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THE PROGRAM OF THE KANSAS HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 1937-38

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In states not blessed with state directors of physical education much responsibility for the promotion of our profession falls to the organization representing the teachers and administrators. Since Kansas has not yet added a state director it behooves the Kansas Health and Physical Education Association to take an active part in promoting and developing physical education in every conceivable way. We are not only charged with the responsibility of furthering the best interests of physical Education, but we are also face to face with many opportunities for assuming active leadership in developing and extending our field.

Since its conception eight years ago this organization has enjoyed the pleasure of seeing many of the measures it inaugurated come into reality. Every one who compares the status of physical education today with what it was when our association was organized is amazed with the many fine things that have been accomplished. The membership has grown from a mere handful to approximately three hundred; annual meetings, once held in connection with other connections; our state teachers association now recognizes us as an important force in education; the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, acting with the help of members of our own association, has adopted rulings governing the minimum requirements for teaching physical education; and the national office of the American Physical Education Association recognizes us as being one of the most active state groups.

With the beginning of another school year the officers and members of the Kansas Health and Physical Education Association are anxious to take up again the crusade for an ever better program in schools, for 100 percent membership, for close cooperation with allied agencies interested in the welfare of children, and for many other accomplishments which will result in our ultimate goal---happy, healthy children.

Last spring, at the meeting of the council in Emporia, a program for the year was drafted. The planks in this program call for;

1. Increasing our membership to include 500 teachers and students;
2. Raising funds to extend the work of the association;
3. Acquaint other organizations interested in schools and children with the aims and purposes of our own organization;
4. Work in close cooperation with the office of the state superintendent in bringing about rulings for the betterment of our profession;
5. Promote our state association through the extension of the use of the radio, newspaper and magazine publicity and programs;
6. Increase the effectiveness of our state bulletin by assisting the editor to secure the kind of material that will benefit teachers and administrators;
7. Conduct a convention that will be second to none.

It is true that this is quite an ambitious program for any organization. But aren't we an ambitious group? Surely, if we are to see the day when every child in every school is the experience the benefits and delights of physical education, if we are ever to see the day when we have a state director, and, yes, if we are to see the day when the professional standards are to ideal, then it is up to all of us to get behind the cart and push. Anything that is worthwhile is accomplished only through hearty cooperation and hard work. In our state association we have just the kind of people who can be depended on to achieve great things.