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CHORAL singing is coördinated this year for the first
time with the State Department's music program. Many
schools will welcome this change which will give their music
activities more unity. Miss Nell Parmley, of the State Department of Education, contributes a
Singing to each issue of the LEAGUER.

 edition of the Constitution and Rules, and are asked to send
to the League office for a special issue of these rules containing the latest revisions. The Rules went to press before
the typing and shorthand committee got its work done, and the typing and shorthand committee got its wor
this necessitates a special issue of these rules.



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be quite popular. Late beginners are going to be severely specifically devoted to debate by Professor Thomas A. lieve Mr . Rousse will offer many useable suggestions, and
sponsors and pupils are urged to keep tab on this column.
$\square$ AMES and addresses of county officers for the various
county interscholastic leagues are coming in to the
State Office with every mail. Quite a number are listed in State Office with every mail. Quite a number are listed in
this issue. Readers are requested to report any errors that they note in the lists as published. These officers have all advised of any rule-interpretations or other matters affecting to form Leagues to do so at once and report the names
and addresses of the respective officers for publication in
the LEAGUER.

SUPT. FLOYD BETTS, of Wharton, is thoughtful enough to send the Leaguer a copy of the Commencement pro-
gram of the Wharton high school held in the municipal
auditorium last June. It is especially rich in music, all done by individual pupils and musical organizations of the school. There is a panel discussion number involving seven
pupils devoted largely to extracurricular activities under the title "Personalized Education." The program includes lished last month from the Palestine high school program.
This is another excellent illustration of a commencement program of the pupils, for the pupils, and by the pupils.
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 anent comparative school opportunities presented in the va there are "slum" districts in most cities. Texas is definitely in
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scholastic League Events," the Overton Press recounts
in half a column a good-will feast which was held in Hender-
son, the county seat of Rusk County, last spring. The "lead"
of the story follows: "A banquet of unusual interest was
son when an assembled group of teachers, coaches, and school
value of coöperation and sportsmanship in the inter-school
events." And a litte further down in the column, we read:
"A very gratifying report was noted that there are 35 schools
meet this year, with a total of 3,170 students in the contests,
1,225 being represented in the literary events, and 1,945
entering the track events." A function of this nature is
city schools together, of emphasizing the educational aspects
of League work, of oiling the machinery, and smoothing
down the edges of competition.
THE enterprising P.-T.A. of Marfa has for many years
arranged what is called a "round-up" of pre-school chil-
dren for health examination. This year a much more detailed
examination, under the supervision of the school authorities
and with the coöperation of dentists, oculists, doctors, and
optometrists, was made of the school population. It was
optional with the children, but 63 out of the 100 high-school
pupils were examined. The dentists and the eye-men, oculists
and optometrists, gave their services free; the doctors made
and optometrists, gave their services free; the doctors made
a small charge. The high-school survey revealed four boys
unfit for strenuous athletic games; four pupils in need of
unfit for strenuous athletic games; four pupils in need of
glasses and didn't know it. There were three cases of chronic
appendicitis. Nine girls, enrolled in the home economics
classes, showed signs of early rickets. Three cases were
found of teeth that needed filling; two pupils had teeth that
needed extraction, and two needed a toothbrush. There were
five cases of athlete's foot, all among girls; there was one
case of granulated lids, and one brace of tonsils that had
to come out. The superintendent of the Marfa schools thinks
to come out. The superintendent of the Marfa schools thinks
that this survey, insufficient as it necessarily was, was well
worth the effort. Miss Ruth Tompkins, Home Economics
worth the effort. Miss Ruth Tompkins, Home Economics
teacher, coöperated with the specialists and kept the records.
A physical examination of the faculty was conducted at the
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$\mathrm{A}^{\text {NNOUNCEMENT of the Nineteenth Annual League }}$ part of this issue. The first League Breakfast was held
Houston nineteen years ago, so, in a sense, we shall be con
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E. K. (Extra Kerricular) Fretwell's star pupils. Not the
least of his equipment, however, for his Houston appear-
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ances is a lifelong, intimate, first-hand contact with public
secondary schools, as teacher, coach, supervisor, and execu-
tive.
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Whe League "ought to take charge of it." If the
teague had followed this policy for the past twenty-five
yeague had followed this policy for the past twenty-five
years, it would now have a zoo of contest monstrosities,
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tising; behind others, propaganda of one sort or another;
behind others, an organization that collects money directly
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indeed, whether the subject-matter of the contest is educa
tional or not, although he seeks so to dress it up for publi
consumption. Eligibility rules are to him a useless encum
consumption. Eligibility rules are to him a useless encum-
brance and any organization for enforcing such eligibility

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get under way and their evil effects become apparent, the
can't be done. To attempt to lasso and break these out
laws is a rodeo feat quite too difficult, and after one
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broken and harnessed, his serviceability is limited. It is
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safer to breed your own and bring them up in a schoo
atmosphere and yoked safely to some standard school activ
atmosphere and yoked safely to some standard school activ-
ity. At that, they are often hard enough to control and run
into discouraging abuses. As a matter of fact, outlaw con-
into discouraging abuses. As a matter of fact, outlaw con-
tests are bringing the whole contest idea into disrepute

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with the educational world. In some of our leading educa-
tional centers, the word has already gone out, "no con-
tests." It is a good idea for any school to budget its con-
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held in Lakevie

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- Phonograph
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