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## "IT IS A DAY I CAN NEVER FORGET"

My head is still up in the clouds. It will be weeks before I can settle down to plain every day existence after the royal reception I got in Buffalo. I left here Thursday night, January 28th, by train and arrived in Buffalo on Friday morning. The Stockers met me and from there on I went into high gear, possibly jet propelled.

The Statler hotel was the headquarters of the New York State Physical Education Convention. From the moment I stepped into the lobby until I left the Buffalo Turners at 4:30 the next morning I met and talked to as many alumni as I normally see at Homecoming. To make the situation unusually thrilling was the fact that I met so many people I hadn't seen for years.

My chief mission in going to Buffalo was to talk to the Alumni about our school and its relation to Indiana University. Also, as with all our loyal alumni, we are asking them to help in this big job of teacher recruitment.

### ANNOUNCING

Normal College Reunion Luncheon

Athenaeum

April 1 at 12:15

in connection with

Mid-West District

A.A.H.P.E.R. Convention

The reunion luncheon was held in a nearby restaurant, Lorenzo's and the room reserved did not begin to fit the crowd which gathered. Another adjoining room had to be opened to accommodate all of the 94 alums who attended. Just about everyone who lives in Buffalo was there. Such a buzz, such excitement, so many people to meet, so many faces to remember, so many accounts of the past and the present, so many children's pictures to look at! What a wonderful feeling! No mother could have been prouder of her family than I was. The old throat had such a big lump; the eyes were somewhat blurred; the heart was almost bursting but somehow I managed to give my little speech.

The real highlight of the luncheon was the appearance of Mr. Burkhardt, 79 years young with his eyes sparkling and ready to give his brood his usual bit of sensible advice. "Always remember to stick to the basic fundamentals of our program. It still is the foundation." It was good to see how one man was so loved and so respected. As one body the crowd rose in his honor.

I wish that I could take the space to list all of the alumni whom I met. Of course some had changed a bit. There were gray heads, bald heads, double chins, but still I recognized all of them except two. That's a pretty good record after thirty years.

In the evening a big party was held at the Turners. It began at about 10:00 and lasted until the wee small hours. Ray Ping outdid himself as master of ceremonies. In true Kommers style we sang the Musikant. Later Andy Lascari conducted the Schnitzelbank, another of the traditional songs. There were 115 people present, including wives, husbands and alums. The informality of the affair permitted visiting and reminiscing. "Remember When", that expression so annoying to the NAAA's, was the chief conversation of the evening.

What a wonderful spirit our alumni have! The feeling of closeness, the common bonds, the loyalty to a philosophy is ever a source of wonder to me and particularly to people from other schools. May we always keep such good will and may those of us who teach in the College always strive to develop such a spirit and work to deserve such loyalty.

The credit for the affair primarily goes to Peg Stocker who originated the idea and managed the many details necessary to notify so many people and to arrange the luncheon and evening party. Personally I want to thank her and those who helped her to carry out the entire day's program. No human being could ever get more satisfaction than I did in Buffalo, New York on January 29, 1954. It is a day I can never forget.

From Buffalo I proceeded to Rochester where I enjoyed the hospitality of my good friends, Gladys and Tony Beisman. On Sunday night I left Rochester for New York City and the American Camping Association Convention held at the Statler.

From my attendance at those meetings I did not glean anything too startling but I did find out that the old pendulum is beginning to swing back and we are beginning to hear speakers boldly announce that children need control. Why didn't they ask me? I could have told them that long ago! Strange how people find things out the hard way.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON THESE NEW ARRIVALS

Paul Henry on December 27th to Charles and Pauline (Wessel) Sallwasser of Cincinnati.

A son on December 14 to Betty Allan-son Hafer of Indianapolis.

Richard Donald on December 7th to Whitey and Rosie (Singer) Bressler of Chicago.

Joseph Frank on February 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Lampert (Sharrol Goddard).

John Charles on December 16 to Alan and Beverly (Stierly) Blewett.

A son in January to Mr. and Mrs. Hodges (Loretta Thierry) of Indianapolis.

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## BEST WISHES TO THESE NEWLY WEDS

Donna Joyce Relford to Ronald Gene Stephens on Saturday, December 19, in Indianapolis.

Patty Perry to Donald Payne on February 13 in Indianapolis. Patty has been our office girl for four and a half years.

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## IN SYMPATHY

Mrs. R. T. Shaw, of Santa Monica, California, died this past summer. She was the former Margaret Schnitzer and had taught at Rock Island, Illinois. She is survived by her husband and daughter.

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## SUE ANDERSON REPORTS FOR THE FRESHMAN CLASS

"Chevvy come home" was Mr. Rinsch's cry at Christmas time because his car had been stolen from the parking area behind the Normal College. At the Christmas party gift exchange he received a little green Chevrolet from Mrs. Hester. We all cheered madly! (His car did turn up a week later, and in good condition, too).

We have had our first experience with college exams, and we all agree that high school was never like this! We certainly are happy they are over and that a new semester is beginning.

There is a little sadness mixed with the happiness of beginning a new semester. We are all sorry to have lost one of our sophomore pals, Donna Relford Stephens, who left us to take up the role of the little housewife. Also, we have lost Pat Perry who is leaving for Texas with her new husband, Donald Payne. Taking Pat's place is Mrs. Straub who is the mother of one of our sophomores, Ed Straub. We are very happy to welcome her into our little family here at the Normal College. Also this semester, we are glad to have five seniors back to join us, and we feel they are lucky to be so close to their goal—the beginning of their teaching careers.

It seems the time just flies by and before we know it April will be here and then June. These two months hold two big new events for us. In April the intramural gym meet will be held and we are all working hard to do our best. Then in June we go to Camp Brosius, which, according to the Sophomores, is the only place on earth. So we are all looking forward to a wonderful semester with the meet in April and Brosius in June.

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We are proud to announce that four of our students have made the honor roll as follows: Joanna Somers with a 2.32 average; Sue Anderson, 2.57; Jody Gassert, 2.21 and David Mather, 2.21. Considering the present small enrollment, having four students make the honor roll is really something for us to be proud of. Congratulations, kids, and keep up the good work.

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#### LORETTA THOMPSON REPORTS FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

Once more the doors of Normal College have opened wide to welcome the returning Seniors. And a very hearty welcome it was!

There are five in the class: Harry McKinley, Frank Feigl, Evelyn Wilson, Dave Martin and Tommie Tompson.

The program arranged offers many opportunities for individual attention and guidance for each member of the class.

It is great to be back and to be a part of this new program.

Best of wishes to last year's graduating class and loads of success in their new positions.

We are proud to have the Captain of Indiana University's Gym Team one of our seniors here at the Normal College. He is none other than Frank Feigl. Congratulations and good luck for a highly successful season.

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#### JEAN GRESOSKI REPORTS FOR THE JUNIOR CLASS IN BLOOMINGTON

Things on the I. U. campus are slowly returning to normal now that finals are over and the battle has been won (or so we hope). Everyone is returning from a well needed rest between semesters and ready to start out anew.

The adjustment from Normal College to the Campus was a major one, but now that we have this first semester behind us we see that the class has fared well and has held together nicely.

To the Senior Class who will begin their practice teaching, best of luck from Jessie Corey, Barb Vargo, Elmer Gates, Ralph Hasch, Anita Williams, Shirley and Sharon Parrett, Mady Voisard, Charlie Jecmen and Jean Gresoski. Editor's Note: Congratulations to Charles Jecmen and Jean Gresoski on their recent engagement.

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#### HELEN ABRAHAMSON REPORTS FROM MOLINE

Abie reports rather a dearth of news from her area at the time of writing. They are looking forward to seeing the Swedish National Gym Team which is to be brought to the Wharton Field House early in February by Bill Klier and the Moline Turners. Abie is busy with her school activities as well as with the Quad-City Music Guild.

## THE ALUMNI BULLETIN

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## RUDIE MEMMEL REPORTS FROM CINCINNATI

Charley and Pauline Sallwasser were overjoyed when Paul Henry arrived on December 27th—their first offspring. Charley says he enjoys “making formulas” but he is able to take time off on Thursday evenings to attend the Square Dance Series for Teachers as one of the Callers.

During the Christmas Holidays many of the Cincinnatians from Normal visited with their families. The Schultes travelled to St. Louis for a week long visit; the Hafers made the trip to Pennsylvania; Lois Ann Scott went ‘south’ to Jefferson City and returned with a sparkler on her left hand. Congratulations! The happy event will take place some time this summer we understand.

Friends of Hazel Orr will be happy to know that she has just about recovered from a rather lengthy period of convalescence. For some time prior to the Holidays she had been resting. We hope she will be able to return to substitute teaching because she has enjoyed these days so much since her retirement from regular work.

Frank Mixie will travel to Ohio State University a couple of times during the next month to officiate at Big Ten gymnastic meets.

Invitational gymnastic meets will again be sponsored by the Central Y.M.C.A. and the Cincinnati Central Turners for high school students. Frank Mixie will direct the meet sponsored by the “Y” and Norm Schulte is in charge of the Turner Meet.

A Homecoming or Reunion should be in order during the Midwest Convention this year. Cincinnatians making the trip will include Bill Streit, Rudie Memmel, Shirley Obermiller and Louis Roth.

If you are receiving the Bulletin at your school or place of business and you would rather have it addressed to your home, send us a notice and we will be glad to make the change for you.

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WALTER ERERHARDT REPORTS  
FROM ST. LOUIS

Al Weis must be a very busy man for as Director of Physical Education at St. John's High School he coaches soccer and baseball, teaches health, hygiene and gym to both boys and girls, administers all intramurals in volleyball, soccer, basketball, bowling, track and field, manages and coaches a parish soccer and baseball team in Sunday league, is a permanent member of Parish Activity Council and is the High School Alumni Faculty Adviser. He also conducts private camp trips and evening gym classes and is a member of the Concordia Turners.

Arthur Hermann, the Director of Physical Education of the Belleville Public Schools, like so many of our alumni, teaches and calls square dancing two nights a week. His summers are usually spent in Wisconsin.

Bill Gerber, '24, teaches Physical Education and Health at Southwest High School, coaches tennis, cross country and track and serves on the city wide Well-Being Council and the Harris-Stowe Teachers Association. During the summers he works as a seed salesman for Northrup, King and Company. His older son, Dick, is a lieutenant in the Air Force and his younger son, Jack, is a Freshman at Missouri U.

Frank Bild, who has a general law practice, teaches one night a week at Schillers Turnverein.

Arthur Pfaff is now a script writer for KSLH, Board of Education Radio.

Walter Eberhardt, Director of Physical Education at St. Louis University for 23 years, has been on and off the air for 20 years. Currently his Mothers Health Class on WEW is sponsored by a low calorie bread, Sugarine, a no calorie sweetener, and a dairy with a high calorie milk. He tells us the Doc says, "I build 'em up for three days and tear 'em down for two."

BOBBIE LARSEN REPORTS FROM  
CHICAGO

Ed Hall is on a Sabbatical leave touring the states. He is now heading for Florida, after touring Texas.

Polly Giffin flew to Florida and spent her Xmas holiday there.

Nannon Roddewig and her sister flew to Tampa, Florida and then toured Florida via Greyhound for two weeks at Christmas.

Martha Wigal Walsh and her husband had a bad accident this summer and she hasn't fully recovered. She also reports that they now have a new granddaughter.

Vera Carr Robertson's husband has been ill since July but expects to return to work soon.

Al Helms and family reported on their Xmas card that they drove last summer to New Orleans, Florida, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Niagara Falls. They visited the Stockers and met a number of Alums.

Erma Thorup Marth recently had a phone call from Mina Schnitzer Johnson who was at the airport enroute to Buffalo. She now lives in Dallas, Texas.

Les and Cyrilla Doering have two new granddaughters, one born in June and the other in August.

Vi Winterhof Wirth writes that she enjoys teaching grade school. Her daughter will soon finish her Occupational Therapy training at Ohio State.

Lib Lemmon is enjoying living in New York.

It's a small world. Martha Schneider asked a teacher friend if she knew Thelma Penman Dean because they lived in the same town. She is Thelma's niece. So we are waiting to hear from Thelma who now lives in New Albany.

Caroline Wasserman spent her Xmas holidays in Kansas City.

In November, Min Braker and her husband drove to Florida and visited the McCarneys on their way home.



### ERNIE SENKEWITZ REPORTS FROM PITTSBURGH

Mrs. Gladys Cabbage (Griffiths) has left Pittsburgh and is now teaching somewhere in the state of California.

Frances Ewing (Brallier) is still at Children's Hospital and enjoys her work very much.

Coleman Kortner has taken up football officiating during the past two seasons and is doing very well at it.

In November the Pittsburgh Phi Epsilon Kappa men enjoyed a week-end at Harvey Lecollier's summer home on the Allegheny River at East Brady, Pa. There was hunting, fishing, and numerous other activities more or less peculiar to our group. The Pittsburgh Phi Epsilon Kappa Chapter will feast on German food, play volleyball and bowl at the McKeesport Turners some time in February.

Karl Fehrenbach's services as a square dance caller are very much in demand these days. He's secretary of the Greater Pittsburgh Square Dance Callers Association.

Louise Stover, who has battled bacteria occasionally in recent years, is now back on the job for the past number of months.

Laura Rosengarth, who lost her father and has since sold the family home-stead in McKeesport, is still showing the kids at Burgwin School in Pittsburgh how Normal College experts conduct classes.

Dr. Harry Dippold reports on the State Convention of the Pennsylvania State Physical Education, Health and Recreation Association held in December at Altoona, Pa. Frank Eckl was chairman of the elementary physical education section, and consultant in the student section. Frank led a discussion and demonstration on "An approach to teaching free exercises, rhythms, stunts and tumbling, and their contribution to the total elementary school physical education program." He and one of his lady aids demonstrated the use of rhythmic and free exercises, while Dr. Dippold

had charge of the stunts and tumbling demonstration. While at Altoona, Dr. Dippold met several Normal College people including Robert H. Wolfe who was chairman of the Exhibits Committee, Paul Morse, George Moatz and others.

### CORKY RUEDLINGER REPORTS FROM INDIANAPOLIS

George Crumbo, who works at the Indianapolis Drop Forging Company by day and teaches at the South Side Turners in the evening, has just returned from Louisville where he participated in a Bowling Tournament. He didn't say how he came out. I know he and Mrs. Crumbo are very happy since learning their 7 year old son does not have rheumatic fever. He was very ill and is not in top form yet since he has a virus of the blood stream and anemia. He is much improved, however.

I talked with Johanne Guenter who is engaged to Ted Pollock who also went to the Normal College. Johanne is teaching at School No. 67 here. She and Shirley Diehl went to Chicago and, while there, they saw Rosie Singer's new baby and visited with Kate Pearson. Oh yes, she went to Buffalo at Christmas time—what for—Mr. Pollock lives in Buffalo.

Shirley Diehl at Howe High School is a pretty busy young lady. She is Chairman of the Projects Committee for the Marion County Teachers Association. She is writing a Modern Dance Pamphlet to be used as a teaching aid. She also gave a tumbling demonstration for Teachers Institute. "Howe High," she says, "is the only school in the city to have an annual gym meet." Of course she uses Normal College Alums as judges. Shirley is also Chairman of the State G. A. A. I hope, in her job and with the extracurricular activities, Shirley will find some more prospective students for the Normal College. She certainly is interested enough in her chosen field to be an enthusiastic example for any young girl.

Rosie Bergman is now at Washington High School here and is busily working on a demonstration for March 26. Rosie incidentally is a member of the District Champion Volleyball team. I hear, by the grapevine, that Rosie and John Lennox (a NAA) put on a mighty fine Adagio Act. Now how about the Non-Alumni's furnishing some entertainment during the Homecoming Dance intermission—after that big business meeting of course!

Steve Geisler, who is still a Consultant in the Physical Education Department of the Indianapolis schools, says, and I quote, "The only thing new with me is that my hair is shorter and greyer." But what's the difference as long as it's still there.

Harold Riess is in the Life Insurance business. He just came back from Appleton, Wisconsin where he attended a dinner meeting given by the Home Office. Harold, Milly and Mikey were at Elkhart Lake this summer.

Mabel Loehr is also teaching at Washington High School, but is now teaching biology. Says she likes it very much. Mabel went to Richmond over Thanksgiving week-end. We are happy when our alums are able to take journeys here and there, but Mabel, please pick another time. We want to see you at Homecoming next year.

Thelma Clarke, who teaches at Marian College, is taking additional work at I. U. Extension in Health and Physical Education. Marian College is becoming a coeducational institution and is completing a new three story building. They are planning an ambitious expansion and Thelma is taking additional work to keep abreast.

Harold Snyder is also at I. U. Extension taking work in Education Curriculum. He is now Principal of School No. 47.

Robert Shoemaker, who has been at School No. 15 for 4 years, also teaches summer school. The Shoemakers enjoy an occasional trip to Ft. Wayne and Wheeling, W. Va.

I talked with one of our earlier graduates, Mrs. Philip Brown of the class of '06. She attended the Normal College when it was in Milwaukee. Mrs. Brown would like to hear from her classmates. How about it, class of 1906? Mrs. Brown's address is 2240 E. 75th Street, Indianapolis. She is not teaching, but finds her work interesting and her background of Physical Education helpful to her work. She is a Spencer Inc. Dealer and since their garments are made for the individual, many Doctors recommend her product for its therapeutic value.

The graduating class of Shortridge High School will, this year, dedicate their Annual to Roy Aberson. The Senior Council of the graduating class selects the teacher whom they feel has been most helpful and inspiring to them during their four years in school. Roy has been at Shortridge 10 years, teaching History, coaching track and assisting in wrestling. He is Honorary Sponsor of the Letterman's Club and was selected to apply for a Fellowship at Columbia University. Congratulations, Roy, we hope you make it.

I called Helen Caffyn, who teaches at Technical High School, and she invited me out to observe the work she is doing. I accepted the invitation and, although I was too late for classes, I had a very enjoyable visit. She is doing a great deal of remedial work in Body Mechanics. The correction of faulty posture brings with it a sense of well being, a better appearance which in turn leads to a better mental attitude. She is limited as to equipment, but the girls learn a great deal about food and balanced diets in their quest to add weight or lose weight as the case may be. We looked at some "before and after" pictures and the improvement in posture was remarkable. It goes without saying that the appearance of the girl was greatly improved. Helen's effervescence about her work is wonderful and I, for one, feel it has a very definite place in a Physical Education program.

### PAUL PAULSEN REPORTS FROM LOS ANGELES

Bill McMasters, '30, who is now Dean of Admissions and Guidance at Los Angeles Harbor Jr. College puts in some of his spare time calling square dances and teaching dancing. He is affiliated with Phi Epsilon Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Kappa at Occidental. He tells us that he includes fishing and driving from Los Angeles to Wilmington daily inhaling smog constantly as part of his extra-curricular non-professional activities.

Carl Klafs, '33, is now working on his doctorate at the University of Southern California. Carl has taught in the public schools on the elementary, junior and senior high school levels and at the college level. He was the supervisor of Health and Physical Education in the Missoula, Montana, Public Schools and was the State Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation for the state of Montana also. He is active in many professional organizations.

Al Arps, '30, is now teaching at San Fernando High School and has been with the Los Angeles school system for 18 years. He is the Director of the State Physical Education Workshop and Coaching School as well as being active in other professional groups. He finds time also to take part in Civil Defense First Aid activities, Y.M.C.A. and the American Red Cross First Aid Volunteer program.

Medric McMasters, '31, is the District Director of Recreation and Parks in Los Angeles. He is the Vice-president of the Recreation Unit of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and President of the Round Dance Teachers Association of Southern California. Three nights a week he teaches and calls square and round dances.

Herb Schack, '28, attended the Normal College for four years and then went on to Occidental College. He has been a physical education teacher at San Fernando High School for 18 years. He enjoys his home, kids, gardens, dancing,

picnics, parties, good eating and good Scotch at the right time and in moderation. He inquires about Frank Spaeth and Powers. We do not have addresses for either of these two so can anyone help us out?

Paul Paulsen who has so kindly gathered the foregoing information about these Californians sends us the following about himself. He is the chairman of the department of physical education at Washington Irving Junior High School in Los Angeles. His professional activities include teaching rhythmic activities, calling square dances, in-service training and teacher training in physical education. He is affiliated with Phi Epsilon Kappa at Occidental College and Los Angeles Alumni and with Phi Beta Kappa at Occidental. His other occupations are raising kids (he has three sons, ages 13, 12 and 7), archery, golf, spectating sports, dancing, dining, drinking, camping, fly-tying, fishing and remaining open for suggestions on any other forms of recreation.

### HAZEL ORR REPORTS FROM CINCINNATI

Minnie Wasserman Braker recently visited in Cincinnati and stayed with the McCartneys. The McCartney's youngest daughter, Virginia, has been married and now lives in Chicago.

Lois Ann Scott is wearing a diamond ring on the third finger of her left hand.

Art and Claire Reisner are proud of their two daughters. Juli Ann is an airline stewardess in the American Airlines. Ardice is a 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Air Force. She is training at the University of Chicago to be a weather observer. Art is at the New Vocational high school.

Phi Epsilon Kappa officiates at all the meets held in the city.

Hazel C. Orr has recovered from a serious illness after three weeks in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Streit held Open House December the 27th.



**MARTHA GABLE REPORTS FROM  
PHILADELPHIA**

Mrs. Marion Dadeker Schoenly is substituting at Kensington High School in Philadelphia. Her daughter, Barbara, attends Frankford High School and is in the physical education class of Joanna Fritz Schlechter.

Bill Reichelt, who has been seriously ill is recovering. His wife, Louise Debus Reichelt is busy commuting between their home in Valley Forge and Frankford High School.

Leo Zwarg is looking younger and healthier each year of his retirement from his job as department head at Germantown High School. He is building reproductions of antique furniture.

Gus Heineman of Temple University underwent a serious operation. He is making excellent progress.

Grover Mueller and his staff are preparing for the convention of the Pennsylvania Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation to be held in Philadelphia in December 1954.

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**ADOLPH WINTER REPORTS FROM  
CHICAGO**

Bob Goeke and his family have been transferred to Ottawa, Illinois where he is connected with the selling of gymnasium equipment for the Porter Gymnasium Equipment Company.

The Winters just got back from a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. They have a large heart there which they walked through.

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**FRED J. BIFANO REPORTS FROM  
DAVENPORT**

John Sweeney, at Central Turners, has been appointed as the building manager as well as the Physical Education man. It is quite an additional job. Fred is preparing for the city-wide Physical Education show in May. He plans to have about a thousand children taking part. They will come from all 12 elementary schools from kindergarten through the sixth grade.

**HARRY WARNKEN REPORTS FROM  
DETROIT**

After devoting nearly 40 years to the profession, Lou Thierry, '15, is finishing his career of teaching physical education to the youth of Detroit schools. Lou says he is definitely retiring after this school year, and that he and his wife will enjoy his retirement at their home on Torch Lake in Northern Michigan.

Being host to the touring Swedish National Gymnastic Team, organizing and training his gymnasts for the 5th Annual Invitational Gymnastic Meet, readying his Women's Varsity Volleyball Team for the National Turner Championships, and working as Chairman of the Turner National Volleyball and Swimming Rules Committees in addition to his regular duties as Physical Director at American Turners in Detroit has kept Harry Warnken, '40, out of mischief ever since Homecoming. He is starting his ninth year at the Turner organization in Detroit.

Making one of their infrequent appearances at the Turners' gym in Detroit were Emil and Therese Pletz, on the occasion of a Women's Turnday with Cleveland S.T.V., at which time they met many old friends from the Cleveland society and had an opportunity to observe one of Therese's Leader's Class proteges, Dande Danti, '50, who is the new instructor at S.T.V.

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**MRS. HAROLD MORRIS REPORTS  
FROM KANSAS CITY**

Adele Martens Duffie has joined the reserve teachers group in the Kansas City Schools. Jay Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Morris, is finishing his second year in the Medical school at Missouri University. He will enter the Kansas University Medical Center in June.

Gladys Stetson is teaching fourth grade at the Bristol school in Kansas City.

### ESTHER HEIDEN REPORTS FROM MILWAUKEE

Harold Hahn, '24, has a set of snaps from his recent trip to Florida which could stimulate tourist travel to Florida one hundred percent. Harold and his wife, Harriet, spent two delightful weeks in Florida this past Xmas. Making the most of every precious moment they left Milwaukee one cold evening and stepped off the plane the next morning into sunny Florida. Friends greeted them at the airport and promptly started them off on a series of delightful surprises. Private chauffeur service to the Cypress Garden, the Singing Tower and Tampa were among some of the outstanding events. This would seem enough for the average tourist but the Hahns had another pleasure awaiting them and that was spending a few days with their only son, who has been in the Navy for two years, and who was able to get a leave from his station in Puerto Rico. Only those who have sons in the service can really understand what a happy reunion the Hahn family had in Florida. The pictures they show of their trip prove that you can not hide a smile when sunshine is all around and when there is sunshine in your heart.

### PEGGY STOCKER REPORTS FROM BUFFALO

Jim Butler and his partner of the Buffalo Athletic Club, were the defending champions of the handball doubles and won the fifth city Championship by an easy margin.

Archery is becoming very popular in Western New York. In a recent "shoot" Dick Moore of the White Tail Bowmen won in the Bowmen Class, while his wife, Ginny Atwood Moore of the White Tail Bowmen won top honors in the Women's Division.

"Murph" Mineo was married this past summer. He has returned to teaching at East High School after a four year leave of absence. During that time he served as the Director of Recreation of Buffalo.

Bill Naab and his wife, Grace, have just returned from a trip to Florida.

Catherine Fitzgerald received her Master's Degree. Her thesis was "The History of the Buffalo Turners." Very Interesting.

Jim Butler has resigned his teaching position and now is in charge of the Physical Education Department of the Buffalo Athletic Club.

Glad to report that Bill Meissner and Les Boehmer have returned to work following recovery from illnesses.

Recent visitors in Buffalo during our State Physical Education Convention were Paul Romeo and Frances Raaflaub Zeno from Syracuse; Gladys Lang Beisman from Rochester; Eleanor Doerr of New York City, New York and Ruth Youll House of Alexandria, Virginia. It was indeed a pleasure to have them here.

The Alumni of Western New York are very grateful to Dr. W. W. Patty and the University of Indiana for making it possible for Mrs. Clara Hester to be the speaker at the Alumni Luncheon held during the Convention. The message which she brought to us certainly gave us much confidence in the activities of the College and a better understanding of the relationship between the College and the University.

It was indeed a pleasure, Clara, to have you here.

### FROM HERE AND THERE

Fred Braun, a football coach at Bennett High School in Buffalo, resigned as such effective Thanksgiving Day. He will continue as a physical education teacher at Bennett. He has served as head coach since 1938.

Lt. Joe Gawrys writes that his new address after Christmas will be Casual Personnel Center APO 613 c/o PM, San Francisco, California.

Francis Brallier Ewing writes that she is more involved than ever in her work. Since last April she has been devoting some of her efforts to the activities of the Recreational Therapy Section of the Eastern District Association of AAHPER.

Lt. Col. Fred Ploetz sent a most interesting letter to Mrs. Hester which follows.

We are on Okinawa and I am commanding a Fighter Squadron flying F-86 jet airplanes. I came home in September to get the family and brought them back to Okinawa with me. They are enjoying the fine summer weather and it will hardly seem like Christmas. As you see by the names, we now have our fifth child. Gail was born in June, in Mobile, Alabama while I was here on Okinawa.

I thought of you on Thanksgiving and wished I could join you and the others who return each year to the Normal College for Homecoming. In 1938 I never dreamed that fifteen years later I would have a jet fighter squadron out here in the Pacific.

The Okinawa people are a close relation to the Japanese who have dominated them since about 1870. They are very athletically inclined and play all our American sports. All the schools have a large athletic field and it is well populated at all times. I see them swinging on the steel bars and marvel at their ability to perform. Several that I have seen could well hold their own with the College gym team. I joined a group one afternoon and took my turn on the bars. They looked at me in surprise and I even surprised myself that I could still do a few simple things. I have made several trips to Japan and also a short stop in Formosa. I am looking forward to a short trip to Hong Kong in the near future. I spent two years in China during the war, but never did get to see any of the big cities. I have toured the world from end to end, but never did get to Germany. I had hoped to get an assignment in Europe this time, but I seem to be destined to spend all my overseas tours here in the Pacific.

There is still much to be desired here in the way of good living conditions, but they are beginning to surface some of the roads—so—things are improving. This started with just a few words. My best regards to Len and my greetings to all you may see. Regards, Freddie.

Leo J. Doering writes that he is sorry to have missed Homecoming. He has been working extra hours. The Doerings have three children, all married. Each one started off with a girl, but Joe's second was a boy. They had a house full of children at Christmas. Joe has his MS in Education and teaches Science at Wood River High School. Cyrilla's Doctor husband is serving as an intern at Receiving Hospital in Detroit and Bob is working for Alco Company.

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Thanks are due to L. M. Beckman of Chicago for addresses of missing alums. She sends news of the following alums. Nanon Roddewig resigned from the Chicago schools in '52 because of arthritis and moved to Minneapolis. Irene C. Mezek resigned as Physical Therapist in the Chicago schools last June. Irene is busy as ever though, spending her time between her homes in Chicago and Sawyer, Michigan.

'Becky' Beckman, also a P. T. in the Chicago schools, retired in September '53 having suffered two coronary occlusions within nine months, one in '52 and the second in '53. She is still recuperating.

She tells us that she had lots of fun reading the October Newsletter and recalling past events associated with names of former years.

A nice letter from Mrs. Otto E. Harz of Park Ridge, Illinois brought in some missing addresses. To her and to all the other very nice people who have helped with addresses the editor wishes to extend heartfelt thanks.

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Once again the Editor must express her appreciation to the splendid response of the reporters in sending in news of the alums. It would be a tremendous help to them if all the alums would check the list of reporters in their cities and call them to report any news. Don't wait to be called. The reporters will appreciate this service very much.

## BOOK REVIEW

The Principles of Physical Education by Jesse Feiring Williams (sixth edition), W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1954, 366 pages. \$3.75.

Dr. Williams has prepared this sixth edition with greater consideration of the economic, social and political forces which influence our schools today and which also play a part in the total physical education program. Several chapters are entirely new and all have been rearranged. New questions follow each chapter and references have been revised.

Dr. Williams continues to emphasize the basic simplicity of physical education while pointing out the many factors which must be considered. The material is arranged to include chapters which take up individually the political, economic and social concepts of physical education, the biological and psychological foundations of the nature of man, historical background, the curriculum, principles of methods, guidance, administration and evaluation.

This book continues to be quite acceptable as a college text.

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Teaching Physical Education in Elementary Schools by Mary Helen Vannier and Mildred Foster, W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1954, 351 pages. \$4.25.

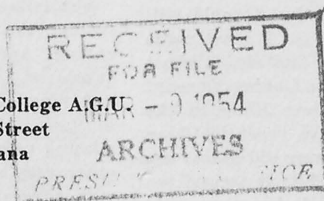
In 351 pages these authors have covered the entire field of Physical Education at the elementary level from the place of Physical education in the total school program to camping, the program for atypical children and the intramural program.

Therefore the book has a rather limited use. It could be used in teacher's colleges which are preparing elementary teachers and need to include the entire range of our field in one brief course. Every area is much too brief for majors.

The book is well organized and contains many activities usable for elementary children. My major criticism is that the authors took in too much territory and in consequence all areas are too briefly treated.

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