

To Continue Sport Plans

School Programs To Be Kept Going

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Putnam county schools will continue their sport programs, and none will be discontinued at this time, it was decided at a meeting of the Putnam County High School Athletic association in the Putnam House at Ottawa during the last week.

The decision was reached following a talk by County Superintendent, C. D. Vermilya in which he stressed the importance of maintaining a normal athletic program despite the fact that this country is at war. He stated that government leaders have requested that a complete physical education program be carried out in the schools and this program included sport activities.

As a result of the decision the regular baseball schedule will be followed this spring and the annual track and field meet will also be held at the fair grounds in Ottawa.

E. D. Radenbaugh of Leipsic, president of the association, named Supt. Merwin Hilty of Ottawa, manager of the track meet, and also appointed Alger Chapoton, of Columbus Grove, Robert Reese, of Gilboa and R. W. McKibben, of Continental, on the track and field meet committee.

A three-man committee, representing superintendents, faculty managers and coaches to choose officials for the 1943 basket ball tournament was named. That committee is composed of B. J. Conkey, R. W. McKibben and E. E. Radenbaugh.

There does not seem to be a basketball league during the 1943 season, the Putnam County Track Meet was cancelled and the baseball league was dramatically changed in the spring of 1943 to a tournament playoff system due to WWII. This was done to save on traveling expenses. The newspapers are filled with many advertisements urging people to buy bonds to help the war effort. Rubber and metal products were being salvaged throughout the county. It was a very troubling time in our country and county. Coaches, administrators, teachers and older students were being drafted and joining the various services in great numbers.