

JUNIOR COMMUNITY LEAGUE BULLETIN NOW READY

A NEW bulletin on the work of the Junior Community Leagues has just been issued by the Cooperative Education Association. This bulletin contains a Foreword from Honorable E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia, and from Honorable Harris Hart, Superintendent of Public Instruction, full instructions on organization of Junior Leagues, with constitution and by-laws. The Obligation follows:

"On my honor I will seek:

- To serve this league, this school, and this community;
- To prepare myself in body, mind, and spirit for my duty;
- To live the truth and to keep faith with knowledge;
- To promote education as the right of every child;
- To labor for the advancement of Virginia, to bring no reproach upon her and to emulate those who made her great among the nations by their loyalty to honor and to her;

And finally, to remember that as a citizen of the United States, I owe allegiance to the nation, and to freedom, democracy and progress among men."

The principles of the Junior Community League, as outlined in the bulletin, are:

1. Citizenship. 2. School Spirit. 3. Health. 4. Athletics and Recreation. 5. Self-improvement.

Dr. Ennion G. Williams, State Health Commissioner has a special message for the boys and girls on the health phase of the work and Mr. Geo. W. Koiner, State Commissioner of Agriculture, has an article on "Our Birds." Suggestions for work under each head are enumerated. Special emphasis is placed on the Reading Course, for which a certificate is awarded the members complying with the requirements. The list of 25 books for children, as balloted by the American Library Association and the National Education Association, also appears. Details for awarding of prizes and pennants are outlined as well as the following information:

1. Topics for final essays, orations, and compositions.
2. Suggested ways of raising money for league work.
3. Special days to celebrate.
4. Where to write for valuable literature.

It is the purpose and aim of the Junior Community League to train the boys and girls through service to their school and neighborhood during school days, to meet the opportunities and responsibilities of full citizenship that will be theirs later as men and women. The Junior Community League should be the relay for the Community League. The future citizens of Virginia should be the relay now that they may be ready and eager to take up and develop the wise plans and work mapped out by the good citizens of today. There are now 275 Junior Leagues in Virginia; the purpose is to organize a league in every school in the state. Anyone interested may procure copy of the bulletin, free of charge by writing Cooperative Education Association, Box 1667, Richmond, Virginia.

TO STIMULATE VERSE-WRITING

"*THE GLEAM*," a magazine of verse for young people, recently established as the official organ of the School and Poetry Association, seems destined to exert a wide influence on young people of secondary school age, if it continues to live up to the program it has set for itself, one of "providing poetry suited to the maturity and life interest of young people, and of centering the teaching of this poetry upon the meaning and message of the poet—the mood and spirit of the work—rather than upon the technical or formal."

The magazine appears five times during the school year in alternate months, beginning with October. Teachers, librarians, poets, and the general public may apply for membership in the association by writing to Paul S. Nickerson, Editor, Canton, Massachusetts. The annual dues are one dollar and if membership is granted, the applicant will receive the magazine for one year. Pupils and young people may obtain *The Gleam* at ten cents a copy by applying to some member of the association. Teachers who are