

gave many valuable suggestions. He says there are about one hundred new school buildings in Kansas with good gymnasium facilities, many of which are not being used to their fullest extent, and to include a physical activity program for all pupils. Mr. Markham suggests that we build our curriculum from a small beginning with the help of as many people from different parts of the state and with as diversified interests as possible.

We have had an interview with Miss Dale Zellar who for several years has directed curriculum work in general in Kansas as set up in the State Superintendent's office. Her ideas follow those worked on at Peabody College. We hope and expect that Miss Zellar can be on the program at the annual meeting in McPherson to give us all a view of the best ideas in curriculum building.

Everyone on the committee is contributing much time and thought. Miss Eva Lyman is working on publicity of the committee with the Parent-Teachers Association. Mr. C. S. Moll is turning his attention to a philosophy of curriculum. Mr. L. P. Dittmore makes our contacts and appointments and arranges for our meetings in Topeka. Merle Henre has had some conferences with the State Teacher's Association Chairman. Every one on the committee has studied the "Physical Education Curriculum" by Wm. R. LaPorte, selected portions of which you will find in another article.

Our progress seems slow, but we hope to develop curriculum standards of real value to all the schools in Kansas and a little later will call on many of you for help and suggestions.

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Under the supervision of Merle Henre, Supervisor of Physical Education in Kansas City, group meetings of the men and women Physical Directors, are being held. Ten meetings have been planned for the purpose of bringing the Course of Study up to Date, and for improvement of teaching. Each teacher will have charge of a certain phase of the Course of Study while the rest of the group act as the 'class' and carry out the instructions. Each teacher has  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours to present three activities as they would be presented to Jr. or Sr. High School students. The men and women meet in separate groups. Comment and Criticism will be given at the close of each period.

## McPherson Dedication

The new senior high school at McPherson will be dedicated on February 10. There will be an all-day program put on by the school and its different departments. The physical education department has prepared the following for presentation, under the direction of Miss Snyder, Miss Ballard and Helen Hirni:

### "A Day of Melodies and Rhythms"

Prologue: Time - "You Old Gypsy Man"

The Day

Morning: 1. Skiing at Dawn

Afternoon: 1. My Johann. 2. Tea Dance

Evening: 1. Vespers. 2. Evening Serenade.  
3. My Walking Stick.

Night: 1. Moonlight and Shadows.

2. A twinkling Star. 3. Stars.

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## Auto Driving Instruction

A course in the proper method of driving a motor car is being added to the curriculum of the Topeka high school. It is installed with the co-operation and aid of the Kansas State Highway Patrol. Last year Newton high school inaugurated a similar course which was well received.

Upon permission from their parents, the students interested will be allowed to enter. The class will consist each each week of three periods of basic work in the class-room and two of actual driving experience.

Classroom instruction will include training in the essential mechanical parts, the proper knowledge of traffic laws and regulations, and other necessary points.

On their lesson in actual driving, the students will be accompanied by a uniformed member of the Highway Patrol. The pupils will drive over a set route each time and will be given practice in handling the car in traffic and less busy thoroughfares, the observance of traffic lights, parking--parallel and diagonal--actions on hills and curves, and any other factors encountered.

At the completion of the course, which is expected to take between four and six weeks, the patrol instructor will issue certificates to the pupils who have proved themselves to be capable drivers.

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