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GOLD'S—Third Floor

Commissioner of Education Writes on New Profession for Graduates

The following article, written by John T. Tigert, United States commissioner of education, tells the possibilities of a new profession for college graduates. It is thought that the students cause of the visit recently paid to the University of Nebraska by Mr. Tigert, it is thought that the students of the University might be interested in this latest work of the commissioner.

A NEW PROFESSION
By John T. Tigert,
United States Commissioner of Education

After college, what business or profession? In these days of specialization, the college man or woman who has not yet decided upon a career may choose from vocations more varied than ever before. Fresh channels of work are constantly opening because of our rapid social and industrial transformation. One of the newest and most appealing of them brought about by a combination of fundamental changes in the character of American life. It is the profession of organizing the leisure time of towns and cities.

Today approximately one-third of life is leisure. Through time and energy saving devices, through the division of labor and through legislation the eight hour day in industry is very generally an accomplished fact. Add eight hours for sleep to the work hours and there remain eight hours for recreation and diversion each day. The use to which this spare time is put has a tremendous influence on the character of our civilization.

Leisure is a powerful force, which may work either for growth or for deterioration. Community Service, a post-war movement, exists to make spare time constructive and rich. It provides leadership and combines the resources of community agencies in work for vigorous citizenship and healthful recreation. It helps communities and individuals to express through playgrounds, athletics, dramatics, music and the various forms of art latent talents which cannot find an outlet through their daily work.

Community Service as a vocation offers a broad field to the socially minded man or woman of intelli-

gence. With the growth of the movement, the demand for directors of community leisure time life increases. Providing proper recreation is today considered as much a civic responsibility as providing sanitation and education. Communities are analyzing the word "recreation" back to its essential means—"re-creation." They are realizing how much of the soundness of community life depends upon the cultivation of the markin of time outside work and rest.

Although commercial amusements—theatres, baseball, amusement parks and many other such things extort large profit, they are often good enough in their way. The chief danger is in letting them provide exclusively for the nation's leisure time. For commercial recreation concerns itself merely with supplying entertaining ways to occupy time. It does not give much encouragement to spontaneity and self expression in recreation.

There is truth in the warning that we are in danger of becoming a nation of "bleacherites." Eighteen men play on a diamond while thousands sit and watch them, gaining their only exercise by occasional arm-waving. We have too many "sportsmen" who confine the sports pages of the newspapers.

To be an interested spectator is commendable, but true recreation means participation. People, and communities as well, grow only by doing. They are glad to exchange looking on for doing if they have a chance. But they do as a rule know how to proceed on their own initiative. Facilities are lacking and organized leadership is lacking.

The task of Community Service is to give leadership to the community's efforts in supplying these recreation needs. Local leaders of athletics, dramatics and music are trained. Unused vacant lots are cleared for playgrounds, neighborhood associations are formed, programs of year-round activities, both outdoor and indoor, are initiated. But Community Service is not superimposed upon a community it is a structure built within and by the community itself.

The man or woman who follows the profession of Community Service acts in the capacity of consultant or advisor to a town or city which wishes to use its leisure time to the best advantage. He (or she) correlates the efforts of various groups and individuals, eliminating wasteful moves and furnishing direction. What a city manager is to the civic life of a community and a school superintendent is to its educational life, the Community Service director is to its leisure time. His working days are busily diverse. One day he may be helping to organize an athletic league or a community forum, the next arranging publicity for a Music Week or pageant, and the next drawing up plans for financing summer playgrounds. Always he finds in his profession scope for every talent and capability he may possess.

Young men and women who are interested in entering this new field from Community Service, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

GRID MEN ADVISED AGAINST COACHING

Coaching is not what it is cracked up to be, not if we take what one says who has been in the business for 22 years anyway, and we have every reason for believing that what he says is so. That is what Coach Fielding H. Yost, of Michigan, says:

"We never advise our boys to go into the coaching game. In almost every case it is a waste of time, in as much as the average life of a coach as a coach is only three years in duration and one just takes this much time off from getting started in whatever line of work he will eventually go into."

As to the stability of a coaching job the coach said. "A coaching position isn't like that of a professor or another instructor. For a coach to keep a job he has to turn out winning teams, and it's a physical impossibility for every coach to do this. Yes, I would say it is all right for a young fellow to go into physical education schools, but coaching, No."

FRESHMEN ENGINEERS HEAR DEAN FERGUSON (Continued from Page 1)

into light, in electric lighting systems and that there was room for great saving in some of the steps of the conversion of the chemical energy of the coal into light energy. Many of these closes are in the steam generating plants, he said. Only about half of the energy sent out into distributing systems is actually metered, but there must be a balance struck between buying larger wire allowing leakage of energy.

"The steam railway was well developed before the electric railway came into being," Dean Ferguson stated. "Steam roads are being electrified in many places for one of two reasons—to increase the capacity of the road without increasing track mileage, or to do away with the smoke nuisance. That is the reason for electrification at terminals, and on mountain roads, where the cost of laying tracks is almost prohibitive."

"Telephone systems are useful in so far as they reach everyone, and we come much nearer to that point in the United States than in any other country, even in the more densely settled portions of Europe. There is a telephone station for every eight or nine persons in the United States.

"I predict that in not any years we will have interconnected transmission lines of electrical power reaching from the eastern to the western coast of the country. We already have extensive systems in the east, and the southeast, and on the west coast that could be easily connected up. There will come a time when all of our water power plants will have to pump their energy into such distribution systems. It is even proposed to burn the coal in the mines, without bringing it above ground, and to send electrical energy so obtained into distribution systems.

"I am not one to say that a man must attend college to attain a brilliant success. That is not true. A college training is the easiest, most direct, quickest way of getting a certain fund of information and acquainting oneself with methods of handling certain engineering problems. There is nothing in your class work that you could not get elsewhere. But. But you would have to work much longer and much harder."

Never despair of a boy. The village cut-up may become a renowned surgeon.

It must be remembered, however that the hateful capitalistic country is the one where the anti-fat nostrums are marketed.

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