

Health & Physical Education at Chanute

Health and Physical Education are a part of the school program in three of the school divisions of the Chanute Public Schools. It is taught in the Elementary, Junior and Senior High School grades. Present plans call for including courses in the Junior College Curriculum next fall.

In the 6 elementary grades there is a daily period devoted to health and physical education for all children. In junior and senior high schools each class meets daily for a 60 minute period, two of the periods each week being devoted to health education and the other three to physical education. A Co-recreational period is held on Fridays in the high school classes including such activities as singing games, square dances, shuffle board, aerial darts and volley ball.

Mr. R. R. Strait is the Director of Health and Physical Education in the Chanute schools. His staff includes one full time nurse, one man and one woman full time teachers in the junior high school, one woman full time and two part time men teaching and coaching in the high school.

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The National Joint Rules Committee on Softball has completed its revision of the rules for the 1939 season. Only one change was made. The new rules permit the scoring of runs on a wild pitch, passed ball, or on the throw-back to the pitcher. This will most likely increase the scoring and should also increase the quality and accuracy of the pitching and catching.

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Miss Cecile Gilbert, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, is a new instructor in Dance at Emporia State, taking the place of Miss Eleanor Sondern who resigned in August to become Mrs. Phillip Hoeffler of Milwaukee.

"Play activities in Hawaii" was the topic of a talk given by Miss Edna McCullough to the Physical Education Club of Emporia State. Miss McCullough spent two months the past summer in the Hawaiian Islands.

An intensive war against Athletes Foot is being carried on in the Department of Physical Education for Women at Emporia State. Students in all classes are given

a foot examination each month. Those who show signs of the infection are excluded from use of the locker room and re-examined weekly. Prevention and treatment for ring-worm are discussed in all classes. In the two months that the plan has been used infection has been reduced about eighty per cent.

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In connection with a study of safety by the Junior Girls Health Classes of Wyandotte High School, several safety films were shown and talks given by the City Safety Director, Mr. Claude R. McCammet, and a member of the State Vehicle Commission, Mr. William Armstead. Mr. Armstead demonstrated the Drivers License test which is now required of all persons obtaining drivers licenses in the State. Topics studied in the girls Safety classes were - Safety in Home, School, Recreation and Transportation.

The gymnasium costume for girls in Kansas City, Kansas Jr. and Sr. High Schools is being changed this year. A blue one-piece shorts-shirt combination has replaced the blue romper suit formerly used. The new suit has a shirt style collar and buttons down the front. The girls furnish their own insert for the suit. This style is proving very satisfactory, and is popular with the students because of the improvement in fit over that of the old style suit.

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The women physical education instructors in the Junior and Senior High Schools of Topeka, Kansas, are meeting once each month this year, to discuss common problems arising in their departments. A social period is held following the discussion each time - bowling will be the activity for the winter social period.

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Miss Jean Woodard, who completed her graduate work at Emporia Teachers College last Spring, is now State W.P.A. Assistant Supervisor of Recreational Activities for Women in Kansas. Miss Woodard taught in the Physical Education Department at Emporia Teachers Summer Session, 1938.

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