



OUR Crowds were good and interest excellent. The boys seem to get as much enjoyment out of six-man football as they could out of eleven-man. We are looking forward to a better season next year.—Urban Brown, Coach, Groom, Texas.

Trophy Offered for Chess in Houston

School-sponsors May Also Get Free Instruction In the Game

IN OFFERING suitable individual prizes and a trophy as well in the Houston high schools and for a city-wide tourney in Chess, Mr. Mevis R. Smith, addressing a letter to the Superintendent of the Houston schools, says, in part:

Prizes Offered

"I am very hopeful that a program can be worked out which will, each year, cause more high-school students to become acquainted with the little known field of great pleasure and mental stimulation which is the game of chess; and I intend and expect to offer the same or similar prizes each year hereafter. However it would be undesirable to make a definite long-term commitment; therefore this offer is limited to the current school year and sufficient time thereafter to play off a city high-school tourney if one can be arranged. Of course I would award the YMCA or other memberships immediately upon final determination of the personnel of any given high school team."

Not only does Mr. Smith offer prizes for distinction in chess, but offers his personal services to chess-sponsors:

Coaching, Too

"If you and the others responsible for the affairs of the Houston high schools approve my program then you will, probably, determine that each high-school team should have a faculty member as a sponsor. Therefore, I will say that I will be happy to meet with the teams' sponsors from time to time for the purpose of consulting with them and, possibly, helping them. It happens that I am the city chess champion in Houston so I might be able to help them not only with matters of organization but might be able to assist them with questions of coaching. While my time available for such matters will be limited, during the coming months, I am sure that I could work out arrangements, from time to time, for conferences with several team sponsors simultaneously."

Not Guilty

The noted Welsh, Christmas Evans, is often credited with being one of the few preachers who ever succeeded in securing a 100 per cent collection from an audience.

He had delivered a sermon in an area where sheep stealing had been reported. Prior to the collection he referred to the fact, and pointed out that it was sinful to offer such ill-gotten gains.

"I am going to ask," he announced, "if there are any guilty persons present, that they contribute nothing to the collection."—*Christian Science Monitor*.

List of Member High Schools

IN THIS issue you will find on page 4 a list of all high schools (arranged by Conferences, Regions, and Districts), which are eligible to compete in the high-school conferences. Many grade schools have registered, but for obvious reasons, they are not included in this list. This complete list of fee-paying schools is published in the hope that it will be checked over carefully. If you find any discrepancy in this list, please communicate it to the State Office at once.

Council Members Hope to Be True Representatives



County Superintendent W. C. Cummings, Bonham



Supt. D. T. Loyd, East Mountain School (Gilmer)



Supt. E. M. Connell, Anson



Supt. S. V. Neely, San Benito

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Address to Science

Majestic Science, by whose awful wits The Atom—and the Earth—may fall to bits Seek out before I'm too old to care Some simple scheme to keep my hair.

High Chairs and Faculties that we endow, From whom poor nature has no secrets now, Turn for a moment from the search for gold And find some answer to my winter cold.

And there are other small but sticky tasks For which a weary European asks. But I would add—unlike some other chaps— Thank you for finishing the filthy Japs.

—A.P.H. in Punch.

Forty Years Research Delivers Vitamin H

IN THESE DAYS of restricted diet vitamins have become of first-rate importance on the food-front. Extensive publicity has made us familiar with vitamins A, B, C, and D. Science now presents another vitamin—Vitamin H. Like vitamins already known, it is remarkable in being required only in minute quantities.

Less than one-hundredth part of an ounce is sufficient for a man's whole lifetime. Yet the symptoms of deficiency are alarming. In rats, prolonged lack of the vitamin results in emaciation and finally, death. In man, deficiency is characterized by baldness, dermatitis, ashly pallor, lassitude and muscular pain. All these symptoms disappear with spectacular speed on administration of the vitamin.

The story of the recognition and isolation of the vitamin provides a striking illustration of the way in which academic research may lead to results of far-reaching practical importance. It begins some forty years ago with the observation that for healthy growth certain micro-organisms such as yeast require a substance akin to what is now called a vitamin. This unidentified substance was then provisionally named biotin (Greek *bios*—Life).

Recently Dr. P. M. West, of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, has made the important discovery that biotin is excreted by the roots of certain plants, its presence materially affecting the growth of micro-organisms in the soil. In 1922 Dr. M. A. Boas, of the Lister Institute, showed that rats fed on a diet rich in egg-white developed severe skin disease and baldness. This was then attributed to toxicity of the egg-white. Later work showed that the egg-white injury could be avoided by adding a certain substance—provisionally termed vitamin H—to the rats' diet. After prolonged investigation the surprising fact was discovered that biotin, the yeast-growth promoter, and vitamin H, are identical. The apparent toxicity of egg-white is due to Vitamin H deficiency, the egg-white combining with the vitamin and rendering it inactive. All the symptoms of deficiency are produced by diets rich in egg-white.

Curiously enough one of the best sources of biotin is egg-yolk, but even a ton of this 'rich' source

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Basketball Set And Ready To Go

District and Regional Tourneys and Respective Chairmen Given

THE closing date for determining the District Championships in all Conferences will be February 23. As soon as a District Championship is determined, the District Chairman should certify the name of the school to the State Office.

Conference B

The District Champions in Conference B compete for Regional honors at their respective Regional centers on March 2.

Region I: Basketball Districts 1 to 11 inclusive will go to Texas Technological Institute, Lubbock, Texas, for the Basketball Regional Tournament. The tournament was transferred from Canyon to Lubbock because of the lack of hotel accommodations at Canyon. Morley Jennings, Texas Tech, Regional Athletic Director.

Region II: Districts 12 to 24 inclusive, Abilene. Mr. Guy Scruggs, Station A, Abilene Christian College, Regional Athletic Director.

Region III: Districts 25 to 38 inclusive, Dallas. Dr. C. L. Wiseman, S.M.U., Dallas, Regional Director-General.

Region IV: Districts 39 to 50, inclusive, Kilgore. Mr. James Monroe Parks, Kilgore College, Regional Athletic Director.

Region V: Districts 51 to 59 inclusive, Houston. Mr. J. O. Webb, Assistant Supt. of Schools, Houston, Regional Director-General.

Region VI: Districts 60 to 68 inclusive, San Marcos. Mr. O. W. Strahan, Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos, Regional Athletic Director.

Region VII: Districts 69 to 75 inclusive, Kingsville. Dr. E. N. Jones, College of Arts and Industries, Kingsville, Regional Director-General.

Region VIII: Districts 76 to 79 inclusive, Marfa. Supt. J. E. Gregg, Marfa Public Schools, Regional Athletic Director for Basketball.

Conference A

The four District Champions in a Region are to determine the Regional Conference A Championship by March 2. The superintendent

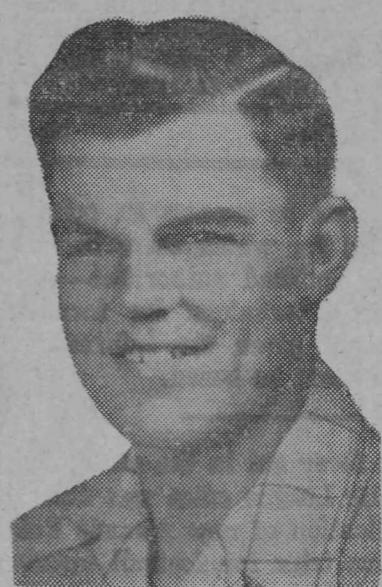
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Take High Scholastic Honors



Jean Haynie, Bastrop High School

AN OUTSTANDING and talented student is Jean Haynie of Bastrop who won an all-star cast acting award in the last State Play Contest. She gave a vivacious performance as Jane in "Sugar and Spice," and had previously been selected on the all-star cast in the Regional contest at San Marcos. At fourteen years of age, she is a sophomore in high school with an A plus average. She is an accomplished musician on piano and organ, and is a member of the high-school sextette. This year she is attending Austin High School, where she has appeared in several major dramatic productions. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Haynie, Jr., Bastrop.



Randall Clay, Pampa High School

RANDALL CLAY of Pampa hurled the discus a distance of 136 feet, 3 inches, to take first place honors in Discus Throw at the 1945 State Track and Field Meet. This year he was chosen captain of both the football and basketball teams, and is a member of the all-district football team after scoring 125 points for the season. He is a three-year letterman in both these sports and hopes to finish with three years in track. In spite of his many activities, his scholastic average is 91.2, entitling him to membership in the National Honor Society. He also serves as a Student Council member. His father is Jess Clay, 517 N. West St., Pampa.

Make Algebra Talk

IV. When Is a Number Not a Number?
(By J. W. Calhoun)

WE SAW in the second installment of these articles that Algebra used two kinds of numbers, positive numbers and negative numbers. It also used zero that is neither positive nor negative but separates the two kinds of numbers from each other.

Real Numbers

Positive numbers, negative numbers and zero are also called real numbers in contrast to some numbers that we have not yet heard of called imaginary numbers. Of these more later. Real numbers include all positive integers, negative integers, positive fractions, negative fractions and zero. Real numbers also include such numbers as $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt[3]{5}$, $\sqrt{7}$, π and all such numbers as cannot be exactly expressed either as fractions or whole numbers, but can be approximately expressed as whole numbers or fractions. If we attempt to find the square root of 2 by the regular arithmetic method we get 1.4141 and find that however many figures we may find there are always more. π which is the length of the circumference of a circle whose diameter is 1 is written $3\frac{1}{7}$, 3.14, 3.1416, 3.14159 depending on what degree of accuracy is required.

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Schools Urged to Present Problems

Council so far Has Score 95% Attendance; No Proxies Permitted

THERE is some indication that member-schools are not using members of the Advisory Council as freely as it was hoped they would in influencing legislation which members may consider desirable. Each Region has three representatives, one from a Conference B school, one from a Conference A school and one from Conference AA. Since there are eight regions, there are twenty-four members on this council.

It is an active body. No proxies are permitted, and attendance in the four years of its existence has scored above 95%. These elected

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Typing Teaching Tends to Lose Vocational Character

Survey Shows Also That Shorthand Becomes More Vocational

(By Grace Elizabeth Gylling)

Editor's Note: The following is the digest of a thesis submitted for the Master of Arts degree.—J. E. C.

THIS thesis is a survey of fifty-four sources (courses of study, lists of textbooks, or statements of standards) from twenty-seven states and sixteen cities.

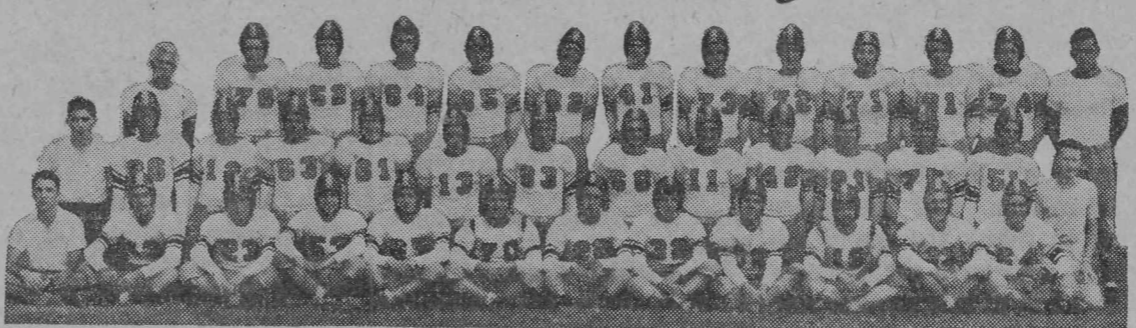
The following points were covered in the survey:

1. Aims of high-school business education.
2. Typewriting in the high school.
 - a. Aims.
 - b. Standards.
 - c. Teaching suggestions.
3. Shorthand in the high school.
 - a. Aims.
 - b. Who should take shorthand.
 - c. Standards.
 - d. Teaching suggestions.

The conclusions reached were as follows:

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Squad in 1945 Final With Highland Park



WACO HIGH SCHOOL "TIGERS"

Waco High School

Front Row, left to right: Baxter Adams (Mgr.), J. Fuller, L. Griffith, B. Furrer, J. Beard, C. LaFrano, G. Wharton, F. Myers, B. Davidson, D. Higgins, K. Jumper, B. Bidelspech, B. Street (Mgr.).

Middle Row, left to right: Herbie Fred (Mgr.), D. Montgomery, B. Sallee, D. White, R. Smith, B. Blackstock, D. Oliver, A. Smith, J. Scarborough, C. Lindloft, M. Brenner, N. Kozonas, B. Pardo.

Back Row, left to right: Stiteler (Coach), R. Chambers, W. Gardner, B. Brister, C. Ledbetter, P. Murray, B. Dozier, J. Simpson, R. Murphy, H. Williams, J. Williams, F. Williams, DuBose (line Coach).

Purely Personal

AFTER SERVING 29 YEARS as Editor of the LEAGUER, five years as Athletic Director, and 24 years as General Director of the League, I have been granted a leave of absence. For a year I shall be out of touch with this organization to which I have devoted so much of my time for so many years. During my absence, R. J. Kidd, in addition to his regular duties as Athletic Director, will serve as Acting Director; and Oletta Williamson has been employed to edit this paper. For fear some of my friends (and I hope I have many), knowing my age, may conclude that I am taking a leave on account of my health, I hasten to assure them that except for the natural diminution of physical energy which everyone expects and nearly everyone of my age experiences (but few admit), "I never felt better nor had less," as the saying goes. I am simply yielding for a time to the seductions of a hobby which I have at odd times pursued for forty years. So, until February 1, 1947, so long!

ROY BEDICHER.

Discussion of Debate Query Waxes Warm in Closing Days

Congressman Warns Us Against War Hysteria

(By Compton I. White, Congressman from Idaho)

(Reprinted from Hearings Before the Select Committee on Postwar Military Policy of the House of Representatives, pp. 588-590)

WE DO NOT believe this country should be rushed into a permanent program of peacetime compulsory military training during the hysteria of war. Our plans for the preservation and protection of our country should be worked out carefully and thoughtfully in the light of experience gained in this war, with the objective of achieving permanent peace among the nations and world relief from the burden of supporting standing armies as a means to safeguard civilization from disaster and the scourge of war.

In making our plans for future security and national advancement, we must give the veterans of this war a voice in formulating our national peacetime program. To many of us, devoted to the principles of democracy and our republican form of government, it appears that the present trend toward militarism will, if carried to the point of universal compulsory military training during peacetime, deprive our country of liberty and freedom of action that will lead in an opposite direction from the objectives we seek to achieve at the Peace Conference in San Francisco.

Opposes Peacetime Military Training
Judging from my observation and experience, I am opposed to

enforced peacetime military training for the young men of this country. You are, no doubt, cognizant of the burden which has been borne by the people of France and Germany over the years to support large standing armies, and the onerous duties that have been imposed on the youth of these countries by enforced military service. Now, after all the sacrifices which have been made by the people of these leading European countries to create and support their peacetime armies for the purpose of maintaining military preparedness, we find them facing the test of war in the abject position of helplessness and defeat, while the countries which fostered the education and freedom of action of their youth stand triumphant in their military might before the world.

Principles of Democracy

I stand for the principles of democracy and freedom that in the brief period of our country's history have made our Nation pre-

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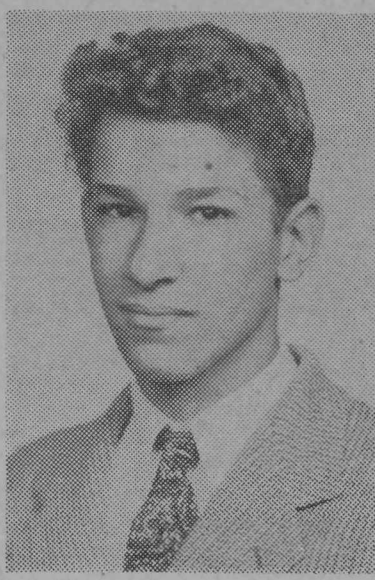
New Practice Tests in Number Sense Ready

So far this season we have been furnishing schools practice tests in Number Sense which have been in circulation for some time. Now we have just received two sets of new Number Sense tests prepared with the revision of the Number Sense bulletin in mind. All tests hereafter issued will be based on the revision and incorporate the new features of the revision. They are sold at the same price, one cent per copy, and no order filled for less than ten copies.



By Mrs. Mae Ashworth

Disclaimer Makes Brilliant Record



Arnold Grubin, Thos. Jefferson High School, San Antonio

WARD of first place in Boys' Declamation at the State Meet was earned by Arnold Grubin of Thos. Jefferson High School (San Antonio). He has a brilliant record in a large class and has been elected to membership in the National Honor Society for outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Poetry-list Additions For Junior Declaimers

IN ADDITION to the poems on the Junior Declamation List, the following poems have been approved for Interscholastic League contests. Any of these poems is available in MS. at 10 cents per copy from the State Office, Box H, University Station, Austin, Texas.

Who's Who In Texas Speech

ONE OF THE busiest men at the Crozier Technical High School in Dallas is Oather E. Raynes. For the past three years he has been Speech and Dramatics Director, and the pupils he coaches have been outstanding in City and State Interscholastic League contests.



Oather E. Raynes, Crozier Technical High School (Dallas)

Before going to Dallas he taught for seven years in the oil field schools of East Texas and served two years as student-assistant instructor at East Texas State Teachers College, at which institution he received a B.A. degree in 1935 and an M.A. degree in 1941.

13/5 as the solutions of our equations. But if x^2=17 or x^2=3 or x^2=41, we cannot find x exactly. If x^2=17, it is plain that x is a little more than 4, but it is impossible to find any number like 4.1, 4.2, 4.09, 4.12, 4.113 which when squared will give 17.

Irrational But Real

But these irrational numbers are also real numbers. sqrt(2) is as real as 1. If a right triangle has its legs each equal to 1, the hypotenuse is sqrt(2). The line whose length is sqrt(2) can be as accurately constructed as one whose length is 1, 2, or 3.

"Imaginary" Numbers

Suppose we have an equation x^2 = -1. What is x? x can be neither a positive number nor a negative number. If we take x = -1 then (-1)^2 = 1 and not -1.

Speech Problems Coming to Front

Co-operative Study Soon to Be Undertaken by University Speech Dept.

(By Howard W. Townsend, Instructor in Speech, The University of Texas)

NUMEROUS questions have arisen in connection with instruction in speech in our Texas high schools which call for careful study in an attempt to determine the correct answers.

The State Department of Education, speech teachers, administrators, and even the students, especially those in colleges and universities, want information concerning the speech situation as it now exists in Texas.

Shortly a study will be made at The University of Texas which will attempt to find the answers and prepare them for all school people. This study will be undertaken with the advice and help of the State Department of Education.

The State Department of Education Bulletin on "Standards and Activities of the Division of Supervision" clearly sets forth the basic requirements and restrictions relative to speech courses offered for credit and other valuable help in this connection may be obtained from the department.

Feb. 23 Closing Date For District Basketball

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or principal from each of the four schools represented and the man designated as Regional Chairman by the State Office are to form the Regional Basketball Executive Committee.

It is the responsibility of this Committee to determine the time, place, and other arrangements for the Regional play-off in accordance with the Basketball dates and other regulations of the Basketball Plan.

As soon as a Regional Champion is determined, the name of the school should be certified by wire to the State Office by the Regional Chairman.

Regional Chairmen are: I. Supt. H. P. Clemons, Lockney. II. Supt. Ed E. Williams, Colorado City. III. Supt. George W. Wier, Gatesville.

Conference AA In December each school participating in League Basketball was sent an official list of schools. The list was arranged by districts.

Conference AA Bi-District games will be arranged in numerical order. The winner of District 1 vs. the winner of District 2; District 3 vs. District 4, and so on.

All of these schools qualifying for the State Basketball tournament are required to have on file in the League office on Monday, March 4, the names and playing numbers of the members of their team.

New Diet Vitamin Is Now Isolated

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yields only a minute quantity of biotin. Fortunately it can now be obtained in other ways. Vitamin H concentrates are obtainable from liver residues left after extracting the active principle used for treating pernicious anemia.

The new vitamin is widely distributed, though in minute quantities, in both plants and animals. In animals it is apparently stored in the liver, just as Vitamin D is stored in the liver of the cod. In plants it is found in yeast, grain and fresh vegetables.

At Crozier Tech he has charge of all assembly programs and Senior plays, and sponsors the Senior Class, the school annual, school dances, and other activities.

As English teacher assigned to Speech activities in the Yoakum High School, Miss Nannie Ray Baker has in the past twenty-three years approached the Speech field and contest work from every angle.



Nannie Ray Baker, Yoakum

This year. She has had some interesting experiences at the contest centers and states that she has profited greatly from the criticisms of the critic judges. Play casts and declaimers under her direction have won recognition in numerous contests.

Miss Baker served as district director of One-act Play many years, and she maintains no student loses who does his best. The worthwhile nature of her work is realized when her former students report to her that their Speech training is a great asset in college.

Organizations of which she is a member are Texas State Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Texas Association of Deans and Advisers of Women and Girls, and the Yoakum Literary Club.

Prof. Calhoun Continues Talks on Algebra

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Only Approximation

But none of these numbers is exactly equal to pi. They are only approximations. pi has been calculated and checked to two hundred and fifty decimal places but there are millions more that have never been calculated and that never will be.

All numbers that can be expressed as whole numbers, fractions or mixed numbers are called rational numbers. Irrational numbers probably arose from the attempt to solve quadratic equations.

The Speech Arts In Texas Schools

This column belongs to Texas Speech Teachers for discussion of speech problems and news concerning Speech activities in Texas high schools.

in Texas, writes that the San Antonio region will hold its annual speech meeting. The program looks interesting and we hope to see many of you there.

Several Speech Meets Coming Up

Renewed Burst of Activity In Field Is Very Encouraging

(By Thomas A. Rouse, Professor of Speech, University of Texas, President, Texas Speech Association)

SPEECH activities, meetings, tournaments, institutes, are on the increase, according to reports reaching our office. SWSTC, San Marcos, will have a tournament on February 8-9, and the Houston High Schools have set date near the middle of March as their date for an ambitious program of declamation, extemporaneous speaking and debate contests.

We understand, also, that a number of other high schools are planning meetings for February and March. As the dates reach us, we will pass them on to you. And last, of course, we report the Debate Institute at The University of Texas campus on February 8-9. You will find the program of this event in another column of the current issue of the LEAGUER.

Teachers Write Letters It is encouraging to receive letter from you and hear that you approve of the few steps taken to revive speech activities.

San Antonio, March 15 Arthur Hays of San Marcos, one of the best teachers of speech

What is your school doing about a speech correction clinic? Did you know that about twenty-five clinics are now in operation in Texas? We'll give you details about this important phase of speech soon. In the meantime, write and tell us what you are doing in speech correction.

Debate Question for 1946-47 Is it too early to begin thinking about next year's debate question? Some of us believe that we do not spend enough time selecting our debate topics. Shouldn't we, for instance, select a topic dealing with a Texas problem? Do we need to point out the inherent value to the debaters and listeners of such a selection? If it is at all possible, we should read, think and speak about Texas topics. Does this statement sound too provincial? Perhaps we are asking for an argument here...

Topics Suggested The NUEA Committee, at its meeting, will submit three topics to state leagues over the country. The topics are: A Federal Union among the nations of the world; Free Medical Care for All; and Federal Regulation of Labor Unions. The foregoing questions are certainly debatable and should prove very interesting. Another topic, with a Texas flavor, would be a Federal Authority, similar to TVA, for the development of major river valleys of continental United States.

What do you think?

Station W5GJD, San Antonio Technical High School's licensed radio station, is planning to resume operations soon, after lifting of the government's wartime restrictions on amateur transmitters. Tech's transmitter has a power of 1,000 Watts and has an almost unlimited range in making point to point contacts with other amateur stations.

An experiment in comparison was recently conducted by Arlington Heights and Paschal High Schools of Fort Worth when each school presented "The First Dress Suit" for the students of the other school. Students profited by studying each other's efforts.

The melodrama "Double Door" was scheduled for production by

students of Thomas Jefferson High School, Port Arthur, on January 16 and 17.

Debaters of Sunset High School, Dallas, recently journeyed to Grand Prairie for practice in debating. Sunset won five of the six debates in two rounds of competition. Decisions were given by competent judges and National Forensic League points were awarded to the teams. Grand Prairie treated the visiting team to a chicken dinner in the school cafeteria between rounds. A week later the same teams debated at Sunset High. The current League debate subject was used for both occasions.

The Dramatic Club of Llano High School presented its first three-act play of the season early in January. The play used was "The Scarecrow Creeps," and proceeds are to be used for new stage equipment.

Senior students of Harlandale High School, San Antonio, gave a fine performance of "Almost Summer" in December, after numerous setbacks through illness and change of directors.

As a means of stimulating sale of victory bonds and stamps during the recent drive, the Dramatic Club of Lanier High School, San Antonio, presented two one-act plays for contributors to the campaign.

Sweetwater High School's Dramatic Club and the Choral Department combined their efforts in producing the pageant "One Night in Bethlehem" before the Christmas holidays. Other departments also contributed to make this an outstanding production.

"Through the Night," a murder-mystery, was the Senior play at El Paso High School, directed by Miss Lucia Hutchins.

One of the Speech Classes of Lubbock High School entertained fellow students with a presentation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" the week before Christmas. The Music Department furnished carolers to add to the effectiveness of the production. This play was under the direction of Dan Howell.

Speech Correction Directory Available

A DIRECTORY of facilities for the treatment of speech disorders in Texas recently compiled by The University of Texas Speech Laboratory will be of interest to teachers, particularly teachers of speech, all over the state.

The directory is the first of its kind for this area. It was prepared with the joint assistance of the Texas Speech Association and the Hogg Foundation.

Suggestions Invited The listing includes thirty persons in twenty Texas cities. The compilers of the directory plan to make additions and corrections in future revisions of the directory, and invite readers of the INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUER to submit any additional information they may have.

Only those teachers who accept students with speech difficulties, such as stuttering, difficulties of voice and articulation, foreign dialect, delayed speech, and similar handicaps, are included in the directory. As the introduction of the directory states, speech correction, in contrast to speech training, attempts to provide therapy for those disorders of voice and articulation that hamper verbal communication.

Large-scale surveys of the incidence of speech disorders in school populations usually indicate that about ten per cent of the children examined are in need of special attention. As Jesse J. Villarreal, Director of The University of Texas Speech Laboratory, points out, "This means that it may be said with certainty that there are in the schools of Texas at present a minimum of 150,000 children in need of speech correction." He adds that the relatively few names appearing in this directory is convincing evidence that only a fraction of that number are receiving any sort of adequate attention.

Increased Facilities Needed It is hoped that the directory will provide teachers, parents, and workers in speech correction with a more adequate list of specific places where cases of speech handicap may be taken for attention; and that it may serve to call attention to this need for increased facilities in the art in the schools of the state.

Copies of the directory may be had by sending a request to Jesse J. Villarreal, Director of Speech Laboratory, The University of Texas.

DEBATE FORUM

By Edd Miller Question-box: Mr. Miller, debate coach of the University Debate squad, is willing to answer as best he can questions arising in connection with this debate. It will be well if you write him a letter requesting information to be enclosed a stamped and addressed envelope for reply. Address: Edd Miller, University Station, Austin, Texas.

BY NOW most of you should have received your invitations to attend the University Debate Institute. We have received quite a few entrace blanks from various parts of the State, and present indications are that attendance will be very good. The program for the Institute is shaping up, and gives promise of being of considerable value to debaters on the peacetime conscription question.

Panel Discussion

We are arranging for two conferences in the form of panel discussion that should be of special interest to high-school debaters. On Friday morning there will be one on problems concerned with the debating of the military training question. Such topics as analysis of the question, strategy in debating the question, rebuttal techniques, etc., will be discussed. The conference on Saturday morning will deal with the subject matter itself. We will have some real authorities speaking on the question and presenting their various viewpoints. Both of these discussions will be open to all the debaters present at the Meet, and plenty of time will be allowed for question-answer forums in both of them. So, in addition to merely listening to the experts you will be able also to ask questions that have troubled you and get the opinions of these authorities in answer.

College Debates

In addition to the two conferences, there will be usual rounds of college debates. You are invited to listen to as many of these debates as you like and, here again, you should be able to get some valuable information on the sub-

ject. Then, as the final event on the program, you will be given opportunities to debate on the question yourself. We will arrange debates for all the teams desiring them, and provide expert critic judges to listen and criticize each of the debates.

Altogether, it is our desire to present a program that will provide many different kinds of experiences for all the debaters that attend and to make the whole thing as worthwhile as we can. So, if you have not yet sent in your entrace blanks, be sure to do it today.

Congress in Session

Now that Congress has convened again, the chances are that the matter of compulsory peacetime training will once more come to the attention of our legislators. The chances are that legislation will be introduced soon, and, when it is, there will probably be considerable debate on the proposal. So keep up, by all means, with the news from Washington about peacetime training. Interest in the matter has certainly not died out. It's my impression that there are even more articles written and newspaper stories printed on the question now than there were a few months ago when the debate season began. Agencies opposed to conscription are just as active now as they have even been and the proponents of conscription are maintaining their drive with the same energy they have had all along.

The debate season has started in earnest now, and only a few weeks remain before Interscholastic League competition begins, so the more tournaments you can attend, the more practice debates you can arrange, the better. Don't neglect any opportunity to debate on the question, and be sure to keep up with all the latest events bearing on the topic. Some of the schools over the State are planning tournaments in the next month or so on this question. If you want to make use of this column as a place to issue invitations or a place to announce results of your tournaments, just write me a letter giving all the details, and they will be published.

Meanwhile, I'll be seeing you in Austin on February 8-9. Good luck!

