

A national survey has shown a great lack of facilities for recreation and team play among the high schools in the United States. With this in mind, Mr. H. V. Porter, executive secretary of the National Federation of State High School Associations has urged all of the high schools in the country to consider the merits of a "living" war memorial in their town, either as part of a high school expansion program or as part of the community center, accessible to high school students. "We are not campaigning against statues and that type of memorial since they have their part in many communities", Mr. Trautman stated. "We are, however, asking each community that is planning a memorial to consider whether or not one with a recreational feature would not be better for the future of the community than an inanimate tablet, statue or monument".

Practically all of the leading sports figures in America have endorsed the campaign for "living" war memorials, which was brought to them in concrete form at the various meetings surrounding the All-American boys baseball game, held at the Polo Grounds in New York last August.

According to chairman Trautman, many inquiries are being received at his office from civic minded individuals who feel the need for such a memorial for their city. Radio commentators, sports writers, school superintendents and city officials predominate. If a committee has been organized in your community for the purpose of planning a memorial, a postcard or letter to the Commission on War Memorials, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, will bring you immediate action.

The Commission is being assisted by an advisory board of prominent architects headed by Howard Dwight Smith, designer of the Ohio Stadium and many other athletic structures. These architects were selected first for their ability in this particular field and, secondly, for their geographic location. The Committee is so scattered over the United States that one of these men is not far removed from any given town. Under no conditions will this Commission submit plans through these architects, but will merely advise as to the type of memorial best suited to the funds and population of the inquiring community.