

Book Review

"DICK BUTTON ON SKATES," by Dick Button, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York. 217 pages. Illustrated. \$3.95.

The greater part of this book tells in a most graphic manner the amazing story of the tremendous strides in technique and popularity which the sport of figure skating has achieved in the ten-year period just passed. Since the author took a major part in this development, and, more than any one person, was himself responsible for the growing status of the sport, the book necessarily is, as its title indicates, a highly personalized account of the author's experiences. More than that, it is also a valuable and extremely readable record of an era in figure skating.

The remainder of the book, aside from two chapters giving the author's views on two perennially debated matters in connection with the marking and judging of figure skating, consists of a generally sound but quite concise discussion of the techniques of skating some of the compulsory figures and free skating moves. This discussion and the accompanying line drawings and photographs are well worth careful perusal by the serious student of skating.

This reviewer was privileged to observe closely many of the events covered by the book, when, as a judge, he officiated in all of the European, World, Olympic, and some of the United States and North American competitions in which Dick won championships. It was sheer pleasure to relive these events with an author who portrays them so accurately and vividly.

—COL. HAROLD G. STORKE.

THE CALENDAR OF

Coming Events

January

- 19-21 European Championships in Paris, France
- 21-22 New England Championships at New Haven SC
- 26-28 Northern California Inter-Club Championships at The SC of San Francisco (tentative)

- 27-28 Northern Ontario Championships in Schumacher
- 27-29 Middle Atlantic Championships at The SC of New York
- 26-Feb. 5 Olympic Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy

February

- 3-4 Mount Paul SC Carnival
- 4-5 International Junior Competition in Davos, Switzerland
- 10-11 Hamilton SC Carnival
- 10-12 Buffalo SC Carnival
- 11 Stratford FSC Carnival
- 15-19 World Championships in Garmisch, Germany
- 16-18 Midwestern Championships at Cleveland SC
- 17-18 California State Championships at Los Angeles FSC
- 24-25 Galt FSC Carnival
- 24-26 Eastern Championships at Baltimore FSC

March

- 1-3 Pacific Coast Championships at St. Moritz ISC
- 6-9 Toronto SC Carnival
- 9-10 Philadelphia SC & HS Carnival
- 9-10 Dundas FSC Carnival
- 14-17 U. S. Championships at Philadelphia Arena held by Philadelphia SC & HS
- 22-24 Canadian Championships at Galt FSC
- 23 Hershey FSC Carnival
- 23-24 North Bay FSC Carnival

April

- 5-8 The SC of Boston Carnival
- 7-8 Great Falls FSC Carnival
- 14-15 North Shore SC Carnival
- 26-28 Cleveland SC Carnival
- 27-29 Butte FSC Carnival

Spins through PROFESSIONAL CIRCLES

ADDITIONAL REPORTS on professionals who have changed positions this season place Lewis Elkin, who was at the Ice Flair rink last season near Detroit, and Ed Rushka at the new Rochester Institute of Technology rink in New York, home of the Genesee FSC . . . Noreene Sullivan, formerly of Ice Capades, is teaching at the new Lakeside rink in Kansas City, Kans. . . Helen Janet Burgenheim who taught at the Pasadena rink last season has joined Ice Follies . . . Alfred Coupe has been added to the Garden State SC of Asbury Park staff to assist Evelyn Chand-