year."—Clara L. Hester.

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### THE SEASON AT CAMP BROSIUS

War conditions had their effect on attendance at Camp Brosius last summer. Only 35 students were enrolled in the camping course in June, and attendance in the hotel was also below that of last year. Many regular guests stayed away because of the travel restrictions and because some were needed at home in various efforts to speed preparation for the war. The children's camp was well attended, however, and quite as successful as in the previous year. Bill Treichler was in charge and had a good staff. The camp was lucky in securing his services again. The same can be said about having Mrs. Ida Bose with us again in the messhall during the June camp and as dining room manager in the hotel.

One of the outstanding events last summer was a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Indiana University at Camp Brosius. It was the first time that a meeting of this Board was held outside the state of Indiana. And it can truthfully be said that all members and officers of the University who attended, liked the place very well and were pleased with the accommodations, meals, etc. Most of the members brought their ladies. Those who came, were President Herman B Wells, Dean Herman T. Briscoe, Comptroller and Mrs. Ward G. Biddle, Director W. W. Patty, and the following Trustees: Mr. and Mrs. J. Dwight Peterson, Mr. Paul Z. Feltus and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen; Judge and Mrs. Ora L. Wildermuth, Mr. and Mrs. Uz McMurtrie, Mrs. Sanford Teter, and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hastings.

Normal College Alumni who came to

Hotel Camp Brosius this summer included Mildred Wagner (Mrs. Schoumacher) and family; Mrs. Therese Pletz, Gertrude Jordan, Dr. and Mrs. Carl B. Spath, Ray and Connie Zimlich and Sally, the Greiner twins, Mrs. Rena Mae (Gilchrist) Powell and Dr. Powell, Mrs. Winona (Fitzgerald) Lindley and Mr. Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rath, Arch and Mildred McCartney with their three children.

A welcome improvement at camp is the extension of the swimming pier which now affords sufficient space for the children in camp and the hotel guests.

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### PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN DEMAND

Today a serious teacher shortage exists. Studies made by placement agencies indicate that this shortage is felt most keenly in the ranks of elementary teachers, commercial teachers, mathematics and science teachers, physical education teachers, and of industrial arts teachers.

On the college level the demands are greatest in mathematics, chemistry, physics, engineering, economics, and physical education.

For some time it has been noticeable that the physical education ranks were being rapidly depleted. Since the twenties, when many physical education state laws were enacted, there has not been such an urgent call for men and women trained in our profession. Men are particularly needed to replace teachers who have gone into military service.

Not only has there been an exodus from physical education which is likely to continue for the duration of the war, but the enrollment of students in teacher-training institutions has decreased. Prospective physical education students are either volunteering for the armed forces or are being lured away from school by the inflationary wage of industry today.

A partial solution has been found in some schools by combining academic and physical education positions. Teachers who have majored in academic subjects and possess minors in physical education are being increasingly used. This trend will undoubtedly have its effect on teacher-training curriculums since the selection of a minor now becomes more important. The holder of a well chosen combination of major and minor, embodying one or more of the fields in which a teaching shortage is evident, is assured of an excellent placement for service. While this training may not be considered adequate under ideal physical education circumstances, it is a practical solution in the situation at hand. For the emergency, more and more student leaders are also being utilized and, for certain types of exercises, they perform very well under adequate supervision.

The immediate problem that physical education faces is that of a decreasing staff at the same time that the programs in the schools are being increased. Everywhere, at all school levels, more requirements in the way of time and program are being assigned to students. Truly with the increasing needs for physical instructors in all branches of the armed services and at the same time in the schools, problems are presented, not only for immediate solution, but in adjustments when the war period is over.—Journal of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

The "Youth Committees" in England are composed of young people from 14 to 20 years. 75% of the youth are allied with these committees which receive 50% of their financial support from the government. They also maintain "youth houses" and office headquarters. Most of their meetings are called by young people. Squads from these committees go out to the farms to do chores and housework.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Curriculum Problems in Health and Physical Education, by Vaughn S. Blanchard. A. S. Barnes and Company, 128 pages, \$1.50.

Mr. Vaughn Blanchard, the director of physical education in the Detroit public schools, has written this book to aid teachers and administrators to formulate a better curriculum in health and physical education. In seven chapters, the author has touched upon very significant material. It begins with a short historical background of the problems that are involved in curriculum construction, then goes into the present problems that effect it. Chapters are included on such subjects as relationships of the aims and objectives of general education to the physical education curriculum, guiding principles in its construction, the units which must be included, the teachers participation and future trends. It should furnish an excellent guide for anyone who is faced with the problem of constructing a curriculum. The course of study which has been constructed by the Detroit public schools, are examples of excellent material in physical education. Undoubtedly, Mr. Blanchard not only knows the theoretical background, but the practical application of curriculum construction.—C. L. H.

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Physical Conditioning, by George T. Stafford and Ray O. Duncan. A. S. Barnes and Company, 110 pages, \$1.00.

A new book has been added to the Barnes Dollar Sports Library. This is one which meets a present need, namely, conditioning activities. However, as the authors state, the book is primarily intended for the coach and athlete. Much of the material can be used for general conditioning. As in the past, Mr. Stafford is again using terminology which in my estimation lacks dignity. Such terms as "paddy-cake, bottoms up, leg lifter," etc., do not help to raise the level of our professional standards; however, the terms

are descriptive and may be acceptable to most people as such. The exercises for the most part are good, the descriptions are concise and explicit. Altogether, the book would be very useful to people who had a poor background in the fundamental conditioning activities.—C. L. H.

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The Spanish-American Song and Game Book, by the W.P.A. in the State of New Mexico. A. S. Barnes and Company, 87 pages, \$2.00.

This little volume was compiled by workers of a W.P.A. program in New Mexico. It is a collection of games and songs of Spanish-American origin. The descriptions are given both in English and in Spanish. Most of the games would follow under the category that we would call graded games. Some of them are of a quiet nature, others are more active games and some are singing games.—C. L. H.

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Team Sports for Women, by Alice W. Frymir and Marjorie W. Hillas. A. S. Barnes and Company, 205 pages, \$2.50.

This is a revision of a book published at an earlier date. In a very concise form, coaching hints for the majority of team sports are included and one who is interested in finding coaching hints for basketball, hockey, soccer, soft ball, speed ball, and volley ball, will find very valuable information in this revised edition.—C. L. H.

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Functional Football, by John ("Ox") DaGrosa. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. 321 Pages. \$3.25.

This book, written by a successful and outstanding player, coach, and teacher, presents a thorough study of football. The author has brought his book up to date by completely revising it. The book is crammed full of instructive illustrations and diagrams, which are well chosen and clear, helping to make the material simple and understandable. The

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