



LETTER BOX and PERSONAL ITEMS

ACCOUNTING, in part, for superior passing among Southwest Conference football teams, L. R. (Dutch) Meyer, Coach, T.C.U., says in a recent issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*: "We do hear of and constantly see promising young passers in action. They compete in games of Texas' fine interscholastic league, probably the world's largest football association and a whole story in itself. We get to see these lads under pressure, for our high school games throw the ball around about as much as the larger outfits."

Nature Clubs Should Protect Roadrunner, Secretary Says

(By Jerry E. Stillwell, Secretary Texas Nature Federation)

THE roadrunners rapidly are being reduced in number throughout the entire State of Texas, and an unfounded prejudice is one of the causes. It is claimed by some that the roadrunner destroys the eggs of quail and that may be true to a limited degree, although there is little direct evidence to this effect and recent research by the Texas State Game Department indicates but little damage to quail by roadrunners.

It is known that in some localities the year-round food of the roadrunners consists of about 2 per cent of birds' eggs; whether or not this consists solely of quail eggs, is not shown. If we grant that 2 per cent of the roadrunner's food consists of quail eggs this would make the roadrunner a direct although minor competitor of the hunters. In past years, before the advent of the white man, roadrunners and quails existed together in Texas in far greater numbers than occur today; the moral should be obvious. In view of the diminishing numbers of roadrunners in many parts of Texas, it is highly improbable that the actual damage to quail from this source is worthy of serious consideration. To offset this possible damage, it is known that the roadrunner destroys large quantities of such injurious insects as grasshoppers and that he also destroys mice whose damage to farming interests is well known. The roadrunner has a definite economic value to the State of Texas as a whole, which can hardly be evaluated in dollars and cents; it is a remnant of the fast diminishing frontier of wildlife which attracts tourists; it is one of the most picturesque birds of the State, and its character and individuality are deeply rooted in the legends and traditions that link Texas of the past with the Texas of the present. It would be a tragedy indeed to see it pass into the oblivion that now enshrouds the longhorn. Steps should be taken to insure the preservation of the roadrunner by placing it on the protected list.

PERSONNEL CONFERENCE

DEAN W. R. WOOLRICH, of the School of Engineering, The University of Texas, announces that a Personnel Conference will be held at the University, November 24 and 25. The purpose of the Conference is to bring together employers (including personnel officials) in Texas industries, businesses, and governmental agencies, faculty members, and others, to discuss the continuing and changing features involved in employer-employee relations. It will give opportunity for those engaged in managing men and those researching in the field of personnel to compare their findings and experience. While any employment problem will be appropriate for consideration, the conference members will probably have a particular interest in the exchange of ideas as to what the colleges offer in the way of potential employees, and as to what industry and business want in the personnel to be recruited from colleges and universities.

Yarrellton "Interscholastic League Club"



THIS Interscholastic League Club takes in practically the whole school. There's a League activity for every pupil and a pupil for every activity. By careful planning, the preparation for League participation consumes a minimum of school time, and each pupil is made to feel that he is doing something for the school.

Yarrellton won the all-round rural championship in Milam County last year with a total of 101 points distributed among the following pupils and contests:

Top row, left to right: Alene Griswold, Jr., Declamation, Volleyball, Choral Singing (Dir.); Mae Ola Griffin, Singing; Edrie Fuller, Singing, Volleyball; Dorris Gibbs, Singing, Volleyball; Dan Reat, Jr., Declamation, Singing, Spelling, Tennis, Baseball; Kathryn Barret, Singing, Volleyball; Grover D. Reat, Jr., Declamation (Regional winner), Essay, Tennis, Baseball; Hubert Matthews, Rural Pentathlon; Doris Lee Pagel, Singing, Volleyball, Tennis; Nadine Wallace, Volleyball; George Ward, Tennis, Baseball; Marion Ford, Music Memory, Singing; Margie Varner, Arithmetic, Spelling, Singing; Marvin Griffin, Rural Pentathlon; Jo Ann Britton, Three-R (District winner), Singing; Ethel Olejnik, Picture Memory; Oletta Hopper, Music Memory, Singing; Tyler Lee Griffin, Declamation, Singing.

Bottom row, left to right: Harold Gibbs, Singing; Clarince Hopper, Singing; Herman Nathan Lott, Baseball; Henry Olejnik, Arithmetic (highest grade in county); Paul Fuller, Singing, Baseball; Doris Nell Jungman, Singing.

EXTEMPO CHANGES BRING CRITICISM

Opinion Expressed That Change From News Topics Is "Step Backward"

HERE are several vigorous protests and one "congratulation" on the change in Extempore Speech subject from news (foreign, national, and state) to Socialized Medicine. Most news is now war news, and some observers are cynical enough to say that there is no news, only propaganda. However that may be, there was an almost universal lament last year and the years before on the difficulty of the news assignments, and curiously enough, there was more complaint about State news than about national or foreign news.

The change is experimental, and the LEAGUER will welcome comments on whether or not it is proving to be a good thing.

J. Rayford Holcomb, Reagan Senior High School, Houston, writes, in part:

"It was not until today that I was able to secure a copy of the 'Constitution and Rules' of the Interscholastic League. I was surprised that the League should take such a backward step in the extempore speech contest. The value of the contest has been definitely limited by limiting it to one subject; namely that of 'Socialized Medicine.'"

"The contest will no longer have the educational value that it once had. One of the principal objects of the contest has been to aid the student in the acquisition of knowledge of world affairs and current

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Teachers' College Sponsors Junior College Speech Meet

THE Texas Lambda Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, Southwest Texas State Teachers College, has invited over one hundred junior colleges, senior colleges, and universities in the Southwest to participate in the Third Annual Intercollegiate Forensic Institute of the Teachers College at San Marcos on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9, 1939.

The Institute will feature a round-robin practice debate tournament in which each team entered can debate six teams from other institutions of higher learning. Each school entered will furnish one competent critic who will analyze the work of each participant at the close of each debate. All written criticism and the ratings of each debater will be available to the directors of teams after the debates. Decisions will not be a feature of the Institute. The proposition for debate will be the official Pi Kappa Delta question for 1939-1940: "Resolved, That the United States should follow a policy of strict military and economic isolation toward all nations outside the Western Hemisphere engaged in international and civil conflict."

The Institute will also feature extempore speaking, original oratory, and oral interpretation of poetry. Separate divisions in each event will be provided for men and for women. Critic judges will be provided for the contest in extempore speaking, original oratory, and oral interpretation of poetry.

All inquiries concerning the Institute should be addressed to Dr.

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Veteran Coach Briefs Case for Baseball As Scholastic Sport

(By C. C. "Bobby" Cannon, Athletic Director, Edinburg Schools)

ONE hundred years ago the great American Game, Baseball, came into existence. The widespread interest in the many celebrations commemorating that event plus the fact some seventy-five millions (estimated) of Americans listened in on the recent World Series between the Yankees and the Reds gives ample proof that Baseball is still America's number one game.

With such nationwide interest and enthusiasm displayed in baseball, I am taking the liberty to write to you, giving some of the

important reasons why I have always had baseball in my athletic program. By publishing same in the LEAGUER, you will bring to the attention of our many fine superintendents, principals, and coaches the real value of baseball in the schools.

Eighteen years of continuous coaching of baseball, basketball, and football, has indelibly fixed in my mind the following points about baseball:

1. Requires higher degree of brain work and quicker thinking than any other sport.
2. Teaches both individual and team play.
3. Demands a cool head and clear thinking under all kinds of trying conditions.

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HAYS COUNTY MEET

Chamber of Commerce Buys Cups and Medals for Winners

SETH KORNEGAY, Manager of the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, includes the following item in his yearly report:

"San Marcos, having definitely established itself as an educational center, it would be impossible and impractical for the Chamber of Commerce to overlook the importance and commercial value of its students. This year, as has been the custom in the past, the Chamber of Commerce cooperated with the Southwest Texas State Teachers College in sponsoring the annual Hays County Interscholastic Meet and gave awards of cups, medals, and ribbons. Many occasions arise in which the Chamber of Commerce has the opportunity to cooperate with and assist the city schools, the Academy and the College and it is always glad to do so."

Pep-Squad Raises Questions In Physical Education Field

SIX DIFFICULTIES ARE ENUMERATED

Physical Education Values Often Lost in Glamor of a Costly Show

(By Gertrude X. Mooney, Instructor in Physical Education, The University of Texas)

THE educational worth of any extracurricular activity can be judged not upon its existence or nonexistence, but upon the manner in which it functions. It is not only possible, but in a few instances it is actually true, that a pep squad might serve as an extracurricular activity which could correlate with the program of health and physical education in achieving the objectives of education.

However, since it is the assignment of this author to enumerate difficulties which a pep squad can

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BWARE, COACHES, BWARE!

The last several months a person has been guilty of passing a number of hot checks to the coaches of the state. This person has represented himself as a salesman of a sporting goods firm. School officials and coaches are warned not to cash checks for such individuals unless they are properly identified.

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ATHLETIC INJURY STUDY UNDER WAY

Statewide Survey Now Being Made Will Serve Variety of Purposes

(By R. J. Kidd)

THE topic of athletic insurance is becoming more important with each season of participation. For the first time the school men of Texas are making a statewide study of this problem. The League was requested to prepare and send to the schools a football injury blank on which each school could make weekly reports on all injuries that occurred during the season.

Using the Data

The data from the injury reports are to be used in a number of ways:

- (1) To determine the number of injuries per 1,000 boys.
- (2) To determine the type and nature of injuries.
- (3) To determine whether equipment, weather, number of minutes in game, position on field, and activity engaged in when accident occurred are factors in reducing the number of athletic injuries.
- (4) To make coaches and school officials "injury conscious" for educational reasons.
- (5) To study the safety factors in relation to maturity.
- (6) To study accidents by the week to determine relationship between length of training and accident frequency.

After a careful analysis of the information gathered from the injury reports, the Committee intends to offer some suggestions for a statewide plan of athletic insurance. The statistical accident analysis should provide a basis for a program of safety in athletics. It was by this method that the Wisconsin High School Athletic Association reduced athletic injuries from 90 to 40 per 1,000.

18 States Have It

Eighteen states have adopted some type of athletic accident benefit. Some states have insured the contestants with reliable commercial insurance companies while others have formed a statewide mutual benefit association for the purpose of carrying their own protection. The problem of athletic insurance is now before the school men of Texas for their consideration.

Balanced Program is Aim of Commerce High School

MANY schools boast of famous football squads, track teams, or basketball aggregations. Commerce High School has reasons to be proud of its athletic record, but can equally sing praises of praise for its literary accomplishments.

In Interscholastic League work, Commerce High School is always represented in spelling, declamation, debate, essay writing, typing, one-act plays, and extemporaneous speech. Other special contests entered are State Homemaking Meets and State Press Meets.

Each year a creditable record has been made, but 1938-39 placed six additional loving cups in our cabinets. Many second and third places were also received. Approximately 150 high-school students participate in the literary events at high school each year. A distinctive phase of extracurricular activities in Commerce High School is the dramatic activities. The two most outstanding dramatic features are the one-act play contests for the Interscholastic League and the senior play.

For the past three years the average number of high-school boys and girls participating in one-act plays has been about thirty. These students are trained in voice quality, posture, poise, and interpretation.

—Commerce Journal.

PRINCIPAL POINTS FOOTBALL ABUSES

Not Game, But Exploitation and Commercialization, at Fault, Says

(By W. E. Chalmers, Principal, Gainesville High School)

FRANKLY, football in many high schools is defeating its own purposes—wholesome physical training, clean sport, and enrichment of the school program.

The tendency is to select from the high-school boys the choicest in physique and health and, then, place these few under a high pressure coach for intensive practice and drill. In many instances, these boys come out of football injured for life—injured hearts, broken bones, shattered teeth, knocked-down shoulders, sprained ankles and knees, sprained backs, mashed and broken noses, besides numerous internal masses, bruises and tears difficult to diagnose.

Emotional Stress

All this does not include the terrific emotional stress, strain and shock upon adolescent boyhood due to playing high pressure games before great tense crowds, and last but not least, that final, despondent, lonesome, forgotten, let-down feeling experienced by so many following the high-school football career when rabid fans and gambling boosters quickly forget the

"We think this overdrawn. The League is now receiving injury-reports, and it is rather surprising to note the low percentage of injuries computed on basis of number participating.—Editor.

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GUEST SPEAKER AT LEAGUE BREAKFAST

Has Had Wide Experience in Athletics and in Recreational Field

THE guest speaker at the Interscholastic League Breakfast and Section Meeting, G. Ott Romney, has had a long and successful career as a high school and college coach, as an administrator, as a director of recreational



G. Ott Romney

work, and as a director of physical education.

He has been in touch with high school and college athletics in all sections of the country. He spent his undergraduate days in the Rocky Mountain states, Utah and Montana. He was then a graduate student in his chosen field in Harvard, and later in the University of Illinois. As Director of Recreation, WPA, in Southern California, he came in touch with athletics and recreational activities on the West Coast.

He has even gotten the newspaper side of athletic and recreational work by serving as Sports Editor of the Salt Lake Tribune for a number of years.

Mr. Romney's rich experience as high school and college coach, as director of athletics in colleges and universities, as director of physical education, and finally, as National Director of Recreation, Works Progress Administration, peculiarly fits him for offering the League meeting inspiration and valuable counsel.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Bexar County Teachers Discuss Interscholastic League Work

At a recent meeting of the Bexar County Teachers Association Ed. E. Wyatt conducted a panel discussion of Interscholastic League. The following individuals participated in the discussion: William F. Crozier, T. W. Nance, A. C. Lehne, Anne Akin, Herbert Seller, John Clawson, Mrs. Geneva Foster, Mrs. C. B. Chandler, Mrs. Elsie Sommers, Henry Metzger, Mrs. Bessie May West, Kenneth Kidwell, Miss Inez Hunt, Mrs. Pearl Gravis and W. B. Cornell.

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Argues Against Doubling Representation in Debate

(By Chase S. Winfrey, Director of Speech, Austin Senior High School, Austin, Texas)

(Editor's Note.—The LEAGUER has several times contained the suggestion that each school participating in debate be required to enter both a "negative" and an "affirmative" team. It is against this suggestion that Mr. Winfrey directs his guns. His first article appeared in the September issue, next in October issue. The present article concludes the series.)

AGAIN, it is impossible to avoid the point that each time we broaden the point of winning we lessen the incentive to those involved. Surely, a team of girls would prefer to be the best girls' team in the State, than to be the best affirmative or negative team.

Then, too, in this broadening process in the Interscholastic League—would the advocates of more teams be satisfied with four teams, or would they then wish eight, and then twelve? Is the League to set out to keep pace with the growing needs of competition for the individual directors, or is it to serve as the clearing house for superior speakers?

Debate Judges

Some may say at this point that this is one of the faults of the system today—that the superior speakers do not always get

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COUNTY MEETS ON SEASONAL BASIS

Several Counties Experimenting With "Optional Plan" Offered This Year

(By R. J. Kidd)

In making preparations for League contests for the current year, the County Directors should consider carefully the "optional plan" as outlined on page 116 of the Constitution and Rules. Several counties have adopted the plan and are organizing the activities on a seasonal basis.

The aims of the plan are:

1. To provide a better balanced year-round inter-school activity program by arranging contests on a seasonal basis.
2. To distribute the contests on a seasonal basis in order to reduce the number of activities at the spring meet.
3. To provide an inter-school activity program after the county meet.
4. By distributing activities on a seasonal basis, the teacher will have an opportunity to emphasize the educational value of contests to both pupils and community. The contests can be correlated with the regular school program and be an outcome of the regular activities of the school.
5. By distributing activities it is obvious that it will release the teacher-sponsor of the responsibility of directing several activities during the same season.
6. To minimize the excessive competitive drive, in that the whole activity program is not confined to a one or two-day meet.

The League considers the "play life" of the child as an educative

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BASKETBALL NOTICE

In the past, basketball eligibility reports have been filed in the State Office at the close of the season rather than at the beginning of it. The 1938 State Meeting of Delegates requested that the State Office call for the basketball eligibility blanks at the beginning of the season. Rule 12 of League basketball rules provides that no team should be permitted to participate in League basketball play-offs until the eligibility blanks have been properly filed with the appropriate director.

City and county directors are urged to keep the blanks in permanent files so that in time each unit will have a valuable set of permanent eligibility records.

There are a few other changes in rules that the basketball schools should notice. The following have some changes for the 1939-40 season: Rules 1, 7 and 12. Rule 15 will not become effective until the 1940-41 school term.

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Texas Historical Ass'n Is Organizing Junior Chapters

Project Is Outlined for High Schools Under Expert Direction

PROFESSOR Walter Prescott Webb, secretary of the Texas State Historical Association, has announced a plan adopted by this organization calculated to promote an interest in Texas history in every corner of the State. This plan is to organize the Junior Texas State Historical Association with a chapter in every affiliated high school that desires to cooperate in this work.

How to Form a Chapter

In order to form a chapter at least ten members must be secured and in addition one sponsor within the school system and a lay sponsor in the community. The latter will act as advisor to the young historians in their search in the community for historical information. Both the school spon-

sor and the lay sponsor must be members of the Texas State Historical Association.

It is desired that as many members as possible be descendants of people who have resided in Texas for a number of years.

Upon completion of the local organization the Texas State Historical Association will issue a charter converting the local club into a chapter of the Junior Texas State Historical Association which will be affiliated with the statewide parent organization.

Local History

The function of the local chapter will be to delve into the history and tradition of the community and into the history of Texas as a whole. Members will be encouraged to bring into the high school documents, diaries, reminiscences and other items of local interest.

Each chapter will have the privilege of sending a delegate to the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association in Austin which is usually held in April. These junior historians will have a program of their own in which



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ATTENTION is directed to an article in this issue of the LEAGUER describing the proposal by Dr. Walter P. Webb to organize Junior State Historical Association chapters in high schools for the purpose of studying and preserving local history in the respective centers. This is an excellent opportunity for organizing an extracurricular activity with a definite and worthy purpose under expert guidance.

PLEASE for baseball is presented in another column of this issue by an athletic director who has had conspicuous success not only in coaching major sports but in organizing and directing the physical education program for one of our most progressive school systems.

THE Kansas State High School Activities Association, acting through its Delegates Assembly last month, adopted a measure designed to prohibit member-schools from participation in national and interstate music meets.

DR. ANNE SCHLEY DUGAN, director of physical education in the Texas State College for Women, believes in preserving Texas pioneer sports and pastimes, wherever it may be done conveniently in the health and physical education program, which, of course, is her main concern.

THE annual Corn Huskers' Bee, sponsored by the Department of Health and Physical Education at The Texas State College for Women, will be held on Halloween in the college gymnasium. The evening's activities include simple play-party games and country-dances.

INJURIES in athletic sports, and even fatalities, cannot be avoided, but the percentage to the number of participants may be reduced. An athletic game in which there are no hazards simply does not exist, and if it did exist, it should be abolished.

be maimed and killed, he preferred to have them maimed and killed in battle. Legislative bodies in this country have often discussed the suppression of football on the ground that it is too hazardous for our youth to engage in.

"The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time." We have often wished for a bad memory while associating with persons who, due to bad memory, repeat their jokes.

PROGRAM For the Auditorium Section Texas State Teachers Association

- Chairman: Winnie Mae Crawford, Texas State College for Women, Denton.
Place: First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, Texas.
Time: Friday, December 1, 1939, 9:30 A.M.
Address: "Speech Training in the Auditorium Hour," Dr. Andrew Weaver, University of Wisconsin (30 minutes).

PROGRAM Texas Health and Physical Education Association

Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas December 1, 1939

- MORNING SESSION Theme: "The Integrated Curriculum—Its Meaning and Function"
8:00-9:00—Registration.
9:00-9:15—Introduction, Dr. Anne Schley Dugan, President.
9:15-9:30—"Integration as an Educational Concept," Dr. J. G. Umstadt, Chairman, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
9:30-9:50—"Health Instruction as a Component of the Integrated Curriculum," Miss Jeannie M. Pinckney, Director, Nutrition and Health Education, Department of the Division of Extension, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

AFTERNOON SESSION

- The afternoon session is to be devoted to sectional meetings presided over by co-chairmen who are outstanding men and women in the respective levels and phases of the health, physical education, and recreation program.
2:15-3:30—Section I. Elementary Schools. Co-chairmen: Miss Frances R. Wayman, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education in the Fort Worth Public Schools, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. J. N. Routh, Principal of the Elementary Schools, Big Spring, Texas.
Section II. Junior and Senior High Schools. Co-chairmen: Miss Virginia Clampton, Houston Public Schools, Houston, Texas. Mr. Howard Duck, Port Arthur Public Schools, Port Arthur, Texas.
Section III. College Men and Women. Co-chairmen: Miss Ruth Cross, West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Texas. Mr. W. L. Penberthy, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station, Texas.



Basketball The University Interscholastic League will use the same type of basketball in the State High School Basketball Tournament as has been used in the past.

One-Act Play Prescribed List The plays Daven, Long Distance, and All's Fair have been removed from the list of prescribed plays by the Director of Speech Activities.

Class AA Football Radio Plan Adopted The State Meeting of Delegates on May 6, 1939, authorized the appointment of a radio committee for the purpose of studying the broadcasting of Conference AA quarter-final, semi-final, and final state championship football games.

Suspensions The State Meeting of Delegates on May 6, 1939, authorized the suspension of the following schools for violations of the rules of the Interscholastic League: 1. Wingate High School, 1939 season, football.

Rule Changes On page 8 of the new Constitution and Rules (revised for 1939-40) contests are listed in various rules. The following changes, however, were omitted from this list and should be noted.

Rule 23 of Football Plan In title of this rule read "Conference AA" instead of "Conference A."

Prescribed List of Plays One-Act Play rules this year limit contest selections to a prescribed list. A copy of this list is sent to any school free on request.

County Meet Constitution and Rules (revised for 1939-40) contests are listed in various rules. The following changes, however, were omitted from this list and should be noted.

Picture Appreciation In California during the past seven years of state supervision of school bus operation, not one child has been killed in bus accidents.



ART-CONSCIOUS AMERICA (By Florence Lowe Phillips)

AMERICA is thinking in terms of art. Many fields of endeavor show evidence of awakened interest in beauty. No longer satisfied with clumsy and crude methods of meeting the needs of everyday living, American people have achieved a formerly undreamed of success in relating art to life.

Inspiration of Art Not many years ago it was customary to find the great museums of our county patronized mainly by people of foreign birth.

The business and professional man, the laborer, the housewife and others are finding in art a common meeting place and a happy relaxation from which they gain new strength and inspiration.

Art as Expression No longer is the layman's interest in art limited to the field of information or appreciation. Everywhere people experience a growing interest in producing things of beauty for their own satisfaction.

Even though products may have little artistic or commercial value, the experience of attempting such expression adds much to the individual's power of appreciation.

The University Interscholastic League will use the same type of basketball in the State High School Basketball Tournament as has been used in the past.

In training the child in the field of art appreciation it is highly important that opportunity for expression should be provided. Mere information given in the form of discussion will not suffice.

While pictures are probably the most vital and easily obtained source of material for study, it must be remembered that the field of art appreciation is by no means limited to such material. Through them we should become more sensitive to beauty wherever we find it.



FIVE more opportunities for Texas high school journalists to win honors for themselves now are opened as a result of a recent announcement of the Texas Safety Association.

The I.L.P.C. has consented to encourage its member papers to participate in these contests for two reasons: First, we believe that the project of highway safety is a vital public problem, worthy of support by high school papers.

information concerning the contests, write to the Texas Safety Association, Brown Building, Austin. You might also ask for a packet of safety information.

Three important people connected with the I.L.P.C. should be introduced to you at this time. They are Gordon Griffin of McAllen High School, president; Iris Alsop of San Jacinto High, Houston, vice-president; and Richard Pryor, Austin High School, secretary.

Miss Roma Ann Scott, journalism teacher at Victoria High School last year, has moved up to the position of journalism teacher at Reagan High School, Houston.

One criticism that has been made of many school papers is that they emphasize extracurricular activities and ignore curricular activities. To offset such a situation, one Texas school paper has set out on a campaign of publicizing in an interesting way the routine class work in such traditional subjects as Latin, English, Math, and others.

For example, to illustrate Latin class work in an interesting way, the staff prepared three pictures to demonstrate three values to be gained from taking Latin. The first showed two Latin students standing by a blackboard chart containing a list of all the modern languages that have branched out from Latin.

Maybe, if we tried hard, we could discover a number of original ways of dramatizing the important but routine activities of our schools.

Congratulations are in order for the staff of the Jefferson Declaration of San Antonio. The Declaration was awarded the International Honor Rating by Quill and Scroll, the highest rating, scoring 915 out of a possible 1000 points.

In Denton Dr. Frank L. McDonald is hard at work on the affairs of the Texas High School

Press Association, sister organization to the I.L.P.C. If your paper has not been enrolled in that association, as well as our own, we urge you to send an application for enrollment to Dr. McDonald, Texas State College for Women, Denton. We feel sure that you will have a big time at their fall convention.

County Organizations

COUNTY organizations received since the last issue of the LEAGUER are recorded below. At the close of the list will be found the names of the counties reported in the last issue.

"Early birds" among county organizations are doing the thing right. The time to start planning a county meet is early in the fall, and the first step in this process is to elect a county committee. The next thing to do is to report the names and addresses of the officers to the LEAGUER for publication.

Of course the list should be furnished also to the local press as further notice. Moreover, when your county officers are on file in the State Office, each individual is placed on the League mailing list to receive all important announcements affecting the county meet.

Director General, R. E. Sandlin, Archer City; Debate, W. S. Thomas, Holiday; Declamation, Ruby Lee Stockard, Holiday; Extemporaneous Speech, Thompson, Meagel; Spelling, Ida Hawkins, Archer City; Ready Writers, Carrie Coffin, Holiday; Athletics, J. G. Barnett, Archer City; Music Memory, Mrs. C. C. Hooper, Archer City; Choral Singing, G. O. Slaughter, Archer City; Picture Memory, Mrs. E. W. Cullers, Meagel; Number Sense, J. D. Riddle, Holiday; One-Act Play, Mary Sue, Archer City; Typewriting, Mrs. Mary Sapp, Archer City; Story-Telling, Ina Waddell, Holiday; Rhythm Band, Francis Douglas, Holiday.

Director General, A. A. Daniel, Dundee; Debate, Mrs. J. D. Brown, Rt. 1, Electra; Declamation, Robt. H. Copeland, Olney; Extemporaneous Speech, Mrs. E. E. Knox, Rt. 1, Olney; Spelling, Mrs. Robt. H. Copeland, Olney; Ready Writers, Sister M. Keltie, Scotland, Scotland; Athletics, P. M. Boswell, Olney; Music Memory, Vera Packer, Olney; Picture Memory, Mrs. R. C. Antelope, Dundee; Three-Rs, C. E. Johnson, Mankin; Arithmetic, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Mankin; Choral Singing, Mrs. Elmo Vickers, Pleasanton; Story-Telling, Mrs. Elmo Vickers, Pleasanton; Picture Memory, Mrs. Elmo Vickers, Pleasanton.

Director General, Lamar Baker, Sealy; Debate, E. L. Peterson, Wallis; Declamation, Gladys Brummett, Sealy; Extemporaneous Speech, Margaret Frisvay, Bellville; Spelling, Mrs. Max Mersman, Peters; Ready Writers, Pamela Smith, Sealy; Athletics, Paul Pearson, Bellville; Music Memory, Mrs. Louise Macheheli, Bellville; Picture Memory, Mrs. W. Hill, Bellville; Three-Rs, Mrs. Reese Willrodt, Bellville; Typewriting, W. J. Wastley, Wallis; Story-Telling, Elsie Leisler, Bellville; Story-Telling, Edith Dodge, Sealy; Choral Singing, Elizabeth Bellville; Arithmetic, Mrs. Chas. Hammond, Wallis.

Director General, M. W. McConnell, Circleback; Debate, C. J. Sone, Muleshoe; Declamation, C. D. Davis, Johnson City; Extemporaneous Speech, M. L. Littlefield, Extemporaneous Speech, M. L. Gunter, Rt. 1, Muleshoe; Spelling, Miss Ruth Light, St. Rt. 1, Muleshoe; Ready Writers, Mrs. H. C. Robertson, Rt. 2, Muleshoe; Athletics, G. M. Daugherty, Buia; Music Memory, Miss Ida Lou Glaze, St. Rt., Sudan.

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Director General, Geo. L. Taylor, Robert Lee; Debate, Mrs. Lucy K. Warner, Bronte; Declamation, C. B. Underwood, Silver;

PROGRAM of the Twenty-first Annual Interscholastic League Breakfast And Section Meeting Ballroom, Gunter Hotel San Antonio, Texas December 1, 1939—7:30 a.m.

T. H. SHELBY, Dean, Division of Extension, The University of Texas, Presiding B. M. DINSMORE, Electra, Secretary League Section Motto: Educational Use of Interscholastic Contests

- Invocation Introduction of Speaker—E. T. Robbins, Superintendent of Schools, Taylor, Texas. Address—G. Ott Romney, National Director of Recreation, WPA: "Problems in Inter-school Athletics." Discussion Reports: 1. Radio Broadcasting Committee. 2. Athletic Injuries Insurance. M E N U Valley Grapefruit Omelette with Plantation Sausage Cake Crisp Bacon Current Jelly Assorted Toast—Rolls Coffee



WITH this issue we begin a review of titles on the new Prescribed List of One-Act Plays for League tournaments...

Winner of dozens of contests, this fine comedy is deservedly popular. A bride's poor cooking results in the establishment of a bed of petunias. Splendid dialogue.

The Great Delusion—by Elia Peattie. Dram. Publishing Co., Non-roy. 35c, 4m5w. A tragic story of a father who fails to recognize his son, long missing after the war...

Strange Road—by John Houston. Row-Peterson, Roy. \$5. 50c, 1m3w. Reviewed last year, it is worth repeating. A striking story of a woman's love for a man and the fateful interference of the sea...

Farewell Cruel World—by William Kimball. Row-Peterson, Non-roy. 50c, 1m2w. A good farce about 'teen age people who decide to end it all, but don't. Recommended farce.

Gratitude—by George Savage. Row-Peterson, Non-roy. 50c, 5w. A dash of mystery, much comedy along with excellent lines and plenty of action...

Sod—by Stuart Hunter. Northwestern, Roy. \$5. 35c, 2m2w. Tense drama about life on Nebraska prairies. A farmer's wife hopes for better things for Tessie, her daughter...

Drums of Death—by Walter Stone. Ingram, Roy. \$5. 35c, 3m1w. A drama of high rank about African drums and their effect on white people...

Overtones—by Alice Gerstenberg. Longmans, Roy. \$10 and \$5. 4w. Long a favorite for women, this play has been successfully produced scores of times by high school actors...

The Pot-Boiler—by Alice Gerstenberg. Longmans, Roy. \$10, 5m2w. One of Miss Gerstenberg's best plays. A director-playwright shows a neophyte how to "do it."

Mushrooms Coming Up—by Byron Baly. Ivan-Bloom-Hardin, Non-roy. 35c, 6w. On the effect of mushroom-eating by a dog. A very interesting comedy for women which is always fun to watch.

Sham—by Frank Tompkins. Appleton, Roy. \$10. 50c, 3m1w. One of the better satirical farces. A thief undertakes to show a couple why their lives are based on sham.

Two Lamps—by Goodman & Hecht. Appleton, Roy. \$10 and \$5. 7m2w. Particularly timely story of spies during the World War. This is thrilling farce and very dramatic.

Madness in Triple Time—by V. Stonjolsky. Noble & Noble, Non-roy. 2m4w. A farcical farce about triplet girls and their desire to impress a visiting movie director...

Beppo Farrotto—by Ann Cummings. Baker, Non-roy. 30c, 1m2w. A cute little non-royalty play about a whirlwind courtship by a fake Italian.

Good Neighbors—by William J. Farma. Dramatic Play Service, Roy. \$5. 35c, 3m4w. Cleverly written play about how town gossip tries to force a couple into marriage...

Jimmie Takes a Bow—by Mark McMillan. Dram. Play Service, Roy. \$5. 4m2w. A cast of high school juniors are in this unusual comedy. Jimmie becomes the hero of his class...

Small-Town Girl—by Glenn Hughes. Dram. Play Service, Roy. \$5. 35c, 3m3w. This is a dandy play. A girl gets high-hat ideas because she believes a writer is in love with her...

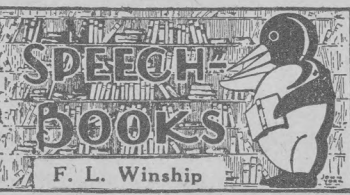
Where the Cross Is Made—by Eugene O'Neill. Dram. Play Service, Roy. \$5. 35c, 6m1w. One of the best known of O'Neill's one-act plays. It deals with an old captain who believes he knows where treasure is buried...

The Bed of Petunias—by Jean Leham. Dram. Publishing Co., Roy. \$10 and \$5. 35c, 2m2w.

Debate Group 1939 State Meet



Back Row (left to right): Barbara Isett, Geraldine Harris, Van High School; Dorothy Huffman, Thelma Thompson, Denison High School; Frances Benson, Marcia Gambrell, Austin High School; Jimmie Peterson, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School; Annette Greenfield, San Jacinto High School (Houston).



Extemporaneous Speech

MANY of the best plays obtainable are to be found in collections and anthologies. For that reason we wish to describe briefly a number of the collections we have on our shelves...

Ten One-Act Plays, by Alice Gerstenberg, contains such popular plays as The Unseen, The Pot-Boiler, Overtones, and Fourteen. Her plays are uniformly well written and are winners of many a contest.

Tested One-Act Plays, by Sams & Carson, is a publication of Noble & Noble. Thirteen non-royalty plays are contained in the volume.

Walter H. Baker Company has published a large number of anthologies and collections. They contain royalty and non-royalty titles and many of them have won important dramatic tournaments.

One-Act Plays for Stage and Study is the title given by Samuel French to its outstanding anthology. A new book comes out each year. There are nine of them at this writing.

The status of health work in Texas. Voluntary health units. The future of the country doctor. The future of the family physician. Compulsory sickness insurance, a state or private problem...

Does the average citizen favor socialized medicine? Are the doctors for socialized medicine? Will socialized medicine work favorably in every state? Will there be national, state or local control of socialized medicine?

Conference Hears Interesting Panel On School Publications

(By Dorothy Wooten Jones, Highland Park High School, Dallas) (Continued from October LEAGUER) THE members of the Saturday morning panel of the Third Annual Extracurricular Conference, dealing with student publications, were George Gentry, H. A. Moore, J. L. Stambaugh, E. T. Robbins, Murry Fly, C. H. Kenley, M. D. Stewart, R. B. Reed, and W. I. Stevenson.

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Financing the Paper Sentiment apparently was in favor of the paper's financing itself, by advertisements or by subscription, the argument being that the students need experience and training in business as well as in writing.

Handbook Growing The handbook is becoming an increasingly important publication in many Texas schools, its chief function being to put in the hands of the students a clear statement of the regulations and traditions of the school.

Orientation of new students offers a basic problem to the home room, and the well constructed handbook offers the best manual. The best handbook, incidentally, is usually the one which receives the least amount of faculty editing.

The handbook offers a problem to the students themselves, and it is the students who, after careful study of books which have proved effective in other schools, should largely produce one for their own school. There are, of course, numerous ways in which the handbook may be used effectively.

The annual next came up for consideration in a pro and con discussion of its vices and virtues. Defendants of the yearbook cited as arguments its sentimental value as a pictorial record of the year at school, its opportunities for training in editing and management, its interest to the community, and its possibilities as a correlating factor.

Should there be increased medical relief facilities for the poor? Socialized medicine: a step toward Communism or toward democracy? Socialized medicine and the doctor-patient relationship.

GETTING MONEY FOR THE ANNUAL

AS NOTED in the previous article,* there were certain methods used to increase circulation which were more prevalent than others. For some schools the sale price of the yearbook was a most important factor.

Reduction for Cash Nineteen schools reported different subscription prices; i.e., having a standard price for those who paid the down payment on their yearbook within a given time limit, while others who bought after the final date were charged fifteen cents to fifty cents more per copy according to the policy of the yearbook staff.

Types of Advertisements The type of advertising which is being used today is different from the type of advertisement which one found in the annuals of five years ago. Many staffs of yearbooks have shown a great deal of originality in getting copy for advertising. Pictures of students and faculty members were used in making up the advertisements.

Advertisements In the schools of this survey, 82.2 per cent of the staffs of the yearbooks sold advertising as a means of helping finance their annuals. There were only sixteen of the schools that did not make use of some form of advertising.

The Speech Arts In Texas Schools

THIS column belongs to the Texas Speech Association for discussion of speech problems and news concerning the Association, its members, or their work.

THE November Thespian, publication of the National Thespian drama honor society for high schools, carries a picture of a scene from Parents and Pigtails, produced by the Senior High School of Lubbock.

The October Quarterly Journal of Speech, published by the National Association of Teachers of Speech, contains an interesting story about the Texas Interscholastic Play Festival held in Waco last spring.

A glance at the productions of high schools as described in the Thespian reveals the high type of work done by these casts. It Can Happen Here at Twin Falls, Idaho; Three Corners Moon at Chester, S.C.; Children of the Moon at Shenandoah, Iowa; You Can't Take It With You at Knoxville, Tenn.; 320 College Avenue at Longview, Texas; Spring Dance, at Brookings, S.D.; Ceiling Zero at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; The Romancers at the Canal Zone; The Family Upstairs at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Interested. In some towns the local newspaper would publish pictures which were similar to those to be used in the yearbook. One newspaper was kind enough to lend the cuts of such pictures to the high school newspaper, thus increasing the publicity for the annual.

Publicity Devices Interesting methods or forms of publicity were employed by the various yearbook staffs. The following types of publicity were used in 1938-1939 by Texas high schools: the school newspaper, posters and placards, pep talks in assembly, programs in assembly, radio skits over the address system, announcements over the school loud speaker, announcements on bulletin board, and candid camera shots.

Besides publicity, other methods which were used to increase the sale of annuals were home-room contests, deferred payments, and sale by personal contact. Many sponsors considered having popular students for salesmen, who made personal contacts, as the most effective method to increase sales.

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We often contradict an opinion when it is really only the tone in which it is expressed that is unsympathetic to us.—Nietzsche.

Debate Suggestions for 1940-41

HERE are some suggestions for 1940-41 debate question, with the name of the person submitting it given in each case:

- Miss Willie Yarborough: Rockwold: Resolved, That Texas should eliminate football in any form from the high-school athletic program. (2) Resolved, That Texas should adopt a uniform twelve-grade system in its public schools. Mrs. R. W. Lewis, Athens: (1) That Texas should adopt a new constitution. (2) State control of public utilities. (3) State conservation of natural resources. Otis L. Hillard, Denison: Resolved, That the Federal Government should adopt a policy of equalizing educational opportunity throughout the Nation by means of annual grants to the several states for public and elementary education. It will be noted that some of our correspondents suggest a subject, and others choose to put the query in debate form.

