



HIGHLAND PARK'S Golden Avalanche chalks up high scores in grade points as well as on the gridiron.

I HAVE discussed this with my music teacher and some others and we believe we should stick to unison singing in the grammar grades for several reasons.

WE BEGAN the season with a first year team and without a boy who had ever played football for a single minute.

(See—LETTER BOX—Page 4)

50% PARTICIPATION Questionnaire Reveals Half of Students Enter League

Half the students of Hamilton High School plan to participate in Interscholastic League activities this year, according to results of a questionnaire submitted to the student body recently.

Valuable Statistics for Interscholastic Debaters

GEO. H. SHEPPARD, Comptroller of Public Accounts, has published a "summary of Receipts and Disbursements of State Funds 1938" for the convenience of high school debaters.

"Uncle Tom" Still Turns Out League Tennis Champs



PICTURED here with two sets of champions—the present and the future—T. A. (Uncle Tom) Holland, virtually the dean of Texas tennis circles and net mentor of the Robstown High School.

This photo was taken after Ralph Eads, Jr., standing on Holland's right, and Bruce Kellam, on his left, had won the junior doubles title in Robstown's Second Annual Armistice Day Tennis Tournament.

Eads and Kellam are well known in Texas schoolboy tennis circles, as they advanced to the finals in the State University Interscholastic League meet in doubles in 1937, and last May they won that title.

Just as he predicted a title for Kellam and Eads when he came here four years ago, Uncle Tom is predicting a rosy future for Wilson and Kelly.

The veteran coach came to Robstown from Austin where he had much success in piloting the Austin High School tennis team to several State cups.—Robstown Record.

6-Man Football District 5 Ends Successful Session

Chairman Says It Is Fine Fall Sport for Small Schools

(By Artie J. Lynn, Oklaunion)

ABOUT FIVE years ago several of the officials of the smaller High Schools of this part of the state became interested in finding something in athletics for the pupils in the fall of the year.

Drop Fall Basketball

In the spring of 1938 when the members of the Conference met it was decided to drop basketball and take up Six-Man Football.

Group Discussion Gaining Favor With Speech Training

(See—6-MAN FOOTBALL—Page 4)

AT least five years ago the University of Wisconsin chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, at the suggestion of Dr. H. L. Ewbank, began including a simplified type of group discussion tournament as one of the features of its annual invitational gathering.

NO "ALL-ROUND" IN DUVAL THIS YEAR

Committee Decides to Experiment with No-Decision This Year

SUPERINTENDENT B. A. Trevino's plan of eliminating the counting of all-round championship points in the Duval County Interscholastic League Meet met with the approval of Mr. R. W. Milligan, Mr. J. D. Clary, and the rest of the county executive committee.

Mr. Trevino discussed the problem this summer with Mr. Bedichek, head of the Interscholastic League Bureau, who, when informed of the plan, became very much interested in it, wishing to find out how it would work here and perhaps be put into effect in other counties.

The purpose of the county meet this year will be mainly to bring the schools closer together in a friendly spirit and to determine representatives of the county to the district meet. No tabulation of points will be kept for the all-round championship, but champions will be determined in the different events.

It is hoped that this plan will come up to expectations. That is the desire of all school heads and teachers concerned.

TEAM STRIKES

Carlsbad (N.M.) Footballers Adopt Strenuous Measure

THE Carlsbad high school football team went on strike November 24—right on the eve of the big Thanksgiving day game with Artesia—because school officials refused them permission to watch the Southern California University eleven work out in practice.

The Trojans made a stopoff here en route to South Bend for Saturday's game with Notre Dame.

Seventeen members of the Carlsbad squad indignantly invaded the office of the Carlsbad Current Argus to announce through the press their decision to sit on the sidelines tomorrow.

Insult was added to injury, they declared, when school teachers further denied them permission to accept an invitation to accompany the university squad on a sight-seeing trip through the Carlsbad caverns.

School authorities made no comment other than to suppress grins, and say: "They'll play tomorrow."

\$5,000 DAMAGE TO INJURED TUMBLER

Calif. Supreme Court Rules Against School Board in Famous Suit

FOLLOWING is a memorandum written by Irving G. Breyer, Administrative Adviser Legal Department, Board of Education of the San Francisco, Calif., Public Schools, giving account of a suit brought against the Board of Education on account of injury received by a student in physical education sustained while engaging in a class-exercise in tumbling:

The Supreme Court on the 26th day of July, 1938, by a vote of four to three readopted their former opinion in the above matter, modifying the judgment rendered in the trial court in the sum of \$15,000 to \$5,000, but sustaining a verdict of \$5,000.

As you may recall, this case has had a long history. Originally, a jury in the Superior Court rendered a verdict against the school district for \$15,000. Subsequently this judgment was reversed by the District court on appeal on the basis that there was no evidence of negligence on the part of the school district or its classroom teachers.

Dissett The following language from the dissenting opinion would prove interesting: "It seems to me that the majority has totally disregarded the rights of boards of education and of schools."

My views are expressed in the dissenting opinion of Mr. Justice Nourse filed prior to the case in the court of the former hearing, and which dissenting opinion I then concurred.

Extemporaneous Speech Topics

SOME of the topics given below are "static," others "evolving." For illustration, No. 30 is static, since no further news is likely to appear concerning it; on the other, No. 1 is evolving; that is, changing in the news from day to day and week to week.

- 1. Present Status of the War in Spain. 2. What is Left of the Treaty of Versailles? 3. The Last of the Last Democracy in Central Europe. 4. Germany's Next Reach for Territory. 5. Chamberlain: A Peace Prize or an Honorary Swastika? 6. The "Berlin-Rome Axis." 7. Russia's "Friction" with Japan in the Far East. 8. What's Become of the League of Nations? 9. President Roosevelt's Peace Message to European Leaders. 10. Japan's Drive Toward Hankow. 11. Guerrilla Warfare in China. 12. Economic Strain in Japan. 13. Lindbergh's Reported "report" on Air Forces in Europe. 14. Germany's Effort to Become Self-sufficient Economically. 15. Germany's "Strength through Joy" Program. 16. The Plight of European Jews. 17. Revelation of The Dies Congressional Investigation Committee. 18. Fascist and Communist Organizations in this Country. 19. Theory of the "Totalitarian" State as opposed to the Democratic Ideal. 20. The "Have" and the "Have-not" Nations. 21. "Isolationism" vs. "Collective Security." 22. Issues in the recent Gubernatorial Campaign in Texas. 23. Commissioner E. McDonald vs. Henry Wallace: What's the Fuss About? 24. What is the Sales Tax? 25. The So-called Roosevelt Purge. 26. Thomas E. Dewey: Racket-Buster. 27. Mexico's Expropriation of Oil Properties. 28. Threatened Strike of the Railway Brotherhoods. 29. Centennial Celebration of the Capital of Texas. 30. The President's Visit to Canada. 31. People's Library Movement in Texas. 32. The Pan-American Conference in Lima, Peru. 33. Italy's Demands for French Territory. 34. Roosevelt Third-term Talk. 35. Sir Anthony Eden's Visit to America.

"Austin Chamber of Commerce, Austin, Texas, will furnish material on this topic free on request." "Extension Loan Library will furnish material on this topic."

PARMER COUNTY LEAGUE GETS SET

"Stretch-out" Plan for Conducting Non-qualifying Contests Adopted

AT a meeting of coaches and superintendents of the independent schools of the county in Farwell recently, dates and places for the year-long interscholastic league activities were set, according to an announcement by Superintendent Leo Forrest.

At this time, officials of the league did a little juggling of the usual routine involved in running off a county meet, and have come forth with the following information:

Forensics The annual forensic activities will begin on Thursday night, March 30, at the Farwell school, at which time a music festival will be held, presenting to the public the value of musical education.

(See—PARMER CO.—Page 4)

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Friendliness Cultivated in Highland Park High School

(By Dorothy W. Jones)

Observed for the third time this year, Friendship Week is becoming a tradition at Highland Park High School. Each year the Student Council designates one week as a week for getting better acquainted with new students, for encouraging students, new and old, to become a member of some school organization in which they can develop a special interest or hobby, and in general for stimulating a feeling of friendliness among all who make up the school society.

From November 7-11 the entire student body wore tags, blue ones for old students and gold ones for new, bearing the student's name and the organizations to which he belongs. The week was initiated by an All Club Assembly. With their presidents seated on the stage, the members of each club and school organization sat together beneath their banner.

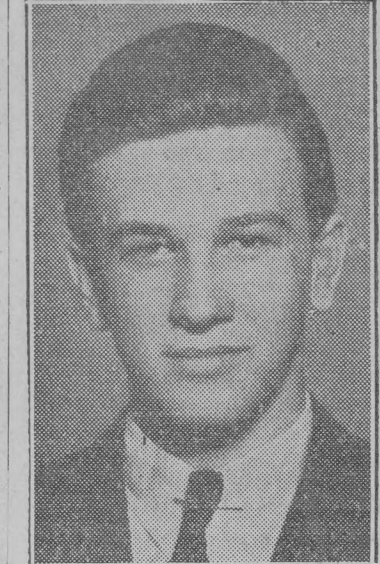
President Grady Jordan stated that the purpose of the annual activity is to foster a feeling of friendliness not only among individuals but among clubs as well. "It helps us," he said, "to know what other groups are interested in and to share their interests for a while. We like to feel that our whole club program is correlated. The success of such a week depends, of course, upon the enthusiasm with which each group does its part."

Speech Training Theme Of Address At League Meeting

OVER three hundred school people heard and applauded Professor Enid Miller's brilliant and able defense of speech training and competition as a motivating force at the Interscholastic League breakfast in Dallas, November 25. Dr. Miller is head of the speech department at Nebraska Wesleyan University and a repeatedly successful coach of debate.

Former League Debater Wins Honors in College

JOHN STEPHEN, mid-law student from Houston, has been elected Captain of the 1938-1939 University of Texas Intercollegiate Debate Squad. Stephen has been a member of the squad since he was a freshman, having been the first freshman in the history



John Stephen

of the University to participate in intercollegiate debates. He was a member of the 1936 Missouri Valley Championship team of the University, and won first place in extemporaneous speaking for the University in the same tournament. In 1937 he was winner of the Big Ten Debate Championship, and was named best Individual Debater. Last year, Stephen was again winner of the Missouri Valley title, and was again chosen as Best Debater. He was also winner of the Battle of Flowers Oratorical Contest in San Antonio and of the Lutzer Stark Debate Contest at the University last year, receiving a \$100 first prize in each of the two contests.

Stephen was graduated from San Jacinto High School in Houston, and League participants will probably recall his winning the State high-school championship in debate for that school in 1934, as well as the extemporaneous speaking championship in 1935.

DEBATER WANTS A "CLARIFICATION"

Asks What "Uniform" Means in Present Statement of Debate Question

REPLYING to inquiries from debaters concerning certain interpretations of the debate question, Professor George C. Hester replied as follows:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 9 and inquiries regarding the interpretation of the Interscholastic League debate question. It is my understanding that the word "uniform" means that the same rate of taxation will apply to all tangible, personal articles sold at retail in Texas. This would mean no exemptions except articles or commodities such as cigarettes and gasoline which already bear specific sales levies. The statute would specify these articles.

(See—DEBATER—Page 4)

Extracurricular Items From High-School Papers

THE following item found in high school papers about extracurricular activities indicate wide range of activities in Texas high schools:

The Bonhi, Bonham high school paper: The Bonhi FFA milk judging team won first place at the Royal Livestock show in Kansas City, held during October.

The Bear Facts, Gladewater high school paper: Gladewater has been named host to the Interscholastic League of Gregg county next March 25. M. M. Churchwell, principal, was named Director General of the county league events and Jake Hanna was named director of athletics for the meet.

Abilene High Battery, Abilene High School: An all-girl band made its initial appearance Oct. 3 in the West Texas Fair parade in Abilene. It is the first all-girl high school band in the State; organization contains 70 pieces. A banking system will be functioning in A.H.S. by Christmas if plans of the Students Association can be completed by that time.

The Sandstorm, Amarillo High School paper: To finish paying for the recently installed public address system, the Student Congress sponsored the sale of bonds to school patrons. Bonds sold at \$1 each. The sale was conducted through the advisory groups. Prizes were awarded to individual students, lieutenants, captains and advisory sections for selling the most bonds. When sale ended, Nov. 2, the students had made \$1,138 in the sale.

From The Reagan Statesman, John H. Reagan high school, Houston: The Reagan band is trying to raise \$2,000 to buy new instruments. Richard Musgrove, band member, presented an idea to Charles Lindsay, band director. Ribbons are printed before each football game, changing the slogan each week on the ribbons; these are sold to the students. Before Reagan played Stephen F. Austin Mustangs, slogans on ribbons were: "Maul the Mustangs." There were 500 "Crush Conroe" ribbons which were printed and distributed by band members. These were sold at a profit of about \$18.00 to the band. Students wear the ribbons to the game, and they prove a nice souvenir of the game.

GIRLS' PEP-SQUADS

Principal Says Dallas Schools Restored Organizations

(By W. T. White, Principal Sunset High School, Dallas)

I WAS interested in your article, "Pep Squads Are Abolished in Some of Large Schools." In the article it was stated that the Dallas high schools had no pep squads. That was true until a few years ago; however, for the past three years all the Dallas high schools have had pep squads. We find them to be an asset to the student body and to the morale of our games.

They do not constitute a cheering section, but are only a small part of it. Our cheering sections sometimes consist of eight to ten thousand people; however, the chief function of the pep squad is to perform some entertaining stunt between halves.

The girls do not suffer any inconvenience or exploitation as a result of their activities in the pep squad, but instead enjoy participating, and add to the spectacle of football. I am for a pep squad.

Lockney Debate Squad

Usual interest is being shown in the High School debate club which was recently organized, with G. D. Tate as director. Twelve students reported at the club's first meeting. Members of the debate club are Robert W. McCollum, Carl Nall, Bill Tueton, Kenton Davis, Udell Cunningham, Sally Myrtle Bobbitt, Juanita Trua, Bernadean Bennett, Lena Faye Wofford, Christene Seaman and Lawrence Hohlaus.—Lockney Beacon.



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PHRASE, "going to the bat," is current in the "American language" for which there seems to be no equivalent in English.

MEMBERSHIPS in the League are clipping along just a "nose" ahead of what they were on a similar date last year.

DEBATERS should not overlook the kind offer of Geo. H. Sheppard, Comptroller of Public Accounts, to send free on request a 23-page summary of receipts and disbursements of state funds for 1938.

AN IRATE principal began a letter to the state office last week with the assertion that the publishing of a notice in the Constitution and Rules to the effect that the rules for the grammar grade division in choral singing had been issued in circular form and would be sent free on request is "the greatest piece of assninity that I have ever witnessed."

IT WOULD be a pity to repeat the mistakes that we made when science was first brought into the schools: the educators either did not take interest into account or else misunderstood it, so that, basing their method on a mixture of tradition and wrong theory, they made science more arid than any genealogy of Hebrew kings.

CAN THE debate and extemporaneous speech contests be correlated in subject matter? Mr. T. A. Rousseau, debate coach in the University, is of the opinion that they can.

BASKETBALL "reminders" are being mailed out as this issue goes to press. Every effort is being made to secure the registration of all rural schools expecting to participate in League basketball, and to get all high school basketball fees in before the closing date.

SIX-MAN football seems to have made good progress this season. In this issue and in January's the reader will find an account of the experiment in two widely separated districts. It seems to meet the demands of a fall sport for the small school quite adequately.

THE SPEECH institute at the College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville, was largely attended by speech teachers in that section of the state.

THERE HAVE been few suggestions relative to extemporaneous speech topics this year. Whether this is due to an unusually attractive list of topics so far published or to general lack of interest in the contest itself, we cannot say.

STORYTELLING for tiny tots is getting on the air now through the Texas State Network sponsored by the electric companies of Texas.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

CLOSING DATES
January 15: Last day for paying membership and basketball fees.

Picture Memory Bulletin
Bulletin 3536 is the bulletin for use in picture appreciation during the current school year.

Art. VIII, Sec. 13
Excerpt from Minutes of State Executive Committee meeting December 7, 1938: "The following amended interpretation of Article VIII, Section 13, was read, discussed and adopted, effective in 1939-1940:

The Sales Tax in General: For and Against
Characteristics of the Sales Tax
Administration Problems and Difficulties
Incidence of the Sales Tax
Effect of the Sales Tax on the Consumer, Business Conditions, etc.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS
The answers in this column are in no sense official interpretations.

Question: Does the new ruling concerning the counting of the age of a boy to determine his eligibility for football become effective for the coming football season of 1939?

Answer: Beginning with the school term of 1940-41 the League will abolish Sections 7 and 17 of Article VIII, and Section 1 will read as follows:

Question: Our district, Childress, does not have a checker on time and content while the dictation is in progress. Can this be required?

READY WRITERS
Sponsor Suggests Leaguer Discussion of This Activity

EVERY month of the year I search the INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUER for just one item on the Ready Writers Contest.

I have the direction of the Abilene High School essayists. We are planning a small tournament on December 17.



HIGH school papers are more and more becoming an essential part of the high schools of Texas.

Congratulations
El NOPAL, paper of Sidney-Lanier school in San Antonio, is now published twice a month instead of once a month as has been the policy.

Trade Journal
Willard Fonarow, vice president of the I.L.P.C. and editor of The Technician, paper of San Antonio Vocational and Technical School, writes: "This year, since the union printers group in our city has reached a decision not allowing the printing of the school papers in our print shop, we have decided to publish a Trade Journal, a picture magazine combining the information of a newspaper and the features of a yearbook.

Picture Supplement
Enclosed with the issue of Nov. 14 of The Davis Dispatch, paper of Jefferson Davis High School in Houston, was a pictorial supplement called "School Life in Houston, Texas."

Newspaper Poster
The Sunset Stampede, published by Sunset High School in Dallas, used a story about Arthur Elder, journalism student, who, with the help of the Dallas Morning News staff, made a poster of the step-by-step process in the production of a newspaper.

Question: What is the ruling on unusually loud bells in typewriting contests—can they be prohibited? Is there any rule against contestants who have won cash or other prizes?

Good Idea
The La Vega Press, mimeographed paper of La Vega High School in Waco, suggests that the students make their own yearbooks by buying sixteen issues of the paper and having these issues bound next May.

On certain Fridays when The Parrot, Marshall High School paper, was not published, the staff distributed a one-page mimeographed paper to the students. The page, set in newspaper form, contained the line-up for the game of the day, and stories about the two teams. This paper was distributed free of charge.

The Sandstorm, paper of Amarillo High School, each week published a short item called "Coming Events" at the bottom of page one in the right hand column.

presenting to its readers articles about different phases of school life. One issue gave the history of the Aegis, while another, a story on the history of Sam Houston High School.

On Oct. 21, The Bear Facts, paper of Gladewater High School, published a football edition, with emphasis on the Tyler-Gladewater game. Pictures of the coach and members of the team were used, as well as features and news stories about sports events.

Safety Issue
The El Paso High School paper, El Paso High Tatler, on Nov. 9 dedicated an issue to safety. This represented the combined efforts of faculty, student body and Tatler staff in assembling material on safety instruction.

West Texas Meet
The Yellow Jacket, Kermit High School paper, reports that approximately 200 edition staff members and sponsors of school newspapers and yearbooks attended the West Texas Scholastic Press Clinic held in Lubbock.

Several papers have not, as yet, enrolled in the I.L.P.C. Let's try to return these enrollment blanks before the Christmas holidays!

It's Getting Time to Find A Debate Topic for 39-40

JOE M. RAY, of the Department of Government, North Texas State Teachers College, writes the Leaguer as follows concerning the choice of a debate topic for 1939-40:

- 1. Limiting Judicial Review of Legislation
2. Socialized Medicine
3. Government Ownership and Operation of Railroads
4. A Short Ballot for Executive Officials in Texas
5. Government Ownership of Electric Utilities

"I think some of the topics you sent me are excellent. My preferences in order are as follows:
1. Limiting Judicial Review of Legislation
2. Socialized Medicine
3. Government Ownership and Operation of Railroads
4. A Short Ballot for Executive Officials in Texas
5. Government Ownership of Electric Utilities

TWO POINTS OF VIEW

What justly rankles the feeling of school men most is not so much what the Interscholastic does as the manner in which it does it.

No changes are seen in district 40-B, either, except elevation to class A. Such a setup as advocated by Rodney J. Kidd, athletic director of the Texas Interscholastic League, for 1939 is practically the same that has been suggested by scribblers and sports leaders for a dozen years.

The School Chorus
II. THE RHYTHMIC FLOW OF SONG
J. Clark Rhodes, North Texas Agricultural College

THE production of beautiful tone quality in music has developed with civilization. The first music, if it can be called that, had no musical tone at all. It was merely rhythm, movement, but it satisfied the savage man.

Regularity

The short, simple songs used in the school choruses should move with regularity. The longer, complicated song forms used by advanced choruses and soloists was many variations of tempo and rhythm pattern because they use many ideas.

Phrases must be sung through on one breath. Little needs to be done with children in the way of breathing technique if they are required to stand and sit correctly and sing phrases through to the end.

Accent

There is an accent in music which must be observed. Except in unusual cases when accent marks are used the natural accent falls at the first of every measure.

The problems of diction interfere most of all with the natural flow of song. This subject requires so much detailed treatment, the next article will be devoted entirely to it.

PRECISELY how valuable a writer's judgment is on a question connected with his own work is a matter open to dispute. But it may be remembered that Dickens thought "David Copperfield" the best of his books, and posterity has not contradicted him; that Conrad had a very kindly feeling for "Lord Jim" which public opinion does not regard as unjustified; and that Scott's special affection for "The Antiquary" is shared by many a discerning reader.

SOME flowers do not have the same odor at all hours. The variation in their scent, caused by metabolic changes, is exemplified by the orchid, which may smell of heliotrope in the morning, carnation during the day, and lilac at night.

