

The Machinists Mates, the V-5 Naval fliers, the V-12 Naval program, the A-12 Army program - all were to be conditioned by civilian physical education instructors, augmented by the Navy personnel as soon as they could be assigned to locations. Then began a very strenuous hunt for outstanding men to do this job for the University and for Uncle Sam. It would be necessary to engage eight full time physical education teachers besides myself to do the job according to Uncle Sam's desires. Fortunately we had in our employ two outstanding teachers - Henry Shenk and Reginald Strait. Henry Shenk came to us from Junction City, Kansas, where he was director of physical education and coach of the city schools. He had made an outstanding record at Junction City. While a member of the varsity football team here at the University of Kansas in 1927 Henry Shenk caught a 32-yard pass from Art Lawrence and ran about 30 yards for a touchdown that spelled defeat for the Missouri Tigers. After graduating from the University of Kansas, Shenk took his Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in the spring of 1940. This year Shenk signalized his football coaching success here by defeating the vaunted Missouri Tigers 7 to 6 for one of the national upsets of the season. Shenk's chief teaching load is with the Navy V-12 program.

When Major E. R. Elbel left the physical education department to enter the Army Air Force Technical Training Command, we secured the services of Reginald Strait, who was then director of physical education for the Chanute, Kansas, public schools. Strait played football under Dr. Elbel at Ottawa University in 1924, '25 and '26. He also lettered in basketball at Ottawa in 1926. Strait has charge of the physical training program for the Navy V-5 cadets, and in addition he supervizes the sanitation of the swimming pool. Mr. Strait received his master's degree from the University of Iowa, and is now working on his Ph. D. at that institution.