

LETTER BOX and PERSONAL ITEMS

New Age-Rule Makes Enforcement Easier

(By Supt. F. L. Mize, Lefors)

IT IS my opinion from my observations this fall that the new regulations governing eligibility in football for the AA schools are working out well.

Evil Practice

On the other hand, I hear a great deal of comment on the alleged practice of "covering up" semesters. If true, this practice must be carried on with the knowledge of the pupil, and is negative character training.

The men I have talked to state that their schools have nothing to gain or lose either way. I know we would lose one man next year if our age-limit should be lowered.

Fan Pressure

The fans in a few towns in our district are putting pressure on school officials to find ways to make boys eligible so long as they are not too old.

El Paso District Adopts Tie-game Rule

(By W. W. Wimberly, Principal, Austin High School, El Paso)

For some time now, District IV has been working on a plan by which district ties might be settled without the usual controversy and hard feelings which ordinarily follow such incidents at the close of the football season.

Wins Third Place in Headline Writing, 1939

CONCERNING the high school record of Dorothy Martin, of Brackenridge High School, San Antonio, winner of third place in the Headline Writing Event of the Journalism Contest at the



Dorothy Martin

1939 State Meet, Lena Mae Elliott, Sponsor of the Times, high school paper, says:

"Dorothy was co-editor of our high school paper, THE TIMES, last year, and she was very successful in that position. The column, 'Covering the Campus,' which she wrote for the paper was selected as the best high school column in Texas in the contest sponsored by SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINE.

Dorothy is now a sophomore in The University of Texas, majoring in Journalism. Her grades as a freshman won her membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary organization.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL

Interscholastic League Breakfast and Section Meeting

FT. WORTH, TEXAS

Texas Hotel in "The Den"

November 22, 1940, 7:30 A.M.

Presiding: Dean T. H. Shelby
Secretary: B. M. Dinsmore, Electra

PROGRAM

Symposium on Speech and Speech Contests
Moderator: Professor Thomas A. Rousseau
The University of Texas

Minutes
Introduction—Summary of Results of Speech Questionnaire, by F. L. Winship, Interscholastic League Director of Speech Activities... Five minutes... 5

RETIRES AFTER 51 YEARS OF SERVICE

Community Pays Tribute to C. H. Hufford, Coleman Superintendent

By Alfred Hinds

AFTER fifty-one years in the public schools of Texas, C. H. Hufford, Superintendent of Schools, Coleman, Texas, resigned on account of failing health.



C. H. Hufford

Hufford built up in the Coleman public schools one of the most thoroughgoing, successful and inclusive programs to be found in the State.

Pioneer Training

Superintendent Hufford was born in Starr City, Humboldt County, Nevada, then a booming mining town, but long since a "ghost" city.

Early Texas

Texas is 220 times the size of Rhode Island. The S. M. Swenson family was the first Swedish family to settle in Texas.

Henry Karnes, an Indian fighter, was captured in pioneer days near Austin. He had red hair. The Indians thought it was painted and took him to a stream to wash out the paint and came near drowning him in the attempt.

Four other high schools have two students each in the class: Brackenridge High School of San Antonio, Wichita Falls High School, Waco High School, and Lamar High School of Houston.

Others students enrolled in the class are James Bond, Crosby; Barbara Brady, Corpus Christi; Martha Mashelle Burnett, Adams High School, Dallas; Jeanne Douglas, McAllen; Betty Elliott, Breckenridge; Virginia Lee Farr, Robert E. Lee High School, Goose Creek; Stanton W. Fitzner, Thomas Jefferson High School, Port Arthur; Patricia E. Francis, Paschal High School, Fort Worth; Jackie Grubb, San Jacinto High School, Houston; Polly Hall, Burk Burnett; Elaine Kagel, Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio.

Robert E. Lewis, Sam Houston High School, Houston; Fauna Ruth Long, Mount Vernon High School and Jefferson High School in Houston; Billy Graves Noble, Midland; Marjorie Shepherd, Beaumont; Bettye Jane Smith, Bonham; John Ternus, Solomon, South Dakota; Eleanor Anne Wilson, Arlington Heights High School, Fort Worth; and Jeanne Trimble, San Angelo.

Teams Well-Balanced and Competition Keen

(By R. J. Kidd)

TEXAS high-school football teams have made a very impressive record in inter-sectional football play this season.

The age rules for the neighboring states are as follows: In Arizona and Louisiana a boy becomes ineligible the day he reaches his 20th birthday, while in Oklahoma and New Mexico he is eligible until he reaches his 21st birthday.

Work on their high school papers and courses in high school journalism will serve as the background for thirty-one students enrolled this year in The University of Texas course for beginning journalists—taught by DeWitt Reddick, director of the Interscholastic League Press Conference.

Interscholastic Athletic Standard for Boys: Report

Troup Wins 3rd in Typing State Tournament of 1939

A digest of "Interscholastic Athletic Standards for Boys: A Committee Report," Journal of Health and Physical Education, Vol. 10, September, 1939, 871-74, 428. This is a report of the Committee on Interscholastic Athletic Standards for Boys appointed by the City Administrative Directors of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, and is based upon replies received from 258 superintendents and administrative directors.—Digest by Austin G. Schmidt.

From the Kentucky High School Athlete:

"I should there be scholarship requirements for boys taking part in interscholastic athletics?"—Yes, 81 per cent. The trend, however, is toward the elimination of such re-

(See—Standard—P. 2)

Representing Troup High School in the typing tournament of the 1939 State Meet, Lurline McGregor won third place. She advanced to the regional meet in Longview in both typing and shorthand, but was eliminated there in the latter event. She was graduated from high school May, 1939, at seventeen, and is now a sophomore in Abilene Christian College. The Rotary Club of



Lurline McGregor

Tyler awarded her the honor of being the "Best All-Round Girl" in 1939. She was elected Secretary of her class in her senior year, and was designated valedictorian in recognition of her outstanding scholarship. During her freshman year in college, she received an Alpha Chi shingle in recognition for outstanding work, as having the highest average in the upper ten per cent of her class. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McGregor, of Troup, Texas.

Platonic love is like a check for which there is no money in the bank.

REGIMENTATION

THE MOST elementary but perhaps the most effective method of domination is the marching—those eternal night marches involving the whole population that have seemed merely a senseless waste of time and energy.

Girls' Basketball Topic at Extracurricular Conference

(By Dorothy Wooten Jones)

THE fourth discussion* of the afternoon dealt with interscholastic basketball for girls and was presented by Mr. L. C. McKamie, of Abbott, who organized the girls' basketball league in Texas.

Mr. McKamie urged the advantages of having an inner-State organization control girls' basketball instead of allowing it to be controlled by some out-of-State organization which, however good its intentions, could scarcely function so efficiently or with so broad an understanding.

*In two previous issues of the LEAGUER (September and October), we have presented a running account of the discussions during the first session of the Fourth Annual Extracurricular Conference, held in the University Junior High School, on the afternoon of May 3. Reports of the second session held on May 4 will be published in subsequent issues.—Editor.

unfavorable for the welfare of his girls.

Centralized Control

"If we can get an organization which we personally control and through which we may work out a practical situation, we have, I believe," Mr. McKamie said, "done a worthwhile thing for the girls of Texas." Mr. McKamie reported that a survey of those interested in girls' basketball indicated that a large majority were in favor of a centralized control through such an organization as the basketball league.

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Criticizes League Athletic Award Rule

CHAS. M. Dupre, in criticizing the award rule of The University Interscholastic League, says:

"The only instant in which the League rules fail to compare favorably with the rules of other similar organizations is in the failure of the League to limit the giving of awards to contestants by the school. While there is a wide variation among the states in limiting the value of awards, 27 per cent of the states fix the intrinsic value at \$1.00 and 62.5 per cent of the states have rules governing this measure. It seems paradoxical that the League enforces the amateur rule and does not have a limit to the value of awards given a contestant."

In his recommendation for the limitation of awards, Dupre suggests that the limitation of awards be made on the basis of one sweater awarded for the period the pupil attends high school, whether he letters in one sport per year or more, and that miniature trophies, medals, or other symbolic awards not to exceed an intrinsic value of one dollar be given for each additional success of a pupil in the sport or sports.

Suggests Dropping the Graduate Rule

(By Supt. J. E. Rhoades, Van)

I AM SURE that your office has been deluged with much correspondence pro and con concerning the new 18-year rule. Our position in Van is that we favor the rule. However, I have noticed one or two news items which indicate that there was a possibility of removing the graduation rule as a compromise, thereby enabling students to continue their participation until they were 18 years of age regardless of graduation.

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CLUBS PLAY BIG PART IN PROGRAM

Small High School Makes Good on Slogan "A Club for Every Pupil"

IN ATTEMPTING to plan programs which would be of interest to the entire home-room group, various individual hobbies and aptitudes were continually cropping out. Not only the teacher, but also the students were led to see the need of club organizations in the school which would take care of the personal-interest activities not being dealt with in the home-room organization.

32 Clubs Offered

The high school student body was given the privilege of determining what clubs were desired in the school system, based on those taken from the returned lists, for which sponsors were found to be available. It will be observed that there were eighty-six clubs on the first form, and after faculty interests and abilities were checked, the second club questionnaire appeared with only thirty-two club suggestions from which students could choose.

Each home-room sponsor explained to his students, when handing out the club list, that each must vote for at least one club, but not more than three. From the thirty-two clubs on the list, the eight most popular clubs were to be determined by student voting.

The purposes and brief suggestions of program possibilities were explained by the home-room teacher before the students were ready to indicate their first, second, and third choices for clubs. These purposes and possibilities of the various approved clubs had been previously discussed and determined by faculty members at their regular Faculty Study Club meeting, which had by the second month of the school term changed from bi-weekly to bi-monthly.

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High School Fraternities Condemned as Subversive

(By R. B. Norman, Principal Amarillo High School)

FOR further tangible proof of the evil effects of fraternities and clubs upon high school and high school pupils, the following resolution forming a part of the report of the committee appointed by the Secondary School Department of the National Education Association to consider the subject of high school fraternities is quoted:

N.E.A. Resolution

"Whereas, The sentiment of superintendents, principals, and teachers against secret fraternities is almost universal, and their testimony, as disclosed in the foregoing report coincides with the observation and experience of the

members of the committee individually; be it therefore,

"Resolved, That we condemn these secret organizations, because they are subversive of the principles of democracy which should prevail in the public school; because they are selfish, and tend to narrow the minds and sympathies of the students; because they stir up strife and contention; because they are snobbish; because they dissipate energy and proper ambition; because they set wrong standards; because rewards are not based on merit, but on fraternity vows; because they inculcate a feeling of self-sufficiency among the members; because secondary school boys are too young for club life; because they are expensive and foster habits of extravagance; because they bring politics into the legitimate organizations; because they detract interest from the study; and because all legiti-

(Editor's Note.—The first installment of this discussion appeared in the October issue of the LEAGUER.)

(See—Fraternities—Page 2)

Athletic Benefit Plan

FOR practically complete information on the League's Athletic Benefit Plan, see the current edition of the Constitution and Rules, pages 82-84. Schools interested, however, will please note the following items of further information concerning the Plan:

- 1. The cost of protection per student is the same for six-man football as for eleven-man football.
2. Terms of riders A, B, C and D are the same as the basic policy. Substitutions may be made under the rider the same as the policy.
3. When one player is substituted for another under the policy, the company must be notified of the change. Coverage on the new player will start as soon as the letter, notifying the company of the change, is deposited in the post office.
4. Applications of the schools that wish to avail themselves of this Athletic Benefit plan for this year, should be sent to the Company at once so that protection will start at the beginning of the football season.

