



Brother GEDEON LUKE, M.A., now on the Juniorate Staff of Ammendale Normal Institute, Beltsville, Maryland, well known in the world of sports for his practical book, "COACHING HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD" (Prentice-Hall, 70 - 50th Ave., New York, 11.)

Brother G. Luke joined the Christian Brothers faculty at West Catholic High School, Philadelphia, in 1944, six years after he graduated from the same school. A short time later he took over the coaching chores for the cross country and track teams. What a lucky day it was for West! Today he is recognized as one of the best high school track and field coaches in the nation.

His record in cross country: 10 consecutive Catholic League crowns; 59 consecutive dual and triangular meet wins and 7 City

championships. In track and field: 10 consecutive State Catholic titles; 61 victories against 3 defeats in dual and triangular meet competition in the Catholic League; and 8 Bridgeton Relay crowns.

Friends of Brother Luke often told him that he knew enough about the sport to write a book. Well, Brother Luke has done just that. His new book, "Coaching High School Track and Field," is just off the Prentice-Hall press.

The 228-page volume is very well written and should be a must for every coach and track fan. Brother D. Joseph, F.S.C., and Ray Pentzell are responsible for more than 50 sets of line cut drawings to illustrate every phase of track and field for the reader.

The book will be especially helpful for the high school coach-novice or veteran. In a page about the author, Frank Wetzler, track coach at LaSalle College remarks: "Drawing from his personal experiences, the author has laid down principles and techniques that have been tried and tested, and have proved successful in their application. Besides giving due attention to coaching experienced athletes, he has devoted considerable space to the coaching of beginners, an area heretofore shamefully neglected

and for which there has been a great need. This alone makes the book an invaluable aid for tyro coaches and worthwhile for more experienced coaches who often tend to forget that among those awkward and scrawny youngsters are the champions of tomorrow!"

Wetzler aided Brother Luke in preparing the book. Another helper was Jim Tuppeny, assistant coach at Villanova University. Jim had a special reason to offer a helping hand . . . the author is his brother.

We highly recommend "Coaching High School Track and Field" to our readers. The book reflects Brother Luke's extraordinary work with countless boys who have passed through West Catholic.

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