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**NEW INSTRUCTORS** appointed last week to the faculty of the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences at New Hartford. From the left, Charles A. Higgerson, Clinton; John F. Downes, Syracuse; Roy L. Mitchell, 2806 Leibel; H. Barton Olson, 1520 Genesee, and Charles E. Schmidt, 11 Lyon, Utica.

## 5 Join Staff Of Institute

Three veterans of World War II and a research metallurgist are among the five new members of the faculty of the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences at New Hartford.

The appointees, designated at a meeting of the trustees last week at which Frederic W. Roedel, chairman, presided, are:

**Charles A. Higgerson**, 34, Fountain St., Clinton, instructor in the mechanical technological program.

**Charles Edward Schmidt**, 35, 11 Lyon, Utica, instructor in the retailing program.

**John F. Downes**, 33, 124 Reed Ave., Syracuse, instructor in social studies, required course for all students.

**Roy L. Mitchell**, 28, 2806 Leibel, Utica, junior instructor in English, a required subject.

**H. Barton Olson**, 25, 1520 Genesee, Utica, junior instructor in health, another mandatory subject.

For the past five years metallurgist in charge of steel control work at the Revere Copper & Brass plant, Rome, Higgerson holds a bachelor of science degree which he earned at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy in 1935.

For seven years an instructor in English and social studies at schools in and near Syracuse, Downes served in the Army during the war, and for 13 months was a production analyst at Wright Field. Before beginning military service, he was production analyst in the War Manpower office at the Rome Army Air Field, and administered the training program for the air depot's supply division. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Bonaventure College, and has done graduate work at Syracuse University. Downes is a member of the State Teachers' Association.

## Goodbye, Mr. Downes

We all regretted seeing Mr. John Downes leave SUI. He is now working as the Director of the Citizens Foundation of Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. Downes taught at SUI over five years. He was an advisor to SAC for three years, had the year book of 1951 dedicated to him, worked on student recruiting, and taught Citizen and Government, Human Relations, Economics, Labor Relations, Contemporary History and Psychology.

Mr. Downes, a graduate of St. Bonaventure College, later attended Syracuse University and obtained his Master of Science in 1949.

His interests vary widely. He is a member of State Institute General Education Committee, N. Y. S. Teachers Association, N. Y. S. Junior College Association, past president of St. Bonaventure Alumni Association of Central New York, and member of the American Legion and of the Syracuse Liederkrantz.

Mr. Downes has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. In 1943 he worked at the War Manpower Office of the Rome Air Base training civilian employees in warehousing, shipping, receiving, and stock records. In 1944 he entered the Army Air Corps where he continued to do the same type of work as he had done at the Rome Air Base.

Mr. Downes stated that the time he has spent here was enjoyable and that he has left in regret. He felt that he has made some excellent friendships among the faculty and student body.

The whole school joins in wishing Mr. Downes the best of luck.